

# 2024 BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC. **LEAGUE GUIDE**



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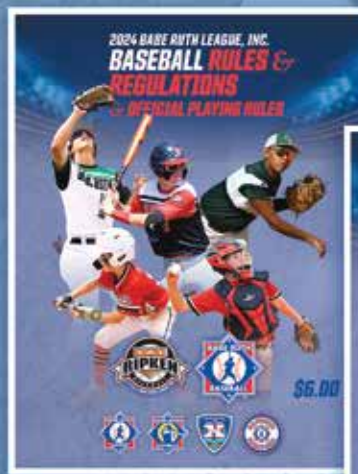
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# WHAT'S INSIDE YOUR LEAGUE KIT:



- 2024 Rule Books with all of the current Babe Ruth League rules & regulations. You will receive one rulebook for each team that you initially charter as well as a rulebook for the league president. Remember ... you can order additional rulebooks for discounts plus no shipping when buying as part of the league charter.
- All Patches and Banners that your Local League has ordered.



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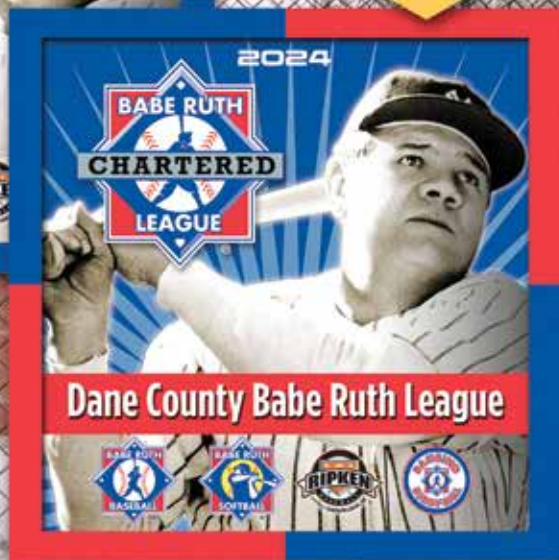
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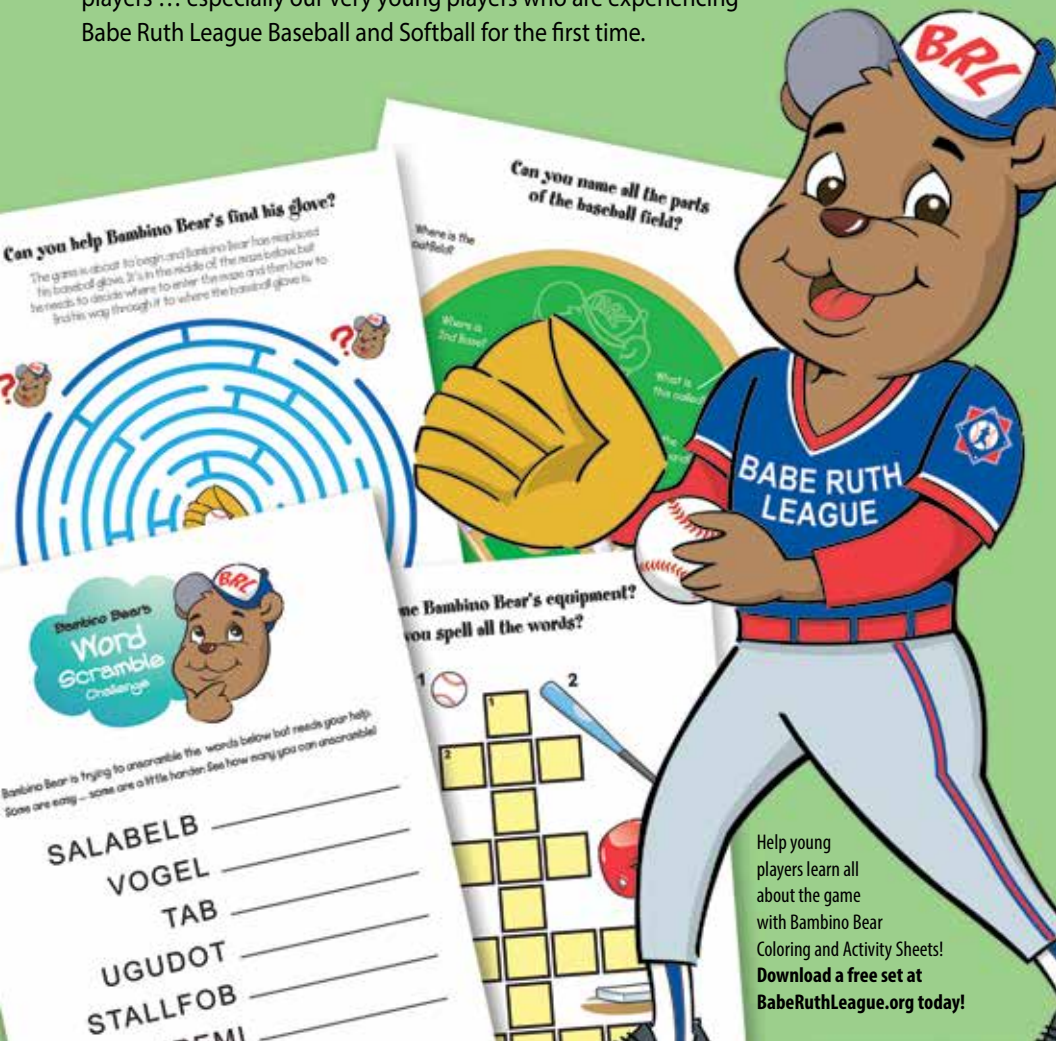
The New Babe Ruth League Website  
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[www.baberuthleague.org](http://www.baberuthleague.org)

