

Welcome to the 10 year old Cal Ripken Eastern Mass State Finals!

Dear Managers and Coaches,

Let me start by congratulating you and your team for qualifying for the EMass State Finals Tournament. And as you all know quite well by now, the 10 year-old Tournament will be held at **the Highland Sports Association baseball fields** in Lowell, Ma from **July 3th** to **July 12st**. The Highland Sports Association is truly excited about hosting the players, their families, friends and league officials as we look forward to ten days of exciting youth baseball. The Highland Sports Association complex is located in Lowell, Ma. All tournament games will be played at the Highland Sports Association Complex either at Loucraft Field or DeCosta Field, these fields are side by side.

Opening Day Ceremony Starts Friday 3rd. All Teams Expected on the Field.

Directions & Parking: Highland Sports Association (HSA)

Loucraft & Decosta Baseball Fields:

175 Campbell Dr.

Lowell, MA 01851

Map: <https://leagueathletics.com/Facility.asp?ID=66728&org=hsabaseball.com>

Parking:

There are two parking lots available and both are adjacent to the fields. Visitors can park at the Bailey School and Daley School parking lots:

Bailey School: (Same address as the tournament fields)

175 Campbell Dr. Lowell, MA 01851

Daley School: (Back of the school)

150 Fleming St., Lowell, MA 01851

Map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir//daley+school/data=!4m5!4m4!1m0!1m2!1m1!1s0x89e3a37f0a75a23b:0x1a90a10d5d619fb8?sa=X&ei=thSQVYzhDcbw-AGjpomoAQ&ved=0CJMBEPUXMA4>

Directions:

- The HSA Complex is located off of Stevens Street in Lowell.
- Teams arriving can take either Route 495 to exit 36 Lowell Connector exit or Route 3 exit 31, Lowell Connector exit and then follow the directions below.
 - Take Exit 5, Industrial Avenue
 - Take a right off of the ramp and proceed to a traffic circle and take the 1st exit off of the circle, this is the beginning of Stevens Street
 - Go straight through set of lights (a 99 Restaurant will be on your right side) and go until you see Fleming Street on your left.
 - Take Fleming Street to the end and you will see the James S. Daley School on your left, the parking lot is behind the Daley School.
 - The address of the Daley School is 150 Fleming Street, Lowell.

OPENING DAY: Arrival Time on Friday July 3rd, 2015: Teams may begin arriving **after 4:00 PM (No Later than 4:30)** on Friday, July 3rd. The tournament will begin with a **mandatory Managers meeting at 4:45 PM on Loucraft Field**. The Managers meeting will cover all aspects of the tournament: practice fields, batting cages, rules and regulations; meet with the Umpire in Chief: cover all events, opening ceremonies etc. Any questions

or concerns should be resolved during this meeting. In addition, teams Official Document notebooks will be reviewed by the Regional Tournament Commissioner.

Parade of Teams 5:15 PM (After coaches meeting): Each team will march into the field carrying your district flag, **all teams must be present and in full uniform.** Teams will surround the infield arc and line both first and third baselines. This will be followed by opening ceremonies.

Skills Competition After Opening Ceremonies: There will be a skills competition within the Highland Park complex on the fields on Friday night. There will be three different events and the goal is to have each team break out into three groups of 3-5 players - this way, every player will be involved. The events will be clearly described and the information will be disseminated on Friday night.

1. Home Run hitting contest- Each team will select 3 players to participate in a home run hitting contest on DeCosta Field
2. Gold Arm Contest- Each team will select 5 players to participate. There will be 3 stations to receive groundballs and 2 targets set up to accumulate points.
3. Base running competition- Each team will select 4 players to participate in a base running relay event.

No player may participate in more than 1 event. If your team has more than 12 players the extra players will participate in the Golden Arm Contest.

SEE BELOW FOR OPENING DAY FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Team BBQ: Each manager will receive a packet with tickets for coaches and players to enjoy a complimentary meal.

Hotel Information: There are two hotels close to the tournament fields. We were able to secure a special rate for the Radisson Hotel but space is limited so please book ASAP.

Radisson Hotel & Suites Chelmsford-Lowell
10 Independence Dr, Chelmsford, MA 01824
2.5 Miles from tournament fields.

