



**Cal Ripken
8 Year Old Regional Tournament
Information Packet**



STARTING: JULY 18th 2014



Bryant Athletic Association

P.O. Box 68

Bryant, AR 72089

www.bryantbaseball.org

Dear Coaches and Parents:

On behalf of the Bryant Athletic Association, I want to welcome you to Bryant and the 2014 8 Year Old Southwest Regional Tournament. We are excited about the opportunity to host this tournament. Our Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Program has been around for decades, and we consider our baseball program to be one of the elite programs in the state and region.

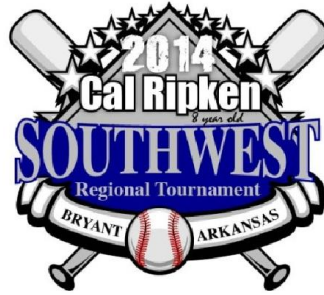
Please study this manual in order that everyone will have an understanding of the activities and their responsibilities.

We ask that you make every effort to make this tournament experience one that will be positive for all players. Keep in mind that your players look to you as an example of how to handle life situations, not just how to play baseball. Make this tournament a memory that they will cherish forever.

If there is anything we can do to make your stay in Bryant more comfortable, let us know. Good luck to all the teams!

Sincerely,

Michael Catton
President
Bryant Athletic Association
501.831.9928



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND INFORMATION

SEND IMMEDIATELY:

IF NOT FORWARDED ALREADY, email one (1) 5x7 black and white or colored picture to: Rick Brown at rick.brown0202@gmail.com, for inclusion in the 2014 tournament program. Please copy Sandy Orender at sdmo1@aol.com on the email. BE SURE IDENTIFICATION IS MADE READING FROM BOTTOM ROW, UPWARD, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, AND IDENTIFYING MANAGER AND COACHES.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Host Hotel: Hampton Inn

Address: 307 Office Park Drive

City: Bryant, AR 72022

Phone: 501-847-3200

Contact Person: Rob Chalfant, Cal Ripken State Commissioner for North Arkansas

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SITE (BALLPARK)

Site: City of Bryant Bishop Park

Address: 6401 Boone Road

City: Bryant, AR 72022

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Name: Rick Brown

Phone: C 501-920-9616

E-mail: rick.brown0202@gmail.com

TOURNAMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Name: Michael Catton

Phone: C 501-831-9928

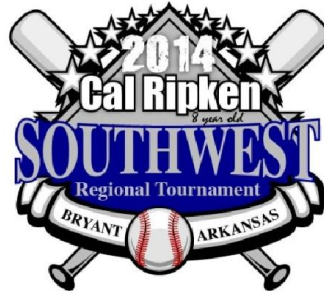
E-mail: Michael@priority1inc.com

IN CASE OF ILLNESS, CONTACT

Team Manager

Tournament Director

Tournament Site



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TEAM CHECK-IN

Date: Thursday, July 17th 11am to 2pm

Place: City of Bryant Bishop Park, 6401 Boone Road, Bryant, AR 72022

BANQUET

Date: Thursday, July 17th @ 6:30pm (Players and coaches need to be there by 6:00 pm)

Place: City of Bryant Bishop Park, 6401 Boone Road, Bryant, AR 72022

Guest Price: \$15 Adults \$10 Children (4-11) 3 and under free (players and coaches-free)

Player's dress for banquet – Team uniform shirt with khaki shorts.

Keynote Guest Speaker: —Tommy Raffo, Head Coach of Arkansas State University Baseball

COACHES/ COMMISSIONERS BREAKFAST

Date: Friday, July 18th at 7am

Place: City of Bryant Bishop Park, 6401 Boone Road, Bryant, AR 72022

Umpires, Coaches, and Tournament Personnel

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Date: Friday, July 18th @ 6:00 p.m. (Players need to be present at 5:30 pm)

Place: Bishop Park Field B1

(ALL PLAYERS AND COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND!)

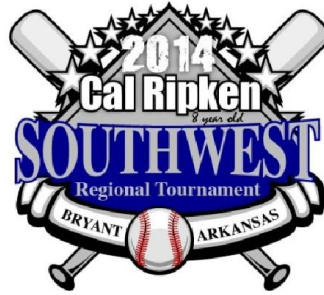
GAMES:

Begin Friday, July 18th mid-day

ADMISSION

Single Day - Adult \$8
Tournament Pass Adult \$30

Child \$5
Child \$20



Southwest Regional Tournament Hotel List for the Bryant Area

Host Hotel: Hampton Inn Bryant

**307 Office Park Drive Bryant, AR 72022
(501) 847-3200**

They have a block of rooms listed under SW Regional Tournament, full service hotel and breakfast buffett.

