



New Canaan Baseball Play Ball, Catch Life!



July 2021

Subject: New England Cal Ripken Regional Tournament:

GENERAL INFORMATION

Dear Tournament Team Managers:

On behalf of New Canaan Baseball and its board of directors, I am pleased to congratulate you and your teams on winning your state championships and welcome you to the 2021 New England Cal Ripken 9U tournament to be held at Mead Park, 64 Richmond Hill Road, New Canaan, CT 06840. We look forward to your teams and your families joining us for this event, beginning July 16, 2021.

Connecticut Cal Ripken Chairman Mike Haddad and Connecticut State Cal Ripken Treasurer Bill Slifkin will act as co-tournament directors and we are pleased to help them bring this tournament to you.

1. Please consult the New England Cal Ripken website at <http://newenglandbr.website.siplay.com> and the Connecticut Cal Ripken website at <http://connecticutbaberuthleagues.siplay.com>

Also consult the tournament specific web page through New Canaan baseball at

<https://www.leagueathletics.com/Page.asp?n=120987&org=newcanaanbbsb.com>

The website will be continually updated throughout the tournament.

2. The tournament will be held at beautiful Mead Park and the tournament will utilize two state of the art youth fields, Mellick Field and Gamble Field. When you enter the park, go down the hill and you will pass the high school dirt field on your left. After the rotary, Mellick Field is the front field and Gamble Field is the back field. There is parking in front of Mellick Field and throughout the park. There will be bleachers as well as additional viewing spaces for both home and away teams on both fields. Mead Park contains three restrooms, including a family use restroom. There is a wonderful concession area, The Apple Cart, which will be open for all games and serves hot food, salads, cold drinks, fruit smoothies, a full array of ice cream and snacks. Apple Cart is found in the center of the park near Mellick Field.

3. First Aid kits will be provided by the host league in each dugout for all games.

4. Please provide your lineup to the scorekeeper and the opposing manager as soon as possible but no later than thirty minutes before game time to give both the scorekeeper and public address announcer time to complete their pregame preparations. Please provide the scorekeeper and public address announcer with the correct pronunciation of all players and coaches. In addition, as host, we will have a pitch counter at every game. Any discrepancies in terms of score or pitch count should be relayed to a tournament official immediately.
5. All scores and pitching information will be posted on the New Canaan Baseball web site at the link provided above. In addition, there will be a bracket hung up behind the fence at Mellick Field that will updated after each game.
6. Each team will be responsible for paying one umpire at a rate of \$65.00 a game. The umpire fee will be paid to the tournament director at the meeting on the field at the time of each game. The tournament director will then pay the umpires.
7. All baseballs will be provided by the tournament directors. The baseballs have been specially ordered for this event and only the approved baseballs will be used during games.
8. In the event of inclement weather, we will attempt to make all game decisions in concert with our umpires and the Cal Ripken team as early as possible.
9. Please bring your tournament binder when you come to the opening lunch on Friday July 16th. It will be returned to you after your last game.
10. Please forward a copy of your roster with players name and numbers and coaches names immediately. We would like to make customized shirts available for purchase with players name and numbers as well as the names of the teams on the shirts but will need as much time as possible to get that done. Tournament tee shirts will be available for sale beginning at opening ceremonies and throughout the tournament.
11. Tournament activities will begin on Friday July 16th. The schedule for Friday will be:
 - 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.** Opening luncheon at Bertucci's Brick Oven Pizza and Pasta located at 54 Post Road, Darien, CT 06820. The restaurant is located less than one mile from the Doubletree Hotel where the room block is set up. New Canaan Baseball will cover the cost of all players and coaches for lunch. Parents of players are invited to eat at a cost of \$20.00 per person.
 - 1:00 p.m.** Coaches meeting with tournament director and head of umpiring at Bertucci's.
 - 3:00 p.m.** Parade of Teams and Opening Ceremonies at Mellick Field.
 - 4:00 p.m.** Skills Competition at Mellick Field.

At the end of the skills competition and awarding of medals/trophies to the winners, the teams will disperse.

