Agenda - Tri-City Red Parent / Player Meeting Thursday, May 26, 2022 - 6:30 pm (MVHS)

- A. Welcome (Please circulate team contact list, review it for accuracy, and return to Gail.)
- B. Parent / Player, Self-Introductions
- C. Tri-City Red Program & Staff
 - 1. Staff Introductions & Contact Info (see handout)
 - 2. General Info & Brief Program History (see handouts)
 - a. Show your RED pride (e.g., TCR T-Shirts and hats will be available for purchase!)
 - b. 4th District League info (link to all scores / standings available on 2022 Red web page)

D. General Expectations / Program Help & Support Needed from Families

- 1. Coaching Philosophy, Expectations, Team Communications
- 2. Safety Issues
 - a. MHD / local Covid Guidance to be followed
 - b. Staff Training (Concussion recognition, Youth Protection, Background Checks)
- 3. Team, Sponsor, Community Image
 - a. Possible veteran-related team volunteer-service outing, if schedule allows
 - b. We strive to play the right way, as well as to be good spectators at all times
 - c. Tri-City Red is known for its impeccable sportsmanship and professionalism
- 4. Player Participation & Attendance
 - a. Please provide Coach Lovdahl with as much notice as possible if expecting to be absent, to ensure that planned line-ups aren't affected and so that all positions can be properly covered
- 5. Game Days
 - a. Hitting prior to games at MVHS (player-organized)
 - b. Players MUST be at away-game fields, ready to play, at least one hour prior to game time.
- 6. Amenities at Home Games
 - a. Scoreboard, Announcing and Music always looking for volunteers!
- 7. General Team Fundraising
 - a. Future fundraising events might be scheduled
 - b. Tri-City Red participates in Amazon Smile
- E. Season Schedule Review (see handout; from here-on-out, see "table schedule" on 2022 web page)
 - 1. Schedule adjustments will be made for HS State Tournament!
 - 2. League Kick-off Monday, 6/13 vs. White Bear (NOTE: Legion rules differ from HS rules)
 - 3. Tournaments & Non-League Games
 - a. Bloomington Red Haddox Wood Bat Tournament: Friday, June 17 through Sunday, June 19
 - b. Spring Lake Park Round-Robin: Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26
 - c. Fargo-Moorhead Invitational (50th Annual!)
 - Transportation (car-pooling)
 - Lodging (see handout)
 - 4. Post-Season Play
 - a. Sub-State 8 Playoffs: Monday, July 18 through Saturday, July 23 (Sunday as rain carry-over)
 - Hosted by Tri-City Red at Mounds View, so parent volunteers will be needed all days!
 - See bracket handout for schedule / game times
 - b. 4th District Season-End Banquet: Tuesday, July 26
 - Volunteer needed to coordinate Red parent attendance and help with set-up
 - c. State Tournament (Burnsville): Wednesday, July 27 through Sunday, July 31
 - d. Regional Tournament (Rapid City, SD): Tuesday, August 2 through Sunday, August 7
 - e. World Series (Shelby, NC): Tuesday, August 9 through Tuesday, August 16
- F. Questions?
- G. Uniform & Equipment Handout (all players MUST see Gail before they leave, to report uniform #)
- H. Complete Paperwork Collection (Player Forms, Birth Certificates, Participation Fee)



TRI-CITY BASEBALL

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Team Sponsor: Tri-City American Legion Post #513

New Brighton, MN

A Message to Parents from Team Manager, Nik Anderson:

I read an excerpt called, "The Matheny Manifesto," by Mike Matheny (Manager of the St. Louis Cardinals.) It is a letter to the parents of a little league team, that he coached, which he shared every year. He coaches his big leaguers the same way. Matheny's letter hit home with me, so I wanted to share some pieces of it with you, that apply to our baseball team. I've made adjustments to it for our organization, but would like all of you to track along with me --

There are a few things that I would like to nip in the bud right off the bat. The very first thing is that this experience to play baseball for Tri-City Red is ALL about the boys. If there is anything about it that includes you (the parents), we need to make a change in plans. My main goals are as follows:

- (1) to teach these young men how to play the game of baseball the right way,
- (2) to be a positive impact on them as young men, and
- (3) to do all of this with class.

