

Agenda - Tri-City Red Parent / Player Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 2023 - 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 2023 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

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, 6/12 vs. Hamline Purple (Cretin); NOTE: Legion rules differ from HS rules
3. Tournaments & Non-League Games
 - a. Fargo-Moorhead Invitational (51st Annual!): Friday, June 30 - Sunday, July 2
 - Transportation (car-pooling)
 - Lodging (see handout)
 - b. Richfield Karnas Klassic: Friday, July 7 - Sunday, July 9
 - c. Princeton Tournament: Friday, July 14 - Sunday, July 16
4. Post-Season Play
 - a. Sub-State 8 Playoffs: Tuesday, July 18 through Saturday, July 22 (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 25
 - Volunteer needed to coordinate Red parent attendance and help with set-up
 - c. State Tournament (Rochester): Wednesday, July 26 through Sunday, July 30
 - d. Regional Tournament (Rapid City, SD): Tuesday, August 1 through Sunday, August 6
 - e. World Series (Shelby, NC): Tuesday, August 8 through Tuesday, August 15

F. Questions?

G. Uniform # Assignment (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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for the Love of the Game and the Benefit of our Youth



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Team Web Page for 2023 Season:
www.tricitybaseball.org/2023red.htm

Team Sponsor: Tri-City American Legion Post #513
New Brighton, MN



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 different 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 SEVEN 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.)

If you have specific questions about the American Legion Baseball program or the history of Tri-City, please don't hesitate to ask – and feel free to explore the wealth of information on the web site! www.tricitybaseball.org



Tri-City Red Team Accomplishments

<u>Year</u>	<u>League</u>	<u>District / SS Tournament</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Regionals</u>	<u>World Series</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>District MVP</u>	<u>Head Coach</u>
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
2022*	CHAMP	4th				17-12	Leo Fleischhacker	Bo Lovdahl
Totals:	18 of 32	16 of 32	7 of 18	2 of 7	1 of 2	974-345-1	17 of 32	
	0.563	0.500	0.389	0.286	0.500	0.738	0.531	

Team Totals:
(Championships)

NOTE: No Season
in 2020 (pandemic)

Tri-City Red = 18
North St. Paul = 6
Hamline Red = 2
Rosetown = 3
Hamline Purple = 2
Map. Green = 1

Tri-City Red = 16
Hamline Red = 5
North St. Paul = 4
Rosetown = 3
Hamline Purple = 2
Map. Green = 1

.500+ Seasons
= 31 of 32

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

2023 Tri-City Red Season Schedule

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 HS Sections End	10
11	12 *6:00 pm vs Hamline Purple @ MVHS (H)	13 (HS State Tourn) Possible Non-League Game (MV Reserved)	14 (HS State Tourn) 6:00 pm vs Fridley Gold (Totino Grace) @ MVHS (H) (Non-League Game)	15 Possible Non-League Game	16 (HS State Tourn) Possible Non-League Game	17 Possible Non-League Game or Make-Up Date
18 Father's Day Possible Non-League Game or Make-Up Date	19 *6:00 pm vs Hamline Red @ St. Paul Academy (A)	20 *6:00 pm vs Hamline Purple @ Cretin Derham Hall (A)	21 *6:00 pm vs White Bear @ WB South HS (A)	22 *6:00 pm vs Rosetown @ MVHS (H)	23 Possible Non-League Game or Make-Up Date	24 Possible Non-League Game or Make-Up Date
25 7:45 pm vs Eden Prairie @ Eden Prairie (A) (Round Lake Stadium) Non-League Game	26 *8:00 pm vs White Bear @ CHS Field (H)	27 *6:00 pm vs Tri-City Maroon @ MVHS (H)	28 *6:00 pm vs Hamline Red @ MVHS (H)	29 Potential Make-Up Date	30 FM INVITATIONAL 2:30: vs Team Manitoba (Matson Field) 5:00: vs Moorhead (Matson Field)	1 FM INVITATIONAL Noon: vs Wayzata #2 (Matson Field) 5:00: vs Fargo Post 2 (Jack Williams Stadium)
Field Codes: *Denotes 4th District League Game (H) = Home Game (A) = Away Game						

As of 5/20/2023

2023 Tri-City Red Season Schedule

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 See June's Page
2 FM INVITATIONAL 10:00: vs Creighton Prep (Jack Williams Stadium) 3:00: CHAMPIONSHIP (Jack Williams Stadium)	3	4 Independence Day	5 Possible Non-League Game or Make-Up Date	6 *8:00 pm vs Tri-City Maroon @ CHS Field (A)	7 Richfield Karnas Klassic Tourney (exact schedule TBD, one game each day)	8 Richfield Karnas Klassic Tourney (exact schedule TBD, one game each day)
9 Richfield Karnas Klassic Tourney (exact schedule TBD, one game each day)	10 Possible Non-League Game or Make-Up Date	11 Possible Non-League Game or Make-Up Date	12 *6:00 pm vs Rosetown @ Rosetown (A)	13 Possible Non-League Game or Make-Up Date	14 Princeton Tournament 2:30: vs Marshall (One game each day)	15 Princeton Tournament Noon if Lose Friday 5:30 if Win Friday
16 Princeton Tournament (exact schedule TBD, one game each day)	17 Sub-State Playoffs (*Play-in Games)	18 Sub-State Playoffs (Double-Elim. Begins)	19 Sub-State Playoffs	20 Sub-State Playoffs	21 Sub-State Playoffs	22 Sub-State Playoffs
23 Sub-State Playoffs (Rain Date)	24	25 4th District Banquet (NSP Legion Post)	26 State Tournament Reporting Date & Opening Banquet (Rochester)	27 State Tourn. Games (Rochester)	28 State Tourn. Games (Rochester)	29 State Tourn. Games (Rochester)
30 State Tourn. Games (Rochester)	31	Notes Regional Reporting date (Rapid City) is Tuesday, Aug. 1st; Games played Wed, Aug. 2nd through Sunday, Aug. 6th World Series reporting date is Tues., Aug 8th; games played Thurs., Aug 10th through Tuesday, Aug 15th (pool play). <div>2nd Team Listed is Home Team As of 5/20/2023</div>				

