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2021 9U MIDWEST PLAINS REGIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION



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Babe Ruth Baseball Sportsmanship Code

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.





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Invitation Note

Waite Park Babe Ruth Baseball is excited to be your host for the 2021 9U Regional Baseball Tournament. First and foremost congratulations on your team success on this journey. It's not easy to make the regional tournament, and when you have made it this far, it should be a special experience for your team and families. Waite Park is hoping we can provide that special experience that becomes a memory of a lifetime for your players.

Please remember to bring your state flag and turn it in at team check in.

TEAM PICTURE\$: Please send team pictures and names to Nathan Brown (nathanbrown_15@hotmail.com) as soon as possible.

Here is an overview of what's planned for this week:

Friday, July 16th - team check-in, opportunity for team practices and/or batting session at batting cages, Coaches/Officials Meeting, Opening Ceremony, St Cloud Rox baseball game (GA tickets free for players and coaches) – all family members welcome and teams will be honored on field prior to game.

Saturday, July 17th – team pictures, pool play begins, team picnic and all-star events (under the lights)

Sunday, July 18th – pool play wraps up, bracket play begins

Monday, July 19th – bracket play continues

Tuesday, July 20th – bracket play wraps up

Nathan Brown and Emmett Keenan will be the local Waite Park Tournament Co-Directors. Nathan and/or Emmett will be your points of contact if you have questions during your time at the park and Nathan will be your primary contact if you have any questions in advance of tournament.

Enjoy your stay, have fun, and good luck!

Nathan Brown

President, Waite Park Babe Ruth

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Waite Park Overview

Waite Park, Minnesota

Where Minnesota Connects

The City of Waite Park incorporated as a village on March 20, 1893. Waite Park was named after Henry Chester Waite of St. Cloud, who was a local landowner, attorney, statesman, and entrepreneur.

Waite Park is located on the western edge of the regional trade center, St. Cloud, approximately 70 miles northwest of the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Waite Park has many family amenities; splash pads, city parks, walking/biking trails, and many restaurants. It also offers some very unique to central Minnesota attractions such as the quarries parks and swim areas. Retired granite mining sites now revitalized with sand beaches, piers, and cliffs of many different heights to allow enthusiasts to enjoy at their leisure.

America's largest shopping mall is located approximately 70 miles from Waite Park. Located on the southern edge of Minneapolis the Mall of America is visited by thousands of tourists daily, and has a shop for everyone.

Waite Park Baseball Complex:

The Waite Park Baseball Complex is a hidden gem located just off the bending Sauk River in central Minnesota. Noted as one of the finest youth complexes in the state, it offers a full service concession stand, electronic score boards, and netting overhead so spectators do not need to worry about foul balls. Also located around park is a disc gulf course, splash pad for warm days, pickle ball courts, and walking trails.

Please respect all park rules by not using alcohol or tobacco on the park premises. Also please do not bring coolers into the park. Help support the youth organization to manage the park complex by supporting the concession stand on site.

Waite Park Baseball Complex

River's Edge Park
1060 Great Oak Drive
Waite Park, MN 56387

[Rivers Edge Park Google Maps](#)



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Team Check-in: Friday, July 16th

River's Edge Park – *If bad weather, we will move check-ins to an inside location.*

Team Check-in Schedule @ River's Edge Park					
Date	Team		Location	Time	Start Time
16-Jul	Waite Park, MN		River's Edge	60 Min	10:00 AM
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16-Jul	Determined		River's Edge	60 Min	11:00 AM
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16-Jul	know who		River's Edge	60 Min	11:00 AM
16-Jul	is coming.		River's Edge	60 Min	12:00 PM
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Team Practice: Friday, July 16th

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***** Depending on 10 or 12 teams participating, we will have 2 or 3 teams check in at a time, with those teams having a 1 hour practice slot at the complex immediately following their check in.*****



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Umpire/Coaches/Officials Meeting: Friday, July 16th at 3:00pm

On Friday afternoon from 3:00-4:00pm, there will be a meeting for all coaches, State Commissioner, Regional Representatives, site director, and head umpire. Topics to cover will be park rules, tournament rules and an opportunity to ask any questions prior to games starting. Meeting is tentatively scheduled for the River's Edge complex and will be moved indoors if necessary due to weather. Beverages and snacks will be provided for attendees.

Opening Ceremonies: Friday, July 16th at 4:30pm

For the opening ceremonies event, we will ask that all teams line up on Miller Carlin field; as teams enter the field, we would like each team have their first player in line walk out with their state flag on display. Event organizers will assist teams with lining up on the field prior to the presentation of the Color Guard and National Anthem. Please have players and coaches wear uniforms.

St. Cloud Rox Night: Friday, July 16th at 6:30pm

Waite Park Baseball in partnership with the St. Cloud Rox would like to welcome all players, coaches, and families to enjoy an evening watching a Northwoods League Baseball game. The Northwoods league is one of the premier wood bat college leagues in the country and routinely are developing future major league players - <https://northwoodsleague.com/st-cloud-rox/>

- The St. Cloud Rox are hosting the Bismarck Larks on Friday, July 16th.
- Game start is 7:05PM.
- Coaches and players will receive free tickets at check-in
- Additional family members can purchase tickets online prior to the game
- All players should wear a jersey to the game
- Teams will be announced and welcomed on the field pre-game during the National Anthem – **ARRIVE BY 6:30PM**
- Ceremonial First Pitch
- Post-game Fireworks
- Location of the game:
Faber Field
5001 Veterans Dr
St. Cloud, MN 56303
<https://goo.gl/map/FaberField>

Final information regarding timing of teams being called out on field will be provided at check-in on 16th



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Tournament Pool Play Games Begin: Saturday, July 17th at 10:00am

All games will be played at the Waite Park complex (1060 Great Oak Dr, Waite Park, MN 56387). Games will be played on two fields: Pepsi Field and Anderson Trucking Field.

