

2023

# Colorado Babe Ruth & Cal Ripken State Tournament Guide

Lamar, Colorado July 7th-10<sup>th</sup>

	Merchants	(NE) Valley	(NW)	(SW)	(SE)		
	Field	National Field	Tan Field	Gray Field	<b>Citizens Field</b>		
	15s	12s	11s	10s	8s		
Friday	Check In: 8s and 10s 10:00AM – 11s and 12s 11:00AM						
10:00 AM	First Baptist Church						
Friday	Check In: 15s 12:00PM Coaches and Umpires Meeting 12:30PM – All Teams						
12:00 PM	First Baptist Church						
Friday	Centennial vs	SED Red vs	Lamar vs	SED Blue vs	SED Red vs		
2:00 PM	SE Denver	Centennial	SE Denver	East Central	Centennial		
Friday	East Central vs	SED Blue vs	Centennial vs	Centennial vs	SED Blue vs		
4:00 PM	Border	East Central	East Central	SED Red	Lamar		
Friday		Openin	g Ceremonies an	d Picnic			
6:00 PM	Opening Ceremonies and Picnic						
		Home Team Listed First					
Saturday	Border vs	East Central vs	SE Denver vs	SED Red vs	Centennial vs		
10:00 AM	SE Denver	Centennial	Centennial	East Central	SED Blue		
Saturday	Lamar vs	Lamar vs	East Central vs	Lamar vs	Lamar vs		
12:00 PM	East Central	SED Blue	Lamar	Centennial	SED Red		
Saturday	Centennial vs	SED Red vs	*Lamar vs	East Central vs	SED Blue vs		
4:00 PM	Border	East Central	Centennial	Lamar	SED Red		
Saturday	SE Denver vs	Centennial vs	*SE Denver vs	SED Blue vs	Centennial vs		
6:00 PM	Lamar	Lamar	East Central	SED Red	Lamar		
	* Starred Games Scheduled for Jim Earl Field						
Sunday	Border vs	East Central vs	11s Semifinal	SED Red vs	8s Semifinal		
10:00 AM	Lamar	Lamar	Seeds 1 vs 4	Lamar	Seeds 1 vs 4		
Sunday	East Central vs	SED Blue vs	11s Semifinal	Centennial vs	8s Semifinal		
12:00 PM	Centennial	SED Red	Seeds 2 vs 3	SED Blue	Seeds 2 vs 3		
Sunday	SE Denver vs	Centennial vs		East Central vs			
4:00 PM	East Central	SED Blue		Centennial			
Sunday 6:00 PM	Lamar vs	Lamar vs		Lamar vs			
	Centennial SED Red SED Blue   Higher Seed is Home Team in Brasket Blay						
Monday	Higher Seed is Home Team in Bracket Play						
9:30 AM	Championship Game 15s						
9.50 Alvi Monday					Championship		
11:00 AM					Game 8s		
Monday		Championship			Guine 05		
12:00 PM		Game 12s					
Monday					Championship		
1:30 PM					Game 10s		
Monday		Championship					
2:30 PM		Game 11s					
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Game Times and Locations Subject to Change

# **Check In Times and Location**

First Baptist Church

1600 South Main St (Hwy 50), Lamar, CO 81052 (Next to Bj's Burgers and Beverage)

Check-in begins at the times listed. <u>ALL</u> PLAYERS and <u>ALL</u> COACHES are required to attend and must be present at the time check-in begins for their age group.

- 8s- 10:00am
- 10s- 10:00am
- 11s- 11:00am
- 12s- 11:00am
- 13-15s- 12:00pm
- Coaches/Umpires meeting- 12:30pm

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# **Baseball Complex Address and Parking:**

2100 South Main St (Hwy 50). Lamar, CO



Yellow arrows indicate entrances to specific parking areas. Please only use these points for ingress and egress to specific parking areas.

# Field Names and Locations Practice Areas



- Batting cages are located between Jim Earl Field and Valley National. They are first come, first served. Please be considerate of the teams waiting to use them.
- Jim Earl Field and the other unmarked fields are available for practice and warmup, when not being prepared or used for games.
- Fields in the 4-plex as well as Merchant Field are <u>never</u> available for practice or warmup.

# The Sportsmanship Code of Babe Ruth Baseball

- Develop a strong, clean, healthy body, mind, and soul.
- Develop a strong urge for sportsman-like conduct.
- Develop understanding of and respect for the RULES.
- Develop courage in defeat, tolerance, and modesty in victory.
- Develop control over emotions and speech.
- Develop spirit of cooperation and team play.
- Develop into real, true CITIZENS.