# MEET BAMBINO BEAR!

## Meet "Bambino Bear" ... the 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.



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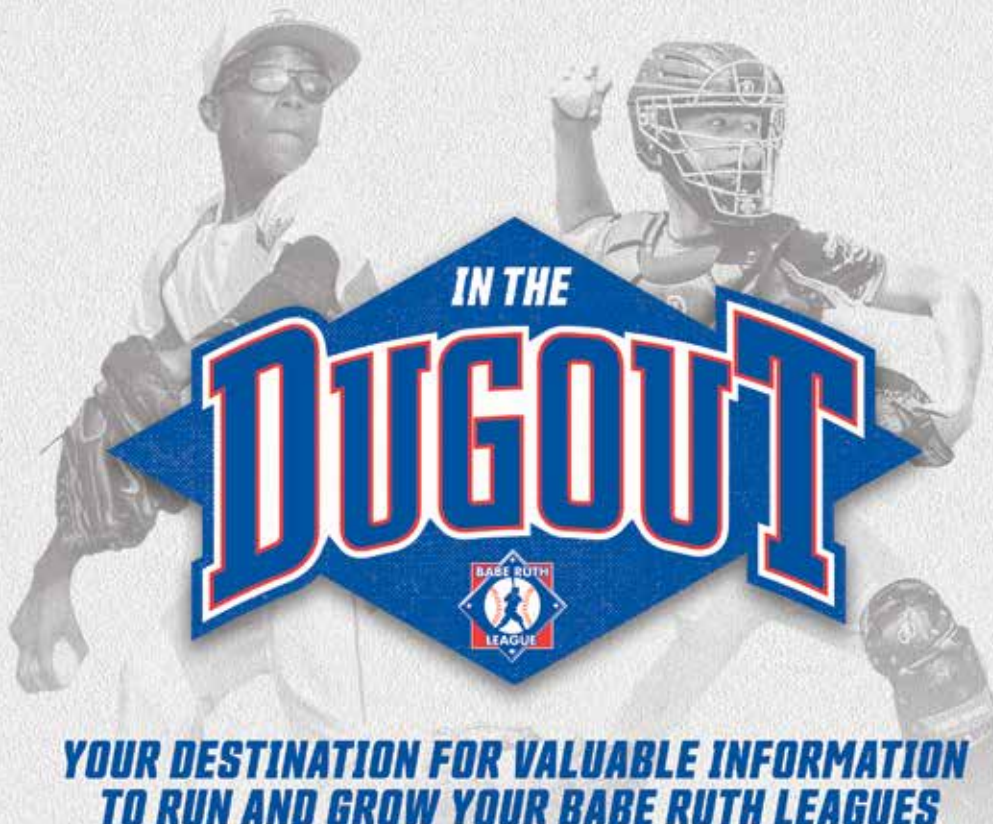
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# **LEFTY GOMEZ** **VOLUNTEER** **OF THE YEAR**



**The 2023 Baseball Volunteers of the Year are:**

**Sandra Eldridge**

Baseball - Florida State Commissioner

**Ed Hernandez**

Softball - Puerto Rico State Commissioner

Baseball - International

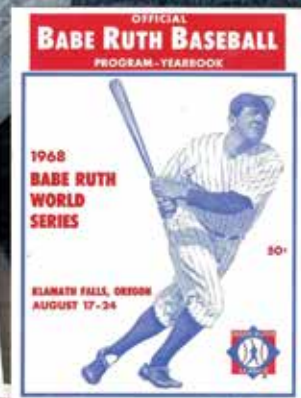
**Daniel Ouiroz** - Mexico Commissioner

**Sergio Bejarano** - Asst. Mexico Commissioner

**Juan Carlos** - Asst. Mexico Commissioner

*Thank you!*

# Great futures start here. Did yours?



**Contact the BRL Alumni Association at 609-695-1434 for further information!**

We are asking all Babe Ruth League Alumni and Friends to Stay in the Game with the Babe Ruth League Alumni Association. A BRL Alumni Association Brochure and Pledge Card have been included in your League Kit!

*Cal Ripken, Jr., Jimmy Rollins, Michael Jordan, Tom Selleck, Bruce Springsteen, Spencer Levin, Torii Hunter, Mike Piazza, Rob Gronkowski... 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 their 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!

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.

### **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.

### **Why Join the Alumni Association?**

- Because of the countless life lessons learned in between those white lines.
- Because of the friendships brought together and carried on for the rest of your life.
- You remember the moments of selfless acts of sacrificing glory for the good of the team.
- You remember getting so caught up in the game you nearly forgot to breathe.
- You look back fondly on your time involved with the Babe Ruth League program, whether as a player, manager, coach, commissioner or volunteer.
- And you would be especially proud to carry on the tradition of Babe Ruth League to make sure the program is available for generations to come.