We may not win every game, but we will strive to be the classiest coaches, players, and parents in every game we play. The boys are going to play with respect for their teammates, opposition, and the umpires -- no matter what.

My job, along with the other coaches, is to give the players our very best every time we show up to the field. Does that mean everything will be equal? No. That's the reality of competitive sports.

Do I expect to have conversations with your sons along the way when they need an explanation as to why a particular move was made, or why a player is getting a certain amount of playing time? Absolutely. That is what I expect, and that is the way I would like things to go this year – open communication directly between players and coaches. I would greatly appreciate if you would encourage your sons to take this approach, whenever you believe they need clarity into how things are going on Red. That is, refer them directly to me -- as opposed to you taking an intermediary role. It is through this model that they will grow best -- and become better prepared for their future roles at college and at work.

With that being said, I need to let you know where I stand. I have no hidden agenda. I have no ulterior motive other than what I said about my goals. I also need all of you to know that my priorities in life will most likely be a part of how I coach, and the expectations I have for the boys. My Christian faith is the guide for my life. I have never been one for forcing my faith down someone's throat, but I also believe it to be cowardly, and hypocritical to shy away from what I believe. You as parents need to know for yourselves and for your boys, that when the opportunity presents itself, I will be honest with what I believe. It is my responsibility to live my faith out in any endeavor that I get into. Again, my agenda doesn't go beyond the goals I listed, but in understanding me as a coach, that is something you should know.

Lastly, I believe that the biggest role of a parent is to be a [relatively silent] source of encouragement. I think if you ask most boys what they would want their parents to do during the game; they would say "NOTHING". So with that, let the record stand right now that we will not have good umpiring. This is a fact, and the sooner we all understand that, the better off we will be. We will have balls that bounce in the dirt that will be called strikes, and we will have balls over our heads that will be called strikes. Likewise, the opposite will happen with the strike zone while we are pitching. The boys will not be allowed to show negative emotion toward the umpire. They will not shake their heads, or pout, or say anything negative to the umpire.

This is my job, and I will do it well. I am really doing all of you parents a favor that you probably don't realize, at this point. I have taken the work out for you, so that you can simply come and watch your son -- and enjoy ©! Trust me on this; I am not saying that you cannot clap for your kids when they do well. I am just saying that if you hand your child over to me to coach them, then let me do that job. Will I be perfect and make zero mistakes? Absolutely not, and I will be the first to admit that. With that, though, you can know that I promise to do the best that I possibly can do -- to invest, into your boys, what they deserve.



Tri-City Red American Legion Baseball "101"

American Legion Baseball is the oldest, largest – and considered to be one of the most competitive -- youth baseball program in America. All 50 states participate. MN's participation dates back to the 1920's, with the first State Tournament being held in 1926; it has been held every year since, except in 2020, due to the pandemic. Minnesota leads the nation, with respect to the number of registered teams (approximately 375, rostering a total of roughly 6,000 players annually.) Over the years, tens of thousands of teams have been registered in Minnesota, providing playing opportunities for hundreds of thousands of Minnesota youth.

