



Tri-City Red American Legion Baseball

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Tri-City Red Announces Tournament Schedule for 2011:

Are you ready for some great American Legion Baseball ???! We sure are !!

The 2011 tournament schedule will include trips to some of Red's favorite and familiar venues:

First, Tri-City Red will again participate in the Hopkins American Legion Summer Classic, held June 17-19th. (In 2010, after going 3-0 in pool play and beating Hopkins in the semi-final game, Red narrowly missed winning the tournament championship, with Mankato National prevailing by a score of 8-7.) In pool play for 2011, Red will face a strong test immediately -- with games against Oakdale, Chester Bird (Benilde-St. Margaret), and National World Series Runner-up, Eden Prairie. Teams in the opposite pool include Hopkins, Wayzata, Champlin Park, and Delano.

Red will then return to the Fargo/Moorhead Invitational for the weekend of June 24-26th-- to defend its 2010 championship. (The full tournament schedule not yet available.)

After a 4th of July break, Red will next compete in the [Gopher Classic](#), which has been expanded this year from 48 teams at 8 sites to 66 teams at 11 sites. Pool play will run July 8-10th, with Red staying close to home and competing at the Bethel site, against Fargo, Osseo, Rosemount, Thunder Bay, and Wayzata. Red will be trying to repeat its Pool Championship performance of 2010. (On the [2010 Gopher Classic web page](#), relive Red's progress towards almost making it to the Metrodome for the championship game against fellow 4th District opponent, Rosetown!) Due to the expansion of the tournament in 2011, in addition to the 11 Pool Champions, five second-place teams will advance out of pool play for ongoing games on Monday July 11th, with the semi-finals and Championship games being held on Tuesday, July 12th. Due to the Metrodome roof collapse, Tuesday's games will be held at Veterans' Park at Minnetonka HS.

New for 2011, Red will then compete in the 29th Annual Don Friday Invitational Tournament in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, which will be held July 16-17th. Opponents include East Ridge (Woodbury), as well as the Wisconsin teams of Marshfield, Sheboygan, and Stevens Point.

See the web site schedule for complete pairings and game schedules for these tournaments. In addition to a very rigorous 4th District League schedule of 18 games, which will kick-off on June 11-12th with a series of round-robin games at the White Bear Township fields (Polar Lakes Park), Red might also schedule some non-league games against individual teams on select dates, if the schedule permits.

Note that this year's 4th District league consists of 10 teams -- in addition to Tri-City Red, league opponents include Tri-City Maroon (Irondale), Rosetown (Roseville), White Bear White, White Bear Orange, North St. Paul, Arcade Phalen (St. Paul Johnson), Hamline Red (St. Paul Highland Park), Hamline Purple (Cretin Derham Hall), and the new team of 3M Post 599, based at Hill-Murray HS. Fourth District league playoffs will begin July 19th -- with the winner earning a berth in the 85th Annual Minnesota American Legion Baseball Championship tournament (the largest state tournament in the nation!)