For over 20 years, **Quickball** has offered players of all skill levels a chance to truly participate in America's pastime.

## What is Quickball?

This high-speed sport combines diamond fundamentals with sandlot fun, giving baseball and softball groups two reasons to consider it next season!

We are proud to partner with the Babe Ruth League and teach aspiring sluggers worldwide to love the game – because everyone deserves a chance to play.

### Beginners will be able to

- 📍 Learn the fundamentals
- 📍 Grasp the importance of teamwork
- 📍 Master their diamond know-how
- 📍 Take on a new skill every week
- 📍 Discover another way to play
- 📍 Make their parents smile

Our goal is to boost the number of families taking action and participating in their community programs by promising a positive experience for all players.

Head over to [ELIQuickball.com](https://ELIQuickball.com) to find out how you can program our sessions into next year's training regimen!

**BRINGING THE FUN  
INTO FUNDAMENTALS**





## Making sure your SportsEngine HQ information is ready for the new Season

### Administrative Access



Make sure your League President and Admins who oversee Coach Eligibility or Rostering have Full Access/Babe Ruth League Manager Access in your SportsEngine HQ. You can find directions on page 11 and 12 of our [Help File](#).\*

### Memberships



All Coach/Volunteer Memberships 'expired' at the end of last August. Make sure to get new Memberships for your Coaches by either sending out the direct link or adding them on their behalf. This is the only way the system will be able to track their eligibility status. You can find directions on page 7 of our [Help File](#).\*

### Coach Eligibility



All Coaches and Volunteers with regular interactions with players will need to complete a background check and APS training through this system.

- Background checks are required every 2 Seasons. Please note that beginning September 1, 2023, background checks will expire after the 2nd Season completes on August 31, 2025. In order to avoid background checks expiring mid-season during tournament play, it is no longer a rolling 2 calendar years.
- Abuse Prevention training does not currently expire. However, we strongly recommend that volunteers complete it every 2 years as a refresher.
- Eligibility Status can be found in the Membership area of your SportsEngine HQ site. Directions can be found on page 15 of our [Help File](#).\*

### Roster Submission



Rosters must be submitted for all Chartered teams. This should be completed prior to your first games being played. You can submit your Rosters through Competition>Season Management in your SportsEngine HQ site. Directions can be found in our [Roster Tool Help File](#).\*

### Support



There are several options for Support if you need help!

- You can find tutorials and walk-throughs on your SportsEngine HQ site by clicking the Need Help? button at the center of your screen on the right. You can also submit a help ticket, or schedule a call with SportsEngine Support.
- We are happy to help you with any of your questions or concerns at Babe Ruth Headquarters, and you can reach us Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm Eastern time at 800-880-3142.

**Interested in learning more about a Premium SportsEngine Site?  
Let us know, and we'll have them reach out to you!**

*\*All referenced [Help Files](#) can be found on the BRL website under Resources as well as in your League Portal.*



