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Local League Guide  
2014





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# The Beginnings of Babe Ruth League

**T**he year is 1951. Local businessman Marius D. Bonacci leads a group of 10 dedicated community members in discussions based around developing a baseball program for boys between the ages of 13 and 15. When the group finally emerges from the Yardville Hotel in Hamilton, New Jersey, they have set in place the groundwork for what would soon be known as “Little Bigger League.”

On May 14 of that same year, the first 10-team Little Bigger League plays its very first game between Homedell Civic Association and the White Horse Fire Company at Switlik Park. More games soon follow.

So inspired was League President Willard Carson Jr. by the competitive spirit of the young players and the enthusiastic crowds, he submits an article to the *Sporting News*, seeking interested parties to join baseball leagues for this age group. Within a year, 98 municipalities across the country have responded to that article and the new league is on its way to becoming a national organization.

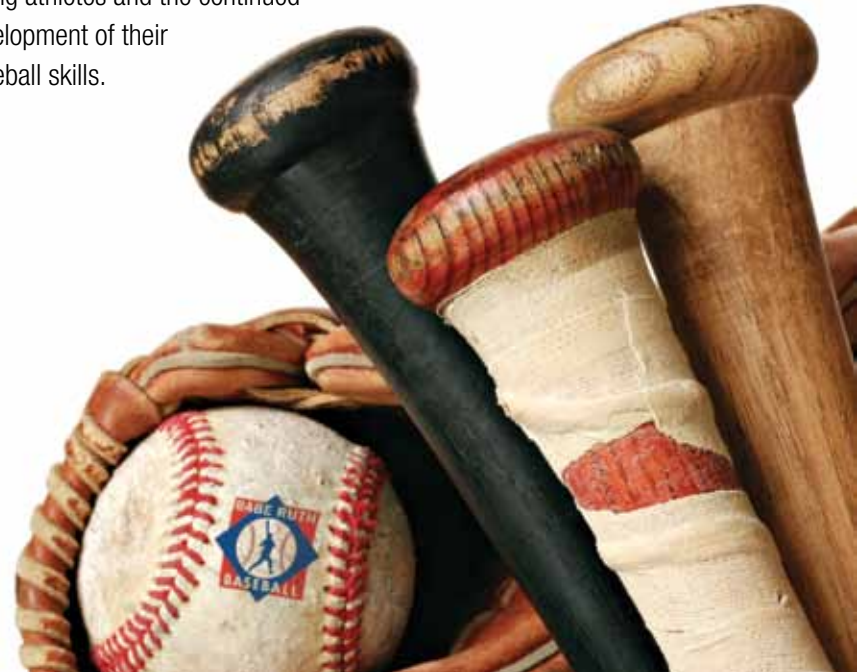
◀ *Babe Ruth League forms in Hamilton Township, a suburb of Trenton, New Jersey, to provide wholesome amateur baseball for age 13, 14 and 15 players.*

In 1954, Claire Ruth—the widow of Babe Ruth—hears of the merits of the new organization and its tremendous growth, and meets with the League’s administrators. She subsequently authorizes the organization to change its name to Babe Ruth League.

“Babe was a man who loved children and baseball,” she says. “He could receive no greater tribute than to have a youth baseball program named

after him.” With that, Babe Ruth League, Inc. quickly gains national, and then international, recognition.

Today, Babe Ruth League, Inc. ranks as the premier amateur baseball and softball program in the world. From that first 10-team league in Hamilton Township, New Jersey, it has grown to a combined size of over one million players on over 59,000 teams in more than 10,000 leagues. The continuing success of the baseball and softball programs is due to the tireless efforts of the many volunteers and the countless hours they contribute. Every volunteer—from the local league manager to the chairperson of the 17-member international board—is dedicated to the good character development of our young athletes and the continued development of their baseball skills.





To contact a Regional, District or State Commissioner, log onto [BabeRuthLeague.org](http://BabeRuthLeague.org) and click on "Officials." Then select "Find Officials by Region." Select your Region by clicking on it on the map. Contact information for your Region will appear. You can also get contact information by calling Headquarters at 1-800-880-3142.

This map illustrates the eight regions of Babe Ruth League, Inc. Each region is comprised of the state organizations.

**Pacific Northwest Region**

**Midwest Plains Region**

**Ohio Valley Region**

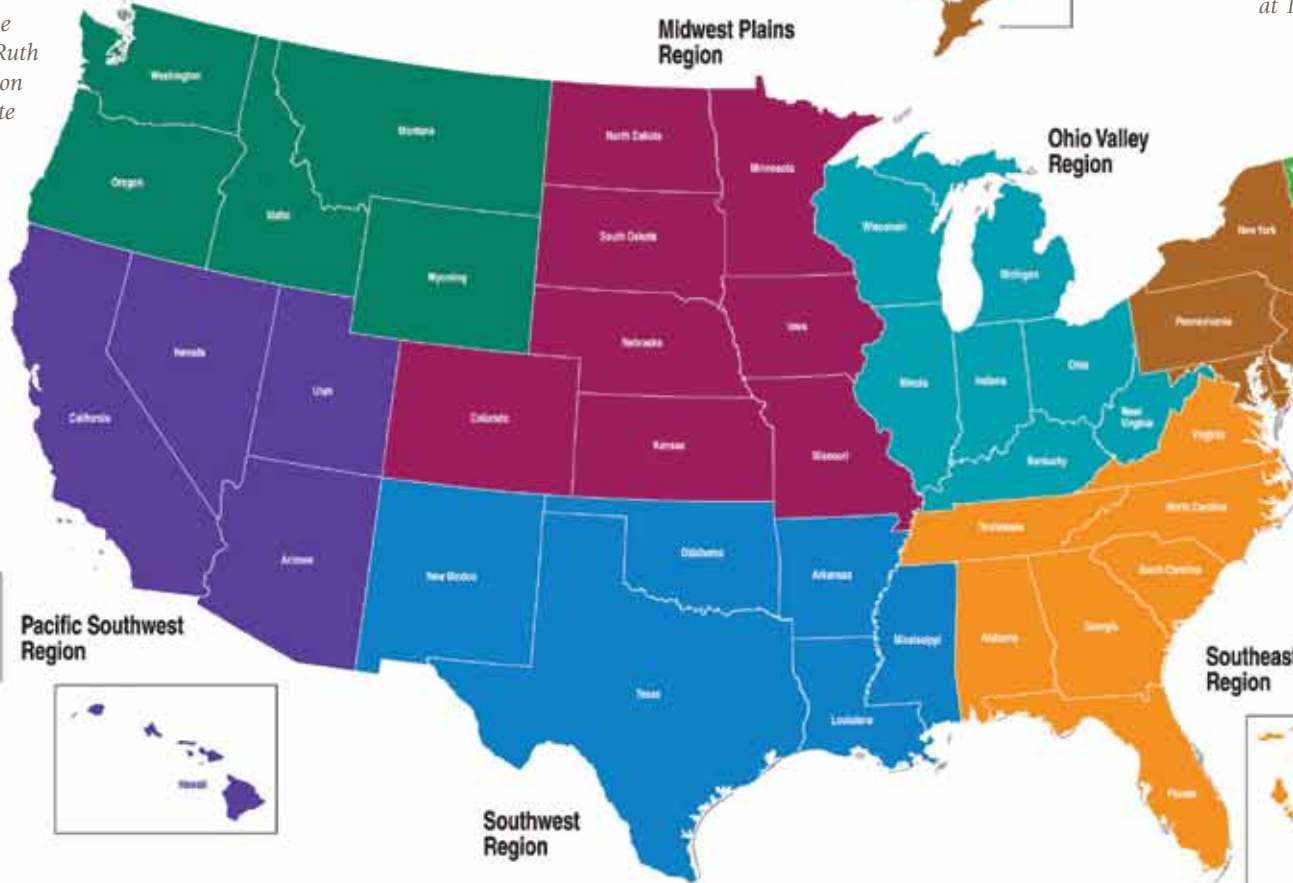
**New England Region**

**Middle Atlantic Region**

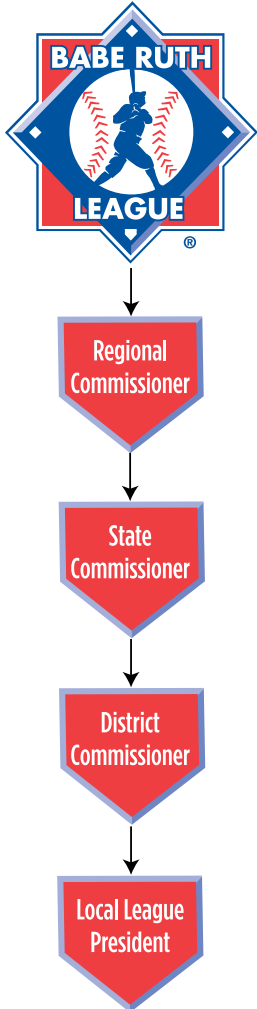
**Pacific Southwest Region**

**Southwest Region**

**Southeast Region**



# Babe Ruth League Chain of Command



## The Local League Level

The foundation of the Babe Ruth program is the local league level. Each Cal Ripken Baseball, Babe Ruth Baseball, and Babe Ruth Softball league is organized within a community by a group of select people, who usually serve as a temporary Board until regular elections of officers can be held. State Commissioners help local leagues establish geographical boundaries—which are protected by Babe Ruth League, Inc.—from which to draw their players.

Babe Ruth local leagues operate with the spirit of democracy and with much autonomy. In addition, Babe Ruth League, Inc. provides materials to help leagues establish their own Constitution and By-Laws and plan meetings.

All league officers, managers, coaches, umpires and miscellaneous personnel should be volunteers from within the community and should be individuals who care about teaching the youth of their community the ideals of sportsmanship, fair play, respect for self and others and high morality.

## The District Level

A District is an established area within a state that can consist of between five to ten leagues. A District Commissioner is a volunteer who operates the Babe Ruth program within each district according to the Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations, State's Constitution and By-Laws and its policies.

The District Commissioner assists the local leagues whenever needed. He/she holds several meetings per year to keep his/her leagues updated on the special programs as well as possible policy and rule changes. The District Commissioner serves as the local league's liaison with the State Commissioner.

## The State Level

The District Commissioner reports to the State Commissioner. Depending on its size and the population of its leagues, a state organization may consist of an entire state or a portion of a state. State Commissioners are volunteers who operate the Babe Ruth program within each state organization according to the Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations as well as any applicable State-level by-laws and policies.