# **Tournament Contact Information**

If you have any questions or need special assistance, please contact the following individuals on the tournament committee:

### **Tournament Director:**

Jimmy Bencomo Lamar Junior Babe Ruth League President 719-353-2296 <u>lamarbaberuth@gmail.com</u>

## **Colorado State Commissioner**

Matt Searle 719-661-5105 <u>matt@elpasotel.net</u>

# Players, Coaches, Managers, & Families

Welcome to Lamar, Colorado! Congratulations on your accomplishments and the opportunity to represent your League in the 2023 Colorado Babe Ruth & Cal Ripken State Tournament! We are excited to have you join us this week.

Your time and experience in Lamar is important to us. We would like to ensure you enjoy your time in Lamar. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. We will do our best to accommodate your requests.

Best of luck,

# Babe Ruth League, Inc.

# Latest Rule Changes for 2023

The International Board of Directors has approved the following rule changes beginning with the 2023 season. These changes will be reflected in the 2023 Babe Ruth League, Inc. Rules and Regulations.

# Rule Changes Beginning with the 2023 Season (Please note Division or Level of Play)

**Cal Ripken Baseball, League Age 9, 10, Tournament Regulations - Rule 11.05, Paragraph 4(b)** – A pitcher shall not deliver more than 75 pitches in the same game or on the same day.

**Cal Ripken Baseball, League Age 11, 12, Tournament Regulations - Rule 11.05, Paragraph 4(c)** – A pitcher shall not deliver more than 85 pitches in the same game or on the same day.

Babe Ruth Baseball, League Age 13-15, Tournament Regulations - Rule 11.05, Paragraph 4(d) – A pitcher shall not deliver more than 95 pitches in the same game or on the same day.

**Cal Ripken Baseball Division, Babe Ruth Baseball Division, Babe Ruth Softball Division, Babe Ruth Buddy Ball Division** - Jewelry is permitted in all divisions of Babe Ruth League Inc. Umpires have the authority to remove anything believed to distract or increase risk to player safety. Medical alert or religious bracelets or necklaces are not considered jewelry."

# PRIORITIES

- Email a high-quality team picture and roster to the Tournament Director.
  - o <u>lamarbaberuth@gmail.com</u>
  - Please use JPEG format so it can be used on our ONLINE program.
- Find your team check-in time and coordinate travel. All teams must check in at their designated time unless previous arrangements are approved by the Tournament Director and State Commissioner. All team members, including coaches and manager, must be present at check in.
- Ensure you have your entire team's tournament credentials organized. A complete list of requirements is on the next page.

# **Tournament Book Credentials**

Be sure to include the following in your Tournament Book;

- 1. Letter of Eligibility signed by the State Commissioner
- 2. Tournament Team Roster signed by League President
- 3. Coaches Abuse Prevention Certificate for all Coaches and Manager
- 4. Babe Ruth Coach Certification for all Coaches and Manager
- 5. Concussion Training Certificate for all Coaches and Manager
- 6. Certificate of Insurance for Liability and Accident
- 7. Insurance Claim Form signed by League Official and undated
- 8. Consent for Treatment form with original signature for all players and batboys
- 9. Team photo with players information
- 10. Copy of Waivers (if applicable)

#### \*\*\*The following may help in assembling and organizing your Tournament Book\*\*\*

## How to Assemble Your Tournament Credentials

#### Step 1

Access your account at BabeRuthLeague.org. Your league president or appointed officer will be able to help you with gaining access to your account.

Step 2



#### Start your Credentials book by using a 1/2" ring binder that you can find in an office supply store.

#### Step 3

Place clear sheet protectors for the documents inside the binder.



#### Step 4

Insert your league's LOE (Letter of Eligibility). This is approved by your State Commissioner and available once

approved for printing from your League Portal. If you don't have the option to print the LOE, contact your State Commissioner. Commissioners will not be able to

approve LOE's until after June 5th of each year. See LOE section for step-by-step instructions on obtaining your LOE.



Ø Step 5 Insert a copy of your tournament team roster

in the binder. If you have any Add/Drops that are made on your tournament roster after June 30th, please be sure to put the revised approved roster

in front, keeping the original roster in the binder. Quick Note: You must have an official, submitted roster from your league's affiliated SportsEngine HQ site. Only Add/Drops accompanied by a letter from Headquarters giving specific approval will be valid. Also, per Rule 11.02b, "Players, manager, and coaches may be replaced between tournament levels, but a league may not add players after submitting a team roster at the first level of tournament play. Babe Ruth League strongly recommends each league take a full roster of players into tournament competition."