- Tri-City Red was formed in 1990. Its predecessor was the Jacobsen Memorial Legion team, based in Mounds View. When the Jacobsen Legion announced it could no longer sponsor a baseball team, to preserve an area youth program, the Tri-City Legion Post stepped forward to create/sponsor Tri-City Red (originally Mounds View and Irondale, combined), even though it was already sponsoring Tri-City Blue (based at St. Anthony HS.) Irondale formed its own team in 2009 (Tri-City Maroon); thus, there are now three teams carrying Tri-City Post sponsorship. In addition to sponsoring the baseball teams, the Tri-City Legion provided over \$1.5 million in funding for community, school and youth programs in our area over the years. Sadly, due to economic conditions, the Post was forced to close the doors of its physical building in 2011, although it still exists as an American Legion Post entity.
- Minnesota American Legion Baseball is divided into ten Districts. Some Districts are very large in area as well as in the number of teams and they have multiple leagues. For example, The 3rd District is very large, with 4 leagues and encompasses such teams as Chaska, Apple Valley, St. Paul Park, Oakdale, Stillwater, and up to Forest Lake. The 5th District covers Minneapolis and Richfield, and only has one league. The sizable 10th District includes the western and northern suburbs, stretching from Eden Prairie all the way up to Princeton, and over to Sandstone; it also has 4 leagues, and includes teams such as Excelsior, Hopkins, Coon Rapids, Maple Grove, among others. Tri-City Blue competes in the 10th District.
- Tri-City Red (and Tri-City Maroon) compete in the 4th District League, which is essentially Ramsey County. While there are Minnesota Legion Posts that sponsor two teams, Tri-City is the only Legion in the State that sponsors two teams in <u>different</u> Districts. Special permission to do so was required when Tri-City Red was formed.
- The 4th District only has one league, but it is highly competitive. **Since 1926, even though it has fewer teams than many of the other Districts, the 4th District has won far more State Titles than any other District roughly 40%.** The 10th District has the next highest win percentage, roughly 25%.
- In 2006, Tri-City Red led the way to adopting wood bats for all league games. Tri-City assisted with the transition, by donating an initial supply of wood bats to other teams in the league. The 4th continued to use wood through 2010; other Districts considered switching also, due to our positive example and experience with wood. Due to the introduction of BBCOR bats, wood bats are no longer used exclusively for league play in the 4th District.
- District 4 declares a League Champion -- and team coaches vote at the end of the season to determine an overall District MVP
 (honored at a season-end District 4 banquet for all participating teams.) Tri-City Red has accumulated many annual league
 championships -- and the historic list of District 4 MVP's is dominated by Tri-City Red players.
- Like high school, teams are assigned to section-like Sub-State Playoff Tournaments, to determine who earns a berth in the State Tournament (largest in the nation, with 16 teams participating).
- Because Minnesota has so many Legion teams (roughly 375), in addition to sending its State Champ to one of the eight (8) national Regional Tournaments, it also sends its State Runner-Up. Tri-City Red holds two (2) Regional Championships (1997 and 1999).
 Because of this, both Tri-City Red and Bloomington Blue competed in the 1999 World Series (each had been assigned to compete in different Regionals). It was the first time in history that two non-host teams from one State competed in the same World Series Tournament.
- Tri-City Red is one of only 5 Minnesota teams to have won an American Legion World Series National Championship (1999). The others are Richfield (1943), Edina (1983), the Rochester A's (2003), and Eden Prairie (2011). Excelsior was the National Runner-Up in 2002, and Eden Prairie was National Runner-up in 2007 and 2010.
- Tri-City Red is regarded as one of the top Legion programs in the State (and the nation) for many years. Having won <u>SEVEN</u> State Titles (1993, 1994, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2017, 2018), Red is also highly ranked each season (often in the top 10) statewide.
- In 2000, Tri-City Baseball was one of the first teams (and Legion Posts) in Minnesota to launch a web site. Due to the State's lack of resources, Tri-City Red staff took on the task of helping to archiving historical state-wide Legion baseball data on the site. In addition, the Tri-City site hosted the "official" MN American Legion Baseball web page for many years, as well as the Gopher Classic Tournament site and the Statewide Coaches Poll. As a result, during the summer, tens of thousands have visited the Tri-City Red web site including college coaches, major league scouts, as well as Legion coaches, players and fans from all around the country. Tri-City Red staff also assists at the District and State level in many other areas, with Gail also being Director of the 4th District and a member of the MN State American Legion Baseball Board.
- For all of its cumulative contributions on and off the field Tri-City was honored as "Post of the Year" in 2004 by the Minnesota American Legion Board of Directors. Gail was also inducted into the MN Legion Baseball Hall of Fame in 2010.
- In 2017, Tri-City Red achieved another milestone -- serving as host of the Minnesota American Legion State Tournament (which is also won!), with the main field being CHS Field in downtown St. Paul. Gail was actually instrumental in working with the Saints, the MN Legislature, and the Governor's Office to bring CHS Field to reality, relative to its approval for construction.)



