

An aerial photograph of the Smith Fields Sports Complex in Whitefish, Montana. The image shows several baseball fields and surrounding infrastructure. A large, semi-transparent Ripken logo is overlaid on the center of the image. The logo features the name 'RIPKEN' in large, bold, blue letters, with 'CAL' in orange above it and 'BASEBALL' in green below it. Underneath 'BASEBALL' is the text 'A DIVISION OF BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC.' in smaller green letters. The background shows green grass, parking lots, and some buildings.

**2017 Pacific Northwest Cal Ripken
Major 70'
Regional Tournament**

**July 18-23, 2017
WHITEFISH, MONTANA
SMITH FIELDS SPORTS COMPLEX
1600 Hospital Way, Whitefish, MT 59937**



Dear Coaches, Players, and Parents,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Whitefish, Montana and congratulate you on reaching the Pacific Northwest Regional Championships! Your title as State Champion is a significant achievement and was hard earned. Whitefish Baseball Inc. wishes to commend you on accomplishing this milestone!

Our Tournament Board has been hard at work putting this tournament together and would like to assist you with your stay in any way possible. Please let us know how we can make your visit more enjoyable.

If the Tournament Packet does not cover a question that you may have, I am happy to assist you. Please feel free to contact me by telephone at (406) 250 - 4936. I can also be reached by email at sdmeehan19@gmail.com. You may also reach out to Vice President Jason Schwaiger at jdswags@gmail.com or (406) 403 - 3723.

On behalf of the Whitefish Baseball Executive and Tournament Board, congratulations on reaching the Pacific Northwest Regional Tournament and we look forward to seeing you here in Whitefish on July 18th!

Sincerely,

Scott

Scott Meehan
President
Whitefish Baseball, Inc.



On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Region of Babe Ruth Baseball, I would like to welcome you to this year's Regional Tournament.

I'd like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to two items of particular interest: Regional Tournament Rules and Regulations, and the concussions awareness training which the Region fully endorses and which will be in effect during all Regional Tournaments.

Pacific Northwest Regional Tournament Rules and Regulations – Included in the information package are two documents: 1) Tournament Participant Information, and 2) Pool Play and Tie-Breaker Format. I encourage you to review both of these documents carefully as they are the rules/regulations under which our Regional Tournaments are conducted. These rules/regulations may be different from those under which your State or Provincial Championships are conducted. While these rules/regulations will be addressed in detail at the mandatory Manager's meeting prior to the opening of the Tournament, it is important that players and parents understand them as well.

Concussion Awareness – Most sports fans are aware of numerous player injuries as a result of concussions in both professional and amateur sports. Players in professional hockey, baseball and football have suffered concussions which have resulted in them missing not only a few games but also the rest of their season, and in some cases even more time.

As a result of the increasing number of concussion incidents, the Pacific Northwest Region mandates concussion awareness training for players, their parents, and their coaches. It also mandates that any player suspected of sustaining a concussion be removed from competition and not be allowed back into competition until the player has received written clearance from a licensed health care provider trained in the management of brain injuries. Please be aware that this will be strictly enforced during all Tournaments.

Best of luck to all participants. Play great baseball and experience good sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

Jerry

Jerry Bodden
Regional Commissioner
Pacific Northwest Babe Ruth Baseball

2017 Pacific Northwest Cal Ripken Major 70' Tournament Information

We are looking forward to hosting your team, families and other supporters and hope to make this experience one you will all remember for years to come. The following materials provide the information you will need prior to arrival to help prepare yourself and your team for the tournament. Please provide copies of this packet to all members of your team and their parents.

The tournament will take place July 18-July 23, 2017 with team check-in slated to begin at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18th. Opening Ceremonies and dinner will follow. We are very excited to announce that popular baseball personality and speaker Domingo Ayala will be part of our Opening Ceremonies as well as a special show at 7pm following Opening Ceremonies.

Pool play games will be played Wednesday - Saturday, July 19-22nd. Semi-finals and Championship play will be on Sunday, July 23rd. The 12 and Under 70' Champion will advance to the World Series in Branson, Missouri.

Please take care of the following items immediately:

Team Photo For The Program

Email your team photo to Brigetta Schwaiger at Brigetta@grgfood.com no later than Thursday, July 13, 2017. Send one 5 x 7 or 8 x 10 team photograph in .jpeg format with player identification. If we don't receive this information by 5pm July 13th, your team may NOT have a picture in the tournament program. Please identify the team and state you represent in the subject line of the email. These items do not take the place of the information that will need to be included with your official tournament documents.