#### Step 6

Insert a copy of your league's Certificate of Insurance for Accident and Liability Insurance. If you have Babe Ruth insurance and your league took both Accident and Liability coverage with Babe Ruth, they will both appear together on the certificate form.



Step 7 0 Insert Consent for Treatment forms. You can print out Treatment Forms from the Babe Ruth Website!

Quick Note: Be sure to have 1 Consent form for each player on the roster. The Consent for Treatment form can be found under Resources > Forms at BabeRuthLeague.org.



#### Step 8

Place a printed copy of your team photo, in uniform, in your binder, Please remember that this photo may also be used for program books and other publications as you advance in the tournament trail. Make sure to have a good photo taken.

#### Step 9

Place Certificates of Certification for each manager and coach that has successfully completed the Coaches Certification Program into your binder. Quick Note: Visit www.baberuthcoaching.org for information on how you can enroll in this superb training program.

#### Step 10

Managers and coaches are not required to submit a paper copy of their APS certification, as it is addressed in the Eligibility requirement to submit rosters to Babe Ruth League via their affiliated SportsEngine HQ site.

#### Step 11 - Check List

- · Did I order Official Emblems or the Cap
- Emblem option for my players and coaches? . Do I want to order District, State or Regional
- Champion and Runner-Up Pins?
- . Does my team have the schedule for games as well as the contact numbers for the host league and tournament director?
- . Do my team managers and coaches have rule books?



Questions? Contact Babe Ruth League Headquarters at 1-800-880-3142.

The Local League President will certify upon submission the following: All information (contact numbers, spelling of names, etc.) is correct.

- Player birthdays have been certified and are correct.
- All Players and Managers have met all other rules and regulations of Babe Ruth League
- Managers and Coaches have met the requirements of the Safe Sports Act.

## Managers-Coaches-Teams

Thank you for all you do and the time you commit. Listed below are a few items to keep in mind and a reminder for your players and spectators.

### Check-In

All credentials are required upon check-in. Please reference the beginning of this book for a list of requirements for your Tournament Book. Please check-in at your designated time as a team and have team in uniform shirts.

### **Concussion Training**

We would like to remind you of the coach concussion training that is required by

#### Colorado state law.

#### **Schedule**

Please always adhere to the schedule. Provide line-up cards to public address booth 30 minutes prior to game. There will be no infield warmup prior to the game. There is a field adjacent to the complex that will be available as a practice field.

### **Uniforms**

All players AND COACHES must be in full uniform for all games and Opening Ceremony. Coaches MUST have uniform pants; NO SHORTS, no exceptions. Uniforms must meet all Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken uniform requirements, including the shoulder patch.

### **Umpires**

There will be certified umpires for each game. Care has been taken to have officials with experience. It is expected they be treated as such. Only the manager is to address the umpires to discuss controversial plays. Do not allow players or assistant coaches to address umpires. The umpire-in-chief will be aware of the identity of each team manager.

### <u>Awards</u>

Medals and/or plaques will be awarded for first and second place.

# GameChanger App

All of the scheduled games during the State Tournament will be recorded on the GameChanger App. Go ahead and download the app on your smart phone.

\*\*\*Team scorers GameChanger training sessions will be available prior to the tournament and in person at the tournament. The week of the tournament (between the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July through the 5<sup>th</sup> of July) will be done via Zoom, Teams, or other. There will be an in-person session likely Thursday night in Lamar. Specific dates and times will be communicated soon.

This training will go over most everything scorers will need to properly score a game. Even experienced scorekeepers will learn something new, so every team should have at least one scorekeeper attend.

# **Tournament Schedules**

This is an overview of events for the tournament. There will be a detailed schedule of games sent out later this week.

