

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL **70-FOOT REGIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**



TO: TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS & TEAM MANAGERS

FROM: JOHN LABBE; TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

RE: 2009 CAL RIPKEN 70-FOOT REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

DATE: **JUNE 22, 2009**

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS & TEAM MANAGERS:

Congratulations on advancing to the Regional Tournament! On behalf of Meridian Youth Baseball, we would like to welcome you to Meridian, Idaho for the 2009 Pacific Northwest Cal Ripken **70-Foot** Regional Tournament. We are looking forward to hosting you, your players, your families, and other supporters. The tournament will take place July 22-July 25, with arrival and opening ceremonies slated to begin at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22. Pool play games will be played on Thursday & Friday July 23 and 24. Semi-finals and Championship play will be on Saturday, July 25. All games will be played at Settler's Park in Meridian.

The following **Tournament Information** will help you prepare for the Tournament. The packet was put together to help in setting forth important information and requirements. Please provide copies of this packet to all members of your team, as well as their parents.

In order to run an organized and successful Tournament, we need your cooperation and support. In that regard, there are several items that we will need from you prior to your arrival at the Tournament. Please send the following items electronically in a tiff or jpeg format to Nancy Labbe at njlabbe@msn.com. **One 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 team photograph with identification; Team Roster, including uniform numbers and player identification. We need to have this information in Nancy's hands no later than Wednesday, July 15.** Please identify in the subject line on your computer email what you are sending. These items do not take the place of the information that will need to be included with your official tournament documents. A specific timeline of events for the opening ceremonies as well as the events of the Skills Competition will be sent to each manager upon receipt of the team photograph and rosters.

Check-In/Managers/Umpires Meeting:

Check-In will begin at Settler's Park on Wednesday, July 22 at 4:00 PM. Opening ceremonies will begin at 5:00 PM. It is mandatory for all players and coaches to arrive by this time and be ***in full uniform***. A picnic for players and coaches will be provided beginning at 6:00 PM, there will be a nominal charge for all other participants. We will have a skills competition for all players beginning at 7:00 PM. At 8:00 PM there will be a mandatory Manager's meeting with tournament officials and the umpire-in-chief. Each team **must** have a representative (Manager or Coach) present at the meeting. The meeting will primarily be for interpretation and discussion of rules and ground rules with the umpire-in-chief and Tournament Officials. Tournament officials will also use this time to check in your Official Document Book to insure all of the required information is included.

Required documents are as follows:

- Birth documents for each player as specified by Rule 0.04, paragraph 1
- Copy of league accident and liability insurance policy
- Tournament team roster certified and signed by league president
- Letter of League Eligibility Tournament Form signed by State Commissioner
- Consent for Treatment form

→ Each player on a team shall wear a different number on his or her uniform. The Cal Ripken shoulder emblem must be worn on each team member's left shoulder sleeve or cap. (For sleeveless uniforms, the shoulder emblem must be worn on the left chest or cap.) All managers and coaches must wear a baseball type uniform of the same design and color as the players' uniform. (i.e., NO SHORTS - NO JEANS - NO SANDALS.)

Player Introductions:

Tournament participants will be introduced individually prior to the start of every scheduled tournament game on opening day. After each team has completed their first game, individual introductions will not take place again until the championship game.

Practice Field:

Teams will be able to practice at adjacent fields at Settler's Park. Other suitable practice locations are located at Fuller Park. A formal, assigned practice schedule will be handed out at the coaches meeting. There is also a batting cage at Fuller Park that will be available for teams wanting to have batting practice before their games. Teams must bring their own gear.

