



Dear Coaches,

Congratulations on qualifying for the 2024 American Legion Class A Junior Legion State Tournament, hosted by Pierre Post 8 Legion Baseball!

The 2024 tournament will be a pool play, round-robin format, which is modeled after the American Legion World Series. There will not be a coaches' meeting; instead, each coach will be required to check in with Commissioner Garcia two hours prior to the team's first game. All relevant paperwork must be turned in at this time and will be kept until the team has been eliminated from the tournament. Allen Goodman (605-280-7476 / agoodman796@gmail.com / alpost8baseball@gmail.com) will serve as the host contact for this year's event. Brandon Carda will serve as the Umpire in Chief, and Beau Garcia will be the American Legion Commissioner, as usual.

The opening ceremony will take place prior to game four, which begins Thursday at 7:30 p.m. We ask that all eight teams arrive in uniform by 6:45 p.m. All teams will be introduced, the colors will be presented by the American Legion Post 45 color guard, and the national anthem will be played.

A batting cage is available on the south end of the park. The home team will be permitted to use the batting cage for 40 minutes starting two hours before game time. The visiting team will then follow for the next 40 minutes. There will also be an additional field (Kelley Field), with at least one available cage located at the Oahe Softball Complex. This location is included on the map below.

Information about tournament T-shirts will be sent out to each head coach prior to the tournament. The cost of the T-shirts is to be determined.

Admission to the tournament will be as follows:

- Adults: \$10 daily or \$25 tournament pass
- High School Students and younger: Free
- Veterans: Free

Congratulations once again on making it to the state tournament! We look forward to welcoming you to Pierre!

Sincerely,
Pierre Post 8 Baseball

Hotel Accommodations

Due to the nature of the short notice qualification for this tournament, we have unfortunately not been able to secure room blocks for participating teams. The following hotels in the Pierre/Ft. Pierre area are recommended for you stay.

- [Ramkota Hotel Pierre](#)
 - 920 W. Sioux Avenue Pierre, SD 57501
 - (605) 336-0650
- [Governor's Inn](#)
 - 700 W. Sioux Ave Pierre, SD 57501
 - (605) 224-4200
- [Clubhouse Hotel & Suites](#)
 - 808 West Sioux Ave, Suite 100 Pierre, SD 57501
 - (605) 494-2582
- Feel free to search for other hotels in the Pierre/Ft Pierre area that fit your needs.

Arriving at the Park

Games will be played at historic Hyde Stadium in Pierre.

Parking is difficult for daytime games as the park is near state government offices. After 5pm, parking should clear up for both the street parking and parking lot behind the right field fence. What we recommend for fans attending the games during the day, is to park behind Georgia Morse Middle School and walk around the football field.



Additional Fields

If coaches or individual players decide to get additional practice time in during the tournament, we have Kelley Field available for free use. We will not reserve time for either the field or cages at Kelley field. However, tournament participants will get priority over the general public.

We also have a little league field nearby at Griffin Park with a batting cage available for use.



Eating and Local Shopping

For a list of local restaurants, lodging and travel options, please refer to the following website links for the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce:

- [Restaurants, Food & Beverages QuickLink Category | Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Lodging & Travel QuickLink Category | Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce](#)