Tri-City Red Team Accomplishments

		District / SS						
<u>Year</u>	League	Tournament	<u>State</u>	Regionals	World Series	Record	District MVP	Head Coach
1990	6th	4th				TBA		Ty Herman
1991	2nd	6th				20-11		Tom Ashley
1992	CHAMP	2nd				31-4	Mike Maslowski	Mark Kalata
1993	2nd	CHAMP	CHAMP	3rd		44-12	Mike Maslowski	Mark Kalata
1994	CHAMP	CHAMP	CHAMP	4th		41-8	Robb Ramacher	Mark Kalata
1995	CHAMP	2nd				28-12	Rich Seidenkranz	Mark Kalata
1996	CHAMP	3rd				30-10		Frank Brosseau
1997	2nd	CHAMP	CHAMP	CHAMP	7th	47-9		Frank Brosseau
1998	3rd	CHAMP	8th			33-12		Jeff Larsen
1999	CHAMP	CHAMP	CHAMP	CHAMP	CHAMP	64-5	Billy Schneider	Jeff Larsen
2000	CHAMP	CHAMP	CHAMP	5th		39-11	Steve Grasley	Jeff Larsen
2001	3rd	5th				27-18		Jeff Larsen
2002	CHAMP	2nd	6th			38-13		Jeff Larsen
2003	3rd	CHAMP	9th			26-20		Jeff Larsen
2004	4th	CHAMP	9th			22-23		Jeff Larsen
2005	CHAMP	CHAMP	15th			37-10	Derek McCallum	Jeff Larsen
2006	CHAMP	2nd				30-10	Derek McCallum	Jeff Larsen
2007	CHAMP	CHAMP	7th			33-12		Jeff Larsen
2008	CHAMP	3rd				40-9	Nick Colwell	Jeff Larsen
2009	4th	5th				17-17		Rus Poser
2010	2nd	3rd				31-9	Jesse Nickols	Rus Poser
2011	2nd	3rd				26-12		Rus Poser
2012	2nd	CHAMP	6th			36-11	Max Knutson	Steve Grasley
2013*	CHAMP	2nd				32-8	Sam Hentges	Steve Grasley
2014*	CHAMP	CHAMP	9th			28-8	Ben Mezzenga	Steve Grasley
2015*	CHAMP	CHAMP	9th			24-12	Alec Abercrombie	Steve Grasley
2016*	CHAMP	3rd				26-11	Ryan Nickel	Nik Anderson
2017*	2nd	3rd	CHAMP	5th		31-12	Ryan Nickel	Nik Anderson
2018*	CHAMP	CHAMP	CHAMP	5th		32-9-1		Nik Anderson
2019*	CHAMP	CHAMP	5th			24-5		Nik Anderson
2021*	2nd	CHAMP	5th			20-10		Nik Anderson
Totals:	17 of 31	16 of 31	7 of 18	2 of 7	1 of 2	957-333-1	16 of 31	
	0.548	0.516	0.389	0.286	0.500	0.741	0.516	

Team Totals: (Championships)

Tri-City Red = 17 North St. Paul = 6 Tri-City Red = 16 Hamline Red = 5 .500+ Seasons = 30 of 31

NOTE: No Season in 2020 (pandemic)

Hamline Red = 2 Rosetown = 3 Hamline Purple = 2 Map. Green = 1 North St. Paul = 4 Rosetown = 2 Hamline Purple = 2 Map. Green = 1

*Note: A new state-wide "sub-state" playff format, effective in 2013, mixed teams from various Districts; thus, playoff champ is not necessarily a 4th District team.

2022 Tri-City Red Season Schedule

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10 HS Sections End	11	
12	*6:00 pm vs White Bear @ MVHS (H)	14 HS State Tourn. *6:00 pm vs Rosetown @ Rosetown (A)	15 HS State Tourn. *6:00 pm vs Hamline Purple @ Cretin DH (A)	16	17 HS State Final Bloomiongton Wood Bat Tournament (exact schedule TBD)	18 Bloomiongton Wood Bat Tournament (exact schedule TBD)	
19 Father's Day Bloomiongton Wood Bat Tournament (exact schedule TBD)	20 Rain Make-Up	*6:00 pm vs Tri-City Maroon @ Irondale (A)	*7:30 pm vs North St. Paul @ North St. Paul (A)	*8:00 pm vs Rosetown @ CHS Field (H)	24 Rain Make-Up	Spring Lake Park Round-Robin 11 am: Sp Lk Pk (A) 1:30 pm: Legacy Christian Academy (A)	
26 Spring Lake Park Round-Robin 1:30 pm: Ham Red (H)	27 Rain Make-Up	*6:00 pm vs Hamline Purple @ MVHS (H)	29	Fargo-Moorhead Invitational Tournament (exact schedule TBD)	Fargo-Moorhead Invitational Tournament (exact schedule TBD)	Fargo-Moorhead Invitational Tournament (exact schedule TBD)	
		*Denotes 4th Distric (H) = Home Game (A) = Away Game	ct League Game	1	1	As of 5/15/2022	