Miscellaneous:

A listing of available lodging is included later in this packet of information and can be found on our league web site which is mybbbaseball.com

No outside coolers will be allowed in the park. Programs, souvenir t-shirts and concessions including hot dogs, hamburgers, cold drinks, nachos and other miscellaneous items will be available throughout the tournament.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORY

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Tournament Headquarters:

Settler's Park

Tournament Website
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TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS–PLAYER INSTRUCTION

The Regional Officials of the Pacific Northwest Regional Cal Ripken Baseball and the hard working Hosts of this Cal Ripken Regional Tournament have made extensive efforts to make certain your stay in Meridian will be pleasant and rewarding. Therefore, we shall expect all Tournament participants to fully cooperate with the following rules and regulations pertaining to your personal conduct during your stay.

Conduct:

Your conduct must be above reproach on and off the field. Any misbehavior or misconduct could not only cause your disqualification from the Tournament but could disqualify your team as well.

LODGING INFORMATION

In the event that you are unable to find lodging, please contact the Tournament Director for assistance as soon as possible.

Suitable lodging with group rates may be found on the league web site, which is www.mybbaseball.com. Click on the link that states 'Hotel Accommodations'. Be sure to mention that you are with the Regional Tournament and request group rates!

TOURNAMENT TICKET INFORMATION

Tournament passes will be available for purchase at the Opening Ceremonies. The ticket booth will open (1) hour prior to the first game each day. Ticket prices are based on a carefully planned budget only to cover the cost of the Tournament. Ticket pricing information is as follows:

Tournament passes (good for the entire tournament):

Family: (admits 4)	\$50
Children 5 and under	Free

Day Pass (good for 1 entire day only, on day of purchase)

Single Adult	\$7
Seniors (60 and over)	\$4
Students (6-18)	\$4
Children 5 and under	Free

Team members will be issued a Tournament Pass that will allow entry into the Tournament. Picture identification may also be required. You must have the pass with you at all times.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Tournament T-shirts will be available to purchase at the ticket booth on a daily basis. Cost of the T-Shirts will be \$13.00. T-Shirts sell out over the first few days of the Tournament, so if you would like to purchase one, we suggest you purchase it early.

The winner of this Tournament will advance to the Cal Ripken 70-Foot World Series Tournament. The World Series will be August 15-22 in Aberdeen, Maryland.

Miscellaneous note to Managers: Please note that there will be no use of EH/DH, and there will be no Courtesy Runners. Also, a coin flip will decide the home and visitor for each game.

There will be a concession stand in operation throughout the tournament. They offer hot dogs, hamburgers, cold drinks, candy, cheese nachos, etc. Outside coolers will not be allowed into the park during games.

Water will be provided to each dugout before each game for the players and coaches to use during the game.

Programs will be available for a nominal charge at the ticket booth.

Scores from each game will be posted on the tournament board at the concession stand as soon as possible after each game is finished.

Directions to Settler's Park:

1. Take Exit #44 in I-84 in Meridian. Go North on Meridian Road, which becomes Main Street as you enter town.
2. Go North 1.8 miles into Meridian to Cherry Lane. Turn Left (West) on Cherry Lane.
3. Go 1 block to Meridian Road, turn right (North).
4. Go 1 mile North on Meridian Road to Ustick Road.
5. Turn Left (West) on Ustick Road, approximately .2 miles where you will find the entrance to the Leighton Family Baseball Complex on the north side of Ustick Road.

2009 Cal Ripken 70-Foot NW Regional

Meridian Idaho

July 22-25, 2009

AMERICAN DIVISION	NATIONAL DIVISION
A1 – Wyoming	N1 – W Montana
A2 – S Washington	N2 – S Oregon
A3 – N Washington	N3 – E Montana
A4 – Host – Meridian	N4 – Idaho

Thursday, July 23rd

Time	Field 1		Time	Field 2	
9:00 AM	W Montana	S Oregon	9:00 AM	E Montana	Idaho
12:00 PM	Wyoming	S Washington	12:00 PM	N Washington	Host – Meridian
3:00 PM	S Oregon	Idaho	3:00 PM	W Montana	E Montana
6:00 PM	S Washington	Host – Meridian	6:00 PM	N Washington	Wyoming