Comfort Inn & Suites

209 W. Commerce Street Bryant, AR 72022
(501) 653-4000

HomeTown Hotel

2921 Main Street Bryant, AR 72022
(501) 653-0123

Super 8 Motel

201 Dell Drive Bryant, AR 72022
(501) 847-7888

Holiday Inn Express/SJS

2915 Main Street Bryant, AR 72022
(501) 847-0900

LaQuinta Inn & Suites

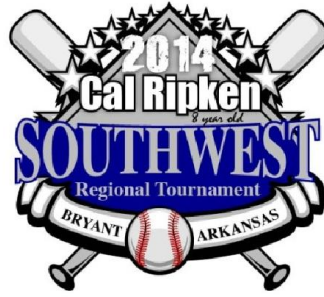
408 Commerce Drive Bryant, AR 72022
(501) 847-9494

America's Best Value Inn

407 W. Commerce Street Bryant, AR 72022
(501) 653-7800

Best Western Inn - Benton

17036 I-30 Benton, AR 72015
(501) 778-9695



Southwest Regional Tournament

Game Conduct and Special Instructions

All games will be played under rules and regulations covered in the Professional Baseball Rule Book, Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball, 7 and 8 year old machine pitch tournaments have other special rules, (see attached Southwest Regional Cal Ripken 7 and 8 Year Old Tournament Rules and Regulations).

Pool Play schedule will be prepared by Cal Ripken/Local Tournament Directors.

Home Team in pool play will be determined by coin toss. In bracket play the higher seeded team gets their choice to be home or visitor.

Games will be kept moving at all times. No unnecessary delays or mound conferences, etc. will be permitted.

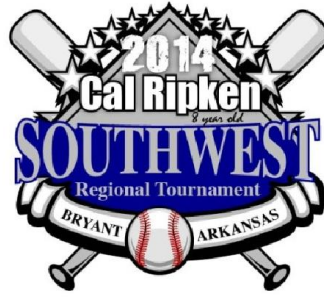
Anyone, players, managers or coaches acting in an unsportsmanlike manner shall be removed from the playing field or ballpark immediately and disqualified from tournament. If a player is ejected from the game he must leave the ballpark accompanied by an adult. If his parents are not present his manager or coach will accompany him.

Managers, Coaches and Players shall wear full uniforms according to Baseball Rules. While in uniform, neatness is a must. When at the ballpark, your shirt tail must be tucked in and your cap worn properly. When taking the field for your game no warm up or hitting shirts allowed. Protective headgear must be worn at bat and on the bases. Equipment (bats, gloves, helmets, etc.) shall be neatly stacked in their proper places at all times (inside the dugout).

Only players, coaches, the manager and the batboy shall be allowed in the dugouts. Players and coaches must stay inside the dugouts. (two coaches in coaches boxes offensively)

Players must be in uniform and at the field (1) hour before their scheduled game time. All players will be required to attend the Opening Ceremony in uniform.

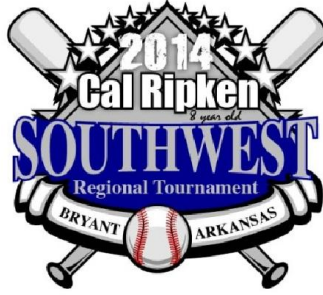
The tournament is under the jurisdiction of the Assistant Southwest Regional Commissioner and the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director in accord shall appoint the Protest Committee with the Assistant Regional Commissioner. The Protest Committee shall have final authority in all protest (right or wrong). A rule violation is the only thing that can be protested (judgment calls are not be protested). No tobacco products will be permitted on the playing field, dugout or restrooms by managers, coaches or players of a team.



Required Credentials for Southwest Regional Tournament

Note: The tournament team manager must place in the custody of the tournament officials the following documents. These documents must stay in the possession of the Tournament Director until the team's last game.

- Copy of the League Accident Insurance Policy
- Copy of the League Liability Insurance Policy
- Copy of the League Schedule
- Tournament team roster certified and signed by the League President
- Babe Ruth League, Inc. Letter of Eligibility Form
- Birth Certificates of all players (Babe Ruth ID cards, Original birth certificates or a Certified copy of the original record of birth.)
- Consent for Treatment Forms
- Three black and white or colored photographs (5x7) of the team with names of players, coaches and manager listed on a separate sheet of paper (front row left to right, back row left to right with the team name at the top)
- Coaching Certification ID Cards or Certificate
- State Flag 3ft by 5ft to be turned in with your credentials at check-in at the Regional Tournament. (Please have team name written on flag)



Attention Managers:

Please complete this form and return via email to Debra Catton @ debracatton3@gmail.com. This form is due by **Monday, July 7th**. Please only one form per team to be turned in.

