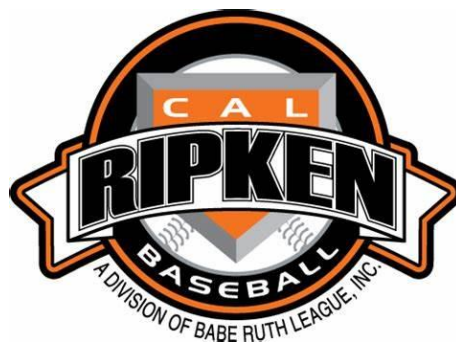


**2019**  
**Mississippi 6U T-Ball**  
**State Championship Tournament**  
**Cal Ripken Baseball**

**Hosted by the**  
**Vancleave Youth Baseball League**



## Welcome

On behalf of the Vancleave Youth Baseball League Board Members, I would like to welcome you to Vancleave, Mississippi. We are honored to host the 2019 6U T-Ball Cal Ripken State Championship Tournament. Our goal is to provide a family, friendly experience that you will look back on for years to come.

All tournament games will transpire at the Vancleave Youth Baseball Complex located at 5167 Ballpark Rd. Vancleave, MS 39565. Games will take place on: Field A – T-Ball field, Field B – Minor field, and Field C– Rookie field (*see the map on the last page*).

Throughout the weekend, frequent updates will be available on our website, [www.vancleaveyouthbaseball.org](http://www.vancleaveyouthbaseball.org) and Facebook page, Vancleave Youth Baseball.

Should you have any questions throughout the weekend, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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## **Check-In Information**

All teams must check-in on Thursday, June 27, 2019, between 3pm – 6pm at the Vancleave HUD building located at 5125 Ballpark Rd. Vancleave, MS 39565. Teams will turn in their credential binder and donation check. Please have your League President and/or District Commissioner review your binder before this meeting.

An entry donation fee of \$200.00 is due at the time of check-in. Checks should be made payable to VYBL.

A mandatory question and answer session, for **all head coaches only**, will begin at 6:30 pm in the Vancleave HUD building.

**We will draw a Double Elimination Bracket a couple of days before this meeting, in accordance with the updated state rules. This will allow us to provide the game times prior to your arrival.**

## **Tournament Information**

Every day, all coaches shall sign the appropriate Coach's Sign-in Sheet upon arrival to the ballpark. Each team is allowed four (4) rostered coaches at no charge. Only coaches, managers, and players shall be allowed in the dugouts.

**No outside food/beverages will be allowed inside the ballpark.** Each team will be allowed one (1) team cooler into the park, which will be tagged upon entry. Water coolers, with ice, will be provided in all of the dugouts.

**Daily Gate Fees:** \$5.00 – Ages 6 and older

Under 6 years old – Free

**An armband shall be placed on each person entering the ballpark and must remain in place while at the ballpark. If it is removed or lost, you will not be allowed back into the ballpark without paying again.**

Please see the map on the last page for available parking areas. The Vancleave HUD building will be accessible to teams and families throughout the weekend.

Twenty (20) minutes will be allowed between every game for field maintenance and warm up. Teams may also use the Babe Ruth field to warm up (*see the map, field D*).

Every coach is responsible for his/her personal conduct and is expected to set an example for the youth participating in this tournament. The coach's responsibility also falls onto the actions exhibited by their assistant coaches, players, and fans, at all times, during their participation in this tournament. Any person's conduct that is deemed unacceptable by tournament officials shall 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 ballpark by a Tournament Official. The Tournament Director and District Commissioner will discuss the possible re-entry of said person, for subsequent games, on a case by case basis.

### **In-Game Information**

All games shall be played in accordance with the 2019 Babe Ruth Baseball rule book.

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

Prior to the start of the game, each team will assign one (1) person as a member of the Protest Committee. 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 may wear shorts that are the same color, however no cut-offs are 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 Tournament Director will be responsible for monitoring and/or enforcing. Bats must be stamped stating, "USA T-ball."

Only two (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.

The use of any tobacco products, including vaping, will not be permitted on or near the playing fields, dugouts, bleachers, walkways or restrooms. One may only use these products in the parking areas well away from the fields.

### **Sportsmanship**

Any manager, coach, player or spectator displaying unsportsmanlike conduct shall be removed from the ballpark immediately. Penalty for ejections may be ground for disqualification from the tournament.

Should a coach or player be ejected from a game, they shall be escorted out the ballpark by a Tournament Official. Re-entry to subsequent games will be addressed on a case by case basis by the Tournament Director and the District Commissioner.

