



Freetown Lakeville Athletic Association

9U CAL RIPKEN NEW ENGLAND REGIONALS

Dear Cal Ripken District Champions and Families,

On behalf of the Freetown Lakeville Athletic Association, it is my honor to welcome you to the 2017 9U Cal Ripken 60' New England Regionals. We are very excited to have you as our guest for a great week of baseball. Earning a spot in this tournament is a testament to your dedication to the game of base and you love for the game.

I think you will find our facilities very accommodating and our complex fan friendly. It's very important to us that you enjoy your time here in Freetown. Please don't hesitate to ask a volunteer for help. We are here to make this memorable experience for both the players and their families. The boys will take of the excitement on the field, allow us to take care of the rest.

In closing, I would like to thank Cal Ripken Baseball for bestowing upon us the honor of hosting this 9U New England Regional Tournament. In particular, special thanks goes out to Mike Janicki, Eastern MA State Commissioner, for his guidance, support and dedication.

Good luck to all of the teams!

Best Regards,

Nathan Gagnier
FLAA Director of Baseball Operations

Welcome

Welcome coaches and congratulations to all teams advancing to 2017 9U Cal Ripken 60' New England Regionals. We welcome you to Freetown. Our board members hope to make you feel comfortable and welcomed during your stay with us. We hope you find our hospitality inviting to you and your families. I want to personally welcome you and to let you know that I will be available throughout the tournament to help with your needs. We have a wonderful tournament plan to help accommodate all of your team needs while here at the State Championship.

Nathan Gagnier
FLAA Director of Baseball Operations

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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE TEAM

TOURNAMENT WEB PAGE

For updates throughout the tournament, please visit <http://www.freelakeathletics.com>

TOURNAMENT MERCHANDISE

We have arranged for Fine Designs to be on-site on Saturday, July 29th for players, families and guests to purchase a wide-variety of apparel, imprinted with tournament logo. Fine Designs uses only the top-of-the line equipment to custom print apparel on-site. **Since they will only be available for one day, please plan accordingly.**

Host Hotels

Comfort Inn & Suites
360 Airport Rd, Fall River, MA 02720
(508) 672-0011

<https://g.co/kgs/2uPlrw>

Hampton Inn Westport
53 Old Bedford Rd. Westport
<https://g.co/kgs/llc45h>

Hampton Inn Raynham
600 New State Highway Raynham
<https://g.co/kgs/BDsTqu>

Courtyard by Marriott
37 Paramount Dr. Raynham
<https://g.co/kgs/WBY0oF>

We strongly encourage any teams that need accommodations to make reservation as soon as they receive this guide.

Welcome Guide

A listing of local restaurants, shopping and entertainment options is included on our website.

MANAGERS MEETING/TOURNAMENT CREDENTIALS BINDER

There will be a mandatory Managers meeting with the Tournament Director. Tournament credential binders **MUST** be provided at this meeting. These Binders must contain the following documents pursuant to section 11.04 of the Cal Ripken Rule Book

1. Babe Ruth League issued Player Cards or Birth Cert
2. Certificate of Coverage of League's Group Accident Insurance Policy
3. Certificate of Coverage of League's Commercial General Liability Insurance
4. Official Team Roster certified and signed by League President
5. Letter of Tournament Eligibility Form, (Regional Only)
6. Consent for Treatment Forms
7. Color Team photo with the Identification on separate sheet.
8. Coaching Certification I.D. card or certificate for all rostered coaches.

Credential binders will be then held by the Tournament Director and returned after your team is eliminated from competition or wins the Tournament

We ask that each team bring their state flag (3'x5') and present it at check-in so that we can recognize each state represented in our Tournament

PLAYERS OF THE GAME

One player, as agreed upon by the team managers, on both the winning and losing team of each game will receive a Player of the Game Award Pin.

PITCHING RECORDS/SUBSTITUTIONS

Tournament substitution and pitching rules shall apply. Please announce all substitutions and player re-entries to the Official Scorer ahead of time located behind home plate. All pitching changes must be given to the Official Scorer and Umpire as well as soon as changes are made. The Official Scorer's pitching log will govern for Tournament eligibility. We highly recommend all teams verify their pitching log with the Official Scorer upon the conclusion of each game with a Tournament Official or the Official Scorer, and ask Managers to sign the Official Scorebook.

TOURNAMENT UNIFORMS

Babe Ruth League / Cal Ripken Tournament rules require ALL Players and Coaches to be in uniforms with no duplicate jersey numbers. Uniforms must also have Cal Ripken Patches affixed to them. Coaches must be in baseball pants matching their uniforms and have numbered jersey and matching hat.

BATS

Only bats approved for play in Babe Ruth League Cal Ripken Division with a maximum barrel diameter of 2 ¼" and length of no more than 33 inches are allowed.

**2017 9U New England Regional Tournament
Opening Day Schedule
Freetown Little Fenway Complex
Friday July 28th, 2017**

By 3pm Teams Report

3:30pm Orientation/Coaches Meeting

**3:45pm Player / Coaches Welcome Dinner (Across the St. at Freetown
Elementary School Cafeteria)
Full Concession Stand Open for the parents**

5pm-5:30pm Opening Ceremony

- 1. Parade & Team Introductions**
- 2. Color Guard**
- 3. National Anthem**
- 4. Guest Speaker**
- 5. First Pitch**

5:45pm-7:15pm Skills Competition

Teams dismissed after skills

Tournament Game Schedule — Pool A plays a double header on Saturday. Pool B plays a double header on Sunday.