To reserve rooms Contact Karla and let her know that you are with "Cal Ripken State Tournament" group.
Her contact info:

Karla

Number: 978-367-3162

email: karla.annis@radisson-chelmsford.com

Deluxe room with 2 double beds 120.00 per night

Suite with Queen bed and a queen pullout 135.00 per night

Courtyard Boston Lowell/Chelmsford
30 Industrial Ave E, Lowell, MA 01852
Number: (978) 458-7575
1.5 Miles from tournament fields

Local Restaurants: There are hundreds of local restaurants in the greater Lowell area. If you don't want to travel far, Chelmsford Street is home to many. To get to Chelmsford street, simply plug in the address to the 99 Restaurant below. Here are a few sit down places with great food and drinks:

99 Restaurant & Pub
850 Chelmsford St, Lowell, MA 01851
Phone: (978) 458-9199
1.1 miles from tournament fields

Outback Steakhouse
28 Reiss Ave, Lowell, MA 01851
Phone: (978) 934-8700
1.2 miles from tournament fields

Chili's Grill & Bar
26 Reiss Ave, Lowell, MA 01851
Phone: (978) 937-1565
1.2 miles from tournament fields

Moonstones
Upscale eatery featuring eclectic tapas & entrees, clever cocktails & Sunday brunch, plus a raw bar.
185 Chelmsford St, Chelmsford, MA 01824
Phone: (978) 256-7777
1.9 miles from tournament fields

Local Events and Entertainment:

Showcase Cinemas Lowell
32 Reiss Ave, Lowell, MA 01851
1.2 miles from tournament fields

Lowell Spinners Baseball
450 Aiken St., Lowell, MA 01854
Website: <http://www.lowellspinners.com/>
Games Playing on July 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15

Fourth of July Fireworks
Lowell celebrates the 4th on Saturday July 4th at LeLacheur Park!
Join us when the gates open at 7PM for family entertainment and fun. There will be face painting, balloon animals, run the bases, music & videos, and more! Admission to the park is FREE. The fireworks will begin at approximately 9PM.
FREE PARKING will be available at the Ayotte Garage at the Tsongas Center, a short walk from the park.
Full Details: <http://lowell.org/Pages/Default.aspx>

**Please note that this is a very busy time in the city of Lowell and getting in and out of this area may be difficult. Please plan accordingly.*

Additional Things To Do In Lowell from Trip Advisor
http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g60891-Activities-Lowell_Massachusetts.html

Sports, Department, Grocery Drug Stores by the field:

East Gate Plaza
288 Chelmsford Street, Chelmsford, MA 01824
Olympia Sports, TJ Maxx, Market Basket
1.4 miles from tournament fields

Chelmsford Mall
265 Chelmsford Street, Chelmsford, MA 01824
Staples, Kohl's, PetSmart
1.5 miles from tournament fields

Walgreens Shopping Area
54 Plain St., Lowell, MA 01851
1 mile from tournament fields
Close By: Dunk'n Donuts, Jimmy's Pizza, Pho Da Lat, McDonalds, Burger King, Dominos Pizza.

Tournament Contacts and Rules:

Tournament Contacts and Site Directors:

Real Betty - Highlands (HSA) President: (508) 686-6440 - rfb122928@gmail.com
Pat Coit - Highlands (HSA) Tournament Director - (978) 479-7892 - pcoit@comcast.net
Bo Saysongkham - Highlands (HSA) Web Site Coordinator - (978) 590-5801 - kiposays@gmail.com

Tournament Credential Binders Tournament credential binders MUST be provided to the Tournament Director at least one (1) hour prior to the start of your first game. 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;
2. Certificate of Coverage of League's Group Accident Insurance Policy;
3. Certificate of Coverage of League's Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy;
4. Official Team Roster certified and signed by League President;
5. Letter of Tournament Eligibility Form;
6. Consent for Treatment Forms;
7. 4 color Team Photos with identification;
8. Coaching Certification I.D. card or certificate for all rostered coaches.

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

Tournament Rules: All Cal Ripken Division Tournament Rules are in effect. ALL Teams must follow these, without exception. ALL Team Managers are required to have a 2013 Cal Ripken Babe Ruth League Official Rule Book in their possession at all times during the Tournament.

Pitching Records / Substitutions: Tournament substitution and pitching rules shall apply. Please announce all substitutions and (starting) player re-entries to the Official Scorer ahead of time. All pitching changes should be given to the Official Scorer 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.

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 the left uniform sleeve. Coaches must be in baseball pants matching their team uniforms.

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

Home Team / Dugout Assignments Team on top of bracket is designated as the Home Team. 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/ Fields

- There is 1 batting cage at the complex, so a schedule has been developed and will be available at the field as well as in the manager/coaches orientation package. Times are divided equally and will be followed according to the posted schedule.

Infield Practice: There will be equal timed warm-ups on each field (usually 10 minutes). Teams must report to their dugouts on the field during pre-game infield/ outfield prior to the game. We will then announce both teams prior to start of game then play the national anthem.

Umpires and Umpires Fees: All umpire fees (\$50.00 per team, per game) are to be paid by each team.

Starting Lineups: Lineup cards complete with players first name, last name and uniform #, should be turned into the Official Scorer at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the game. Please have 3 copies available (1 for the Official Scorer, 1 for your opponent and 1 for the plate umpire if requested).

On Deck Circles: There are designated on – deck areas which will be pointed out by the umpires prior to the game. Only one (1) player may be in the on-deck area at any time.

