

Mickey Mantle World Series
August 6 – 10, 2008
McKinney, Texas

The board of directors, committee members and volunteers, working through McKinney Baseball Tournaments, Inc. wishes you the best of luck in the 2008 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. Team contact: Give us a contact name and cell phone number so we can reach you as you travel.
3. 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.

Travel Expenses

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 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 were from New Jersey.

Rental Vehicles

We will not be providing rental vehicles in 2008. We do have some rates worked with a couple of rental agencies located at DFW. Please email mickeymantlews@yahoo.com and we will provide the information to you. Please note that Enterprise Rental no longer offers 15 passenger vans.

Hotels

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. 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.

Player Check-In

Upon arrival at the hotel, please contact Tami Sprouse. She will coordinate the check-in procedure. Once players are checked in and rosters checked, all players approved at that time are legal.

MEAL ALLOWANCE

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 6, 2008 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.

Players Welcome Dinner and Skills Competition

The Players Welcome barbeque dinner will be held at Al Alford Field at 6:30 pm on Tuesday night, August 5. 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 and skills competition.

Cages and Practice

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

Team pictures will be taken before the Tournament on Wednesday, August 6. The teams will be assigned times for their photos by Buzz Cory (www.buzzphotos.com).

Player and Coaches Admission

Lanyards will be distributed to the players and coaches. The lanyards will allow them to be admitted to the stadium. If any player or coach does not have their lanyard, they will not be allowed inside. If a player is in full uniform, but doesn't have their lanyard they will not be allowed in free of charge. Lanyards are not to be shared with any non-team members.