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Day	DATE	START	END	GAME#	Home	Away	Field	Team	Pool A	Team	Pool B
SAT	29-Jul	8:15	9:45	1	1	3	Fenway	1	RI(Cranston)	2	EM(REP Fairhaven/Acushnet)
SAT	29-Jul	10:30	12:00	2	5	7	Fenway	3	NH(Dover)	4	ME (Andy Valley South)
SAT	29-Jul	12:45	2:15	3	2	4	Fenway	5	CT (Norwalk)	6	EM (Quincy)
SAT	29-Jul	3:00	4:30	4	6	8	Fenway	7	FREELAKE	8	WM(Uxbridge)
SAT	29-Jul	5:15	6:45	5	3	5	Fenway				
SAT	29-Jul	7:30	9:00	6	7	1	Fenway		POOL A PLAYS DOUBLE HEADER SATURDAY		
									POOL B PLAYS DOUBLE HEADER SUNDAY		
SUN	30-Jul	8:15	9:45	7	4	6	Fenway				
SUN	30-Jul	10:30	12:00	8	8	2	Fenway				
SUN	30-Jul	12:45	2:15	9	1	5	Fenway				
SUN	30-Jul	3:00	4:30	10	3	7	Fenway				
SUN	30-Jul	5:15	6:45	11	2	6	Fenway				
SUN	30-Jul	7:30	9:00	12	4	8	Fenway				
Mon	31-Jul	5:45	7:15	13	1 Seed 4	8 Seed 5	Fenway				
		8:00	9:30	14	Seed	Seed	Fenway				
Tues	1-Aug	5:45	7:15	15	2 Seed 3	7 Seed 6	Fenway				
		8:00	9:30	16	Seed	Seed	Fenway				
Wed	2-Aug	5:45	7:15	17	W13	W14	Fenway				
		8:00	9:30	18	W15	W16	Fenway				
Thur	3-Aug	7:00	8:30	19	W17	W18	Fenway				

90 min prior to start time, Each team has one cage behind Green Monster
 90 min prior to start time, Home Team have softball field to warm up.
 90 min prior to start time, Visitor has Bullock field for warmups
 30 min prior to start time, Home team has the their game field for 10 min
 20 min prior to start time, Visitor team has the their game field for 10 min
 10 min prior to start time, player/coaches introductions, National Anthem, Sportsmanship Code.

HEADGEAR

ALL PERSONEL warming up a pitcher **MUST** wear proper headgear! This includes on and off the field, and includes everyone, Players, Managers, Coaches, and Parents. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

BASEBALLS

Cal Ripken will be providing the baseballs. The score table will provide baseballs for the start of every game. Home run balls, along with an award pin will be handed out at the conclusion of game.

GAME LENGTH

All tournament games shall be 6 innings in length, except when shortened by the mercy rule or extended by extra innings. In case of inclement weather, the game shall be suspended at the time of stoppage and completed at the first available moment as designated by Tournament officials.

BAT BOY/GIRL

The use of a "batboy" is allowed and that player must have a helmet on at all times, regardless of the age of the bat boy/girl.

OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER

The HOST shall provide an official scorekeeper. This scorekeeper shall also be the official scorekeeper and keep track of all pitching. Each manager must sign off on the pitching after each game. All substitutions shall be made to the official scorekeeper.

HOME TEAM / DUGOUT ASSIGNMENTS

Home Team is designated on each position of bracket. Home Team shall use the 1st base dugout. All teams are requested to make sure to clean their respective dugouts prior to leaving.

BATTING CAGES / PRACTICE

The complex has 2 batting cages behind the Fenway Green Monster. Batting schedule is at the bottom of the playing schedule.

Teams must report to their dugouts on the Field 30 minutes prior to the game. Home team will get 10 minutes on field prior to the start of the game, and then the Visitors will also get 10 minutes. 10 minutes prior to the game all teams shall be warmed be warmed up and in their respective dugouts ready for introductions.

STARTING LINEUPS

Lineup cards (please use the form provided for this Tournament) complete with players first name, last name and uniform#, should be turned into the Official Scorer at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the game.

ON DECK CIRCLES

There are designated on-deck circles inside the dugouts of both fields, which will be pointed out by the umpires prior to the game. Only 1 player may be in the on-deck area at any time.

UMPIRES

Be sure to bring umpire fees of \$70 per game, per team. Two umpires per game.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

Each Team will provide (1) person per game, if required, to serve on the Protest Committee. The Manager shall advise the Protest Committee Chairman of his designate 10 minutes prior to the start of each game. Protests must be lodged at the time of the disputed rule interpretation and will be decided at the time of the protest, not after the game. As a clarification, judgement calls cannot be protested.

PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL

Please send the following items electronically to Nate Gagnier, natamarina@yahoo.com. This information is need in electronic format no later than July 24th, 2017. Please put "9U Cal Ripken New England Regionals" in the subject line of your email.

NOTE: These items do not take place of the information that will need to be included with your official tournament documents that will be part of your tournament book.

- Team Name
- Manager's name, email address, and cell phone number
- Assistant coaches names, email addresses, and cell phone numbers
- Team Roster & Photo – One 5"x7" or 8"x10" team photograph with player identification of all players and coaches, the file should be jpeg.
- Team roster, including uniform numbers, player identification and phonetic pronunciation of each coach and each player's name (i.e. Dundee: done-dee)
- List of players that will participate in the skills competition, see detailed descriptions of these events.
- Events (Every player will participate in at least one event, but no more than two challenges.
 - Bunting – 3 players per team (One Coach to Pitch) –Bullock

- Golden Arm – accuracy from center field – 3 players per team – SOFTBALL FIELD
- HR – 3 players per team (One Coach to Pitch) – FENWAY FIELD
- Inside the Park HR – 3 Players per team- Individual Race on Bases(player will run twice)– FENWAY FIELD