	Friday, 7 July	Saturday, 8 July	Sunday, 9 July	Monday, 10 July
8:00am-10:00am				Championship Games
10:00am-12:00pm	Team check in for 8s through 12s	Pool Games	Pool Games	Championship Games
12:00pm-2:00pm	Team check in for 15s and coaches/umpire meeting for all age divisions	Pool Games	Pool Games	Championship Games
2:00pm-4:00pm	Pool Games			Championship Games
4:00pm-6:00pm	Pool Games	Pool Games	Pool Games	Championship Games
6:00pm-8:00pm	Opening ceremonies, picnic, et al.	Pool Games	Pool Games	
8:00pm-10:00pm		DAV Baseball		

All players and all coaches, *must* be at check-in unless prior approval has been given by the State Commissioner. All players need to wear their uniform jersey, but it is not required to wear the full uniform at check-in. Parents are invited to attend the check-in with their team.

#### Check-in Schedule, Friday July 7: -10am-11am - 8s and 10s -11am-Noon – 11s and 12s -Noon-12:30pm – 13-15s -12:30-1pm – Coaches/Umpires meeting for all age divisions

\*\*\*Coaches, please bring your Tournament Book and team spectator fee with you to check-in.

All teams need to be in full uniform, without cleats, for the Opening Ceremony. Please gather as a team in the area indicated at check-in, 20 minutes before we're scheduled to begin.

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Join Us for a Fun-filled Baseball Game with Southeastern Developmental Services (SDS)!

Dear readers! We are excited to invite you to a unique and joyous event hosted by Southeastern Developmental Services (SDS). SDS is a remarkable community-based non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for and supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In a spirit of inclusivity and camaraderie, we are thrilled to announce that the members of SDS will be engaging in a friendly baseball game among themselves. Witness the power of teamwork, resilience, and determination as these incredible community members showcase their skills on the field!

Date: Saturday, July 8th Time: 6:30 PM Location: 4-Plex Fields, Lamar, CO

The game promises to be a delightful and heartwarming experience, where everyone can come together to support and celebrate the achievements of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. By attending this event, you will not only be entertained but also contribute to fostering an inclusive community that embraces diversity.

Mark your calendars, gather your friends and family, and join us at Lamar's 4-Plex Fields for an unforgettable evening of fun, laughter, and the joy of sports. Let's create memories together and show our unwavering support for SDS and the incredible individuals they serve.

Stay tuned for more updates and surprises, as we look forward to sharing this special occasion with each and every one of you. See you at the baseball game on July 8th!

Thank you for being a part of this remarkable journey with SDS.

Best regards,

# Regionals

•	8's Machine Pitch – Centennial, CO	July26th-30 <sup>th</sup>
•	9's – Sikeston, MO	July 26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>
•	10's – Garden City, KS	July 19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>
•	11's – Waite Park, MN	July 19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>
•	12's – Grand Forks, ND	July 18-22 <sup>nd</sup>
•	13's – Booneville, MO	July 26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>
•	14's – Rapid City, SD	July 19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>
•	15's – Henning, MN	July 26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>
•	16-18's – Holyoke, CO	July 26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>

# Additional Information

### **Gate Admission:**

There will not be a daily gate fee but a team spectator fee of \$450.

### **Pre-Game Information:**

There will be no infield warmup prior to games. Infield warm ups will be allowed only on the practice dirt infield west of the baseball fields. Teams entering to play may play catch in the outfield. Teams in the first base dugout can use right field (play catch East-West) and teams in third base dugout can use left field (play catch North-South). Pitchers and catchers may use the bullpens. Per Babe Ruth rules, catchers must be in full gear when catching, even if it is only warm-ups. Home team shall use the third base dugout and visitors shall use the first base dugout. Be ready to play. Turn line-ups into official scorekeepers 30 minutes prior to game time. Scorekeepers will be located in the crow's nest in the middle of the Four-Plex

### Line-ups:

Ensure that your lineup is filled out correctly before presenting it to the official scorekeeper 30 minutes prior to your scheduled game time. Line-up cards should be 4-part: with one copy going to the official scorekeeper, one copy for the umpire, one copy for your opponent, and one copy for your use. **Please include FIRST and LAST names, jersey number, and position played.** 

## **Game Conduct**

- 1. Umpires will enforce all rules and regulations covered in the Official Baseball Rules and the Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations.
- 2. The games will be kept moving at all times. No unnecessary delays will be allowed. Mound conferences should be kept to a minimum.
- 3. ANYONE-Players, manager or coaches-acting in an unsportsmanlike manner will be removed from the playing field and facilities immediately.
- 4. Only the manager (no coaches or players) shall discuss any plays of controversial nature. The umpire in-chief shall be fully informed of the identity of each team manager.
- 5. Any batboy/batgirl or ball retriever must wear protective headgear. Bat boys/girls must be prompt in delivering the discarded bats to their proper places.
- 6. Equipment-hats, gloves, balls, etc. shall be stacked neatly in their proper places at all times. Discarding bats, gloves, and protective headgear in such a way as to cause personal injury to another player or spectator shall be deemed unsportsmanlike. This can result in an ejection from the game.
- 7. All Babe Ruth Rules pertaining to bats will be followed. For all Cal Ripken age groups, bats must have the USABat emblem clearly visible. Any bat without the USABat sticker is illegal. For the Babe Ruth 13-15s, bats must have the USABat emblem or the BB-Cor emblem.