**2023 Tri-City Red
51st Annual Fargo / Moorhead "The Pete" Invitational Tournament
Friday, June 30 – Sunday, July 2, 2023**

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).

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 block of rooms for parents / fans at the same hotel -- at the following discounted rates. The block includes the following room types:

- 7 - Double Rooms (2 Queen Beds) - \$89.99 / night, plus taxes
- 7 - Single King Rooms (1 King Bed) - \$89.99 / night, plus taxes
- 2 - Deluxe* Double Rooms (2 Queen Beds) - \$159.99 / night, plus taxes
- 2 - Deluxe* Single King Rooms (1 King Bed) - \$149.99 / night, plus taxes

*The "Deluxe" rooms have a pull-out sofa.

Hotel rooms in Fargo are in high demand; therefore, **you must reserve a room by Thursday, June 15th. After that date, any remaining rooms in the block will be released to the general public.**

To reserve a room in the "Tri-City Red Parents Block," please use this dedicated link.
(You can also call the hotel, 701-235-5566.)

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn/fargo-north-dakota/days-inn-fargo/rooms-rates?&checkInDate=06/30/2023&checkOutDate=07/02/2023&groupCode=CGREDP>

(The entire block of rooms is reserved for two nights, with an arrival date of Friday, June 30th, even though, depending upon your personal schedule, you might not be reserving a room for that entire time frame. When using the booking link provided above, you can adjust the dates, if need be, then click on UPDATE in the upper right.)

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

**If you have questions, please contact Gail Kalata:
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2023 Minnesota American Legion Baseball

Division I Playoff Tournament : Sub-State # 8

Tuesday, July 18th - Saturday, July 22nd

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AMERICAN LEGION
BASEBALL

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.

SINGLE ELIMINATION

N/A

#7 - N/A

Play-in #1
MVHS, 3 pm

#10 - N/A

#8 - N/A

Play-in #2
MVHS, 5:30 pm

#9 - N/A

DOUBLE ELIMINATION

Tuesday, 7/18/23

Wednesday, 7/19/23

Thursday, 7/20/23

Friday, 7/21/23

Saturday, 7/22/23

LOSERS' BRACKET

Loser 2

Game 6, 12:30 pm - MVHS

Loser 4

Winner 6

Game 9, 12:30 pm - MVHS

Loser 7

Winner 9

Game 12, 3 pm - MVHS

Loser 11

Winner 12

Loser 1

Game 5, 10 am - MVHS

Loser 3

Winner 5

Game 10, 3 pm - MVHS

Loser 8

Winner 10

**Game 14, Noon
MVHS

**If three teams remain after
Game 13, the winner of Game 11
Game 11 automatically draws
the Bye for Game 14.

Winner 14

Champion
OR
***Game 15, 2:30 pm

***If Necessary:
If Winner 11 loses G13 --
or if winner G12 wins G14

Loser of 14, if first loss (or W11)

WINNERS' BRACKET

#3 Seed

Game 1, 12:30 pm - MVHS

#6 Seed

Winner 1

Game 7, 3 pm - MVHS

#2 Seed

Game 3, 3 pm - MVHS

Winner 3

#7 Seed

Winner 7

Game 11, 5:30 pm - MVHS

Winner 11

#4 Seed

Game 2, 10 am - MVHS

Winner 2

Winner 8

#5 Seed

Game 8, 5:30 pm - MVHS

Winner 4

#1 Seed

Game 4, 5:30 pm - MVHS

#8 Seed

*Game 13, 5:30 pm
MVHS

*Pairings for Games 12 & 13
will not match previous
opponents against each other
unless absolutely necessary.

Winner 13

Tournament Notes:

Note 1: Seeds #1-4 are "home" in the opening round of double-elimination. Team #1 will be the home team until first loss. Last team out of the winner's bracket is home team thereafter. Highest seed will be home team in all other games.

Note 2: Home teams will get choice of dugout, with exception that host shall occupy customary dugout.

Note 3: All games are 7 innings; 5 innings constitutes a complete game (4.5 if home team is ahead), if called due to weather, darkness or other uncontrollable event. Otherwise, it is a suspended game, to be resumed at the point that it was stopped.

Note 4: A 10-run rule applies after 5 innings (4.5 if the home team is ahead.)

Note 5: DH is allowed for the pitcher only. No courtesy runners are allowed. No re-entry is permitted.

Note 6: All teams must adhere to Minnesota's pitch-count and appearance limits and required days of rest for pitchers.

05/20/2023

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



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.