



3 & 4 GAME TOURNAMENTS | WELCOME PACKET

THE RIPKEN EXPERIENCE MYRTLE BEACH

Dear Team,

Thank you for choosing The Ripken Experience Myrtle Beach as your tournament destination. We are certain that you'll enjoy the complex and find that it has everything you need to enjoy your season The Ripken Way.

Please take some time to review the following information. We recommend holding a team meeting, so all participants are fully informed of the facility policies and general information.

Several thousand players, coaches, and families have walked through the gates since our Grand Opening in 2006. Whether this is your first trip or one of many, we wish you a memorable weekend of baseball and family fun here in Myrtle Beach.

Sincerely,



WELCOME TO THE RIPKEN EXPERIENCE MYRTLE BEACH

With five youth and four full-sized turf diamonds located just a long toss from the beach, we offer the perfect weekend vacation destination for teams and their families.

To ensure that your Experience with us is first-class, our operations staff is available to assist you every step of the way. To get in touch, contact us at (866) 747-5369.

TEAM COORDINATORS

From completing your registration to planning your trip, our team coordinators are available to assist you every step of the way.

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

Airport and Ground Transportation

Myrtle Beach International Airport is located approximately 3 miles south of the complex. Allegiant Air, American Airlines, Delta, Frontier, Porter, Spirit, Sun Country and United Airlines offer nonstop service at Myrtle Beach International Airport.

Enterprise Car Rental

(855) 266-9289

www.enterprise.com/ripkenbaseball

Promo code: XZ26910

ADDRESS

The Ripken Experience Myrtle Beach

3051 Ripken Way Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Phone: (866) 747-5369

ACCOMMODATIONS INFORMATION

This is your family vacation, so you choose to stay where you're most comfortable — no requirements. Whether you prefer a team house by the beach or a family condo on the golf course, our staff is able to provide recommendations throughout your planning process.

The Ripken Experience staff can also assist you and your team's families in finding the best places to stay here in Myrtle Beach. For additional lodging details please contact Kim Berbary at (843) 213-2699 or kim.berbary@ripkenhotels.com

Receive \$50 off your Tournament Entry Fee if you book 10 Room Nights when you stay at one of our Preferred Hotel Partner Resorts.

NATIONAL SPORTS ID

Each player will have to complete age verification through National Sports ID, as well as participant registration through SportsEngine. In order to complete your National Sports ID registration, you will be required to upload a 1) player headshot; 2) birth certificate or state ID; and 3) report card, school account, progress report or school ID. You can register at www.https://www.nationalsportsid.com/ripken-baseball-age-verification.



3 & 4 GAME TOURNAMENT RULES

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of rain we will do everything in our power to stay as close to the game schedule as possible. However, due to limited field availability, we may have to deviate from the printed schedule.

If we need to alter the schedule, we will use the following procedures/priorities as our guide:

- **Our first priority is always to make sure that each team plays its minimum number of games**
 - We will try to maintain the original schedule as best we can
 - In the event of weather/time, it may not be possible to accommodate schedule requests
- **We will attempt to have a championship game**
 - We may eliminate the quarter-final or semi-final round to ensure a championship game

Games that do not make it to regulation (4 complete innings [or 3.5 if the home team is winning] for a 6 inning game or 5 complete innings [or 4.5 if the home team is winning] for a 7 inning game) due to weather/darkness will be considered as suspended games and will resume (if possible) from the point of suspension at the earliest available time. If there is not enough time to resume a suspended game, it will be considered complete and official at the end of the last complete Inning.

Pool Play Games

- If a game is suspended prior to being official and there is not enough time to resume, the game will be considered complete at the end of the last complete inning
- If tied at the end of the last complete inning, the game will stand as a tie

Elimination Games

- If one inning hasn't been completed, the game is suspended, and there is not enough time to resume, the higher seed will advance to the next round.
 - If tied at the end of the last complete inning, the higher seed will advance
 - If tied at the end of the last complete inning and the two teams are the same seed from different divisions entering the game, we will revert back to the tie-breaking system in place (least runs allowed)
- If the championship game starts and is not able to be completed due to weather/darkness, the game will be considered official at the end of the last complete Inning.
 - If tied at the end of the last complete inning, both teams will be named co-champions
 - If one inning hasn't been completed in the championship game and the game is suspended, both teams will be named co-champions.

Lightning Policy

- When lightning approaches within 8-20 miles, staff will monitor the storm activity and prepare for possible suspension of games
- When lightning is detected within 8 miles, all games will be suspended. At that time, players, coaches and spectators should proceed to the safest possible place. All fields, batting cages, and training areas will be closed until the staff clears the complex for play
- Games will resume once the lightning has moved outside of the 8 mile radius for a period of 15 minutes

Weather Related Refund Policy

3 game minimum format (per team entry fee)

0 Official Games: 100% credit or 85% refund
1 Official Game: 50% credit
2 Official Games: 20% credit

4 game minimum format (per team entry fee)

0 Official Games: 100% credit or 85% refund
1 Official Game: 60% credit
2 Official Games: 40% credit



3 & 4 GAME TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

All 2-day weekend tournaments will have a 3 game minimum format (with the possibility of playing 5 games in the weekend) in which each team will play 2 games on Saturday and 1 on Sunday morning. The top seeds will then play in the championship bracket to determine the champion. All 3 day holiday weekend tournaments will have a 4 game minimum format (with the possibility of playing 6 total games) that will also consist of pool play games as well as single elimination games to determine a champion.

