For those of you that have not received a direct email from me as the head coach of your team yet, I want to say again how excited I am to have this group for the summer! The tournament schedule for next weekend down in Cedar Rapids is out, and here is what we have...

**Schedule**

**FRIDAY, June 17th**

**8:00am vs. Milwaukee Hitmen**

* **Location:**[CRST Field at Prospect Meadows Sports Complex](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1890+County+Home+Rd,+Marion,+IA+52302/@42.0938749,-91.5511577,669m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x87e4ed11de14ffa9:0x547ab6e589319a2!8m2!3d42.0938362!4d-91.5489207)
  + Address: 1890 County Home Road Marion, IA
* **Arrival Time:**6:50am

**10:15am vs. PTA 16U White**

* **Location:**[CRST Field at Prospect Meadows Sports Complex](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1890+County+Home+Rd,+Marion,+IA+52302/@42.0938749,-91.5511577,669m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x87e4ed11de14ffa9:0x547ab6e589319a2!8m2!3d42.0938362!4d-91.5489207)
  + Address: 1890 County Home Road Marion, IA
* **Arrival Time:**We will already be at the field for this game

**Saturday, June 18th**

Everyone is entered into a massive, 43 team bracket play beginning Saturday morning. Where we place after pool play will determine what time we play Saturday morning. Options for first game Saturday are anywhere from 8am to 7:15pm. If we finish in roughly the top half after pool play, we will need to win 2 games to advance to bracket play games on Sunday. If we finish outside of the top half after pool play, we will need to win 3 games to advance to bracket play games on Sunday.

**Sunday, June 19th**

It is unclear yet what this day will look like.  This tournament is a 4 game guarantee. There are currently 2 pool play games listed followed by a single elimination bracket play situation, meaning that if we lose our first game of bracket play, this will only be 3 games. This leads us to believe there will be some sort of "match up for one game" scenario that takes place on Sunday at some point. We are still waiting to get information on this. We are sorry we don't know quite yet.

**Rules**

**PITCHING RULES:** <https://www.perfectgame.org/events/Tournaments/PitchingRestrictions.aspx?event=38420>

**GENERAL WWBA RULES:** <https://www.perfectgame.org/events/tournaments/rules.aspx?event=38420>

**BAT RULES:** This is a wood bat tournament. Please plan on bringing wood bats!

**FOOD:**No outside coolers allowed

**CLEAT RULES:**This tournament has games at various different facilities. Some prohibit metal spikes, including our 2 pool play games. PLEASE BRING BOTH METAL CLEATS AND NON METAL CLEATS. TURF SHOES WILL WORK IF MOLDEDS AREN'T AVAILABLE.

**GENERAL EVENT INFO PAGE FOR THIS EVENT:**<https://www.perfectgame.org/events/Default.aspx?event=38420>

**GREAT LAKES NATIONAL II SCHEDULE PAGE:**

<https://www.perfectgame.org/PGBA/Team/default.aspx?orgid=13327&orgteamid=136861&team=423473&Year=2022>

\*The highlighted rules above should be the only rules that you, as parents, need to worry about. The rest are pitching and roster rules that are handled by us as a coaching staff.

**Travel Logistics**

Because we do not play till FRIDAY, we will leave THURSDAY after on field practice. This really is a great scenario for the players. They do not have to miss any practice time this week, and also do not have to take a full day off sitting down in Cedar Rapids.

With that being said, we need to leave in a very timely manner after on field practice on Thursday. If possible, I would like to leave directly from Bielenberg complex without even going back to the Great Lakes facility. I will communicate that with the boys the day before as well.  For you, as parents, please ensure that they are completely packed Wednesday night and that they bring everything with them to practice Thursday morning. There will not be time for them to go back home to get things after practice.

\*\*\*On the slight chance that they change our tournament schedule or add a game on Thursday to help get to that 3 game guarantee, you'll be communicated about that ASAP. We have no indication that this will happen, but just in case.

Other notes:

* It is a 4 hour and 15 minute drive exactly from the Great Lakes facility to our hotel in Cedar Rapids.
* We will stop for dinner somewhere part way
* The address to our hotel is [3245 Southgate Place Southwest, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3245+Southgate+Pl+SW,+Cedar+Rapids,+IA+52404/@41.9455842,-91.6734499,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x87e4f781b3911da7:0xd6f599d076cee6a8!8m2!3d41.9455842!4d-91.6734499)
  + Phone Number: 319-365-4339
* When we decide to return home will be determined by final game
* We strongly encourage all players to drive TO the tournament with us as a team. If you, as parents, would like to be responsible for them getting home, you're welcome to do so. Of course, riding back in the van will still be an option.
* We will be responsible for getting each player to all the meals they need on the trip. They will, however, be responsible for paying for all of their food.

**Per the usual, fitting players and bags in the van will be a nice tight squeeze! If you, as parents, are going down and will be there prior to first game and would like to take your players baseball bag with you, that would be appreciated!**This is not mandatory by any means, it simply helps clear up some space in our van to fit more comfortably.  Other packing notes...

* Reminder again about both metal and molded (or turf shoes) cleats
* Bring all uniforms (Should be Red and White) and baseball pants as well as the Great Lakes black hat
* Bring workout clothing other than baseball gear for us to lift as a team
* Remember your red GL undershirt and black socks
* MONEY FOR FOOD ON THE ROAD.

Lastly, my phone number is 612-940-9116 if you ever need to get ahold of me directly!