

Mickey Mantle World Series of Baseball
August 1 – 5, 2007
McKinney, Texas

The board of directors, committee members and volunteers, working through McKinney Baseball Tournaments, Inc., want to wish you the best of luck in the 2007 Mickey Mantle World Series in McKinney, Texas.

We have been hosting this World Series since 1996 and hope to make this an exciting and fun experience for the competing teams and fans. We have listed some basic information in this letter and on our website, **www.themmws.com**. For any other questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

WHAT WE NEED FIRST

1. Team Rosters: FAX to **(972) 542-3798**
2. Rental Van Drivers: Fax Drivers License and home phone number to **(972) 542-3798**
3. Team contact: Give us a contact name and cell phone number so we can reach you as you travel
4. Arrival times: Please let us know your airline, flight number and arrival time.

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AIR TRAVEL

The air travel is provided through the AABC national office. As the host city, we send the money for air travel to their office, and they make the reservations before the regional tournaments. For your flight details, contact **Paula Hill (505) 325-1000**. The local Tournament committee **has no control** over airlines, airports, or departure times. We do not know what flight you are on until **you** tell us. For return flights, follow the same procedure, as the same travel agency handles all airline reservations or changes in tickets.

For the regional tournament winners, once we know your arrival time and airline, we will have a bus meet the team and coaches at DFW International Airport. The team will be transported to McKinney, TX and dropped off at one of the tournament hotels. Transportation is provided for **players and coaches only**. Team scorekeepers, equipment managers, team moms, etc. will need to make transportation arrangements on their own.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Any team that is located more than 100 miles from McKinney, TX and is not in by reason of a qualifying tournament will be provided local rental transportation, hotel accommodations, and meal allowances. The distance is measured from the city that the team claims as home. A Dallas team would not receive any of the above, even if the majority of the players are from New Jersey.

The teams will be furnished vans for local transportation based on the number of players present in McKinney. We are renting the vans at our expense, **but the drivers will need to present a credit card for a security deposit.** The teams and/or drivers will be responsible for any damage incurred to the rental vans. **This includes foul ball damage.** The drivers may purchase additional insurance coverage at their own expense. We ask that you return the vans with a full tank of gas. We have a contract with a local rental company and are receiving a discounted rate. We will not reimburse for other rentals or transportation. If you choose not to use the vans provided by us, you will be responsible for other transportation costs.

The rental company will need a driver's license and home phone number for all drivers. We are renting both 15 and 7 passenger vans, so some teams may need up to 2 vans and 2 or 3 drivers. It would help expedite the rental process if we had the name, driver's licenses and home phone numbers of the drivers before you arrived on Tuesday August 1.

HOTELS & MEAL ALLOWANCE

We provide hotel rooms for the players and two coaches that are actually in McKinney over night and still competing in the tournament. We do not pay for a room for a player unless the player is present over night. **You will be required to present a credit card to secure the rooms. We are paying for the rooms only.** Any long distance calls, movies, property damages or any other costs will be the coaches and/or team responsibility. If you are eliminated from the tournament, then that is the last day that we cover the cost of your rooms. Some teams will be eliminated on Thursday August 2, 2007. We will notify the hotel on Friday morning, and the hotel will take you off of our billing as of check out time on Friday.

The players' rooms are based on four players to one room. If you have 16 players, then you will get four players rooms and one additional room for coaches. The most rooms provided will be six, based on 20 players. That would be five player rooms and one coach's room. If you have 17 players you will get five rooms for players and one coaches' room. You may distribute the players among your rooms as you see fit. It would help speed check in if the players staying in the same room were agreed upon before you arrived. Once again we have contracts with our local hotels and will not cover the cost for alternate accommodations. If you want each player to have a private room, you will be responsible for securing and covering the costs of those additional rooms, based on the player limits as stated above.

We will pay each player and up to two coaches \$7 per day meal allowance. We know that this is not enough to actually live on, but it is what is required by AABC. We will distribute this money each day starting Wednesday August 1, 2007 and will pay each following day as long as you have not been eliminated from the tournament. We will pay the meal allowance to one individual in cash and ask that they sign a receipt. They may distribute the money to the players, parents or however you wish to use the funds.

The Players Welcome dinner will be held at Al Alford Field on Tuesday night July 31. There will be a skills competition after the meal and all teams are encouraged to participate. No uniforms required, but if you have a team shirt then that would be good. Shorts are also suggested. Some will need equipment for the skills challenge that will take place that evening.

The coaches' meeting is scheduled for immediately after the players welcome dinner.

The games will take place at Al Alford Field and Gabe Nesbitt Field. We will have a signup sheet for the batting cages, as well as the field at McKinney North High School to be used for practice.

We will complete a round of the bracket on each day. Wednesday will be Round 1, Thursday will be Round 2, and so on.

Team pictures will be taken before the Tournament on Wednesday, August 1. The teams will be assigned times for their photos.