Protest Committee: Each Team will provide one (1) person per game to serve on the Protest Committee. The Manager shall advise the Protest Committee Chairman of his designee 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, judgment calls cannot be protested.

Sportsmanship: You are responsible for the conduct of your coaches, players and respective parents & fans. Good sportsmanship and a quality playing environment are our top priorities. Any unruly or abusive behavior will not be tolerated. The Tournament Director, Umpires, and Tournament Officials are all authorized to order the removal of any fan or person that becomes disruptive to the game and to the spirit of good sportsmanship. Umpires and Tournament Officials may order the removal of any coaching staff member and / or player who fails to display good sportsmanship. Ejected fans and / or Coaches must excuse themselves from the field area immediately. Ejected players are required to leave the dugout but may remain at the field to watch the remainder of the game from the stands.

Pool Play Tournament – The 10 teams will play a pool play tournament. We will have an American and National Division with each Division having 5 teams. Each team will play the other 4 teams in their division. At the end of the 4 games the top team (#1 seed) for each division will play the 2nd seed in the opposing division. The winners of those games will play for the championship. A game schedule is listed at the end of this

document and is posted on the Tournament Website as well.

Tournament Website: <http://hsabaseball.com> .

- All the information you and your parents will need is located there.
- Directions to Highland Sports Association- is located in the fields section on the homepage.
- Tournament Information is available on the front page.
- Updated scores and more are in the news headlines section. We will post scores and games on the main website as tourney progresses. You can inform your Teams that the website will be updated with results and schedule changes (if necessary) as well.

Again, the Highland Sports Association is honored to be hosting this tournament, and we hope that you find the Lowell area and its hospitality to your liking. The Lowell area has a wide range of restaurant choices and attractions to serve your needs. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us. We look forward to meeting all the players and fans of Cal Ripken Baseball.

Sincerely,
HSA Board of Directors
Real Betty (HSA President- (508-686-6440)
Pat Coit (HSA Tournament Director – 978-479-7892)

OPENING DAY FRIDAY 3RD, FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Time	Event	Location
4:00 to 4:30pm	Team arrival	Daley School parking lot
4:45 to 5:15pm	Coaches meeting	Loucraft Field
5:15 to 5:30pm	Team gathering for introductions	Basketball court
5:00 to 7:30pm	BBQ for players and families	Tent area between fields
5:30 to 6:00pm	Opening Ceremonies	Loucraft Field
6:00 to 6:45pm	Golden Arm Contest	Loucraft Field
6:00 to 6:45pm	Home Run Contest	DeCosta Field
6:45 to 7:30pm	Base Running Event	Loucraft

Game Schedule: Individual team game schedule and results can be accessed from our website:
<http://hsabaseball.com>. **Note* This section will be updated once all teams finish their district games.**

		North Bracket	South Bracket	Game Times:	
		Highlands HOST	Winchester/Sachem (D7)	Saturday & Sunday 1st Game @ 9am.	
		Kingston (D6)	South Plymouth (D8)	Saturday & Sunday 2nd Game @ 11:15.	
		Westford (D2A)	Quincy (D3)	Weekdays 1st Game @ 5:30pm	
		Franklin (D4)	New Bedford/SEYAA (D5)	Weekdays 2nd Game @ 7:45pm	
		Burlington (D1)	Shedd (D2N)		
		Loucraft		Decosta	
Saturday	4-Jul-15	Winchester/Sachem (D7)	South Plymouth (D8)	Highlands HOST	Kingston (D6)
		Burlington (D1)	Franklin (D4)	Quincy (D3)	New Bedford/SEYAA (D5)
Sunday	5-Jul-15	Westford (D2A)	Burlington (D1)	Shedd (D2N)	Quincy (D3)
		Kingston (D6)	Franklin (D4)	South Plymouth (D8)	New Bedford/SEYAA (D5)
Monday	6-Jul-15	Shedd (D2N)	South Plymouth (D8)	Highlands HOST	Westford (D2A)
		Winchester/Sachem (D7)	New Bedford/SEYAA (D5)		
Tuesday	7-Jul-15	Shedd (D2N)	Winchester/Sachem (D7)	Franklin (D4)	Westford (D2A)
		South Plymouth (D8)	Quincy (D3)		
Wednesday	8-Jul-15	Highlands HOST	Burlington (D1)	Winchester/Sachem (D7)	Quincy (D3)
		Kingston (D6)	Westford (D2A)		
Thursday	7/9/2015	Shedd (D2N)	New Bedford/SEYAA (D5)	Burlington (D1)	Kingston (D6)
		Highlands HOST	Franklin (D4)		
Friday	7/10/2015	Top Seed 1-5	2nd 6-10		
		Top Seed 6-10	2nd 1-5		
Saturday	7/11/2015	Winner Game 1			
Sunday	7/12/2015				