# THE BABE RUTH LEAGUE EXPERIENCE

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



## The Baseball & Softball Divisions of Babe Ruth League

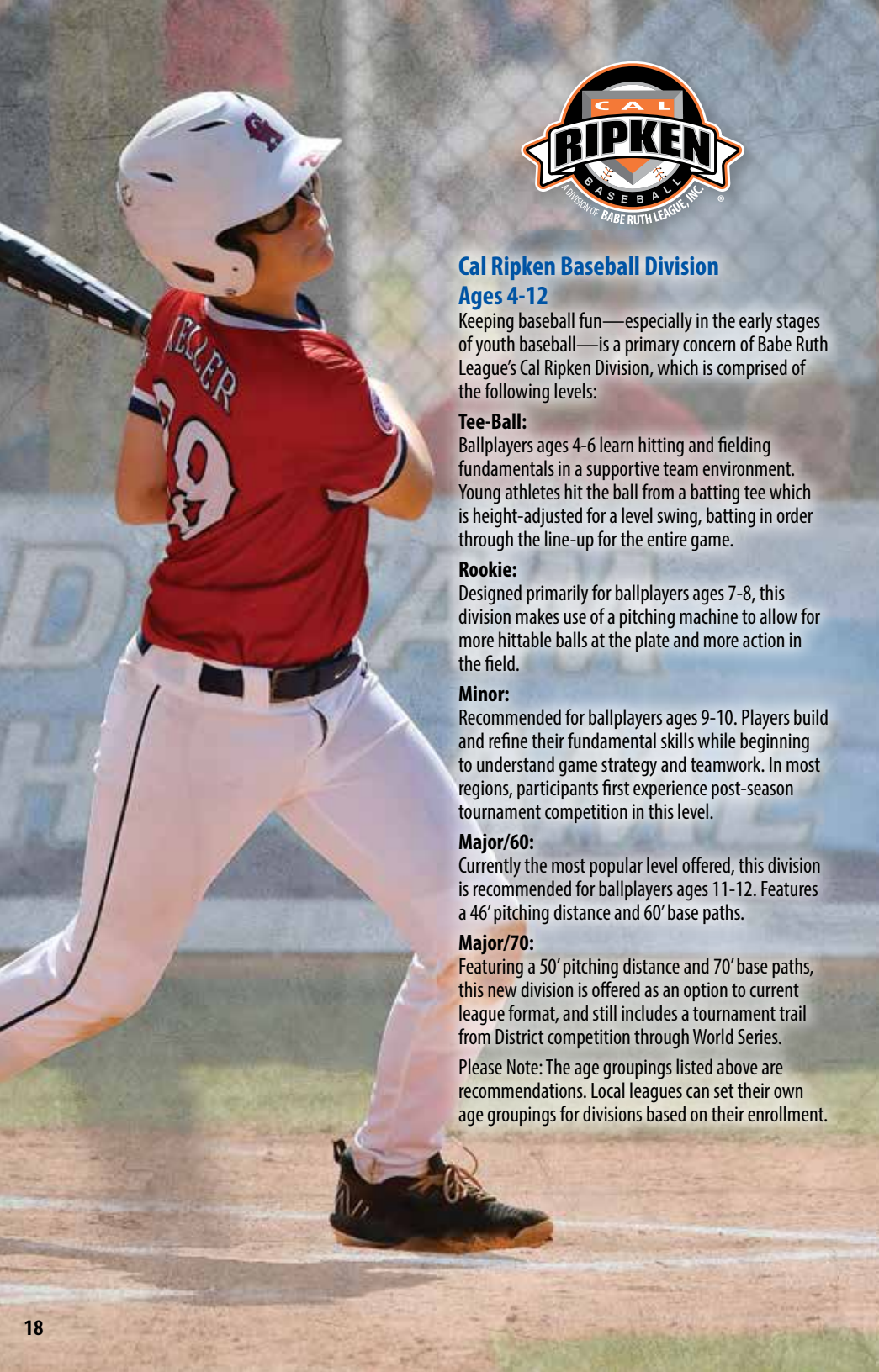


### Babe Ruth Baseball Ages 13-16

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.

### Babe Ruth Baseball 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.



### 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 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.

12 & Under and 16 & Under Divisions advance to a World Series.

In the 8 & Under, 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.





### **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.

Want to learn more about adding an Xtreme Division to your local league? Call Babe Ruth League Headquarters at 1-800-880-3142.

### **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.





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# How to Apply for NUA Umpire Certification



## Interested in becoming an umpire?

Babe Ruth League, Inc. established the Baseball and Softball National Umpire 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 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 Umpire 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 onto [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 rule book will arrive via US Mail.

**Covered Activity OPTION 3** - Any baseball/softball officiating activity - Limits provided: \$25,000 XS Medical Limit, \$5,000 AD&D, \$1,000 Deductible



2024 promises to be an exciting season. As we progress through the year, there will be additional tools available to you, such as electronic UmpireGrams and bulletins, online refresher tests and much more.

This is YOUR Association, so please feel free to contact us any time. We welcome your comments and suggestions.





# 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 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 are in fixed positions and must never be removed or altered.**



## Approved Babe Ruth League Division Logos

You can access the Babe Ruth League Logo Center from your League Portal Account.



**Please Note:** Local Leagues cannot use the above logos for trophies or plaques without special permission from Babe Ruth League Headquarters. Please call us at 1-800-880-3142 if you have any questions or need further clarification.

## The Babe Ruth League Color Palette

Our color palette emphasizes the energy of Babe Ruth League and its divisions as an organization. By using this color palette consistently over time, the unique combination of colors creates instant association with Babe Ruth League. CMYK values are provided for each

color as a baseline for printing on coated paper. Adjust the CMYK values accordingly for printing conditions and paper selections to match the Pantone color as closely as possible. RGB and HEX values are provided for each color as a baseline for web publishing.

### Babe Ruth League Blue

Pantone Reflex Blue C  
C100/M89/Y12/K6  
R0/G37/B150  
#002596

### Babe Ruth League Red

Pantone 185 C  
C3/M100/Y85/K0  
R231/G0/B51  
#e70033

### Babe Ruth Softball Yellow

Process Yellow 80 C  
C0/M0/Y80/K0  
R255/G244/B80  
#fff450

### Xtreme Light Blue

Process Cyan 100 C  
C100/M0/Y0/K0  
R0/G174/B239  
#00aeef

### Cal Ripken Orange

Pantone 1655 C  
C0/M83/Y99/K0  
R255/G81/B19  
#ff5113

### Cal Ripken Black

Process Black 100 C  
C0/M0/Y0/K100  
R35/G31/B32  
#231f20

### Cal Ripken Gray 1

Process Black 64 C  
C0/M0/Y0/K64  
R121/G122/B125  
#797a7d

### Cal Ripken Gray 2

Process Black 55 C  
C0/M0/Y0/K55  
R138/G140/B142  
#8a8c8e

### Cal Ripken Gray 3

Process Black 34 C  
C0/M0/Y0/K34  
R179/G181/B184  
#b3b5b8

### Cal Ripken Gray 4

Process Black 20 C  
C0/M0/Y0/K20  
R209/G211/B212  
#d1d3d4

## Which Logo Should I Use?



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.). In addition, 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 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### PNG (Portable Network Graphic)

PNG file format is ideal for digital graphics, such as logos, icons, text, flat images, etc. If you need a digital image with a transparent background then you must use PNG. If you're using your logo for any digital purpose like a PowerPoint presentation then you should choose PNG files.