Friday, July 24th

Time	Field 1		Time	Field 2	
9:00 AM	Host – Meridian	Wyoming	9:00 AM	S Washington	N Washington
12:00 PM	W Montana	Idaho	12:00 PM	S Oregon	E Montana
<i>SEMI – FINALS</i>					
4:00 PM	A 2 nd Place	N 3 rd Place	4:00 PM	N 2 nd Place	A 3 rd Place

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SEMI - FINALS *Saturday, July 25th*

Time		Field 1	Time		Field 2
10:00 AM	A1	Winner from Field 2	10:00 AM	N1	Winner from Field 1

FINALS *Saturday, July 25th*

Time	Field 1
2:00 PM	

POOL PLAY RESULTS Top 3 teams from each Division Advance

AMERICAN DIVISION	WINS	LOSSES	RANK
A1– Wyoming			
A2 – S Washington			
A3 – N Washington			
A4 – Host - Meridian			

NATIONAL DIVISION	WINS	LOSSES	RANK
N1 – W Montana			
N2 – S Oregon			
N3 – E Montana			
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CAL RIPKEN 70-FOOT REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

POOL PLAY & TIE-BREAKER FORMAT

The Pacific Northwest Regional **70-Foot** Division Championship Tournament involves a combination of Pool Play qualification followed by a Single Elimination Championship competition.

The 10 entrants have been placed into two five team Pool Play (American & National) and compete with each team within their respective Division. Upon completion of the Pool Play schedule, the first and second place teams from each Division will advance to single elimination Championship competition. The first place teams from each Division will play the opposite Division's second place team. The winner of these two games will then play for the Regional Championship. The runner-up team will be designated as the Regional Finalist. The losers of these two games will both be designated as tournament Third Place teams.

The placing of teams into their respective Divisions was conducted, by random draw, at the Spring Regional meeting. The Regional Pool Play game schedule for five team Divisions will be used.

At the completion of the Pool Play competition it is quite common for two or more teams to have the same win – loss record. If teams are tied for either 1st or 2nd place in their respective Division, it will be necessary to “break” the tie. The following PNW Regional Pool Play & Tie Breaker Format will be used in order to determine the final Pool Play standings.

REGIONAL TIE-BREAKER FORMAT

Pool play standings will be determined as follows:

1) WIN – LOSS RECORD

The tie-breakers are used in order to advance or seed ONE team at a time. Each time a tie is broken to advance one team, leaving a tie between two or more teams, the situation reverts to criterion #2.

(Head-to-head results).

If still tied:

2) RESULTS OF HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPETITION

Example: Three teams are tied with identical records for the first place at the end of pool play. Teams A, B and C played against each other once in pool play. Team A won all of its games against Team B and Team C during pool play. Result – Team A advances,

which then creates a two-way tie between Team B and Team C. That tie then is broken by reverting to criterion #2.

If still tied:

3) FEWEST RUNS GIVEN UP

If the results of the head-to-head match up(s) of the teams that are involved in the tie cannot break the tie (because no team defeated each of the other teams in the tie each time they played, or because no team has defeated all of the other teams involved in the tie, or because the teams involved in the tie did not play one another during pool play, then the tie is broken using criterion #3. The remaining teams' tie is broken by reverting to criterion #2.

If still tied:

4) RUN DIFFERENTIAL WITH A MAXIMUM OF 10 PER GAME

In the event a tie is created by virtue of a forfeited game, and the tie cannot be broken by criterion #2, the order of Criteria #3 and #4 will be reversed and applied to the tie. Since the number of runs which might have been scored during the game may have affected the fewest runs allowed standing (and the awarding of the forfeit gives the "winning team" no additional runs given up), this order will better adjust for that event.

Note:

The ten run rule is in effect for all games played.

The score in any forfeited game will be 6- 0 for the non-forfeiting team.