2022 Tri-City Red Season Schedule

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					(See June's Page)	(See June's Page)
3	4 Independence Day	*8:00 pm vs Tri-City Maroon @ CHS Field (H)	*8:00 pm vs Hamline Red @ CHS Field (A)	5:00 pm vs West Fargo @ MVHS (H) (Non-Leage Game, 9 innings)	Rain Make-Up / Non-League Game	9 Rain Make-Up / Non-League Game
Rain Make-Up / Non-League Game	*6:00 pm vs White Bear @ White Bear South (A)	*6:00 pm vs North St. Paul @ MVHS (H)	*6:00 pm vs Hamline Red @ MVHS (H)	14 Rain Make-Up	6:00 pm vs Wayzata @ MVHS (H) (Non-league game)	16 Rain Make-Up
17 Rain Make-Up	Sub-State Playoffs (Play-in, if nec.)	Sub-State Playoffs (Double Elim. Begins)	Sub-State Playoffs	Sub-State Playoffs	Sub-State Playoffs	Sub-State Playoffs
Sub-State Playoffs (Rain Date)	25	26 4th District Awards Banquet (NSP Legion Post)	27 State Tournament Reporting Date & Opening Banquet (Burnsville)	28 State Tournament Games (Burnsville)	29 State Tournament Games (Burnsville)	30 State Tournament Games (Burnsville)
31 State Tournament Games (Burnsville)				-	Sday, Aug. 3rd through Sund Aug. 11th through Tues., Au	•

2022 Tri-City Red 50th Annual Fargo / Moorhead "The Pete" Invitational Tournament Thursday, June 30 – Saturday, July 2, 2022

Tri-City Red has been participating in this tournament almost annually since the early 1990's. It is a very competitive tournament, with participants coming from across the upper Midwest. Our tournament hosts are very cordial, and the cities of Fargo and Moorhead offer many pleasant areas in which to spend time. Fargo's major shopping Mall (West Acres) is located within walking distance of our hotel, as well as a Walgreen's and a Hornbacher's grocery store (with deli); there are many restaurants nearby also.

The concession stands at the parks serve up great food – with the two main fields (Jack Williams Stadium and Moorhead's Matson Field, both near NDSU) being located directly across from each other, along the shores of the Red River. Bouncing back and forth across the river, to see who is winning / losing in the other pool, brings another element of fun to the tournament. The other two fields are in Fargo (Starion Field) and West Fargo (Young Field).

The exact game schedule -- and a team itinerary for the trip -- will be available, as the tournament approaches. Carpooling will be necessary to / from the Fargo area, as well as to each game from the hotel.

Tri-City Red has secured rooms for the players at the following hotel and will be covering the cost of those rooms.

Days Inn by Wyndham, Fargo (14th Ave. South) 3431 14th Ave South, Fargo, ND, 58103 701-235-5566

https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/fargo-north-dakota/days-inn-fargo/overview

PARENT LODGING INFO FOR THE DAYS INN:

We have arranged for a discounted block of rooms for parents / fans at the same hotel -- at the following discounted rates. The <u>current</u> block of rooms includes the following (although a wider range of room types might be available by the time you call*):

- 1 Double Room with 2 Queen Beds \$95 / night, plus tax
- 8 Single Queen Rooms (1 Queen Bed) \$89 / night, plus tax
- 7 Single King Rooms (1 King Bed) \$89 / night, plus tax

*The hotel has been undergoing renovations, and some single-bed rooms have been in the process of conversion to double-bed rooms. Also, a sofa bed might be added to some of the single Queen and King rooms. So, for those of you traveling with younger siblings of players, in particular, PLEASE ASK ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF SUCH SPECIFIC ROOM TYPES WHEN YOU CALL.