### 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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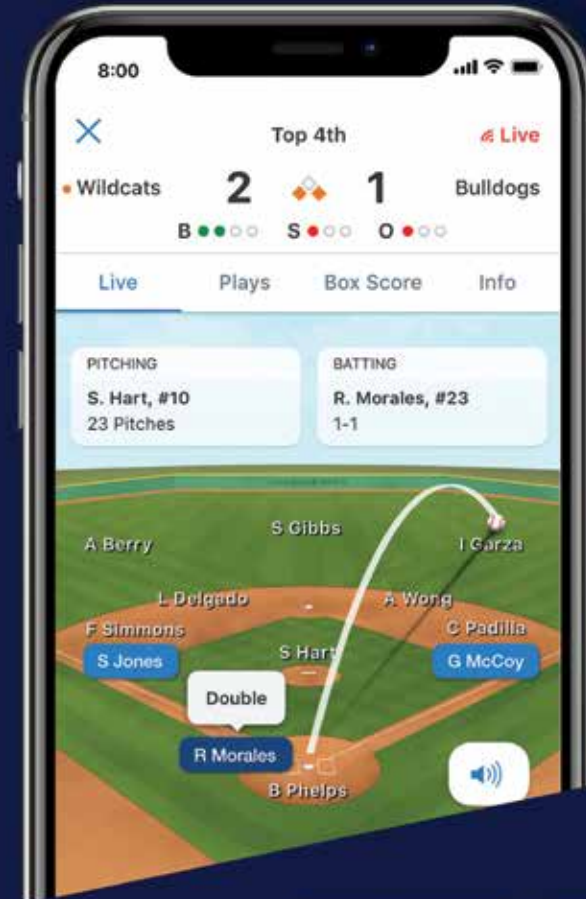
# GAMECHANGER

## TEAM MANAGER

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*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 16 real World Series: Softball 8U, Softball 10U, Softball 12U, Softball 14U, Softball 16U, Softball 18U, Cal Ripken Baseball 8-Year-Old Machine-Pitch, Cal Ripken Baseball 8-Year-Old Player-Pitch, Cal Ripken Baseball 9-Year-Old, Cal Ripken Baseball 10-Year-Old, Cal Ripken Baseball Major, 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.

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**

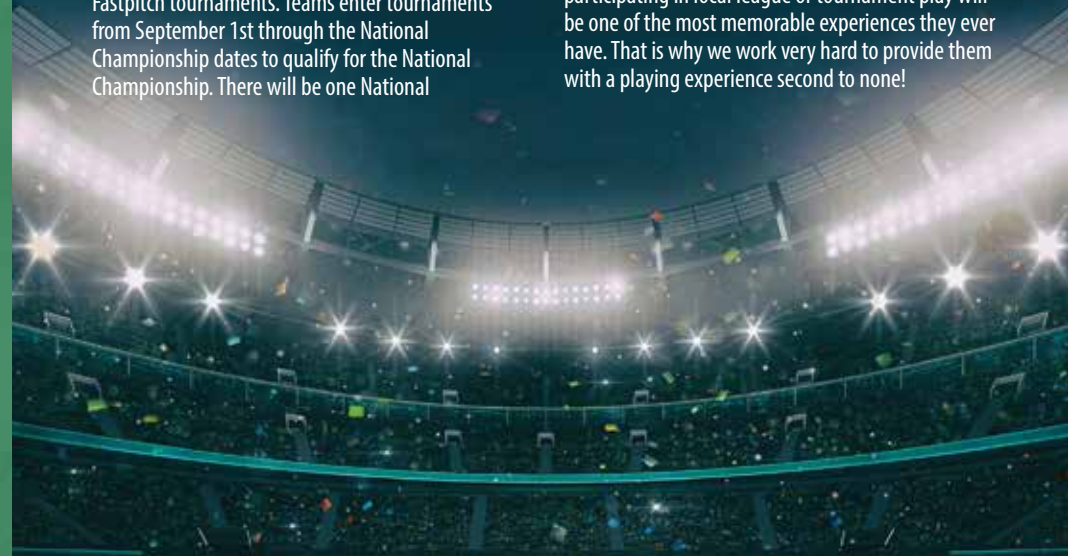
Rostered players are eligible to play in tournament trails for both Babe Ruth Softball and Xtreme Fastpitch tournaments. Teams enter tournaments from September 1st through the National Championship dates to qualify for the National Championship. There will be one National

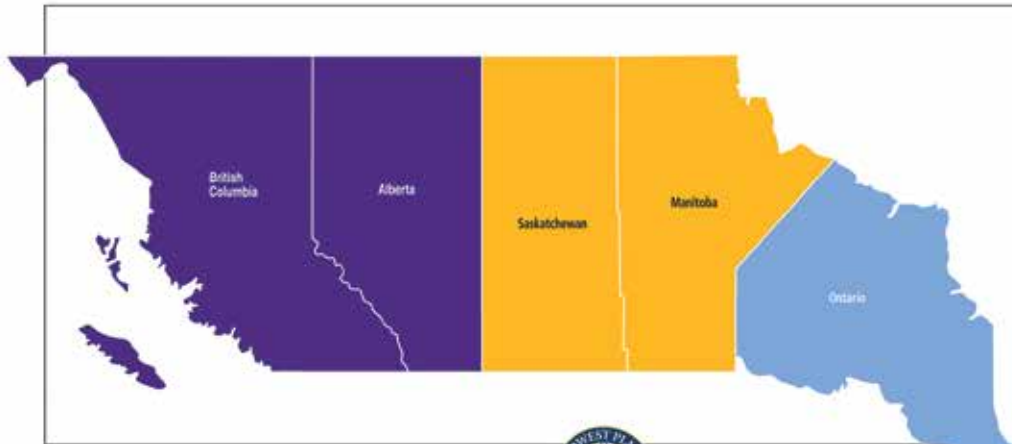
Championship for each of the 4 age groups: X8, X10, X12 and X14.

