

~Thank you all to those who showed up to support ND Baseball & the crucial decision making our leaders delicately impose to improve the program~

Jerod Seaver and TJ Stewart



## Elections:

- *District 1* ~ Larry Grondahl
- *District 2* ~ Andrew Feist (Newly Elected)
- *District 3* ~ Terry Wallace
- *District 4* ~ Ryan Ingeman (Elected and Umpire in Chief)
- *District 5* ~ Dan Frei
- *District 6* ~ Dan Haugen
- *District 7* ~ Jeff Gould

## Assistant Class B Commissioner

Jeremy Ludlum & Lance Selzler

## Assistant Class A Babe Ruth Commissioner

Larry Grondahl

## Assistant Class B Cal Ripken Commissioner

Shane Weinmann

## East & Cal Ripken State Commissioner

Jerod Seaver

## West & Babe Ruth State Commissioner

TJ Stewart

## Class "B"

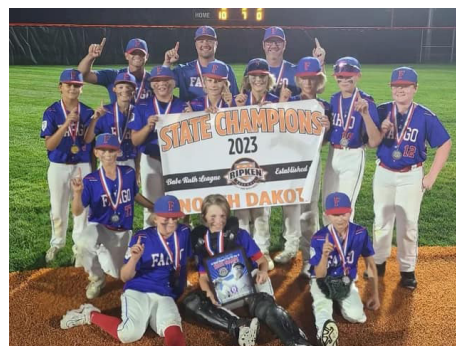
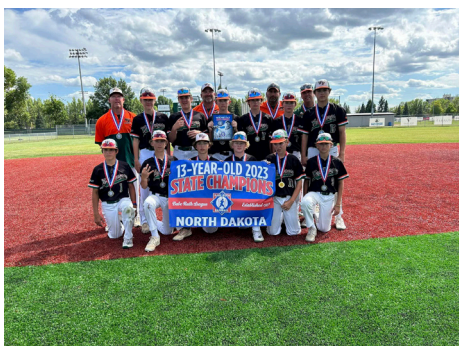
- Continue the same gameplay as years prior. 15 YO is the oldest age a player can play!
- To keep State Tournaments as competitive as possible, some districted teams may be re-aligned
- Roster Max 15 Players, Dress No Limit, Non-Rostered Players Cannot Play!

## Division Declarations:

- Teams may petition for classification, Deadlines: BR/CR=April 15th
- District/State Commissioners will make the final decision.

## Declaration for AAA must be communicated by:

- February 15th, 2024(Ages 11 & 12)



## North Dakota Tournament Layout and Sites:

### **Class B 13-15's ~Host Carrington {July 26-30th}**

- Game play will be {13-15YO} ~ NO EXCEPTIONS!
- 8 Team Double Elimination
- Encourage teams to start grouping in the "U" divisions allowing more athletes to play. {14U= 14 & 13 YO's}
- State Tournament dates last weekend of July
- District Representation

### Class "A" State Tournament Layout

#### **9s ~ Fargo {Aug2-5}**

- Pool Play Single Elim
- Seeding is Draw from a Hat (East and West)

#### **10s ~ Fargo {Aug2-5}**

- AAA & AA Classifications
  - AAA Double Elim, AA-Pool Play, single Elim
- Teams must declare by April 15th.
- Conference Travel Play NOT Required
- Coaches and Gameplay to seed Conferences

#### **11s ~ Devils Lake {July 25-28}**

- 8 or 10 Team Double Elim {AAA}
- Teams must declare by Feb. 15th
- Pool Play to Single Elim {AA}
- AAA & AA {AAA must complete conference schedule}
- Former Class B teams potentially move up to AA Division.

#### **12s ~ Mandan {Aug 2-5}**

- 8 or 10 Team Double Elim {AAA}
- Teams must declare by Feb. 15th
- Pool Play to Single Elim {AA}
- AAA & AA {AAA must complete conference schedule}
- Former Class B teams potentially move up to AA Division.

#### **13s ~ Minot {Aug 2-5}**

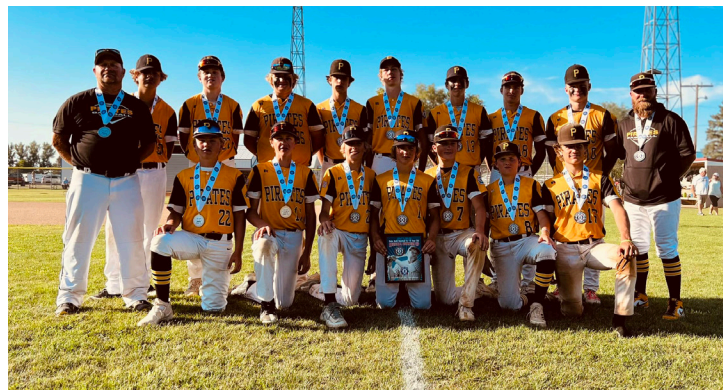
- Double Elim
- Must complete conference schedule

#### **14s ~ Bismarck {Aug 2-5}**

- Double Elim
- Must complete conference schedule

#### **15/16s ~ Dickinson {Aug 2-5}**

- Double Elim
- Must complete conference schedule
- Combine with 16 YO
- State Commissioners Pick an All-State team [all divisions] to compete in World Series {Branson, MO Aug 8-18th}



\*The Commissioners would like to entertain the idea of selecting a North Dakota All State team to represent ND in the 13-16YO. Players will be selected based upon criteria set forth: Age, Position, Willingness to travel, skill of each position. Players will be selected from AAA, AA & B divisions. {We will select 15 athletes in the Tryout process, to be determined later.

The State will help each player with costs from our "Iron Man" Fund, parents of players will incur the other expenses. It would be an honor for North Dakota to compete in the World Series and for our athletes to represent our State for a shot at the title of World Series Champions.

These athletes selected must be willing to travel for a few practices and then onto Branson, MO for 7-11 days and incur the expenses. North Dakota will provide a stipend of unknown dollar amount to each individual family and coach.

This is a pilot program and experimenting with the idea. If any athletes or coaches are interested, please contact any District or State Commissioner.\*



## MIDWEST PLAINS REPORT:

Regional Tournament host locations

Congratulations, we know you will do an excellent job!

11 YO Host ~ Grand Forks

13 YO Host ~ Williston

**\*\*All Regional Tournaments are optional. Teams may contact the host and potentially reserve a spot in the Regional Tournaments.\*\***

**!! Teams must play in the North Dakota State Tournament to avoid future Disqualification !!**





## 2023 Awards

***“King of the Diamond”*** - The team that is best represented at all State Tournament as participants and Power Rankings.

Congratulations to the Winners!

### ***“Rookie of the Year” ~ Valley City***

- ~ First year to join Cal Ripken league.
- ~ 11YO AA State Tournament Champions



### ***Class “A” Kings ~ West Fargo***

- ~5 First Place finishes
- ~10 teams over 6 Age Divisions



### ***Class “B” Kings ~ Velva***

- ~2 2nd Place finishes @ State
- ~3 teams over 3 Age Divisions
- District 1 BR Rep to Compete at State



## **Iron Man Award**

~ An award for a High Valued Community Baseball Leader in ND. Someone who is committed to excellence in their program and ND Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken ~

Representing: Commitment, Integrity, and Longevity to the program!

This year's Fall Award Winner with over 30 years of volunteering for North Dakota Baseball.

### **Terry Wallace ~ {Devils Lake}**

Please, if you see him, congratulate him for all the hard work and effort he has brought to Baseball in North Dakota.