Please present a check (made payable to: BAA) upon arrival at check in for all of the following items.

Team Name: _____ State: _____

Manager: _____ Contact #: _____

Team Mom: _____ Contact #: _____

Banquet attendees

Team members

Additional Family members

_____ Players

_____ Adults @ \$15.00 each

_____ Coaches

_____ Children (4-11) @ \$10.00 each

Tournament Passes

_____ Adult passes @ \$30 each

(Gate Fees are \$8 a

_____ Children passes (4-11) @ \$20 each

day. \$5 for kids.)

Tournament T-shirts

Youth - \$15 each

Adult - \$20 each

_____ Youth Small

_____ Adult Small

_____ Youth Medium

_____ Adult Medium

_____ Youth Large

_____ Adult Large

_____ Adult X-Large

(There will only be a limited

_____ Adult 2XL (\$22)

quantity of shirts available at

_____ Adult 3XL (\$23)

the tournament.)

TOTAL DUE: _____

If you have any questions, contact Debra Catton @ 501.413.2313



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The 2014 Cal Ripken Southwest Regional Tournament Photography will be captured this year by Jones Sports Media of Bryant, Arkansas. Veteran sports photographer Jimmy Jones, along with his wife Robin and a team of professionals, will capture memorable images of your players.

Examples of our work can be found on our website:

www.jonessportsmedia.com

Both print and digital copies will be available.

Price List:

Digital Copy (website):	\$15.00
4x6 Print: (on-site):	\$5.00
8x10 Print:(on-site):	\$10.00
11x14 Print:(on-site):	\$20.00
16x20 Print (off site):	\$30.00

Sports Package (Pre-order): \$30.00
1 8x10, 2 4x6, 8 Wallets

16x20 Tournament Collage Poster (2 shots): \$50.00
*Please allow 1-3 weeks for delivery

Upsize and special orders available upon request.
Contact Jimmy@jonessportsmedia.com

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**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL
CAL RIPKEN 7-8 YR. OLD TOURNAMENT
RULES & REGULATIONS**

Revised - ~~May 2, 2012~~
Revised - February 10, 2014

1. **TIME LIMIT:** One hour and twenty minutes or (6) innings whichever comes first. In the event of a tie, the games will continue until there is a winner. In the championship game there will be no time limits.

2. **BATTING ORDER:** All team members will bat round robin. If a batter becomes disabled during the game and cannot bat, it's NOT an out. If a child is sick before the game, leave him off of your line up and inform the opposing coach, umpire and the press box. This player cannot enter that game. If a base runner becomes ill or injured while on base, the base runner will be removed from the game. A substitute base runner will be put on the base just vacated by the injured/sick base runner. The substitute base runner to be placed in the ball game as the new base runner will be the last batter who is in the dugout. Must have (9) players to start and play a game. If you drop to (8) players for any reason the game will be called a forfeit.

3. **DEFENSE:** Will consist of (9) regular fielding positions and (1) additional rover in the outfield. A second pitcher may not be used on the infield. The pitcher will be placed to the side of the machine, within (4) feet of and behind the forward most point of the machine. The pitcher may not be beyond the forward most point of the machine before the ball is put in play. Penalty: If the ball is not hit the umpire shall declare "no pitch". If the ball is hit the offensive coach may choose between the play and "no pitch".

4. **RUNS PER INNING:** A maximum of six (6) runs per inning per team.

5. **CONTACT RULE:** Babe Ruth rule: 6.05 (m) shall apply

6. **DEAD BALL:** Time will be called by the umpire when no runner is advancing. The ball becomes dead when a batted ball hits the pitching machine or the individual feeding the machine. The batter will be awarded first base. **No runners may advance unless forced.** Any thrown ball which hits the machine remains alive and in play. The ball becomes live when it leaves the pitching machine.

7. **PITCHING MACHINE:** The Louisville Slugger Blue Flame Ultimate Pitching Machine speed will be set on **9 and 4 (the 4 may have to be adjusted if the field has a mound)**. The rear of the machine will be placed 46 feet from home plate. The umpires may allow adjustment of the machine at the beginning of any inning to maintain consistency. The machine may be adjusted during an inning with the consent of both coaches or if deemed necessary by the Umpire.

8. **THE BATTER:** All batters will wear a batting helmet when on the field of play, whether as an on deck hitter, a batter, or a base runner.

9. **THE CATCHER:** Must wear a facemask, helmet, mitt, chest protector, shin guards, and a protective supporter with cup. The catcher must also wear a catcher's mitt and not a fielding glove or mitt of any other kind.