There is a participation fee to play in official Babe Ruth tournament-trail tournaments: \$40 per team in most age levels.

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."

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!





To contact a Regional, State or District Commissioner, log onto [BabeRuthLeague.org](http://BabeRuthLeague.org) and click on "Officials." Then select "Find a Commissioner." 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**



**Pacific Southwest Region**



**Midwest Plains Region**



**Ohio Valley Region**



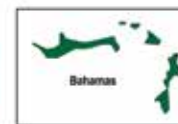
**New England Region**



**Middle Atlantic Region**

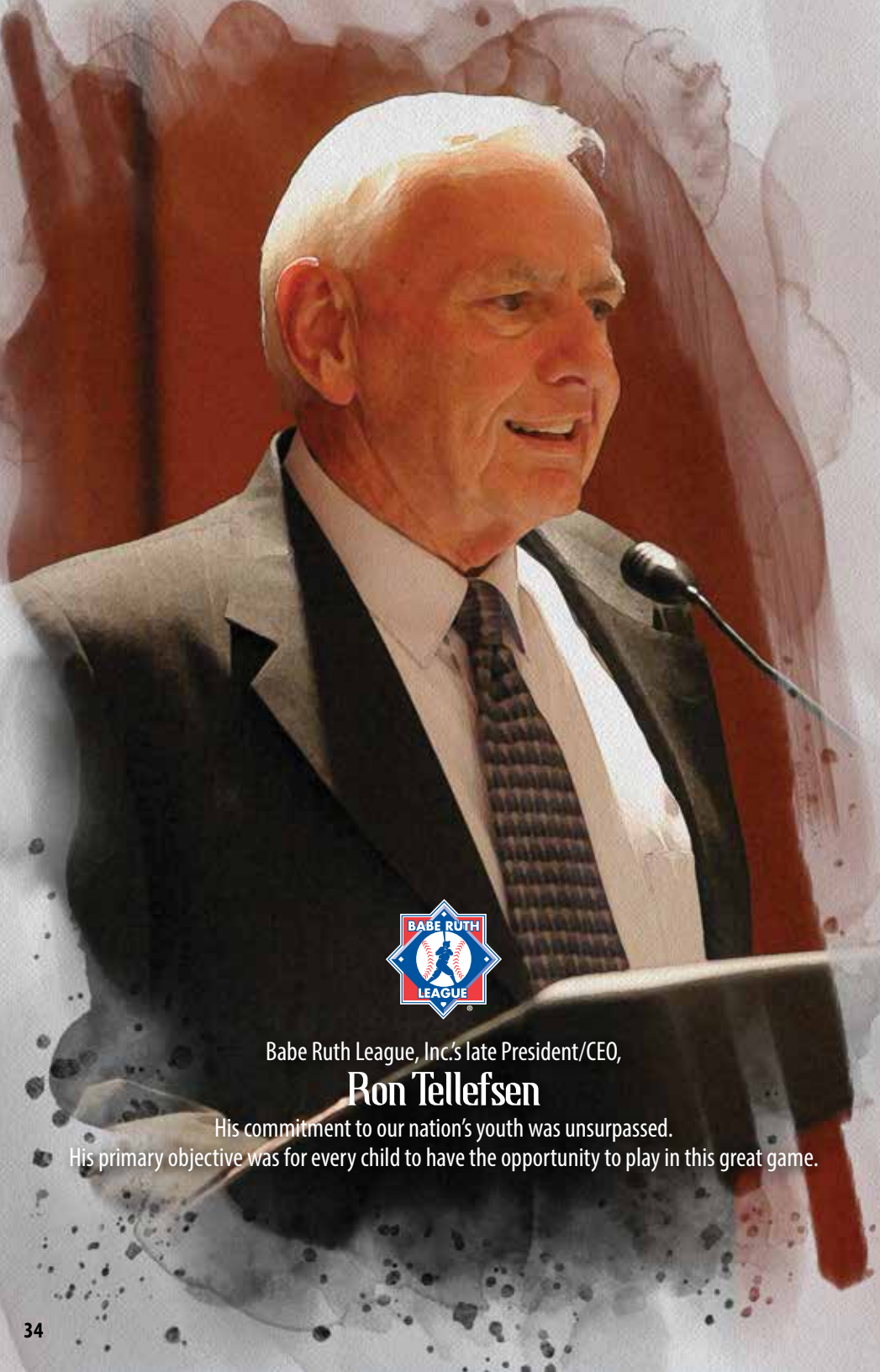


**Southeast Region**



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# Babe Ruth League Game Plan