# **General Tournament Guidelines**

- 1. Babe Ruth Baseball rules and regulations will be adhered to during the tournament at all times. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated and could jeopardize the opportunity for a player or team to proceed in the tournament.
- 2. Sportsmanship will be stressed at all times. Judgment calls by the umpires will not be questioned. If there is a question concerning a rule, it will be discussed in a gentlemanly manner. Protests will be handled as prescribed in the Babe Ruth Rule Book. Players, managers, coaches and fans will not be allowed to talk to the Protest Committee during protest deliberation unless so asked by the committee.
- 3. Smoking, chewing tobacco, or drinking of alcoholic beverages by any player, manager, or coach will <u>NOT</u> be allowed on the field, or in the dugouts. Teams that allow players to drink beverages or eat food in the dugouts are responsible for cleaning up any debris from such actions immediately after each game.
- 4. The players, a manager, three coaches and a bat person are the only individuals allowed in the dugout during a game. Any other necessary personnel to be in the dugout will only be allowed with the permission of the State Commissioner.
- 5. Managers, coaches, and players are to remain in the dugout at all times except when participation in the game or time is called.
- 6. Teams are not to verbally or in any way harass opposing pitchers, hitters, or defensive players. Encourage your own players and don't make remarks to the opposition. Players should be advised not to argue with umpires. The manager will handle all disputes with the umpire. Encourage positive play at all times!
- 7. Catchers are required to wear masks and helmets during warm-up both before and during the games. All catchers are to wear protective cups as required. A back-up catcher is to be ready to warm up the pitcher if the catcher is not ready after the end of an inning. Pitchers will be allowed eight (8) pitches between innings and teams have one and one-half minutes to be ready to play between innings. An additional player should be assigned to protect any pitcher warming up while play is going on.
- 8. No equipment is to be left lying on the field while the game is in progress. It must be in the dugout area.
- 9. In the case on an injury, the game will be stopped at the earliest possible time. Do not come on to the field until time is called and the umpire signals you to do so.
- 10. Protective headgear must be worn at bat and on the bases. A mask and throat protector must be worn by any player warming up a pitcher, including in the bullpen. Helmets must also be worn by any bat persons.
- 11. The home team will occupy the third base dugout.
- 12. Players, Managers, & Coaches are to shake hands following each game.
- 13. It is expected that every player, manager, coach and spectator will conduct himself in an exemplary manner while representing the Babe Ruth Baseball Program.

# Lodging

## <u>Hotels</u>

- Holiday Inn Express & Suites
  - o 1304 N Main St, Lamar, CO 81052
  - o **719-931-4010**
- Days Inn by Wyndham
  - o 1302 N Main St, Lamar, CO, 81052
  - o **719-336-5340**
- Cobblestone Hotel & Suites
  - o 1215 N Main St, Lamar, CO 81052
  - o **719-336-7100**
- Quality Inn
  - o 1202 N Main St, Lamar, CO, 81052
  - o **719-336-3427**
- The Historic Cow Palace Inn
  - o 1301 N Main St, Lamar, CO, 81052

## <u>Motels</u>

- Blue Spruce Motel
  - o 1801 S Main St, Lamar, CO, 81052
  - o **719-336-7454**
- Holiday Motel
  - o 404 N Main St, Lamar, CO, 81052
  - o **719-336-9754**
- The Buzzards Nest
  - o 113 N Main St, Lamar, CO, 81052
  - o **719-691-2393**
- Golden Arrow Motel
  - $\circ$  611 E Olive St, Lamar, CO, 81052
  - o **719-360-8831**

### **RV** Campsites

- Sundance High Plains RV Park and Cabins
  - o 29151 US-287, Lamar, CO, 81052
  - o **719-336-1031**
- Lamar Sportsman RV Park and Horse Motel
  - O 5385 US-50, Lamar, CO, 81052
  - o **719-319-3697**