Team Pictures: Saturday, July 17th

All teams will meet with the on-site photographer for a team picture prior to their first game. Team pictures will be taken on Miller Carlin Field. Please have your players in uniforms bring a bat or glove for this team picture. Schedule will be communicated once teams and schedules are finalized.

Team Picnic: Saturday, July 17th starting at 6:15pm

Waite Park welcomes all players, coaches, and family members to a picnic at the ball park on Saturday evening. Starting at 6:15pm Waite Park will have food and drink available for all players and coaches, and the option for additional family members to purchase a meal. The team picnic will last until 7:15pm. The cost for family members to purchase a meal is \$7.00.

Skill Challenge: Saturday, July 17th starting at 7:30pm

Immediately following the picnic, Waite Park welcomes all families to enjoy some entertaining events on Miller Carlin field where we will have all players and coaches participating in one of four skills challenge events. We ask that all players from each team are included in one of the four events.

- Around the Horn (5 players) (catcher starts with ball, throws to 3rd, throws to 2nd, throws to short stop, throws to 1st, throws to home) Fastest time from two attempts
 - Players must not touch grass while throwing – must throw from dirt
- Bunt & Run (1 coach, 2 players) (coach pitches ball, player bunts and runs around bases back to home) Fastest combined time from both players
 - 1 second penalty if bunt is foul
 - 1 second penalty if player misses base while running
- Homerun Derby (1 coach, 2 players) (coach pitches ball and player gets 6 swings) Total combined homeruns from both players
 - Hit from second base
- Accuracy Throw (3 players) (player throws ball from 2nd Base to target at home plate) 5 points for hitting bullseye, 2 points for hitting target; Highest total combined score from all three players

Coaches will receive a form to enter player names for events at team check-in. Turn form in to Nathan Brown or Emmett Keenan at coaches meeting on Friday or prior to your 1st game on Saturday.



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Game Schedule

The final schedule will be determined and shared once we have confirmation of whether we will have 10 teams or 12 teams in attendance. Generally, we are planning to start games at 10:00am daily and play games on 2 fields (Pepsi and Anderson Trucking) at slightly staggered times. If weather becomes an issue, we do have 2 additional game ready fields as well as lights on all 4 fields that allow us to play later if necessary.

Pool Play Schedule

Pool play games and format will be finalized once we know how many teams, but pool play games will begin on Saturday, July 17th.

****All Games on Pepsi Field will be streamed live****

Bracket Play Schedule

Bracket play games and format will be finalized once we know how many teams, but could start as soon as Sunday, July 18th.

****All Games on Pepsi Field will be streamed live****



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Hotel Information

Waite Park Babe Ruth has reserved blocks of rooms at three local hotels for teams coming into town for the 9U Regional. All three are approximately a 5 minute drive from the baseball complex and all three hotels have dining options within walking distance. All three hotels have been built in the past 5 years. The Hilton Garden Inn and the Residence Inn are in a shared facility along with Maverick's restaurant and the Park Conference Center, while the Hampton Inn is a stand-alone property. The Hampton Inn and Residence Inn each have block of rooms for 3 teams and the Hilton Garden Inn has a block set up for up to 5 teams.

All blocks are set-up under – Cal Ripken 9U Regional

Call the hotel of choice directly to book rooms.

[Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton](#)

145 37th Ave. N.

St. Cloud MN 56303

Phone: 320-252-4448

- Variety of rooms ranging from \$139-\$149

[Hilton Garden Inn St. Cloud](#)

550 Division St

Waite Park, MN 56387

Phone: 320-640-7990

- Variety of rooms ranging from \$134-\$149

[RESIDENCE INN ST. CLOUD](#)

450 Division Street

Waite Park, Minnesota, 56387, USA

Phone: 320-640-0200

- Variety of Rooms ranging from \$129-\$164



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Tournament Admission

We are not charging admission at the gate. We are asking each participating team to pay a Gate Fee of \$450 made payable to "Waite Park Babe Ruth", which will grant access to all family and fans for all games and activities at River's Edge Park for the duration of the tournament.

T-Shirt Sales

Tournament t-shirts will be available online prior to arriving at the tournament. We would encourage families to order t-shirts in advance to ensure availability for pick-up on 1st day of tournament. There will be limited availability of t-shirts for purchase on site during the tournament. T-Shirts will be performance wear fabric, with participating teams listed on the back. Cost of shirts will be \$25.

Link will be sent out to participating coaches as soon as teams are determined.

Games Streaming

All games played on Pepsi Field will be streamed live and will be available for replay after games are completed. The following link can be used for streaming games. This link can also be found on the Waite Park Babe Ruth website home page:

Streaming link:

www.bitstreamproductions.live

Waite Park Babe Ruth Website:

www.waiteparkbaberuth.com

Waite Park Babe Ruth is excited to host you and your families. We hope you enjoy your stay, and good luck to all teams participating in this tournament!