The State Commissioner is responsible for:

- Assisting local league officials when needed or requested by District Commissioners.
- Holding elections for District Commissioners elected by the local leagues within the respective district.
- Holding several meetings per year, including an election meeting where each District Commissioner votes for the State Commissioner; a meeting devoted to league eligibility for tournament play, as well as a complete review of all Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations for local league and tournament play; and meetings to review the special programs offered by Babe Ruth International Headquarters to address any District concerns and review possible policy and rule changes.
- Operating State Tournaments and working through his/her District Commissioners to make certain all leagues are eligible for tournament play.
- Presenting to the Regional Commissioner (the next level) for review all District concerns within his/her state in order that the state's recommendations are presented properly to Babe Ruth International Headquarters.



### The Regional Level

The State Commissioner reports to the Regional Commissioner, of which there are eight. A regional organization consists of several states. A Regional Commissioner operates the Babe Ruth program within each region according to the Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations and the program's policies and procedures.

The Regional Commissioner is responsible for:

- Assisting local league officials when needed or requested by District or State Commissioners.
- Holding one or two workshops per year where the operations of the region and the Babe Ruth program are reviewed thoroughly.
- Operating and administering the Regional Tournaments in conjunction with his/her Assistant Regional Commissioners.
- Presenting to Babe Ruth International Headquarters (the next level) for review any regional concerns and subsequent action.

For contact information for League Officials by Region, select "OFFICIALS" link on the home page.



### International Headquarters

Elected by the Board of Directors is the President/CEO of Babe Ruth League, Inc. who leads the program's operation and administration. Full-time staff members (including the President/CEO) work with the program's volunteer network of over one million individuals to provide the very best educational, sports experience possible for participants.

The International Headquarters for the administration of Babe Ruth League, Inc. is located in Mercer County, New Jersey.

### The Board of Directors

At the top of the chain of command is the Babe Ruth League International Board of Directors, including the President/CEO who directs the affairs and policies of Babe Ruth League, Inc. The eight Regional Commissioners serve as Board Members, along with eight "at-large" members.



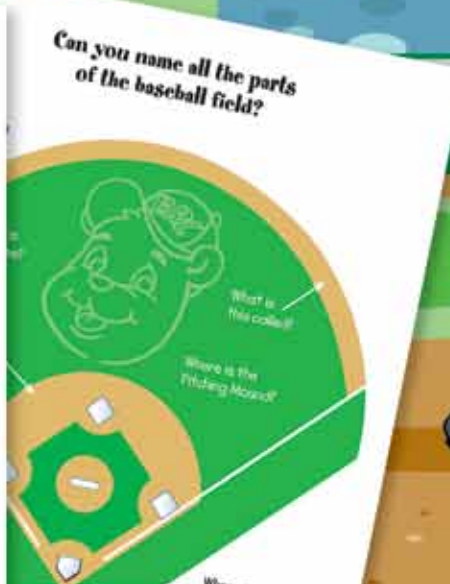
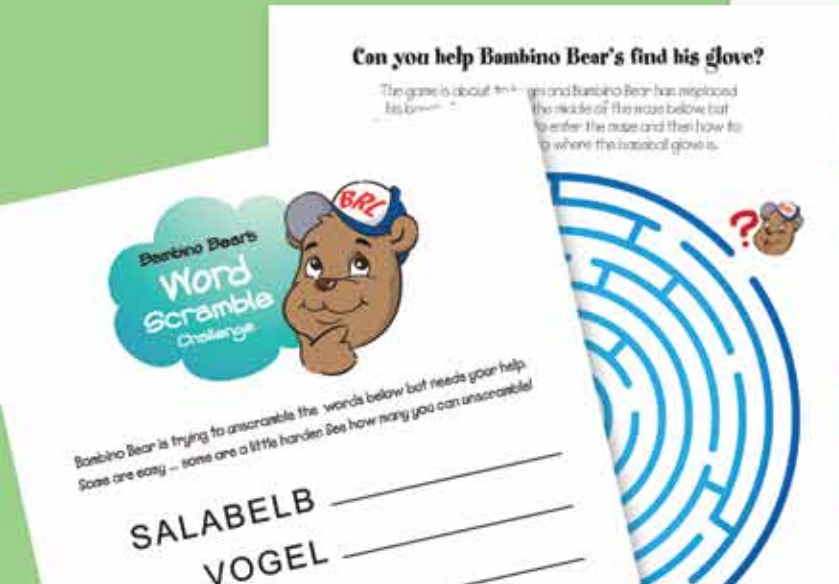
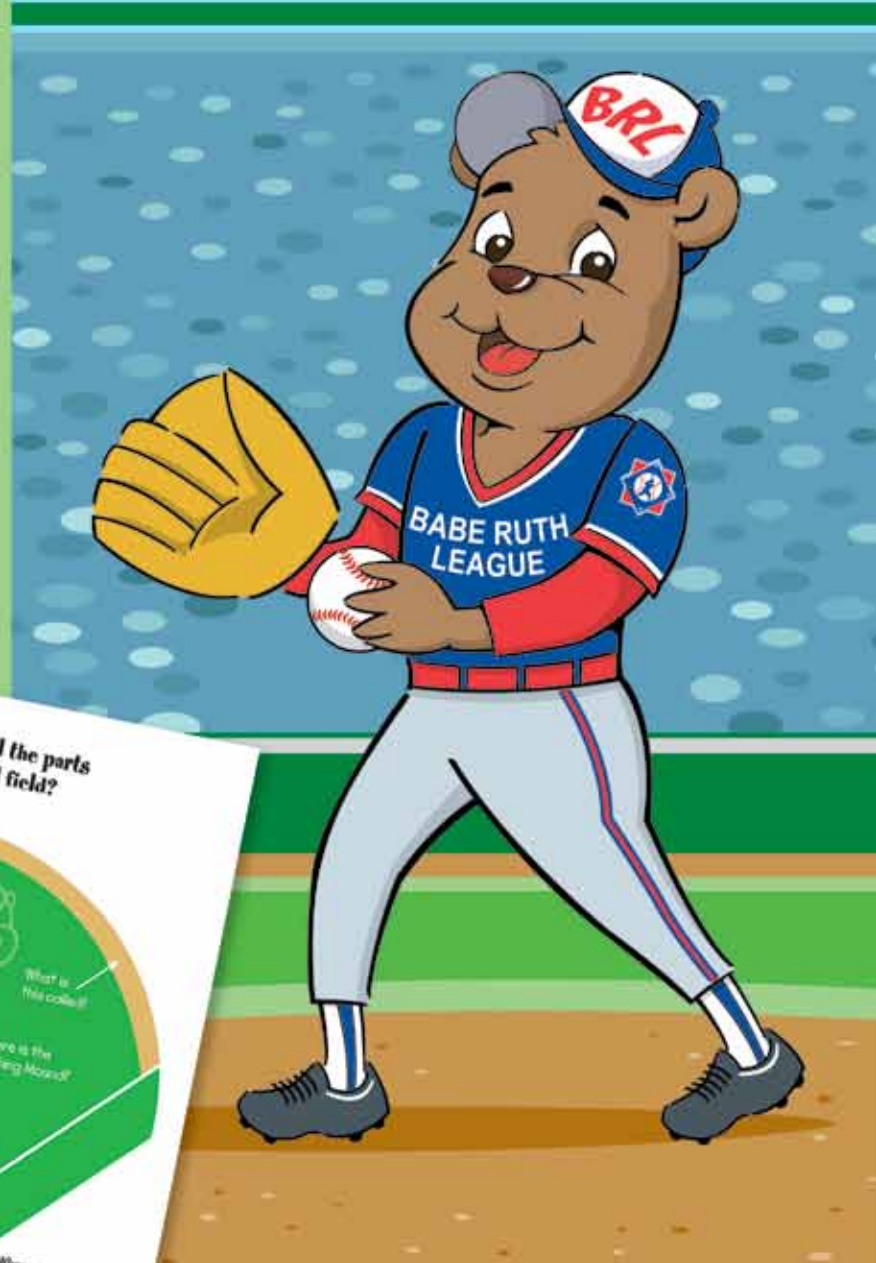
You'll click your Region on the Region map and then the contact information will appear.



# Meet Bambino Bear!

Meet “Bambino Bear” . . . the brand new Official Mascot of Babe Ruth League. Bambino Bear has arrived to help promote the spirit and tradition of Babe Ruth League and its players, coaches and volunteers. Bambino is a very versatile bear and will be introducing new games and activities to our players throughout the season. He will also be on hand at times to throw out the first pitch, teach some drills and just hang out at the field and watch a few games. Bambino Bear wants to help represent Babe Ruth League in a fun and positive manner, and is asking everyone to help him teach that to all players . . . especially our very young players who are experiencing Babe Ruth League Baseball and Softball for the first time.

*Help young players learn all about the game with Bambino Bear Coloring and Activity Sheets! Download a free set at [BabeRuthLeague.org](http://BabeRuthLeague.org) today!*





# The Divisions

Babe Ruth League serves over 1 million players through Babe Ruth Baseball, Cal Ripken Baseball, Babe Ruth Softball, Xtreme Fastpitch and Bambino Buddy-Ball.



## Cal Ripken Baseball Division - Ages 4-12

Keeping baseball fun—especially in the early stages of youth baseball—is a primary concern of Babe Ruth League’s Cal Ripken Division, which is comprised of the following levels:

**Tee-Ball:** Ballplayers ages 4-6 learn hitting and fielding fundamentals in a supportive team environment. Young athletes hit the ball from a batting tee which is height-adjusted for a level swing, batting in order through the line-up for the entire game.

**Rookie:** Designed primarily for ballplayers ages 7-8, this division makes use of a pitching machine to allow for more hittable balls at the plate and more action in the field.

**Minor:** Recommended for ballplayers ages 9-10. Players build and refine their fundamental skills while beginning to understand game strategy and teamwork. In most regions, participants first experience post-season tournament competition in this level.

**Major/60:** Currently the most popular level offered, this division is recommended for ballplayers ages 11-12. Features a 46’ pitching distance and 60’ base paths.

**Major/70:** Featuring a 50’ pitching distance and 70’ base paths, this new division is offered as an option to current league format, and still includes a tournament trail from District competition through World Series.

*Please Note: The age groupings listed above are recommendations. Local leagues can set their own age groupings for divisions based on their enrollment.*



### Babe Ruth Baseball League - Ages 13-15

Founded in 1951, Babe Ruth Baseball League was created for ballplayers ages 13-15 who wished to continue their baseball playing experience beyond the age of 12. In this division, teams are eligible to enter tournament competition and move along the tournament trail, culminating in a World Series.

