



2012 Cal Ripken Ohio Valley Regional
11-Year-Old "50/70" -- Elizabethtown, KY
Played at the Elizabethtown Sports Park

Dear State Champion:

Congratulations on your recent success of winning your State Tournament and continuing on the Cal Ripken Tournament trail. Elizabethtown Area Baseball, City of Elizabethtown and the Elizabethtown Tourism Bureau is excited to serve as host for the 2012 Cal Ripken Ohio Valley Regional 11-Year-Old "50/70" Tournament. The tournament will be the first event in the new, \$26 million Elizabethtown Sports Park.

Elizabethtown Area Baseball is prominent Cal Ripken program in the state of Kentucky, capturing several District, State and even a Cal Ripken Regional baseball tournament. Also, several graduates of Elizabethtown Area Baseball has propelled their high school teams to State Championships and Runner-ups, including most of players from the 2011 Kentucky State Champions from Central Hardin High School.

The attached information is very important to review and follow as your team travels to Elizabethtown to participate in the Regional Tournament. Please share this information with your families. In your best interest to make sure we are helping you in your accommodations in Elizabethtown, please contact myself upon winning your State Championship, preferably the day/night you win the title. We are prepared to move as quickly as you need us to help get all of your questions and issues resolved.

Congratulations and best of luck in Elizabethtown. We are hoping you find our community to be welcoming to you and your experience at the Tournament one that will last forever.

Sincerely,

Mike Pyles
Ohio Valley Regional Tournament Director
Elizabethtown Area Baseball Commission

**2012 Ohio Valley Regional
11-Year-Old Tournament
Information Packet
July 25-29**

LOCATION

Elizabethtown Sports Park
1401 West Park Road
Elizabethtown, KY, 42701
www.touretown.com/Elizabethtown-Sports-Park

TOURNAMENT CONTACT

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DIRECTIONS

To Elizabethtown, KY – Elizabethtown, KY, is at the intersection of Interstate 65, the Blue Grass Parkway and the Western Kentucky Parkway. All of the hotels and access to the city are best utilized at Exit 94.

From the North (Wis., Ill., IN, western Michigan): Access Elizabethtown thru Indianapolis and Louisville via Interstate 65. Indianapolis is about 2 hours and 15 minutes and Louisville is about 45 minutes to Elizabethtown Exit 94 will be the primary exit from Interstate 65 to access your hotel.

From the North (Ohio, eastern Michigan): Access Elizabethtown thru Cincinnati and Louisville via Interstates 75, 71 and 65. From Cincinnati, take I-75 south to Interstate 71 south to Louisville. At Louisville, take Interstate 264 (Watterson Expressway) west to Interstate 65; take Interstate 65 south to Elizabethtown. Elizabethtown is about 2 hours and 15 minutes from Cincinnati. Exit 94 will be the primary exit from Interstate 65 to access your hotel.

From the West (Ill., Wis., Ind) : Access Elizabethtown either via Interstate 64 from Evansville to Louisville or via the Parkway system in Kentucky from Evansville/Henderson, KY to Owensboro and then Elizabethtown. From Evansville, take

Interstate 64 west to Louisville; at Louisville, take Interstate 65 south to Elizabethtown; plan on taking Exit 94 to access your hotel. Via the Parkway system, from Evansville take US 41 south to the Audubon Parkway; east to the William Natcher bypass (south) to the William Natcher Parkway; south to the Western Kentucky Parkway; east to Elizabethtown. Travel time from Evansville is about 2 hours, 30 minutes.

From the East (eastern Kentucky, West Virginia): Access Elizabethtown via Lexington, KY. Take Interstate 64 to Lexington (which will merge with Interstate), take Exit 115 and go south on Newtown Pike to the New Circle Road. Go west on New Circle Road to US 60; go west on US 60 to the Blue Grass Parkway (Martha Layne Collins). The Blue Grass Parkway will end at Interstate 65, go north on Interstate 65 ½ mile to Exit 94. Elizabethtown is about 1 hour, 30 minutes from Lexington. Exit 94 will be the primary exit from Interstate 65 to access your hotel.

To Elizabethtown Sports Park from Hotels

Out of the hotels, take N. Mulberry Street west to Ring Road (first red light after the railroad over cross and go right. Take Ring Road to West Park Road and go left on West Park Road. Elizabethtown Sports Park is on the left.

HOSPITALITY HOSTS

Upon qualifying for the Regional and notifying our Tournament Director, you will be assigned a Team Mom that will help you during your stay in Elizabethtown. These Hospitality Hosts will help you with your needs during your stay in Elizabethtown. You will be provided their telephone number and e-mail address to help you communicate with them.

ELIZABETHTOWN AREA BASEBALL WEBSITE

For information about the tournament and updates, please refer to our website at www.etownyouthbaseball.com. There is a special link to the tournament with schedules, game results, statistics and other information about the tournament.

MEDIA INFORMATION

We will provide full box score information to your hometown newspaper and other media outlets at the conclusion of each game. At your Welcome Meeting, we will ask you to provide us with your Media contact information. Please have this information available upon arrival to Elizabethtown.

ELIZABETHTOWN SPORTS PARK

The Elizabethtown Sports Park development is a partnership between the Elizabethtown Tourism and Convention Bureau and the City of Elizabethtown. The 150-acre outdoor complex will serve local recreational-sports needs, as well as play host to regional and national sporting events. Attracting athletes and spectators to the park is part of an overall economic impact plan to boost local tourism. The park will include 12 baseball/softball fields, an ADA accessible “miracle” baseball field, 9 full-size or 23 3v3 soccer fields, 2 football fields, a synthetic turf multi-purpose field, a 3.1-mile walking loop, several playgrounds, and pavilions to host a variety of events. Anticipated opening for the park is Summer 2012.