12. The game schedule will be updated upon the completion of the various state tournaments. The bracket will be updated every night on the tournament website.

13. Attached to this informational packet is a list of hotels in the area. New Canaan Baseball has negotiated a room block with discounted rate at Doubletree by Hilton in Norwalk, 789 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk CT 06854. Phone number is 203-853-3477. Ask for Debra Pimental if any issues. In addition, there are many additional options in both Norwalk and Stamford within 20 minutes of Mead Park.

14. At this time, a majority of the games will be played at Mellick Field with some games being played at Gamble Field. Both fields have a turf infield with grass outfields. Cleats are recommended. No metal spikes allowed. Mead Park also houses two batting cages behind the playground.

15. As is tradition, we will be raising money for the Jimmy Fund at every game being played at the tournament. Please encourage your families to participate in this great cause.

I will be available day and night with any questions you may have and will do my best to respond to all questions in a prompt manner via the contact information below.

Sincerely

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CAL RIPKEN 9U NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

WARMUP AND GAME INFORMATION

All games will be played at either Mellick Field or Gamble Field both located in Mead Park.

There are two batting cages set up in Mead Park. Once the tournament schedule is locked in with specific teams, we will assign cage times for each team prior to their scheduled game.

On days where Gamble Field is not utilized, teams will use Gamble field to warm up and take infield using the schedule below then walk to Mellick Field. On days where both Gamble and Mellick are utilized, warm up will be on the field where your team's game will be played.

30 minutes before the posted start time of the game, the home team has the field for ten-minute warm up. When the ten minutes are up, the home team must come off the field promptly.

20 minutes before the posted start time of the game, the visiting team has the field for ten-minute warm up. When the ten minutes are up, the visiting team must come off the field promptly.

Prior to the game there will be a home plate conference between the umpires and the coaches for each team. The protest committee representatives will be expected to be available at the time of the home plate conference. At this time, pitching eligibility will be reviewed. Teams will then be introduced by the public address announcer followed by the National Anthem. One player from the home team will be selected to read the Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Code from the plaque. The player selected to read the sportsmanship plaque will get to keep the plaque.

Each team will receive their official lineup cards upon arrival on July 16th. Please use these lineup cards and give one copy of your lineup to the scorer and one copy to the opposing team. The lineup card should include full names, uniform number and starting positions. Substitutes should be listed at the bottom.

Each game will have an assigned pitch counter at the scorer's booth. If there is a problem between the two managers, the assigned pitch counter's total will be the official number.

All substitutions must be reported to the scorer as they occur, including reentries.

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SKILLS COMPETITION

There will be a skills competition held after opening ceremonies on Friday July 16th.

Every player will participate in one event.

HITTING COMPETITION/HOME RUN DERBY: Each team will designate three players to participate. Each participant will get 7 swings pitched by his coach of his choosing. Points are awarded for balls hit into the air that land in the outfield (1 point), balls that hit the warning track or fence (3 points) and home runs (5 points). The top 3 finishes (including ties) will advance to a final round where they get 5 swings each. The high score (cumulative of first round and championship round) will be declared the winner. All three finalists will receive a trophy.

ROUND THE HORN: Each team selects five players (ideally those not involved in the home run hitting competition). The players are positioned on the pitcher's mound, catcher's box and astride each base. Ball starts at the mound, throw home, to third, to second, to first, then home. Each team gets two attempts. Fastest team wins. The winning five players will receive a medal.

BASE RUNNING RELAY: Each team selects four players (ideally four players who are not competing in the other skills competitions) for an around the bases relay race. All players start in the left-handed batter's box and run to home. There is a five second penalty for any missed bases. The quickest team wins. The winning four players will receive a medal.

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HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

New Canaan Baseball has created a room block for the duration of the tournament at the Doubletree by Hilton in Norwalk, 789 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk CT 06854. Phone number is 203-853-3477. Ask for Debra Pimental if any issues.