## 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 more information on Babe Ruth League, contact our International Headquarters at 1-800-880-3142 or visit [www.BabeRuthLeague.org](http://www.BabeRuthLeague.org)

## Babe Ruth League Chain of Command

### 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.



Regional Commissioner

State Commissioner

District Commissioner

Local League President

### International Headquarters

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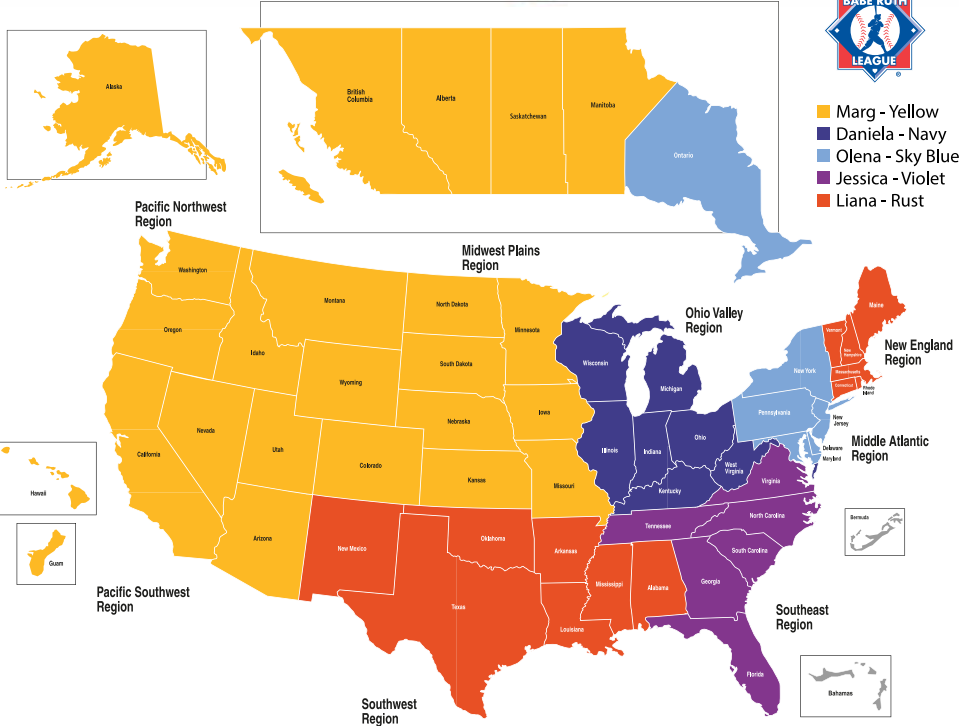
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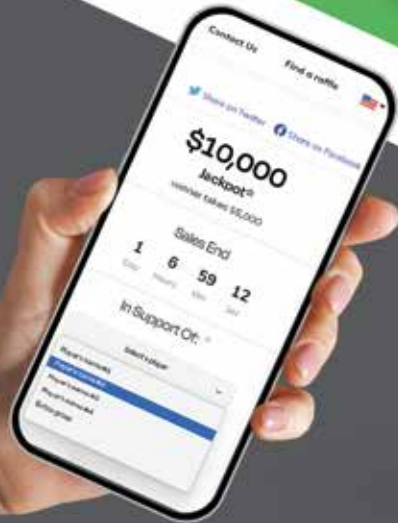
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Babe Ruth League, Inc. exclusively endorses these online courses for certification. Coaches who successfully pass the course receive a certification valid for their entire coaching career with Babe Ruth League, Inc. The courses were developed and are delivered by Human Kinetics Coach Education.





## Coaching Education Program

[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.

Babe Ruth League's Coaching Certification Program consists of the coaching certification online courses "Coaching Youth Baseball" and "Coaching Youth Softball." Babe Ruth League, Inc. exclusively endorses 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 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 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:*

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for Babe Ruth League 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 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!).

### How long is the certification valid?

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

### Can someone not affiliated with Babe Ruth League take the course?

Yes, but we would recommend the coach consult his or her organization to ensure that the Babe Ruth League 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 a 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?

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# How to Assemble Your Tournament Credentials

## STEP 1:

Access your account at [www.BabeRuthLeague.org](http://www.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.



## 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 Portal. 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 revised approved roster in front, keeping the original roster in the binder.



**Quick Note:** You must have an official, submitted roster from your league's affiliated SportsEngine HQ site. Only Add/Drops accompanied by a letter from Headquarters giving specific approval will be valid. Also, per Rule 11.02b, "Players, manager, and coaches may be replaced between tournament levels, but a league may not add players after submitting a team roster at the first level of tournament play. Babe Ruth League strongly recommends each league take a full roster of players into tournament competition."

## 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:

Place Certificates of Certification for each manager and coach that has successfully completed the Coaches Certification Program into your binder.

**Quick Note:** Visit [www.baberuthcoaching.org](http://www.baberuthcoaching.org) for information on how you can enroll in this superb training program.

## STEP 8:

Managers and coaches are not required to submit a paper copy of their APS certification, as it is addressed in the Eligibility requirement to submit rosters to Babe Ruth League via their affiliated SportsEngine HQ site.

