

# Vancleave Youth Baseball League



2018

Mississippi 8U  
State Championship Tournament

Cal Ripken Baseball

# *Welcome*

The Vancleave Youth baseball League (VYBL) is very proud to host you for the 2018 Mississippi Cal Ripken8U State Championship Tournament. VYBL welcomes you to our town. We wish your team the best of luck in the tournament.

Our full intention is to make this experience one that will be remembered by the players, coaches and families for years to come!

The Vancleave Youth Baseball League will be the host complex for all tournament games. The address for the complex is 5400 Ball Park Rd., Vancleave, MS 39565. You will be able to get up to date information for this tournament on our website [www.vancleaveyouthbaseball.org](http://www.vancleaveyouthbaseball.org)

If you have any questions regarding the tournament, please email me at [bamaboy17@hotmail.com](mailto:bamaboy17@hotmail.com) or call me at 228-218-9571.

Sincerely,

Ricky Rader

President

Vancleave Youth Baseball League

### *Check-In Information*

All teams must check-in on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> between 4:00PM – 6:00PM to turn in their tournament binder and donation check. Location will be in the blue building at the Vancleave Youth Baseball Fields located at 5400 Ball Park Rd Vancleave, MS 39565.

An entry donation fee of \$200 shall be made payable to VYBL and is due at check-in.

Each team shall supply their Credentials Binder to the Tournament Director at check-in.

A mandatory Q&A session for all head coaches (ONLY) will begin promptly at 6:30 pm in the same building.

Brackets will be drawn at this meeting. First game starts at 9:00 AM on Friday morning.

### *Tournament Information*

This state tournament is under the direction of the Mississippi Babe Ruth / Cal Ripken State Commissioner, Harvey Adams and his assigned Tournament Director.

Each coach shall sign the appropriate Coach's Sign-in Sheet upon check in at the ball park each day. Each team is allowed 4 coaches at no charge. Only Coaches, Managers and Players shall be allowed in the dugouts.

**NO outside food/beverages will be allowed inside the ball park.** Each team will be allowed 1 team cooler in the park, which will be tagged upon entry. No other coolers are allowed.

Entry fees are as follows:

- \$5.00 – Ages 6 and up
- Under 6- Free

**An armband shall be put on each person entering the park**

The main parking lot in front of the field will be opened to parking. Additional parking will be to the right of the field. There will be no parking at the community building. Follow the parking signage.

20-minutes will be allowed between games for field maintenance and warm up. The Babe Ruth field will be used for warm up.

Each Head Coach is responsible for the personal conduct of him/herself, their assistant coaches, players and fans at all times while participating in this tournament. Any person's whose conduct is deemed unacceptable will be removed from the complex and not allowed re-entry.

Should a Coach or Player be ejected from a game, they shall be escorted out of the park by a Tournament Official. Re-entry for subsequent games will be addressed on a case by case basis by the Tournament Director and the District Commissioner.

### *In-Game Information*

All games shall be played in accordance with the 2018 Babe Ruth rule book.

The home team shall be determined by coin toss prior to the game beginning. Championship game the team in the winner's bracket will be home team. If the "if" game is needed teams will flip again.

Each team will assign 1 person as a member of the Protest Committee prior to the start of the game. The member must be reported to the official score keeper and must remain on-site for the entire game. The Tournament Director will appoint one person from the Tournament staff to serve as a member of the Protest Committee. The Protest Committee shall have final authority on all matters that are brought before them. No judgment calls shall be protested.

Uniforms – Managers, Coaches and Players shall wear matching uniforms. Coaches can wear shorts, but they have to match. However, no blue jeans or cut-offs will be allowed. Proper footwear for coaches shall be worn while on the playing field (i.e. No flip-flops, sandals or Croc type shoes). All players and coaches shall tuck their shirt tail in when on the playing field. All caps must be worn as intended, with the bill of the cap facing forward.

All equipment shall be kept in an orderly fashion around the dug-out so that there is no question of obstruction on a foul ball play near the dug-outs. The umpires and/or the Tournament Director will be responsible for monitoring and/or enforcing.

Only 2 offensive coaches are allowed on the field at one time.

Offensive coaches shall remain in the coach's boxes when on the field.

No team shall be allowed to stand or kneel along the base paths to watch the opposing team warm up.

No tobacco products will be permitted on or near the playing field, dugout, bleachers, walkways or restrooms. Smoking and other tobacco use is only allowed in the parking areas well away from the fields.

### **Sportsmanship**

Any Manager, Coach, Player or Spectator displaying unsportsmanlike conduct shall be removed from the park immediately. Penalty for ejections may be grounds for disqualification from the tournament.

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### **Contact Information**

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