FACILITY INFORMATION

What to bring

Portable tents, chairs, and coolers are allowed inside the facility. We highly recommend visiting www.visitmyrtlebeach.com/things-to-do/beaches/ to learn more about beach safety. Due to COVID-19, we will not have bleachers available for seating, so we encourage our visitors to bring their own tents and chairs.

Parking

There is plenty of **FREE** parking available for all visitors at The Ripken Experience Myrtle Beach. We are not responsible for any damaged vehicles or theft. Camper/RV parking is located in our overflow parking lot off of Mancini Drive. Please note that vehicles are not allowed to be left in the lot overnight.

Admission

There will be **NO GATE FEE** at any of our events. We encourage family and friends to come to the complex to cheer on the athletes and show their support.

Guest Screening

Daily self-evaluation guest screenings need to be completed by all guests prior to entering the facility. Please avoid travel if you are not feeling well. Guests experiencing COVID-19 symptoms while traveling should contact a local health care facility immediately.

Big League Grill / Concessions

For your health safety, we have restricted access to our dining areas. However, our concession stands are open. We are happy to serve you through our convenient to-go windows where pre-packaged items such as nachos, sandwiches, and bottled beverages are available.

Pro Shop / Merchandise

The Pro Shop will be closed for indoor shopping, but you will be able to purchase merchandise through our mobile ordering. All orders placed will be available within two (2) hours of ordering. We will also have our 'gameday essentials' window open for quick in-person purchases.

Pets

With the exception of service animals, pets are not permitted at The Ripken Experience for liability reasons.

First Aid / Certified Athletic Trainers

A First Aid responder will be on-site at The Ripken Experience (All full time staff are First Aid, AED, and CPR certified). It is important to remember that First Aid responders are not medical doctors. They provide basic first aid, determine the severity of injuries, and make recommendations as to whether or not a player should see a doctor or go to the emergency room.

Weapons

Weapons of any type are strictly prohibited on the grounds. Anyone found to be in possession of weapons will be asked to leave the premises for the remainder of the tournament. The Ripken Experience reserves the right to contact local authorities if any weapons are suspected or seen on the premises.



BASEBALL PROGRAMMING

Pre Tournament Practices

For all weekend tournaments, batting cages and training island are on a first come first serve basis. The complex is open Friday from 10AM to 4PM. All fields will be closed and will not be available for rent on the Friday prior to the tournament. Health screenings will be checked upon entrance to the facility.

Team Uniforms

Teams are required to bring and wear their own uniforms. Each player on a team should have a unique number displayed on their jersey.

Dress Code for Coaches

Managers and coaches are not required to be in uniform during the games. However, we do expect the adults on the field to be dressed appropriately. As of 8/3/20, everyone is required to wear face coverings inside the complex per SC department of Admission (SCOA).

Managers' Meeting

All managers and coaches are encouraged to view our online Managers' Meeting video prior to arrival, which addresses tournament rules, activities, and behavior expectations. Please visit www.ripkenbaseball.com/myrtle-beach-rules for more information.

Awards

A team trophy and individual awards will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams. Also, a championship game medallion will be awarded for each age group within the tournament. The Ripken Experience staff will determine the championship game MVP.

Umpires

All pool play and single elimination games will have 2 umpires, including the championship game. Certified umpires will be chosen from a professional organization. There will be an umpire behind the mound calling balls & strikes, while the second umpire will be behind home plate calling fair & foul.

Baseballs / Equipment

Game balls will be provided by The Ripken Experience for all games. Teams are to bring their own practice balls. All other baseball and safety equipment is the responsibility of each team. Each team will also be given one case of water and one case of gatorade per day upon checking into the facility.

No Alcohol or Tobacco Products

Absolutely no alcohol or tobacco products will be permitted inside The Ripken Experience complex. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in being asked to leave the property.

Game Balls

Foul balls that exit the field of play will be retrieved by the team batting and will then be placed in the designated bucket behind the press box at each field.



ACCOMMODATIONS FORM (required)

Receive \$50 off your Tournament Entry Fee if you book 10 Room Nights*

The Ripken Experience has partnered with several hotels, resorts and booking agents in the Myrtle Beach area to ensure a quality stay at a great rate for your team.

Please complete this information and return it to your Team Coordinator. To book your stay, please visit www.ripkenhotels.com or contact Kim Barbary at (843) 213-2699.

Tournament Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

FIRST & LAST NAME ROOM IS RESERVED UNDER	NAME OF HOTEL, RESORT OR BOOKING AGENT	ARRIVAL DATE	# OF NIGHTS	CONFIRMATION #

*Rooms must be booked through Ripken for discount. Expedia, VRBO and other agencies will not qualify. Discount will be applied to final payment.

Total # of Rooms Resrved: _____ Total # of Nights: _____