Tournament Entry

Rather than charging admission at the gate to this year's Regional Tournament, we have opted to offer a family tournament pass to each team. The cost per team is \$500 and includes admission for players, coaches and their families to all tournament games and opening ceremonies plus a program to each player and admission to the Domingo Ayala show at 7pm on July 18th for all coaches and players. Please Mail Checks to: PO Box 4563, Whitefish MT 59937.

Tournament T-shirts and sweatshirts will be available to purchase at the ballpark on a daily basis. Tournament Programs will also be available for purchase at the concession stand.

Lodging:

We have blocked off rooms under **Pacific Northwest Regionals.**

Travelodge Kalispell, 406-755-6123, 15 rooms (block expires July 9)

Super 8 Kalispell, 406-755-1888, 15 rooms (block expires July 11)

Red Lion Inn Kalispell, 406-751-5050, 50 rooms (block expires July 10)

Fairbridge Inn and Suites Kalispell, 406-755-6100, 20 rooms (block expires July 10)

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MAJOR 70'
REGIONAL TOURNAMENT**

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Tournemachine.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Team Check-In at Glacier Twins Memorial Field

12:00 pm

All team members, including Manager, Coaches and Players must be present.
Tournament books will be turned in to the Tournament Commissioner at this time.

Meet at the tables just past the concession stand.

12pm Whitefish

12:30pm West Montana

1pm Invite

1:30pm East Montana

2pm North Washington

2:30pm Idaho

3pm Wyoming

3:30 South Washington

4pm North Oregon

4:30pm South Oregon

Opening Ceremonies – Glacier Twins Memorial Field

5:00 pm

Welcome, Introductions and Photos
(All teams are required to be in full uniform)

Presentation of Colors; Canadian and U.S. National Anthems

5:30 pm

Team Dinner and Social for all players, coaches and parents
(Dinner is free for all **coaches and players in full uniform**, nominal charge for all others)

6:00 pm

Mandatory Meeting for all managers and coaches & head umpire.

Grandstands at Glacier Twins Memorial Field. *See details for meeting below.

The Domingo Ayala Show – Glacier Twins Memorial Field

7:00 pm

SPECIAL SHOW by DOMINGO AYALA

Free to all coaches and players

\$20 Admission Per Person

***Manager & Coaches Meeting**

Each team must have a representative (Manager or Coach) present at this meeting, which will address interpretation and discussion of rules with tournament officials and the umpire-in-chief. Tournament officials will also use this time to check in your Official Document Book in order to ensure that all of the required information is included.

The Required Documents according to Rule 11.04 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
- Team Picture (5x7 or 8x10)
- Consent for Treatment form for each player
- Coaching Certification I.D. Card or Certificate

Note that the official Cal Ripken shoulder or cap emblem must be worn either on the left shoulder sleeve or on the official Cal Ripken cap of each player, manager and coach. (For sleeveless jerseys, the emblem must be worn on the front left chest.)

Wednesday, July 19th – Games begin at 9:00 am

Game times subject to change

PNW REGIONAL TOURNEY

American Division	National Division
A1 - South Washington A2 - North Oregon A3 - East Montana A4 - North Washington A5 - Whitefish	N1 - South Oregon N2 - Invite N3 - Wyoming N4 - Idaho N5 - West Montana

POOL PLAY SCHEDULE

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9:00	A1 vs A2	N1 vs N5	N1 vs N4	A1 vs A3
11:30	A3 vs A4	A4 vs A5	A1 vs A4	N2 vs N4
2:00	N1 vs N2	N2 vs N3	N3 vs N5	A2 vs A5
4:30	N3 vs N4	A2 vs A3	A3 vs A5	N1 vs N3
7:00	A1 vs A5	N4 vs N5	A2 vs A4	N2 vs N5
	N5 - Bye	A1 - Bye	N2 - Bye	A4 - Bye

CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY

9:00 American #1 vs National #2

11:30 National #1 vs American #2

3:00 CHAMPIONSHIP

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Officials of the Babe Ruth League program and the Host League have made extensive efforts to ensure your stay at our Regional Tournament will be pleasant and rewarding. We expect all participants to fully cooperate with the following Tournament Rules and Regulations.

All Team Members must be present for check-in at the time designated by the Tournament Host. Where the Sponsoring Host has arranged an Opening Ceremony as part of the Tournament schedule, all Team Members are required to attend in full uniform. Where the Sponsoring Host has arranged a banquet or picnic as part of the Tournament schedule, all Team Members are required to attend. All players, managers and coaches must attend all games scheduled for their team.