**13-Year-Old Prep League:** Babe Ruth League introduced this prep league-comprised of teams with only 13-year-old players-to foster more participation in the game for this age group. This league offers the 13-year-old player the assurance to play without age intimidation and the chance to participate in the 13-Year-Old World Series.

### Babe Ruth Baseball League - Ages 16-18

The primary objective of the 16-18 Division is to provide a community level program which eventually gives players the chance to compete to reach the 16-18 Year-Old World Series.

**16-Year-Old Prep League:** The primary objective of the 16-year-old prep program is to provide players the opportunity to stay involved in organized baseball while sharpening their skills against competition in their own age group. Through its own tournament trail, players also have the chance to advance to the 16-Year-Old Regional Tournament.



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## Babe Ruth Softball League - Ages 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U & 18U

Since its inception in 1984, Babe Ruth Softball has grown tremendously to become a premier softball program throughout the United States and Canada—and is also the fastest growing division in Babe Ruth League, Inc.

Designed for girls ages 4-18, age divisions offered include: 6 & Under, 8 & Under, 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under and 18 & Under. The primary emphasis of Babe Ruth Softball is on education, skill development, participation for all levels of ability and of course, having fun.

A special highlight of Babe Ruth Softball is its annual tournament trail. Tournament teams from each local league are eligible to participate in District competition with winners advancing to the State and Regional levels.

Entry to the official Babe Ruth Softball tournament trail is free. 12 & Under and 16 & Under Divisions advance to a World Series. In the 10 & Under, 14 & Under, and 18 & Under Divisions, we have a National Invitational Tournament that any Babe Ruth regular season or tournament team is welcome to sign up and participate in.

◀ *Want to learn more about adding an Xtreme Division to your local league? Our free guide will help guide you and answer your questions. Call Babe Ruth League Headquarters at 1-800-880-3142 for a free download of the guide today.*



Your Guide to Adding a Local League to  
**Babe Ruth Softball and  
Xtreme Fastpitch**





# GET **EXCITED!**

## Introducing Babe Ruth League's Xtreme Fastpitch Division!

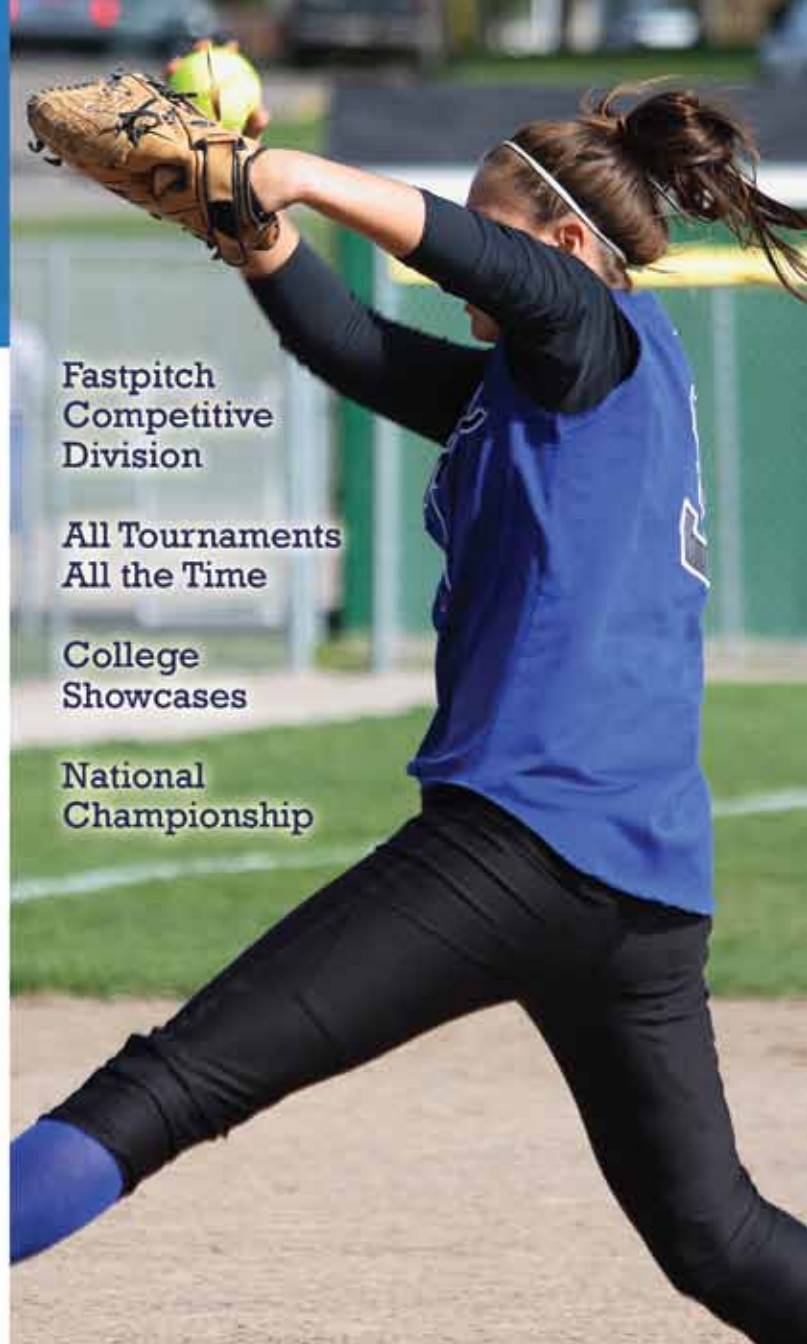
### **Xtreme Fastpitch - Ages 8-18**

Babe Ruth League is proud to announce the creation of a new, high-performance softball division—Xtreme Fastpitch.

Babe Ruth League, Inc. has always been deeply committed to providing all our participants with the very best educational sports experience possible. This commitment applies to our players who wish to play baseball or softball on a recreational level to those who seek a higher degree of competition to hone their skills, with the goal of continuing play into high school and beyond. In all divisions, Babe Ruth League core values are to be recognized and adhered to, using regulation competitive baseball and softball rules to teach skills, promote mental and physical development, nurture a respect for the rules of the game and reinforce basic ideals of sportsmanship and fair play.

There are no geographical boundaries limiting where the players who sign up for an Xtreme team come from. Participating leagues can sign up a group of players from any geographical make-up and form a team to play other Xtreme teams in special games or tournaments throughout the year.

Xtreme teams are eligible to play at their own facility ... or in local tournaments that might only be a quick drive away ... or farther away anywhere across the country where tournaments are being held! Playing rules will match High School and College playing rules to better prepare players for the next level of competition.



**Fastpitch  
Competitive  
Division**

**All Tournaments  
All the Time**

**College  
Showcases**

**National  
Championship**

## Bambino Buddy-Ball - Ages 5-20

Babe Ruth League, Inc. believes that every child has the right to participate in the games of baseball and softball. We have always encouraged our member leagues to accept all players regardless of their physical or mental ability. The Bambino Buddy-Ball Division was established for organizations who wish to charter a league that encompasses players ages 5-20 who are either physically and/or mentally challenged. This division makes allowance for a “buddy” to help the player swing a bat, round the bases, catch a ball, etc. There are no restrictions to the age of the “buddy.” A Bambino Buddy-Ball team may be comprised of players ages 5-19 and sometimes older. The Bambino Buddy-Ball division is designed so that everyone has the opportunity to have fun.

The Bambino Buddy-Ball Division allows our challenged or special needs athletes to develop confidence and positive self-esteem. It allows them to be part of organized sports and assists with physical fitness as well as their social skills. The joy and emotion you experience when a challenged child puts on that first baseball uniform or wears that first cap is like no other. As you can see, the Bambino Buddy-Ball Division is an emotionally rewarding experience for everyone as it also allows the “buddies” to feel good about helping their friends, while at the same time making it a fun and memorable time for all.

Before the Bambino Buddy-Ball Division, our special needs kids were often unable to enjoy the game of baseball. Now, through the assistance of a special buddy, they are able to enjoy the same thrills of batting, hitting and throwing just like the other kids. The Bambino Buddy-Ball Division opens up a whole new world to our challenged kids—not only do they experience the thrill of participating, they also get to experience team play and camaraderie.

Advancing the personal development of any child through team participation and kinship is an important step along the road to success and happiness.



# Fundraising for Your Local League

Local leagues need to find ways to generate funds on a yearly basis to administer a successful baseball and softball program in their local community. Babe Ruth Official Fundraising Programs are listed under “Fundraising Opportunities” at BabeRuthLeague.org.

Take some time to review and consider what program might work best for your local league. Once you have decided, click on that program’s icon for more detailed information.

Here are some things to consider when making your decision:

- **Fun** - When selecting an activity for the participants in your league the most important factor should be based on fun. The participants and their families should have fun when raising funds for their local baseball and softball organization.
- **Unique** - When selecting a product that is unique to all other fundraising programs in your area, you are enhancing your chance of generating additional dollars. Babe Ruth League offers two unique fundraisers for the 2014 season.
- **Necessity** - Fundraising is a necessity for each league to survive. Please provide the parents of the players with an outline of the projected expenses of the league to make them aware of the necessity to fundraise.
- **Decision** - Before arriving at a final decision, make sure you exhaust all options to be sure you have found the most useful fundraiser for your league.
- **Administration** - Name a chairperson who will be responsible to administer the program. This person will be responsible for the distribution of the product and collection of funds.



- **Imagination** - Take advantage of the talents of the people in your league. Create a program that will excite your participants.
- **Safety** - Make sure to never fundraise alone. When fundraising make sure the safety of the players has your undivided attention.
- **Incentives** - To generate additional funds create an incentive program that will motivate your players to make their best effort to raise funds.
- **Network** - Exhaust all sales opportunities when selling the product. The network of purchasers should include parents, grandparents, relatives, neighbors, friends and business associates.
- **Goals** - When selecting a program or programs, define the expected goals. Setting specific goals will allow you to generate the funds needed to administer a highly successful baseball and softball program.

If you would like to further discuss the ways to create a fundraising program or to receive additional information on the adidas T-Shirt Program, Spike's Custom Pins or Collectible Bambino Bear, call Joe Smiegocki at 1-800-880-3142 or email [joe@baberuthleague.org](mailto:joe@baberuthleague.org).