10. **COURTESY RUNNER:** Will not be allowed.
11. **INFIELD FLY:** Will **not** be in effect.
12. **FREE SUBSTITUTION:** Will be in effect.
13. **BUNTING:** Will be allowed. There will be a no “slash” bunt rule. This is defined as a fake bunt that is followed by an attempted swing. The penalty for violating this rule will be, the ball ruled dead, the batter will be out and no runners will advance.
14. **STEALING:** Will be not permitted.
15. **PASSED BALL:** A passed ball will be defined as follows: when the catcher fails to hold or control a legally pitched ball that, with ordinary effort, should have been maintained under his or her control. **CONTROL** – The catcher shall be deemed to have controlled the ball if the ball is maintained by the catcher and has not fallen to the ground.
16. **SPECIAL BASE RUNNING RULE:** Cal Ripken Baseball Special Base Running Rules (a, b, c) shall apply (page 12). At no time can a runner advance to home plate if he or she is on third base when the pitch is made, unless the catcher throws to a base to make a play or the ball is hit by the batter. Stealing will not be allowed on a “no-pitch”.
17. **BATTER IS OUT:** After three strikes. If, in the umpires judgment, the machine delivers a ball out of the strike zone a “no pitch” will be called unless the batter swings in which case it will be called a strike. Each batter will be allowed a maximum of 3 pitches. A foul ball on the 3rd and subsequent pitches will be allowed another pitch regardless of the number pitches thrown.
18. **SLINGING A BAT:** If a batter slings his bat, a warning will be given to the team at bat. After one warning, any player on the warned team who slings his bat will be called out immediately and no runners will advance. The umpire will be the sole judge of whether the bat was slung or dropped. **This is NOT an appeal play.**
19. **COACHES:** On offense a first base and third base coach will be allowed on the field. On defense, coaches must remain in their dug out. One coach may stand directly in front of the dugout for the purpose of defensive instruction.
20. **BASE AWARDS:** All overthrown balls are live unless the ball leaves the field of play, in which case, a (1) base limit will be given to the runners. Any (fair) batted ball that bounces over, rolls through or under a fence will be a ground rule double.
27. **INTERFERENCE:** As defined in the Babe Ruth Rule Book will be enforced. This includes batters and catchers deliberately attempting to distract.
21. **RUN RULE:** If a team is ahead by thirteen (13) runs after four (4) complete innings (3 ½ for the home team) the game will be called. If a team is ahead by seven (7) runs after five (5) complete innings (4 ½ for the home team) the game will be called.
22. **GAME TIME:** Be at field at least 30 minutes prior to game time.
23. **Umpires:** (2)-The field umpire will feed the pitching machine, call strikes, “no pitch”, and call plays on the bases. The home plate umpire shall be Umpire-in-chief for the game and will call fair or foul, plays at home plate, leaving early and assist in calling plays on the bases. **Any thrown ball striking an umpire, in fair territory, is in play.**

24. **LINEUPS:** (1) copy to score box , umpire and to opposing coach (10) minutes before game time. First initial, last name and number are required.

25. **TOBACCO:** Use is prohibited.

26. **OTHER:** Refer to the Cal Ripken Tournament Rules and the Officials Base Ball Rules for situations not covered here.

CAL RIPKEN 7 & 8 YR. OLD TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The tournament team manager must place in the custody of the tournament officials the following documents prior to the start of competition:

- a. Birth documents or records as specified by rule 0.04, paragraph 1 each of the tournament team players.
- b. Certificate of coverage of group accident insurance policy. (3 claim forms)
- c. Certificate of coverage of League Liability insurance policy.
- d. Tournament team roster certified and signed by the league president.
- e. Consent of Treatment Forms. 2 Copies per player
- f. Coaching Certification I.D. Card or Certificate. Tournament Managers and Coaches must complete coaching education and certification prior to the start of their first level of tournament competition.

(These documents must be in a 1 inch ring binder, in protective plastic cover sheets)

2. **All managers and coaches must be in FULL uniform, NO SHORTS**

3. A ball stamped Official Cal Ripken or Babe Ruth League Baseball shall be used in all tournament play.

4. Each tournament team roster must include a minimum of (12) players with a maximum of (15) players.

5. All managers, coaches and players are required to wear the Official Cal Ripken Baseball shoulder emblem on the left sleeve of their uniform.

6. In bracket play the higher seeded team gets their choice to be home or visitor.

7 All 7&8 year old teams will be required to participate in the Cal Ripken Tournament trail starting at the lowest level (District and State) before they can enter a SW Regional Cal Ripken Invitational Tournament.

Rob Featherston, Assistant Regional Commissioner

Date