Only the Regional Commissioner or the Tournament Commissioner may grant an exemption to the above where extenuating circumstances are found to exist. Such extenuating circumstances may consist of verified illness or injury, unavoidable travel problems, or other circumstances completely beyond the control of the absent Team Member(s). Any decision regarding an exemption will be the responsibility of the Regional Commissioner or the Tournament Commissioner and such decision shall be final and not subject to appeal. Dual participation by a player, manager or coach in another sporting event does not qualify as an extenuating circumstance and will not be sufficient grounds for granting said exemption. **The penalty for violation of the above requirements may be disqualification of the absent player, manager or coach for the remainder of the Tournament, but shall not affect the eligibility of such player, manager or coach, if otherwise eligible, for subsequent levels of play should their team qualify.**

A mandatory Managers meeting will be held prior to the beginning of Tournament play. **All teams must be represented at this meeting.** With pre-approval of the Tournament Commissioner, should an extenuating circumstance beyond the control of the Manager prevent his attendance, a team coach may act as a representative.

Each player on a team shall wear a different number on his/her uniform. The official Cal Ripken or Babe Ruth shoulder or cap emblem must be worn either on the left shoulder sleeve or on the official Cal Ripken or Babe Ruth cap. (For sleeveless jerseys, the emblem must be worn on the front left chest.) **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.)

Game officials shall deal with **ON-FIELD** conduct. Any player, manager, or coach disqualified from a game shall automatically be suspended from further Tournament participation, pending a review of their actions by the Tournament Commissioner. All such suspensions become effective immediately at the time of disqualification.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS

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 also result in the disqualification of your team as well. All players shall conduct themselves in a reasonable and acceptable manner in accordance with team discipline rules as set by their manager or official in charge of the team. Unacceptable behavior shall include: unsportsmanlike conduct, willful damage to property, committing any act considered an offense under law, and not abiding to Tournament rules as set out by the Host Committee.

As State/Provincial Champions, you are expected to dress appropriately. You may dress informally and comfortably, however, neatness and cleanliness of appearance at all times is required.

Use of ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SMOKING or CHEWING of TOBACCO, by any Team Member, Tournament Official, or Umpire is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. This rule applies during Tournament play at any of the locations being used for any Tournament activity, or at any social function associated with the Tournament. Any VIOLATION of this rule shall be cause for immediate disqualification of the offender(s) from a game(s) or from further Tournament competition. The Tournament Commissioner will review all disqualifications and after considering all relevant facts surrounding such action, he/she may increase such sanction(s) as deemed necessary or appropriate.

No Team Member, Tournament Official, or Umpire shall possess or use any PROHIBITED DRUG OR SUBSTANCE at any time during the Tournament. Any such possession or use of same shall be cause for immediate disqualification of the offender(s) from the Tournament.

Damage to any personal or physical property by any participating Tournament Member shall be cause for immediate disqualification from the Tournament. Any financial costs incurred will be the direct responsibility of the Team Member(s).

For purpose of the rules and regulations of this Tournament, the following definitions apply: (1) "Team Member" is defined to include any rostered player, manager, coach, or bat boy/bat girl; (2) "Prohibited Drug" includes any drug not specifically prescribed for that person or any drug that cannot be obtained over the counter, or any drug (or other substance) that is utilized in an excessive, detrimental or abusive manner or dosage.

EJECTION – SUSPENSION – DISQUALIFICATION

In all cases involving a suspension or disqualification, the Tournament Commissioner will review the circumstances involved and, after taking into consideration all relevant facts, may increase such disciplinary action as is deemed necessary or appropriate. The decision of the Commissioner will be final and there will be no appeal from such decision. If further disciplinary action is deemed necessary, the manager of the team so disciplined will be provided with written confirmation of the penalty and the reasons thereof. The Commissioner will retain a copy of the disqualification report and any supplementary correspondence and it will be forwarded to the Pacific Northwest Regional Commissioner for further review and possible additional penalties. The penalty provisions are quite clear. It is strictly a matter of the enforcement of what we accept as the proper code of conduct keeping in mind the spirit and purpose of what we are involved in and what our objectives are.

Notwithstanding any provision contained in any tournament rule, regulation, provision, agreement or memorandum to the contrary, the Tournament Commissioner shall maintain and have final authority for all aspects of this tournament and may impose the removal, suspension or disqualification of any team member or team from the tournament, and/or take whatever other actions or issue such directives as deemed necessary or appropriate for the administration of the tournament.