# Cal Ripken Baseball Major/70 Division

With today's advanced baseball and bat technology, there is a common perception that players are stronger and developing at a faster rate than 10 to 20 years ago. For this reason, coupled with the age determination date of April 30th, the Cal Ripken Major/70 Division provides a great option. There is no change to the current Cal Ripken program. The Cal Ripken Major/70 Division, which has a 50' pitching distance and 70' base paths, is offered as an additional option to the current league programs. This division has a tournament trail from District competition through the World Series. Whether a league charters a Cal Ripken Major/60 Division and/or a Cal Ripken Major/70 Division, their rookie and minor teams will still use the 46' pitching distance and 60' base paths.



*"I am very excited about Babe Ruth League's 70' program. This is a wonderful, proactive step for youth baseball and, I believe, it will have a tremendous impact on the youth game. These days many kids are bigger and stronger than when we were kids and it was necessary to provide them with an option that will allow them to take their game to the next level. The 70' program will allow its participants to make an easier jump to the 60/90 field and, for many of these talented youngsters, it will allow them to enjoy a game that is more true and a better fit for them all the way around. The growth that this will allow them to experience with every aspect of their game is immeasurable." — Cal Ripken, Jr.*





### 1. How do we convert our existing 60' program field to a 70' program?

Your league can convert the field by following 3 easy steps. (Go to [baberruthleague.org](http://baberruthleague.org) for easy-to-read, step-by-step instructions.) No need for expensive changes to fences or moving scoreboards and bleachers. All the changes are to the infield area.

### 2. Do we have to move the fencing back in the outfield for the new 70' program?

NO! Keep your fencing at your traditional height and distance as you would for the 60' program. The only changes pertain to the infield.

### 3. What rule changes will be different from the 60' program to the 70' program?

Players may take leads from the bases, no longer having to wait for the ball to cross the plate. Balks can be called in the 70' program where players will advance to the next base similar to the older levels of Babe Ruth Baseball.

### 4. Do we have to move back Home Plate for the changes?

No. Home Plate stays where it is with no change.

### 5. We have lights on our field. Will we have to adjust them?

NO! Your light package will be fine. However, for fields getting new lights, you may want to consult

with your lighting engineer for optimal lighting of your league's playing field.

### 6. Is there a great deal of cost to convert a field from 60' to a 70' Program?

This depends on the existing makeup of your playing field. However, most of the work involved centers on removing the turf grass from behind the back of the infield and replacing it with traditional infield mix. Additionally, you will have to purchase the required pitching rubber base sockets depending on if you're running just a 70' program or both 60' and 70' Major programs.

### 7. We have a small program and Major Division, why should we change to a 70' Program?

The 70' program will offer a greater chance for players to develop more baseball skills at a younger age, and will help better prepare them for the transition to the 60/90 field of Babe Ruth and high school baseball.

### 8. What size bat do players use in the 70' program?

Players will use the same size bat as in the 60' program—a 2-1/4-barrel maximum (see Rule 1.10 and note).

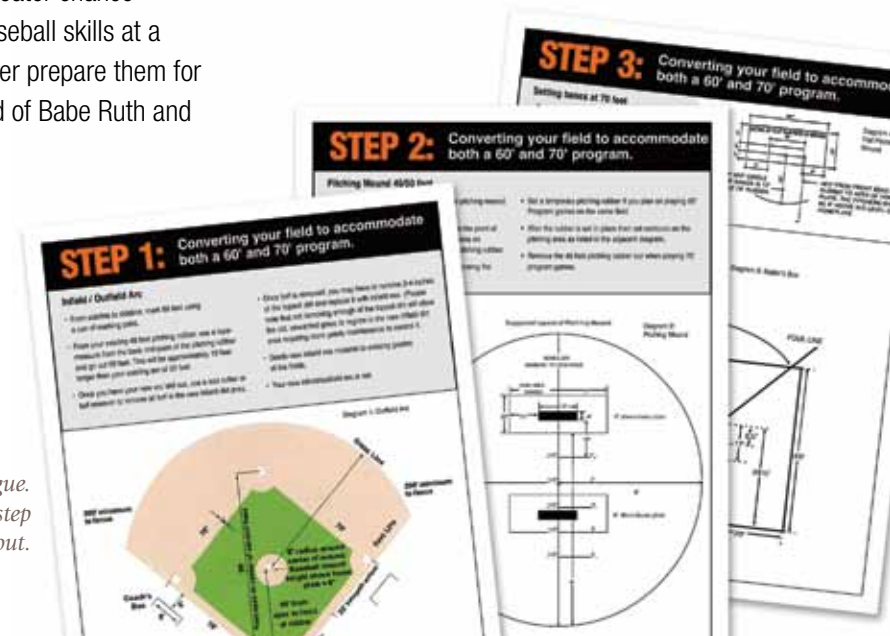
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### 9. How do we set up bases for both programs without interfering with one another?

Your league can convert your in-ground base socket field to where it can be covered and not in the playing field area depending on whether you use the 60' or 70' bases.

### 10. How can our players pitch at 50' with the pitching rubber at 46'?

When building your new mound for 50', you can place a permanent rubber in the ground at the 50' mark. For games at 46', place a spiked or temporary rubber at that distance and remove it when a 50' distance is needed.





## Coaching Education Program

Powered by Ripken Baseball [www.BabeRuthCoaching.org](http://www.BabeRuthCoaching.org)

There is no one single action that can have more of a positive impact on our players than improving the quality and knowledge of our managers and coaches. It is a fact that managers and coaches are the ones who spend the most time interacting with our participants and the ones who can make a child's experience in youth sports fun and memorable. Therefore, it is very important for youth coaches to be properly trained to focus more on the child's baseball and softball experience and less on winning games.

The Babe Ruth League/Ripken Baseball Coaching Certification Program consists of the coaching certification online courses Coaching Youth Baseball: The Ripken Way for Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball Coaches and Coaching Youth Softball: The Ripken Way for Babe Ruth Softball Coaches. Babe Ruth League, Inc. and Ripken Baseball, Inc. exclusively endorse these online courses, which are being provided by the American Sport Education Program.

Coaches who complete the course with a score of 80% or better will receive the Babe Ruth League/ Ripken Baseball Coaching Certification Program certification for baseball or softball and will be able to print a certificate of completion and wallet card from the website.



# Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Babe Ruth League Ripken Baseball Coaching Education Program

## **What is the Babe Ruth League Coaching Education Program requirement?**

Since 2008, the requirement has been that all baseball and softball coaches affiliated with either organization must become certified.

## **What are the online courses being offered through ASEP?**

Coaching Youth Baseball:

The Ripken Way for Babe Ruth Baseball Coaches  
Coaching Youth Softball:

The Ripken Way for Babe Ruth Softball Coaches

## **How much does the course cost?**

The courses are \$19.95 each for Level I, and \$24.95 for Level II. The certification will be good for life.

## **How do I purchase the course?**

Visit [www.BabeRuthCoaching.org](http://www.BabeRuthCoaching.org), click on “For coaches” link under “Quick Clicks” section of the home page, and follow the prompts. You will need a Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card to make the purchase through the website.

## **What is the format of the course?**

The courses are PDF-based courses, meaning course takers do not receive any ancillary course materials (no book, CD, or video) in the mail. All course content is delivered electronically through the course.

## **How long is the certification valid?**

By taking the ASEP course, coaches are certified for life.

## **How long does the course take to complete?**

Coaches should expect to spend two to three hours going through the online course. Careful reading of the PDF book and other materials found within the course will require additional time (well spent!).

## **Can someone not affiliated with Babe Ruth League or Ripken Baseball take the course?**

Yes, but we would recommend the coach consult his or her organization to ensure that the Babe Ruth/Ripken version will satisfy the coaching education requirements of the non-affiliated organization. If a person is taking the course for his or her own professional development and not to satisfy a requirement, the coach would simply select “Other” from the drop-down menu during the registration process.

## **Will coaches receive a certificate of course completion?**

Coaches will have the ability to print a certificate of completion and wallet card directly from the site. However, we will not be mailing certificates.

## **Will there be a National Coaches Registry for the site?**

Yes, there will be an National Coaches Registry, but it will not be open to the public. Only administrators will have access to the registry to run reports for their individual leagues.

## **What are the technical requirements for viewing the course?**

Go to [www.BabeRuthCoaching.org/techSupport.cfm](http://www.BabeRuthCoaching.org/techSupport.cfm) for a detailed listing of technical requirements.

# How to Apply for NUA Umpire Certification

## Interested in becoming an umpire?

Babe Ruth League, Inc. established the Baseball and Softball National Umpires Associations to assist the local leagues affiliated with the program to educate men and women on the rules and mechanics of the game and improve the quality of umpiring in their games. It has always been the intent of Babe Ruth League, Inc. to improve the quality of umpiring in youth leagues through innovative teaching, educational programs, and superior educational resources.

Babe Ruth Headquarters continually educates all National Umpire's Association members through instructional clinics, videos, and the periodic newsletter, UMPIREGRAM, which includes informative articles and offers valuable tips and advice for the amateur umpire.

Every league president should appoint an Umpire-in-Chief to coordinate and supervise the league's umpires. By having your umpires join the National Umpires Association, you are assured they will have a thorough knowledge of the rules of Babe Ruth League, Inc. and how to apply them on the field.



## Renew Your Umpire Certification Today!

**Get started by logging on to [BabeRuthLeague.org](http://BabeRuthLeague.org)**

Renew your certification online! Click on the "UMPIRES" Tab at the top of the new website and then log into your account. Once in your account, simply click "renew" and pay securely online. You'll be done in minutes!

After your Certification is paid, you can print your ID Card and your Certificate. Your name will automatically appear on your State and Regional Commissioners' accounts for tournaments. And your patch and rule book will arrive via US Mail.



# Scholarships, Awards and Grants

**Babe Ruth League Hall of Fame** - Babe Ruth League, Inc. established a Hall of Fame in 1968 to honor those persons and organizations who have played a vital role in the development of baseball and softball programs for young people 5-18 years of age.

**Scholarship Opportunities** - Babe Ruth League, Inc. realizes society's youth is the future of our nation. Children and young adults are our most valuable resource, and we must aim high for their benefit. Education is quite different for everyone, yet a struggle well worth fighting for. While we focus primarily on the economic benefits of education that are so important to children and their parents today, we should be clear from the outset that economics isn't the only reason students deserve a solid academic grounding. Day-to-day life also has become more complicated and, as adults, we are called on to make responsible decisions that require a high level of understanding and judgment. It is for these reasons that we established the Babe Ruth League, Inc. College Scholarship Fund and the Jaime Horn Memorial Softball Scholarship Fund, which provide financial assistance to former Babe Ruth Baseball and Softball players. For further information, please visit [www.baberuthleague.org](http://www.baberuthleague.org) to download and print one or both of the scholarship applications.