If addition, there are a number of fine hotel accommodations in, New Canaan, Norwalk and Stamford:

NAME	STREET ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Even Hotel	426 Main Avenue, Norwalk	866-306-0942
Hotel Zero Degrees	353 Main Avenue, Norwalk	203-750-9800
Hilton Garden Inn	560 Main Avenue, Norwalk	203-523-4000
Courtyard by Marriot	474 Main Avenue, Norwalk	203-849-9111
Stamford Marriot Hotel	243 Tresser Boulevard, Stamford	844-631-0595
Lloyd Stamford Tapestry	909 Washington Boulevard, Stamford	877-214-9174
Courtyard by Marriot	275 Summer Street, Stamford	844-631-0595
Hilton Stamford Hotel	1 First Stamford Place, Stamford	203-967-2222
Roger Sherman Inn	195 Oenoke Ridge, New Canaan	203-966-4541

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THINGS TO DO IN NEW CANAAN, NORWALK AND STAMFORD

SITES TO SEE AND OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES

NEW CANAAN

https://www.newcanaan.info/departments/recreation/facilities_parks_and_permits/wavenny_park.php. Please visit the town website for information on all local parks.

1. **Wavenny Park.** Two entrances at 677 South Avenue and Lapham Road includes 250 acres of parkland, 3.5 miles of jogging/walking trails, picnic areas, platform tennis courts, turf fields and baseball/softball fields.
2. **Irwin Park.** Park is located at the intersection of Weed Street and Wahackme Road. The 36-acre park has newly opened jogging/walking trails for your enjoyment.
3. **Places of Worship include**
 - a. The Congregational Church of New Canaan. 23 Park Street. 203-966-2651
 - b. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 111 Oenoke Ridge. 203-966-4515.
 - c. St. Aloysius Parish, 21 Cherry Street. 203-966-0020

NORWALK

1. **Maritime Aquarium:** 10 N. Water Street, Norwalk, CT 06854. 203-852-0700.
<https://www.maritimeaquarium.org/>

Come nose-to-nose with sharks, seals, river otters, sea turtles, jellies and other amazing animals from Long Island Sound and beyond! Public cruises, hands-on touch tanks, 4D theater, and more. Open 10-5 every day.

2. **Calf Pasture Beach:** Calf Pasture Beach Road, Norwalk, CT 06851.
<https://www.norwalkct.org/2094/Calf-Pasture-and-Shady-Beach>.

Baseball/softball, volleyball, skate park, playground, refreshing splash pad, sun and sand sports, the sailing school, bocce, basketball, and 3/4 of a mile of scenic coastline with tremendous views. Non-resident parking is limited but available.

3. **Sheffield Island Ferry:** 4 N. Water Street, Norwalk, CT 06854. 203-838-9444.
<https://www.seaport.org/ferry-schedule>

A breathtaking tour of the outer Norwalk Harbor, Norwalk's three historic lighthouses, and arrive at Sheffield Island Lighthouse.

4. **The SoNo Collection**: 100 N. Water Street, Norwalk, CT 06854. Upscale Shopping mall right off I-95. Also includes many restaurants and an upscale bowling alley

<https://www.thesonocollection.com/en/directory/open-stores.html>.

5. **Sky Zone Trampoline Park**. 360 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Dr, Norwalk, CT 06854. 203-902-5437.

<https://www.skyzone.com/norwalk>

Indoor trampoline park featuring freestyle bouncing, dodgeball, fitness programs & more.

6. **Bowlmor Bowling Alley**. 701 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06854. 203-838-7501. Less than a mile from the hotel.

<https://www.bowlmor.com/location/bowlmor-norwalk>

7. **Movie Theaters**. Norwalk houses a number of movie theatres now re-opened after Covid.

STAMFORD

1. **Cove Island Park**. 1125 Cove Rd, Stamford, CT. 83-acre park, beach and recreation area in Cove Section of Stamford. Non-resident passes available.

2. **Bedford Street**. Enjoy many fine dining options in down-town Stamford on Bedford Street.

3. **Chelsea Piers**. 1 Blachley Road Chelsea, Stamford, CT. 203-989-1000. New Facility with sports and other activities. Includes batting cages.

<https://www.chelseapiersct.com/>

4. **Harbor Point**. <https://www.harborpt.com/>

Many wonderful dining options on the water in downtown Stamford.