## STEP 9:

Insert Consent for Treatment forms. You can print out Treatment Forms from the Babe Ruth Website!

**Quick Note:** Manager of the team should have each parent complete and retain a copy in case it's needed, beginning with state level tournament play. The Consent for Treatment form can be found under [Resources > Forms at www.BabeRuthLeague.org](#).



## STEP 10:

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.

## STEP 11 - CHECKLIST:

- 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?
- Do my team managers and coaches have rule books?

## The Local League President will certify upon submission the following:

- ✓ All information (contact numbers, spelling of names, etc.) is correct.
- ✓ Player birthdays have been certified and are correct.
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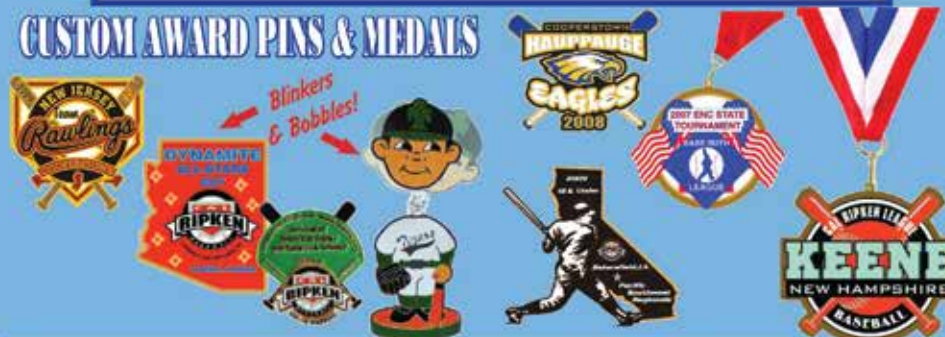
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Team Report Date: 8/1/2024  
Team Exit Date: 8/11/2024



**Baseball Host Sites:**

- 13-Year-Old  
Glen Allen, Virginia  
Team Report Date: 8/8/2024  
Team Exit Date: 8/18/2024
- 14-Year-Old  
Eagle Pass, Texas  
Team Report Date: 8/8/2024  
Team Exit Date: 8/18/2024
- 13-16 Year-Old  
Branson, Missouri  
Team Report Date: 8/8/2024  
Team Exit Date: 8/18/2024
- 16-18 Year-Old  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri  
Team Report Date: 8/8/2024  
Team Exit Date: 8/16/2024



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**World Series Host Sites:**

- 10-Year-Old  
Crown Point, Indiana  
Team Report Date: 8/10/2024  
Team Exit Date: 8/18/2024
- 12-Year-Old - Major 70  
Branson, Missouri  
Team Report Date: 8/7/2024  
Team Exit Date: 8/18/2024



Host Site for All Age Groups:  
**Florence, Alabama**

Team Report Date: 7/23/2024

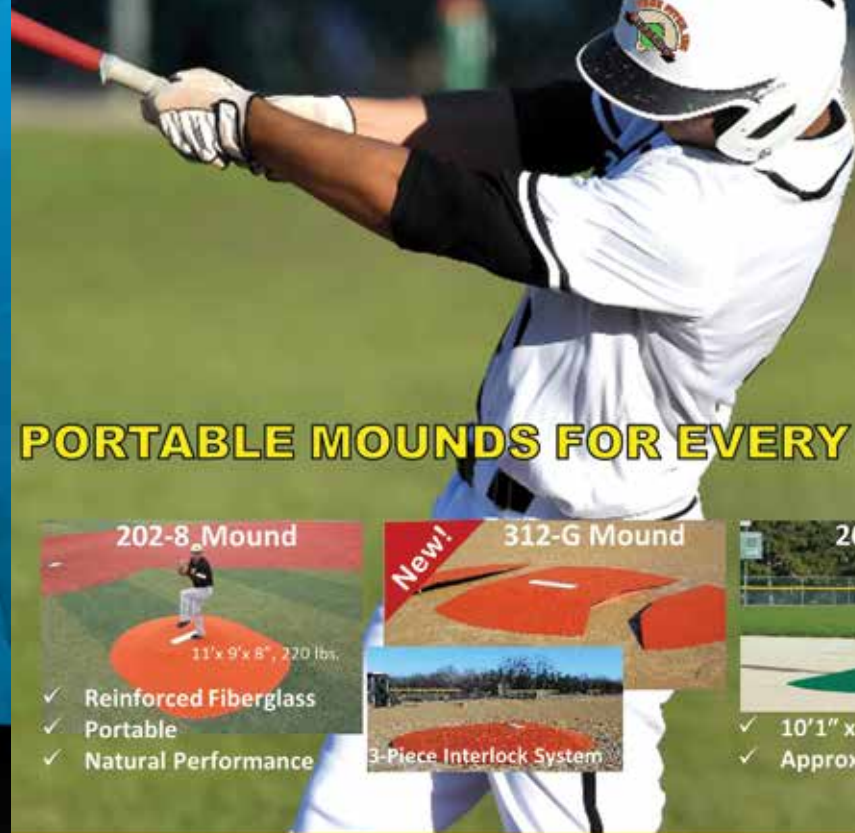
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- Develop control over emotions and speech.
- Develop spirit of cooperation and team play.
- Develop into real, true CITIZENS.

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