**Awards** - It is important to recognize our players and volunteers for a job well done. Such acknowl-

edgement reassures a person's sense of accomplishment. Babe Ruth League, Inc. is proud to offer various avenues through which to honor our many participants and volunteers, including:

**Miscellaneous certificates** the league can personalize to acknowledge achievement, appreciation, and graduation.

**A unique pin program** offered by Spikes Trophies, the official awards supplier of Babe Ruth League, Inc. There are many different designs from which to choose—Champion, Runner-Up, All-Star, Umpire, Scorekeeper, Defense, Coach, Participant, Home Run, Team Mom and many more. You also can create your own pin or have the artists at Spikes assist you with a design. In addition, Spikes offers a huge line of trophies, plaques and awards that feature the licensed trademarks of Babe Ruth League, Inc. These top-of-the-line awards are affordably priced, so that every league can acknowledge and honor all of their players (not just the participants that make the tournament team), as well as the individuals and organizations that make their program a success.

**Tournament Honors** - Through the generosity of its corporate sponsors, Babe Ruth League, Inc., is proud to offer numerous complimentary awards, from participant awards to trophies and plaques for special honors, championship teams and runners-up to acknowledge the lucky participants who travel the sanctioned Babe Ruth tournament trail. To honor

the "cream of our crop" who make it to World Series level of play, we provide:

- World Series Participation Plaques
- All-Defensive Awards—miniature replicas of the Rawlings Gold Glove.
- All-World-Series Team Awards—a full-size bat with gold engraving.
- Most Outstanding Player Award
- Batting Champion—A full-size bat mounted on an engraved walnut panel.
- Sportsmanship Award
- Ronald Tellefsen Player of the Game Pin—Awarded to two Babe Ruth World Series players from each World Series game.

**Volunteer of the Year Award** - One of the greatest volunteers the Babe Ruth League organization has ever known was former Hall of Fame Yankee great, Vernon "Lefty" Gomez. Lefty was a 25-year member of the Babe Ruth Board of Directors until his untimely death on February 17, 1989. In honor of Lefty and his selfless volunteerism, Babe Ruth League, Inc. established the Vernon "Lefty" Gomez Volunteer of the Year Award to pay tribute to our outstanding volunteers for baseball and softball.

**Grants** - Musco Lighting, the "Official Lighting Company" of Babe Ruth League, Inc., proudly awards four \$15,000 grants each year for league use toward the purchase of a new MUSCO lighting system or the upgrade of an existing lighting system.

# How to Assemble Your Tournament Credentials

## Step 1

Access your account at BabeRuthLeague.org. Your league president or appointed officer will be able to help you with gaining access to your account.



## Step 2

Start your Credentials book by using a 1/2" ring binder that you can find in an office supply store.

## Step 3

Place clear sheet protectors for the documents inside the binder. When using Babe Ruth ID Cards, use "business card" sheet protectors to hold the cards inside the binder. Quick Note: Babe Ruth ID Cards are available for purchase through your roster tool. Simply select the players you need ID Cards for and supply the shipping information. You can have your cards sent back Next Day Air, 2nd Day Air or regular Ground.



## Step 4

Insert your league's LOE (Letter of Eligibility). This is approved by your State Commissioner and available once approved for printing from your league's Data Center account. If you don't have the option to print the LOE, contact your State Commissioner. Commissioners will not be able to approve LOE's until after June 5th of each year. See LOE section for step-by-step instructions on obtaining your LOE.



## Step 5

Insert a copy of your tournament team roster in the binder. If you have any Add/Drops that are made on your tournament roster after June 30th, please be sure to put the Add/Drop form as well as your approved letter from Headquarters approving your Add/Drop in the binder. Quick Note: Only Add/Drop forms that are with a letter from Headquarters giving specific approval are valid. Also, remember



that when you drop a player you can only add one player. Your roster must stay the same size throughout the tournament trail. You must have an official roster from BabeRuthOnline.com.

## Step 6

Insert a copy of your league's Certificate of Insurance for Accident and Liability Insurance. If you have Babe Ruth insurance and your league took both Accident and Liability coverage with Babe Ruth, they will both appear together on the certificate form.

## Step 7

Insert your Babe Ruth ID Cards. Quick Note: Remember to order your ID Cards when doing your rosters online. You may use original birth certificates in place of ID Cards; however, notarized copies of birth certificates will not be accepted. See ID Cards section for ordering instructions.



### Step 8

Insert Consent for Treatment forms. You can print out Treatment Forms from the Babe Ruth Website! Quick Note: Be sure to have 1 Consent form for each player on the roster. The Consent for Treatment form can be found under League Resources on BabeRuthLeague.org.



### Step 9

Place a printed copy of your team photo, in uniform, in your binder. Please remember that this photo may also be used for program books and other publications as you advance in the tournament trail. Make sure to have a good photo taken. Quick Note: You will be uploading a photo when you do your rosters online as well. Remember only players and coaches that are on the official tournament roster are permitted in the photo.

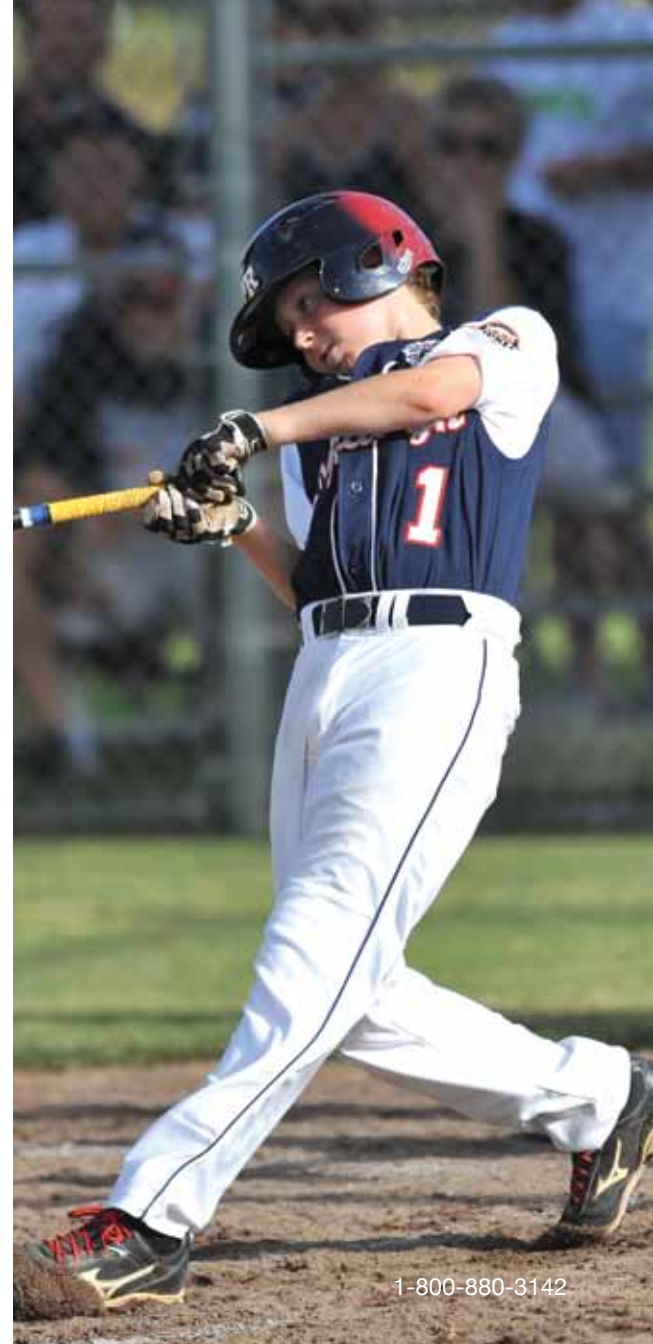
### Step 10

Place Certificates of Certification for each manager and coach that has successfully completed the Coaches Certification Program. Quick Note: Visit [www.baberuthcoaching.com](http://www.baberuthcoaching.com) for information on how you can enroll in this superb training program.

### Step 11

Check List

- Did I order Official Emblems or the Cap Emblem option for my players and coaches?
- Do I want to order District, State or Regional Champion and Runner-Up Pins?
- Does my team have the schedule for games as well as the contact numbers for the host league and tournament director?
- Did I send all of my required paperwork to Headquarters?
- Do my coaches have copies of the rule book?
- Do my team managers and coaches have rule books?



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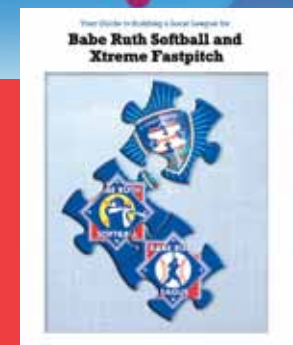
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**Babe Ruth League is proud to announce the creation of a new, high-performance softball division—Xtreme Fastpitch.** We wanted to tell you some important features about this new division and what it will mean to the success of your local league. Babe Ruth League, Inc. has always been deeply committed to providing all our participants the very best educational sports experience possible. This commitment applies to our players who wish to play baseball

or softball on a recreational level to those who seek a higher degree of competition to hone their skills, with the goal of continuing play into high school and beyond. In all divisions, Babe Ruth League core values are to be recognized and adhered to, using regulation competitive baseball and softball rules to teach skills, promote mental and physical development, nurture a respect for the rules of the game and reinforce basic ideals of sportsmanship and fair play.

Our step-by-step guide will help you with the organization and planning of adding an Xtreme Division.

Learn more: [www.XtremeFastpitch.org](http://www.XtremeFastpitch.org)





## How Xtreme Fastpitch Works

Xtreme Fastpitch is a division of Babe Ruth League and you can add an Xtreme division team as part of the make-up of your local league. However, there are three important differences that make this division unique from the other divisions in your league:

1. There are no geographical boundaries limiting where the players who sign up for your team come from. Participating leagues can sign up a group of players from any geographical make-up and form a team to play other Xtreme teams in special games or tournaments throughout the year. (However, players already in existing Babe Ruth Softball Programs will require approval from their league president prior to moving to another program for Xtreme). Since a local league program can pull players from outside of its geographical boundaries, it may pick up players from another Babe Ruth Softball program provided that the player has not been rostered in that program for one year. Only players who are rostered in an existing Babe Ruth program are protected from being pulled from one league to another league/team, unless the player receives written permission from the local league president whose geographical boundary they reside within. Under the State Commissioner, leagues will continue to protect the players in their program. However,



- players that have not been in the existing program can now enter any Xtreme Fastpitch program.
2. Your Xtreme team will be eligible to play at your own facility ... or in local tournaments that might only be a quick drive away ... or farther away anywhere across the country where tournaments are being held!
3. Playing rules will match High School and College playing rules to better prepare players for the next level of competition.

