

## **The Connie Mack World Series Farmington, New Mexico**

### ***Parent Information Sheet***

Congratulations on your team qualifying for the Connie Mack World Series! In order to make your visit to Farmington as rewarding for you as possible, we wish to provide you some information on what to expect in Farmington and some of the procedures we follow in hosting this prestigious tournament. If, at any time, you need information on something not covered here or further clarification, please call 505-320-0496 to speak with Carla, the World Series Administrator.

Air travel to Farmington can be complicated so it is recommended that if you plan to fly to the tournament that you do so by flying into Albuquerque, New Mexico or Durango, Colorado then renting a car to drive the 180 miles from Albuquerque or the 50 miles from Durango to Farmington. The highway from Albuquerque to Farmington (Highway 550) is four-lane and the trip generally takes three hours. Your players will be flying into Albuquerque and then they will board a bus to make the trip to Farmington. Because we try to put two teams on each bus, there won't be enough room left for family members.

Information for LODGING, HOTELS, MOTELS, can be found on the Connie Mack World Series web site [cmws.org](http://cmws.org) and look for the travel box. This will take you to the Farmington Convention and Visitors Center that will have a link to the local lodging. You can also contact them at [farmingtonnm.org](http://farmingtonnm.org).

I would like to emphasize a unique aspect to the CMWS that truly makes this tournament special, is the **"Foster Family Program"**. This is where your players will be staying in the homes of local residents (Host Families) who will be responsible for their care and feeding while they are participating in the CMWS. For some of these families it will be their first time while others have done it for decades, but one thing they all have in common is to provide the best possible care and experience for your players. Many lifelong friendships have been established as a result of our Foster Family program. Please talk to your players about the Foster Family Program and explain that these families are opening their homes to the players and want nothing more than for them to have the BEST experience they can have in Farmington, NM.

**Important information, for players under the age of 18 a medical release form for the tournament must be signed, and a liability release form from Defined Fitness (if your player is wanting to work out) must be signed.** These forms are in the Coaches information packets.

The next question you probably have is how to get tickets. During Pool Play, a two-day pass can be purchased for \$10 and can be used at any of the three (3) venues, for any game. Individual games may also be purchased for \$3 per session, per venue. During Bracket Play, we have a punch pass with ten punches that we sell only to family members of the players. These passes cost \$40 and can be used for any session. It is recommended that in the beginning, since you don't know how long you'll be staying in the tournament, also that families go in on the purchase of one pass—with ten punches, ten people can go to one game, one person can go ten times, five can go two times—you get the idea. If a couple of families buy one together and use it up, then they can buy another one later in the week. OR you can buy general admission tickets each time you come to the ball park. The advantage in buying the pass is that you won't have to wait in line at the ticket booth each time you want to come to a game. You simply have to walk to the general admission entrance gate and get your pass punched. General admission tickets will be available for that session only—you can purchase tickets on line (there is a link at [www.cmws.org](http://www.cmws.org)) at noon the day prior for future sessions.

Passes will be on sale at the Farmington Civic center on Thursday, July 24th during player check-in or at the Ticket Booth at Ricketts Park during the series. The ticket booth opens one hour prior to the first game of each session. General admission tickets will only be sold for that session. For example, on Sunday you will **not** be able to buy tickets for either of the games on Monday. On Monday, you won't be able to buy tickets for either of the games on Tuesday, etc. But again, if you have the parent punch pass, you won't have to wait in line to buy tickets every day. All of our reserved seating tickets are **sold out** but it is possible that a few reserved seat tickets may be available for sale on a game by game basis, for \$6

per ticket. Sometimes ticket holders will turn in tickets to the ticket booth that they won't be using and we sell these as they are made available. There is no guarantee we will have any reserved seat tickets since we have no way of knowing what tickets may be turned over to us to sell on any given day. You may check at the ticket booth prior to each session.

Now that you have gained admittance to the ball park, you need to know where you can sit. During the game in which your team is playing, we have a special section set aside for "real" families and foster families. There is a section on each side—the home team will be in the third base dugout and the visiting team will be in the first base dugout. Home and visitor will be determined by a coin toss. The ticket booth staff will know prior to the game which team will be on which side. So, proceed to the proper baseline seating and you may sit in the designated section. After your game is over, you will have to vacate that section so that the families of the next game's team may sit there. If you want to stay for the next game (if there is one) you will have to move to the general admission section on the first base side down toward right field. And that is where you may sit if you want to watch a game in which your team is not playing. We know that you've traveled a long way to watch your child play in the Series and team parents are allowed to sit in vacant **reserved seats** until the ticket holders arrive. **We do ask that you please remember that all of our reserved seating is technically "sold out," and you are sitting in someone's pre-paid seat, so we ask that you politely and graciously vacate the seat when the rightful holder shows up.**

The weather in Farmington in late July and August can vary. Days are typically warm—highs in the 90s. Nights usually drop down to mid-50s to low 60s so a sweatshirt or light jacket would be in order. We generally don't get any rain all summer until the Connie Mack World Series begins. It would be a good idea to pack a rain coat and/or umbrella. Quite often we may have a rain delay for an hour or so but we nearly always get the day's games in. Dress in Farmington is casual.

All of the tournament's games are broadcast by a local radio station—KSJE, FM 90.9. In addition, we will be providing live audio streaming on the Internet. In San Juan County, NM: 90.9FM / In Durango, CO: 103.3 FM Everywhere else: [www.KSJE.com](http://www.KSJE.com) Click: "Listen Live" Podcasts (Recordings) of the games from Ricketts Park will also be available (for \$15) at [www.KSJE.com](http://www.KSJE.com)

We have a local T-shirt shop that sells souvenirs—T-shirts, sweatshirts, posters, etc. They will have their wares set up at the Civic Center during player check-in on July 24th, and will be in the souvenir shop next to the concession stand at the ball park all week. Souvenir programs that will be sold at the ball park. There is a photographer who will be taking team photos at Ricketts Park. **after opening ceremonies and these will also be available for purchase.**

If you want any information on local attractions or surrounding areas you may contact the **Farmington Convention and Visitors' Bureau at 1-800-448-1240**. They will be happy to send you information on our area, or you may go to their web page <https://farmingtonnm.org/plan-your-trip/where-to-stay/lodging> if you want to stop in at the FCVB after you get to town, their address is 3041 E. Main and their local phone number is 326-7602.

If you have any questions throughout the week while you're here, please ask any of the ticket booth staff or the people working in the information booth on the north side of the ticket booth. Farmington is a place where people come to energize their life's journey and we want you to have an experience to remember so anything we can do to make that happen, you only need to ask and we will try our best to accommodate your request.