Hotel rooms in Fargo are in high demand; therefore, <u>you must call the hotel by midnight on Tuesday, June 7th</u> to reserve a room. After that date, any remaining rooms in the block will be released to the general public.

Parents must call 701-235-5566 by June 7th and <u>ask for Kris Hamernik or Alyssa</u>. Then ask to book a room in the "Tri-City Red Parent Block"

(The entire block of rooms is reserved for two nights, with an arrival date of Thursday, June 30th, even though, depending upon your personal schedule, you might not be reserving a room for that entire time frame.)

Of course, you will need to provide all of the normal information, such as name, credit card number to hold the room, <u>check-in date</u>, number of nights, etc. Room cancellation policies and other details will be covered with you at that time by the hotel (normal cancellation policies apply, etc.)

Parents may certainly stay at <u>any</u> hotel of their choosing in the Fargo area; there are many from which to choose. (There are actually a couple of additional hotels immediately adjacent to this Days Inn.)

If you have questions, please contact Gail Kalata: SCGJ@aol.com, 651-592-4279 (c)

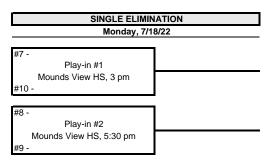


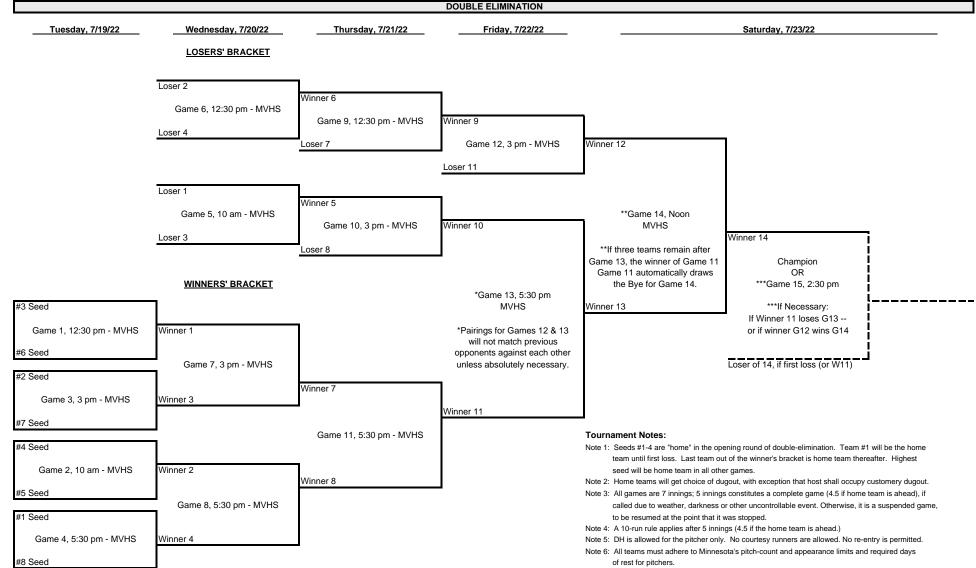
2022 Minnesota American Legion Baseball Division I Playoff Tournament: Sub-State # 8 Monday, July 18th - Saturday, July 23rd



All Games Played at Mounds View High School, (1900 Lake Valentine Road, Arden Hills 55112)

NOTE: Game site / times subject to change. Check with your individual team for the latest information.





Show Your Red Pride!!

Tri-City Red T-Shirts

are available in limited quantities; Contact Gail at scgj@aol.com to reserve yours today!

Men's S, M, L, XL: \$20.00 each Men's XXL, and XXXL: \$22.00 each



Helpful Hint for Tri-City Red Uniforms

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To set color in clothing that might bleed

(Before washing garment)

- ✓ Mix ½ cup salt and 1 tbsp. alum (from spice section in grocery store) in a bucket of cold water.
- ✓ Immerse garment in bucket and let soak for at least 4 hours or overnight.
- ✓ Rinse and launder as usual.