**You organize and run your own tournaments and use the proceeds to help run your team/ local league.**

### **Scheduling of Xtreme Games**

Local leagues will be given the flexibility to schedule Xtreme games around local league play in Babe Ruth Softball so that you can play as many games as possible under a dual charter.

### **Xtreme Fastpitch Age Groups**

There are six age groups: X8, X10, X12, X14, X16 and X18. A player's "league age" is what that player's age is as of December 31 of the prior year.

### **Xtreme Fastpitch Insurance**

Xtreme Fastpitch is a division of Babe Ruth League, so teams have the ability to purchase Babe Ruth Insurance provided by K&K Insurance.

### **Tournament Trails**

Rostered players are eligible to play in tournament trails for both Babe Ruth Softball and Xtreme Fastpitch tournaments. Teams enter tournaments from September 1st through the National Championship dates to qualify for the National Championship. There will be one National Championship for each of the six age groups: X8, X10, X12, X14, X16 and X18.

### **Xtreme Fastpitch Network**

The 24/7 Xtreme Fastpitch Network is an initiative to assist players whose goal it is to continue playing competitive softball beyond high school. This online recruiting networking resource will offer players the ability to compile all their playing stats, school achievements and community service activities in their own private online profile which they will manage. Players will be able to make this information available for college coaches and recruiters, and can also alert them to tournaments they are playing in.



# League Insurance Plans

The approved insurance plans of Babe Ruth League, Inc. have been specifically designed for our baseball and softball programs. Administered through K&K Insurance Group and placed with A-rated carriers, the approved plans offer premier group accident insurance, commercial general liability insurance, optional Equipment & Contents coverage and optional D&O (directors and officers) liability insurance. These coverages are second to none and are available to chartered member leagues at extremely attractive rates.

- All member leagues are required to carry both group accident insurance and commercial general liability insurance which includes coverage for the player participants.
- All policy periods run from February 1 to February 1 of the following year provided the coverage is purchased prior to February 1st. For new leagues, a 13-month policy beginning January 1 is available at no additional charge.
- Coverage goes into effect the date after the postmark when insurance payment is mailed to Babe Ruth League, Inc. **Note:** Accident insurance may be bound effective by calling your Service Representative.
- Coverage for leagues with dual affiliation with other programs.
- No additional charge for Fall Ball provided the number of teams is the same as during the season.

## Accident Insurance

Provides \$250,000 of primary coverage for all rostered players and all league volunteers while participating in regularly approved baseball and softball activities of the league. This includes sign ups, practices, season and tournament competition as well as pick up games and invitational tournaments which are non-Babe Ruth activities provided they are sanctioned by the local league. There is \$100,000 of coverage provided for injuries which occur during league supervised group travel. Claims are paid for up to 52 weeks from date of injury. There is a \$100 deductible per person. See brochure for more details.

## Liability Insurance

Provides choice of purchasing either a \$1 million or a \$2 million insurance plan to those leagues which have obtained a group accident insurance policy with limits of \$250,000 per person. Coverage is written on an “occurrence” basis which is preferred over a “claims made” basis. Policy limit applies per occurrence, with no maximum policy period limit. There is no deductible. Additional insureds may be added at no additional cost. Owners of fields being used are “automatically” insured as additional insureds. Coverage is provided for all rostered players and all league volunteers while acting within the scope of their duties as such. Coverage includes abuse/molestation claims and does not exclude player vs. player or volunteer vs. volunteer claims. Coverage is provided for cost of investigation and defense against claims, even if they are groundless. See brochure for details.

## Optional D&O Liability Insurance

This coverage is optional and is available only to those leagues that have purchased both the Babe Ruth League, Inc. approved group accident and commercial general liability insurance policies. This policy provides \$1 million of coverage to

protect a league’s board of directors and officers for wrongful acts or errors and omissions resulting in lawsuits from such things as discrimination, wrongful dismissal and other wrongful acts of which the league may be accused. This is a claims made policy which includes a \$500 deductible.

## Recap

The coverage offered through Babe Ruth League, Inc. for its chartered member leagues is superior in that it allows for more freedom of activities while covering players, volunteers, umpires, etc. that are involved with the league.

## Optional Coverage Available Equipment and Contents (Inland Marine)

This coverage is for direct loss or damage to equipment due to fire, theft, vandalism or other covered causes excluding earthquake and flood (subject to the actual policy terms and conditions). Items eligible for coverage include:

- Sports equipment (such as balls, uniforms, pads, helmets, netting, pitching machines)
- Field maintenance equipment (such as lawn mowers, grooming equipment)

- Concession stand equipment excluding food & beverage inventory
- Portable storage units and portable bleachers (not permanent structures)

Should you need coverage for permanent structures, light poles, scoreboards, tents, etc., or if your total values exceed \$200,000, please contact K&K Insurance at 1-800-736-7358.

## Special note about Xtreme Insurance

There is a separate insurance plan, administered by K&K Insurance Group, and placed with an A.M. Best “A” rated carrier, that covers Xtreme rostered players, team managers, coaches, scorekeepers, bat and ball boys/girls, umpires, team officials, volunteers and members of a team’s Booster Club. Call Babe Ruth League Headquarters at 1-800-880-3142 for your free Xtreme Fastpitch Insurance Guide.





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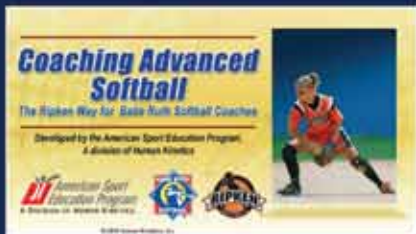
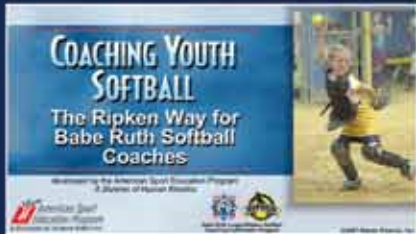
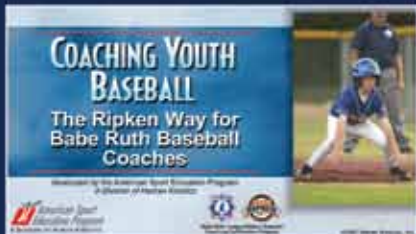
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# BABE RUTH LEAGUE COACHING EDUCATION CENTER POWERED BY RIPKEN BASEBALL



## Coaching Education: The Right Choice

### Babe Ruth League Coaching Education and Certification Program

Babe Ruth League and Ripken Baseball have established a leadership role in youth baseball and softball by requiring our rostered coaches to gain certification, and we couldn't be more pleased with the results. More than 150,000 coaches have been through the program, helping to ensure our kids receive the best sport experience possible.

### More choices for training

As a coach new to Babe Ruth League or Ripken Baseball, you have a choice of which coaching education course to take to earn certification. If this is your first time coaching at any level, we recommend you take the coaching youth course for the sport you're coaching:

- Coaching Youth Baseball: The Ripken Way for Babe Ruth Baseball Coaches
- Coaching Youth Softball: The Ripken Way for Babe Ruth Softball Coaches

If you've coached before in an organization not affiliated with Babe Ruth League or Ripken Baseball, you may opt to take the advanced course for the sport you're coaching:

- Coaching Advanced Baseball: The Ripken Way for Babe Ruth Baseball Coaches
- Coaching Advanced Softball: The Ripken Way for Babe Ruth Softball Coaches

The advanced courses are also ideal for coaches who have already taken the coaching youth course and are looking for more advanced instruction on techniques and tactics.

### Make the choice to be the best coach you can be

All Babe Ruth courses are self-instructional, self-paced, and offered online for convenience. The courses **offer coaches lifetime certification** in Babe Ruth League and Ripken Baseball. To learn more about the courses, visit the coaching education center website at [www.BabeRuthCoaching.org](http://www.BabeRuthCoaching.org).



For more information, visit  
[www.BabeRuthCoaching.org](http://www.BabeRuthCoaching.org)

# Babe Ruth League Tournament Trail

The Babe Ruth League, Inc.'s tournament trail is a win-win experience! We offer an exciting and challenging post-season tournament trail for all of our age divisions.

Babe Ruth League, Inc. offers nine real World Series: Softball 12U, Softball 16U, Cal Ripken Baseball 10-Year-Old, Cal Ripken Baseball Major/60, Cal Ripken Baseball Major/70, 13-Year-Old Baseball, 14-Year-Old Baseball, 13-15 Baseball and 16-18 Baseball.

## **What is a Babe Ruth League World Series?**

It is a World Series where you have to earn your way in to play. You can't buy your way in!

Players first participate in a full local league schedule. At the end of the season, the league selects its best fifteen (or eighteen) players to its tournament team. The tournament trail starts with District competition, with the winner going to the State tournament. The State champion then goes to the Regional tournament, and the Regional champion earns the honor of advancing to the World Series.

## **Xtreme Fastpitch Tournament Trails**

Rostered players are eligible to play in tournament trails for both Babe Ruth Softball and Xtreme Fastpitch tournaments. Teams enter tournaments from September 1st through the National Championship dates to qualify for the National Championship. There will be one National Championship for each of the 6 age groups: X8, X10, X12, X14, X16 and X18.

There is NO participation fee to play in official Babe Ruth tournament-trail tournaments. We count on our local leagues to play host to all levels of tournament play, including the World Series. By hosting a tournament, the local league benefits in numerous ways: by bringing in revenue, by uniting their community and by competing in the tournament as the "host team."

When post-season tournament play requires overnight accommodations, our highly-successful Host Family Program welcomes the teams. Our Host Parents are happy to open up their hearts and homes to the tournament players. During the

tournament, the Host Parents take on full responsibility for the players staying with them. They provide room and board, transportation to and from practices, games and events as well as facilitate new social and cultural experiences for the participants. They are there to root for their visiting guests and their teams. They are there to encourage them if they strike out, miss a catch or lose a game. The only disadvantage for the players and their host parents is having to say good-bye when the tournament is over. In fact, we have found that many players and host parents often write and/or visit each other after the event is over.