Disregard by any Team Member of the foregoing rules and regulations or any subsequent rule, regulation or guideline hereafter enacted, shall be sufficient grounds for that Team Member to be withdrawn from the tournament. Any player so withdrawn shall be placed under the supervision and control of his/her Team Manager.



POOL PLAY & TIE-BREAKER FORMAT

Pacific Northwest Regional Tournament competitions will begin with a pool play format. Each of two divisions (American and National) will play a pool play schedule as determined by the Commissioner under whose jurisdiction the tournament falls. Teams will be seeded at the beginning of a single-elimination competition according to the position they finished in pool play.

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 all 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 or #3, 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 Cal Ripken game will be 6-0 for the non-forfeiting team.

Coin flip will determine home vs. away. Home team will take the 3rd base dugout. Coin flip for all pool play games will be done during the managers meeting.

CONCUSSION INFORMATION SHEET

A concussion is a brain injury, and all brain injuries are serious. They are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Even though most concussions are mild, all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications, including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly. In other words, even a “ding” or a bump on the head can be serious. You can’t see a concussion, and most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your child reports any symptoms of concussions, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention immediately.

Symptoms may include one or more of the following:

- Headaches
- “Pressure” in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Neck pain
- Dizziness or balance problems
- Blurred, double, or fuzzy vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Feeling sluggish or slowed down
- Feeling foggy or groggy
- Drowsiness
- Change in sleep patterns
- Amnesia
- “Don’t feel right”
- Fatigue or low energy
- Sadness
- Nervousness or anxiety
- Irritability
- More emotional
- Confusion
- Concentration or memory problems
- Forgetting game plays
- Repeating the same question/comment

Signs observed by teammates, parents, and coaches include:

- Appears dazed
- Vacant facial expression
- Confused about assignment
- Forgets plays
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily or displays incoordination
- Answers questions slowly
- Slurred speech
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can’t recall events prior to hit
- Can’t recall events after hit
- Seizures or convulsions
- Any change in typical behavior or personality
- Loses consciousness

What Can Happen If My Child Keeps Playing With a Concussion or Returns Too Soon?

Athletes with the signs and symptoms of a concussion should be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant damage from a concussion for a period of time after the concussion occurs, particularly if the athlete suffers another concussion before completely recovering from the first one. This can lead to prolonged recovery or even severe brain swelling (second impact syndrome) with devastating and even fatal consequences. It is well known that an adolescent or teenage athlete will often under-report symptoms of injuries, and concussions are no different. As a result, education of administrators, coaches, parents, and students is the key for a student-athlete's safety.

If you think your child has suffered a concussion:

Any athlete even suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from the game or practice immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without medical clearance. Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours.

A youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time.

AND

...may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussion and received written clearance to return to play from that healthcare provider.

You should also inform your child's coach if you think that your child may have a concussion. Remember, it is better to miss one game than miss the whole season. When in doubt, the athlete sits out.

For current and up-to-date information on concussions, visit: www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Restaurants:

Mackenzie River Pizza, Grill & Pub – North Kalispell & Whitefish
Craggy Range Bar & Grill – Downtown Whitefish
Ciao Mambo – Whitefish
Jersey Boys Pizza - Whitefish
2nd Street Pizza – Whitefish & Kalispell
Famous Dave's - Kalispell
Truby's –Downtown Whitefish
Mama Blanca's – Downtown Whitefish

Entertainment:

Whitefish Mountain Resort – Alpine Slides, Walk In The Trees, Zipline Tours
Big Sky Water Park – Columbia Falls
Glacier National Park – Day Hikes & Red Bus Tours
Whitefish Trail – Mountain Biking and Hiking

Practice Fields: Will be assigned

No outside coolers will be allowed in the park except those with water for team dugouts.

No artificial noisemakers will be allowed in the park.

Because we are adjacent to a residential neighborhood, and in an effort to maintain a good relationship with our neighbors, no artificial noisemakers will be allowed inside the park. This includes, without limitation, air horns, vuvuzelas, cow bells or other similar devices.

Miscellaneous note to Managers:

There will be no Courtesy Runners. Also, a coin flip will decide the home and visitor for ALL games in the tournament. **Home team will take the 3rd base dugout. Coin flip for all pool play games will be done during the managers meeting.**

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

Scores from each game will be posted on the website tourneymachine.com as soon as possible after each game is finished.

Smith Fields Sports Complex: 1600 Hospital Way, Whitefish, Montana

Glacier Twins Memorial Field for Events on Tuesday, July 18th : 1135 2nd St., Whitefish, MT 59937