SPORTS PARK RULES

All parks in the City of Elizabethtown are smoke free areas.

Additional fields in each baseball POD are to be off limits except for usage of the outfields by the teams in preparation of its next game. These will be scheduled by the tournament director and it will be distributed at the Coach's Breakfast on July 26.

There is no vehicle parking on any grassy area. All vehicles must be parked parking lots that are marked for vehicles.

No outside coolers will be allowed in the park.

FIELD CONDITIONS AND WEATHER DELAYS

If inclement weather delays/postpones games, updates and information will be readily available on our website at www.etownyouthbaseball.com. These updates will include updated projections on delays, restart times and time changes as a result of inclement weather. Tournament officials will be in direct contact with each team's head coach.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 25

During the Day: Check In/Team Orientation – All teams need to check in upon arrival in Elizabethtown on July 25, 2012. Each team will be assigned a scheduled time of arrival for its Orientation Meeting. Each Orientation Meeting should have all coaches, players and parents that have arrived at the meeting. Each team will submit its Team Credentials at this meeting. The meeting will introduce each team to the Elizabethtown, the tournament format, Elizabethtown Sports Park and other pertinent information related to the tournament. These Orientation Meetings are mandatory for all players and coaches. The meetings will be at the following:

Elizabethtown Tourism and Convention Bureau
1030 N. Mulberry Street
Elizabethtown, KY

Orientation Meeting Schedule

11 AM – Elizabethtown & Western Kentucky

11:45 AM – Eastern Kentucky and Southern Indiana

12:30 PM – Central Indiana & Southern Illinois

1:15 PM – Ohio & West Virginia

2 PM – Northern Indiana & Michigan

2:45 PM – Northern Illinois and Wisconsin

6:30-7:45 pm: Ice Breaker/Welcome Dinner – All coaches, players and travelling members are invited to the Tournament Ice Breaker/Welcome Dinner. The cost of the event for coaches and players are free; for Adults is \$7.00 and a children's plate will be \$2.00. The serving of the meal will be between 5:30 pm and 6:45 pm and will be open seating. You are welcome to arrive and leave any time during this period. The meal is being prepared by the Elizabethtown Lions Club and will consist of grilled ½-chicken dinner and sides. Drinks and desserts will be provided. The Children's plate will be a grilled hot dog, fruit, chips and drink. Dinner details are:

Location: Pritchard Community Center
404 S. Mulberry Street
Elizabethtown, KY, 42701
Time: 5:30 pm-6:45 pm

8:15 pm: Tournament Opening Ceremony – The Opening Ceremonies for the 2012 Ohio Valley Regional Tournament will be in the Elizabethtown Sports Park. All teams need to arrive and assemble in the Sports Park before 7:45 pm, with the ceremony beginning at 8:15 pm. All teams need to be dressed in full uniform. Each team should bring its State Flag and a local league banner/flag (if it possesses one) and will parade the field with it.

Thursday, July 26

7:30 am: Coach's Breakfast – The Mandatory Coach's Breakfast Meeting is at 7:30 am at the Elizabethtown Sports Park. Required to attend will be managers, team coaches, umpires, Ohio Valley Regional officials, tournament director and local league officials assigned to the tournament. Pregame schedules and warm-up assignments will be issued at the Coach's Breakfast.

11 am: Beginning of Pool Play games – The Pool Play schedule will be available at www.etownyouthbaseball.com. Each team will play 3 games in its respective pool. Teams will advance to a single elimination tournament beginning July 28 based on pool play results.

Friday, July 27

11 am: Continuation of Pool Play games – Pool play games will continue according to the schedule.

Saturday, July 28

As Scheduled: Single Elimination Games – As scheduled by the Tournament Director, Single Elimination Games for the tournament will begin. Only teams winning will continue to advance during the tournament. This is the knockout stage of the tournament.

Sunday, July 29

As Scheduled: 2012 OVR Championship Game – As scheduled by the Tournament Director, the Championship Game will be conducted for the title of Champion of the 2012 Ohio Valley Regional Tournament.

PARKING

There is no charge for parking at the Elizabethtown Sports Park. You are required to park in designated areas. No vehicle parking will be allowed in grassy areas in the park.

ADMISSION

TOURNAMENT PASS ALL GAMES (ADULT, 18 & up)	\$20.00
TOURNAMENT PASS ALL GAMES (YOUTH, Age 6-17)	\$10.00
ONE-DAY PASS (ADULT, 18 & up)	\$ 7.00
ONE-DAY PASS (YOUTH, Age 6-17)	\$ 4.00
Children 5 & Under	Free

Players and the official coaches on the roster are admitted free.

If you purchase a Tournament Pass, you will be issued a wristband each day at the Admission Gate. Each day will be color coded.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Tournament Committee has booked 15-room blocks for each participating team. These rooms have been reserved and pre-assigned to each team. To receive your hotel Assignment and information, please contact the following as soon as you win your state tournament.

Mike Pyles
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Special hotel rates and assignments have been obtained to assure your visiting parties that you have ample hotel rooms and that your travelling group is together. You will be given a reservation code to book your rooms with your assigned hotel.

TOURNAMENT T-SHIRTS, PROGRAMS

Tournament designed T-shirts will be on sale each day of the Ohio Valley Regional Tournament. Special orders can be placed and shipped back to your hometown if you so desire. Check the Tournament Information Booth during your visit to the Ohio Valley Regional Tournament.