Babe Ruth League, Inc. is about the kids and in making dreams come true. For some kids, the hours spent on the baseball or softball diamond participating in local league or tournament play will be one of the most memorable experiences they ever have. That is why we work very hard to provide them with a playing experience second to none!



**Cal Ripken 10**

Winchester, VA  
August 9 - 16, 2014

**Cal Ripken Major/60**

Alachua, FL  
August 6 - 12, 2014

**Cal Ripken Major/70**

Aberdeen, MD  
August 8 - 17, 2014



**Babe Ruth Baseball 13**

Glen Allen, VA  
August 16 - 23, 2014

**Babe Ruth Baseball 14**

Ocala, FL  
August 15 - 22, 2014

**Babe Ruth Baseball 13-15**

Longview, WA  
August 20 - 27, 2014

**Babe Ruth Baseball 16-18**

Ephrata, WA  
August 7 - 14, 2014



**Babe Ruth Softball 12U**

Alachua, FL  
August 13 - 20, 2014

**Babe Ruth Softball 16U**

Pittsfield, MA  
July 30 - August 5, 2014



**Xtreme X8**

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**Xtreme X10**

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June 26 - 29, 2014

**Xtreme X12**

Alachua, FL  
June 19 - 22, 2014

**Xtreme X14**

Alachua, FL  
June 26 - 29, 2014

**Xtreme X16**

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June 19 - 22, 2014



**Did you know ...**

... your league can sign players up for local league play via the internet with the safety and security of participating with Babe Ruth League?

Contact Headquarters at  
**1-800-880-3142**  
about online  
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**Looking for help now?**

Log onto [BabeRuthLeague.org](http://BabeRuthLeague.org)  
and submit a ticket ...  
or call **1-800-880-3142.**

# How to Access Official Babe Ruth Logo Artwork

## The Babe Ruth League Brand

The Babe Ruth League, Inc. brand was designed to present a consistent, recognizable image to both honor and emulate the high level of play by the immortal George (Babe) Herman Ruth. The League logo consists of four principle elements:

- the name of the organization in a clean, bold typeface
- a baseball with seams to symbolize the sport
- a baseball diamond to represent the playing field
- and a silhouette of Babe Ruth in the iconic full swing

**These elements within each Babe Ruth League logo are in fixed positions and must never be removed or altered.**

For additional information, please refer to the Babe Ruth League Branding Guide or contact Babe Ruth League Headquarters at 1-800-880-3142.

## The Babe Ruth League Official Logo Center

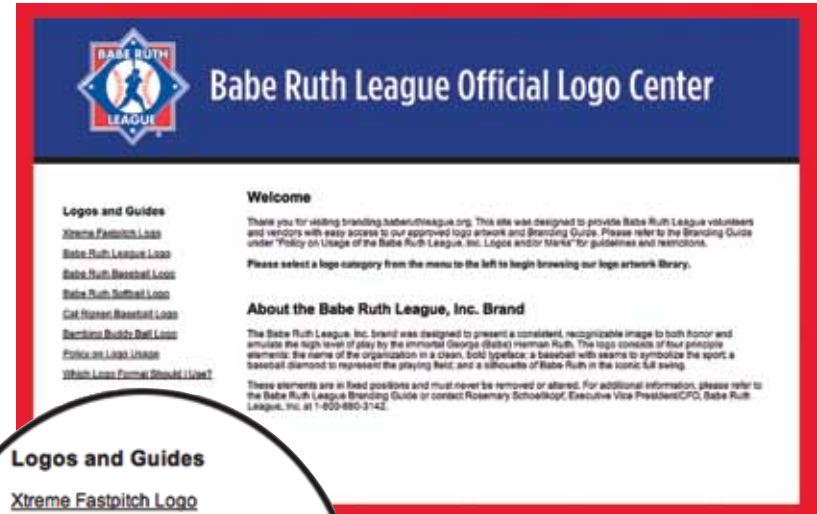
The Babe Ruth League Official Logo Center was developed to provide Babe Ruth League volunteers and vendors with easy access to our approved logo artwork and Branding Guide.

All Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken logo artwork was prepared for accurate reproduction in any and all applications and circumstances. When going about having a logo reproduced, your vendor (printer, banner-maker, etc.) may request a specific logo format (EPS, PDF, etc.). Below is a general guide to help you know which logo format is the most appropriate for your specific need:

### EPS (Encapsulated PostScript)

EPS is a versatile file format that can be used for many purposes. Babe Ruth League EPS files go a step further and have been created entirely in vector format. What that means is that you may enlarge the logo to whatever size you need, and the edges of the artwork

1. Log on to BabeRuthLeague.org and sign into your account. Select the Local League Access tab and enter your username.



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2. Choose the division you want to access logo artwork for.

! Be sure to read the Policy on Usage of the Babe Ruth League, Inc. Registered Trademark.

? Not sure which logo format to use? We have a guide to help you.






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**Babe Ruth League Logo**

These logos are for general use under the Babe Ruth League umbrella.

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3. Select the file format you need.

4. Your logo will appear in a separate window. Simply save it to your hard drive and you're ready to go!



and text will always remain sharp and clean. The words and lines in the logo have also been converted to vector, so your vendor will not need to match the font. Everything is ready to go. This format is your best choice for use on banners, especially.

**PDF (Portable Document Format)**

PDF files are viewable and printable on virtually any platform, including Windows®, Mac OS, and mobile platforms such as Android™. While PDF files are used mainly to share information, Babe Ruth League PDF's have been created with color separation ability in case your vendor prefers to use these over any other logo format.

**JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group)**

JPEG files are also viewable and printable on many platforms, but the Babe Ruth League JPEGs are made up of pixels, so enlarging them too much will produce rough edges. This format works well with any internal league documents you may need, and can be down-sized for reproduction on your website.

**TIFF (Tagged Image File Format)**

TIFF is a file format that is strictly used for bitmap data. TIFF files don't contain text or vector data, and also produce rough edges when enlarged too much. For this reason, Babe Ruth League chooses not to supply TIFF files as part of its logo library. However, if your vendor requests a TIFF format logo, he or she may easily convert an EPS, PDF or JPEG in Photoshop to TIFF format for their needs.



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- 2.) Participants must try on or purchase a Rawlings Helmet
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For further details please go to [www.baberruthleague.org](http://www.baberruthleague.org) or call Babe Ruth promotions at 1-800-880-3142. Hopefully you will be the next winner!!!



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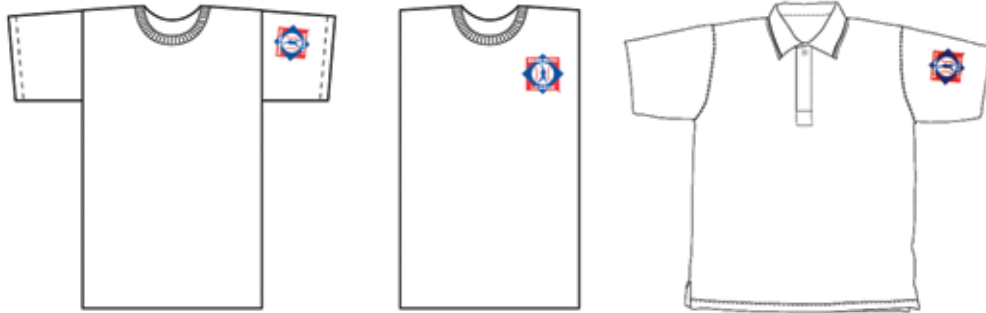
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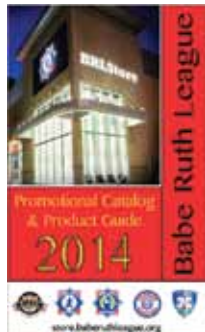
It's the practical and inexpensive way to satisfy the official shoulder emblem requirement for local league and tournament play. Have cap emblems for Baseball, Ripken and Softball on your team's favorite hat or visor.



Major League and Minor League replica caps and visors are now available with the NEW CAP EMBLEM permanently attached. The Cap Emblem Option satisfies the Babe Ruth official shoulder emblem requirement for local league and tournament play. Replica caps are available ONLY from Outdoor Cap—official MLB/MiLB cap manufacturer. Customized caps and visors in wool, mesh or twill with the Cap Emblem permanently attached are available ONLY from Pacific Headwear. (Caps are available through BabeRuthStore.com.)

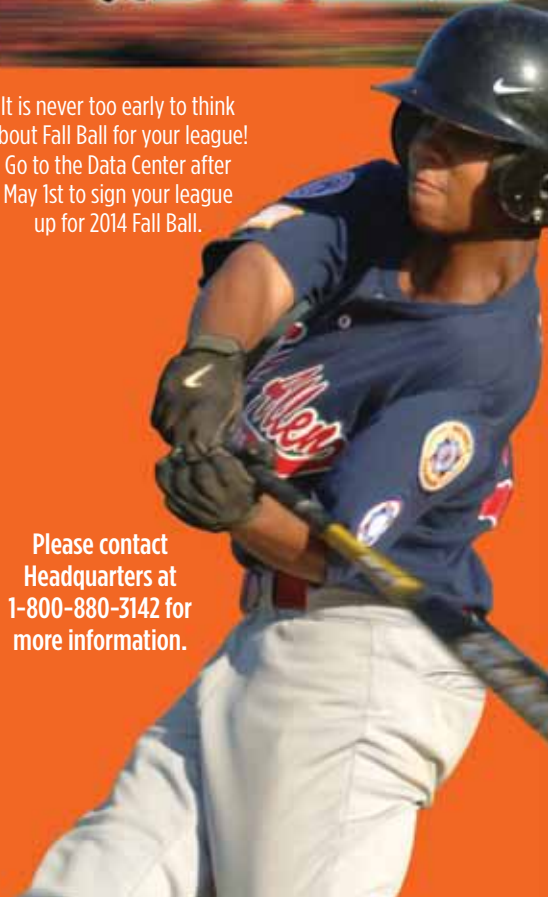


Shoulder emblems can be ordered from HQ's for baseball/softball uniforms. See above for the proper placement on jersey, vest style jerseys and softball coaches' shirts.



It is never too early to think about Fall Ball for your league! Go to the Data Center after May 1st to sign your league up for 2014 Fall Ball.

Please contact Headquarters at 1-800-880-3142 for more information.

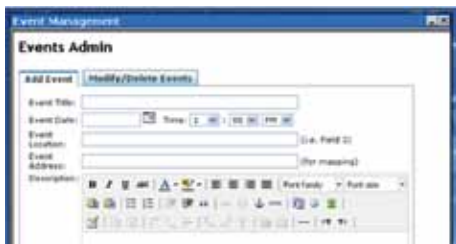


# How to Create Your Own League Website

**Babe Ruth Online - every division and team gets their own website!**

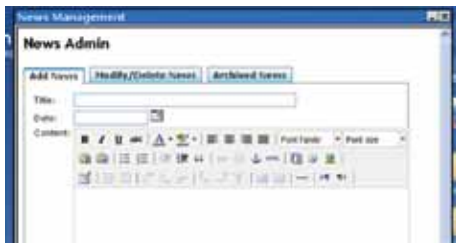
## Events admin

This tool lets you keep parents and other coaches up to date with upcoming events you are holding for your league.



## News admin

This link will allow you to send an email to coaches, parents, umpires, etc. and it will also post information to your website.



**Babe Ruth Online - posting game schedules and results**

## Complex/Field Admin

Using the Complex/Field Admin tool, you can set up the locations your league uses for games. At least one Complex and one Field must be created prior to using the Post a Game tool.

- Create Complex Tab
- Enter the Complex information (Name, Address, etc.)
- Enter the names of the Fields associated with that Complex. Please note that you can add five (5) Fields at a time (if you have more than 5 fields associated with a complex, you will submit the first 5, then modify the complex to add more), and that you must enter at least one field per complex.
- Modify a Complex Tab

## To make changes to the information for a Complex:

- Click the "Modify" button next to the Complex you need to change. Make any changes.
- Click "Submit" to save your changes. When the process is complete a "Success!" window will open. Click the "OK" button to close the window.

## To delete a Complex:

- Click the "Delete" button next to the complex that you would like to delete.
  - A window will open to confirm that you want to delete the complex (record ID: #####).
  - Click "OK" to accept the deletion of the complex
- Note: Once you click "OK" the complex will be permanently deleted.

## Switching to Division Admin Tools

- After your Complexes and Fields are set up, you will need to switch to the Admin page of the Division you are setting schedules up for.
- From your League Manager, click on the "Website" link in the upper left corner. This will open up a copy of your league's site in a new window or tab.
- Choose the link for the Division you are setting up schedules for from the navigation menu on the left side of the web page.
- Click on the "Division Admin Tools" link in the upper right corner, where you would normally see "League Admin Tools."
- You should now see your Division Manager, which contains all of your Division-level Admin tools.

## **Games/Results – Posting a Game**

- Choose the “Post a Game” tab in the “Games/Results” tool on your Division Manager Screen.
- To select the Home team, choose one of your teams from the drop-down box. (These will have been added on the League Manager screen.)
- To select the Away team, choose one of your teams from the drop-down box, or type one in if the opponent is outside your division.
- To select the Complex/Field, choose one of your fields from the drop-down box.
- Select a Game Date by using the small calendar icon, or type the date in.
- Posting Game Schedules and Standings
- Select a Time by using the drop-down boxes.
- Click “Submit” to save your changes. When the process is complete a “Success!” window will open. Click the “OK” button.

## **Games/Results – Modifying a Game**

- Choose the “Modify/Delete Games” tab in the “Games/Results” tool on your Division Manager Screen.
- Click on the “Modify” button next to the game you need to make changes for.
- You can modify any information entered in the “Post a Game” step.
- Click “Submit” to save your changes. When the process is complete a “Success!” window will open. Click the “OK” button.

- NOTE: If the date/time of the game is in the past, you will be able to add scores and player statistics using this tab. Please see “Entering Scores and Statistics” below for additional information.

## **Games/Results – Deleting a Game**

- Choose the “Modify/Delete Games” tab in the “Games/Results” tool on your Division Manager Screen.
- Click on the “Delete” button next to the game you need to delete.
- A window will open to confirm that you want to delete the Game (record ID: #####). Click “OK” to delete.
- Note: Once you click “OK” the complex will be permanently deleted.
- When the process is complete a “Success!” window will open. Click the “OK” button to close.

## **Games/Results – Entering Game Scores and Player Statistics**

- Choose the “Modify/Delete Games” tab in the “Games/Results” tool on your Division Manager Screen.
- Click on the “Stats” button next to the game you need to enter scores or statistics for.
- A new tab or window will open with a blank score/stats sheet.

## **Entering Game Scoring information:**

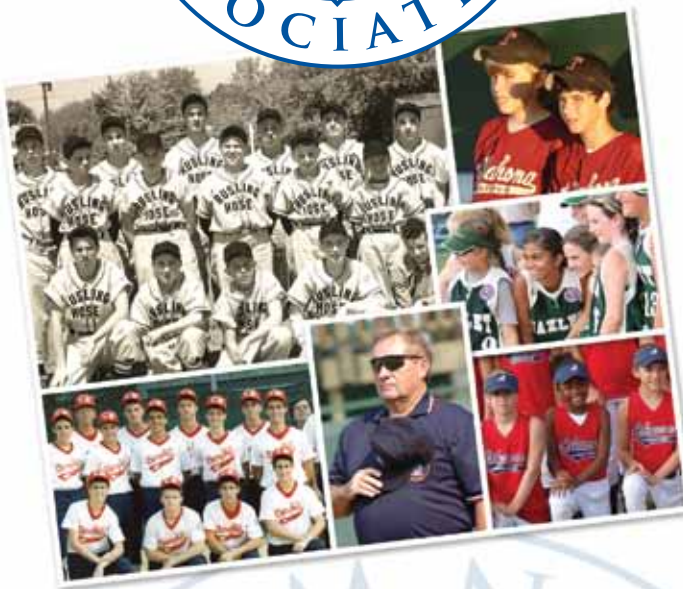
- To change the number of innings, select the correct number of innings from the drop-down box and click “Save Innings.”
- To add runs, hits, or errors, enter the information in the appropriate box and click “Save Innings.”
- Note: DO NOT enter information in another section prior to saving the information in the “Game Score Input” section by clicking “Save Innings.” You will lose any information entered in other sections!

## **Entering Player Stats:**

- You will see a pre-entered list of players based on the roster that was created for each team in your League Manager.
- When you have entered all of the stats for a team, click on “Save Stats” for (team name) to save your changes. You must save each team’s information individually, or data will be lost.
- When the process is complete a “Success!” window will open. Click the “OK” button to close the window.

## **Entering Recap:**

- Enter any game notes in the “Recap” box.
- When the process is complete a “Success!” window will open. Click the “OK” button to close the window.
- When you have entered and saved all necessary information for this game, close window or tab.



*Great futures start here.  
Did yours?*

# Babe Ruth League Alumni Association

Cal Ripken, Jr., Jimmy Rollins, Michael Jordan, Tom Selleck, Chris Livingston, Bruce Springsteen, Russ Moulbrow, Ruth McCullen, Spencer Levin ... What do all of these people, and millions more, have in common?

**They are all graduates and friends of a Babe Ruth League program.**

While many have achieved particular distinction in fields such as entertainment, sports or business, the average alumnus/friend may not be famous. Most have achieved success by getting an education, raising a family, serving their country, pursuing a career or supporting the community.

**Alumni & Friends ... Stay in the Game With the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association**

The Babe Ruth League program began with a vision. Through group commitment, motivation and dedication, it has now become one of the leading youth baseball and softball programs in the world. The main goal will always remain the same ... **TO PUT KIDS FIRST!**



*Photo courtesy of Stamford Historical Society*

The Babe Ruth Alumni Association and Friends is a network of people who care and have a strong desire to succeed. Why? Because the youth of our country depend on us. That has been and will always be our driving force.

Millions of kids have benefitted from participation in Babe Ruth League, Inc. since the first league was established in 1951. Babe Ruth League, Inc. has truly become a place of hope and opportunity for all young people ... male and female.

This is about welcoming you with an understanding of our mission, while tapping into the great resources that you and the other alumni and friends can provide.

**It doesn't take much of your time to become an effective member of the Alumni Association.**

## Our Mission

The purpose of the Alumni Association is to advance the general welfare of Babe Ruth League, Inc. and to support the needs and mission of Babe Ruth League, Inc. through engaging alumni, friends and partners of Babe Ruth League, Inc.

We aim to help youth prepare to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood, as well as encourage their drive for personal excellence and achievement. Through special programs, activities, campaigns, scholarships and much more, the Alumni and Friends can help Babe Ruth League achieve these most important goals.

## What Can I Do as an Alumnus or Friend?

*There are many different ways in which you can help.*

- Join the BRL Alumni Association
- Volunteer
- Level Donation Cash Gifts
- In-Kind Gifts
- Gifts in Honor or in Memory
- BRL Scholarship Program Donation
- Gift of Securities
- Multi-Year Pledges
- Planned Giving
- Endowment Funding
- Join the BRL Golden Alumni Club

**Contact the BRL Alumni Association at 609-695-1434 for further information ... or fill out and send the form to the right!**

We are asking all Babe Ruth League Alumni and Friends to Stay in the Game with the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association.

Yes . . . I want to help today's youth.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to help the Alumni Association (check all that apply):

( ) Joining as a Member

( ) Volunteering

( ) In-Kind Gifts & Services

( ) Financial Donations

**All checks should be made payable to the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association.**

**Please fill out and mail to:**

Babe Ruth League Alumni Association  
P.O. Box 5000  
Trenton, NJ 08638

**Or Fax to:** 609-695-2505

**Email to:** [theresa@baberuthleague.org](mailto:theresa@baberuthleague.org)



The Babe Ruth League Alumni Association is a nonprofit 501(c)3 Organization. Whenever you give a donation to the Alumni Association, you will be able to make a tax deduction when you file your taxes. Donating to the Babe Ruth Alumni Association can help you make a difference for this worthy cause and help you achieve tax benefits at the same time.



### **The Sportsmanship Code of Babe Ruth League**

- Develop a strong, clean, healthy body, mind and soul.
- Develop a strong urge for sportsman-like conduct.
- Develop understanding of and respect for the RULES.
- Develop courage in defeat, tolerance and modesty in victory.
- Develop control over emotions and speech.
- Develop spirit of cooperation and team play.
- Develop into real, true CITIZENS.

### **Mission Statement of Babe Ruth League, Inc.**

The Babe Ruth Baseball/Softball program, using regulation competitive baseball and softball rules, teaches skills, mental and physical development, a respect for the rules of the game, and basic ideals of sportsmanship and fair play.

In all aspects, Babe Ruth League, Inc. is committed to providing our participants the very best educational sports experience possible. It is our fundamental belief that every child with a desire to play baseball or softball be afforded that opportunity.



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