

# BABE RUTH SOUTH FLORIDA STATE TOURNAMENTS

## Manager's Tournament Information Package

13, 14, 13-16

July 11-14, 2024

Sarasota Babe Ruth League

Sarasota, Florida

**Sarasota Babe Ruth League, Inc.** wishes to extend a warm welcome to all players and coaches participating in the 2024 South Florida State Tournaments for **13 yr-olds, 14 yr-olds, and 13-16 yr-olds**. This information package will provide everything you need to know concerning check-in at the tournament. If a question arises that is not covered in this information package, please do not hesitate to contact the Tournament Director.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN

As soon as you know that your team is participating, a Team Representative must **EMAIL** the Tournament Director, Pete Orser ([pco4938@verizon.net](mailto:pco4938@verizon.net)) with your District Number, Age Group, Team or League Name, and Name of Team Manager. Tournament Director will send a **Team Lodging Survey Form** to be turned in at the Pre-tournament Meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 2024.

**HOTEL INFORMATION** – Sarasota County requires us to keep an accurate count of room nights for our tournament, so information on where you are staying, how many nights you are staying, and an estimate of number of rooms per night must be included on the **Team Lodging Survey Form**.

Here is the booking link for contracted hotels providing group rates for the Florida Babe Ruth South State Tournaments.

<https://groups.reservetravel.com/group.aspx?id=77478>

**PRE ORDER OF STATE TOURNAMENT T-SHIRTS** – To place a pre-order for Tournament T-Shirts, go to [printmyts.com/baberuthbaseball](http://printmyts.com/baberuthbaseball) to complete and pay for your order. Orders can be placed by individuals or by a team representative. Please make sure to identify your **Team Name** and **Tournament Age Group**. Deadline for T-shirt pre-orders is **midnight, July 4, 2024**. Managers can pick up pre-ordered Tournament T-shirts at the Pre-Tournament Meeting, Wednesday, **July 10**.

**PARK RULES.....NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS, ONLY 1 TEAM COOLER (must stay in dugout), NO PETS, NO ALCOHOL. Service dogs are permitted.**

**TOURNAMENT FEE** – A tournament fee of **\$500** will be collected at the Pre-Tournament meeting, Wednesday, July 10. Payment can be made with **cash** or **check** made payable to Sarasota Babe Ruth. *Credit cards cannot be used for the Tournament Fee.*

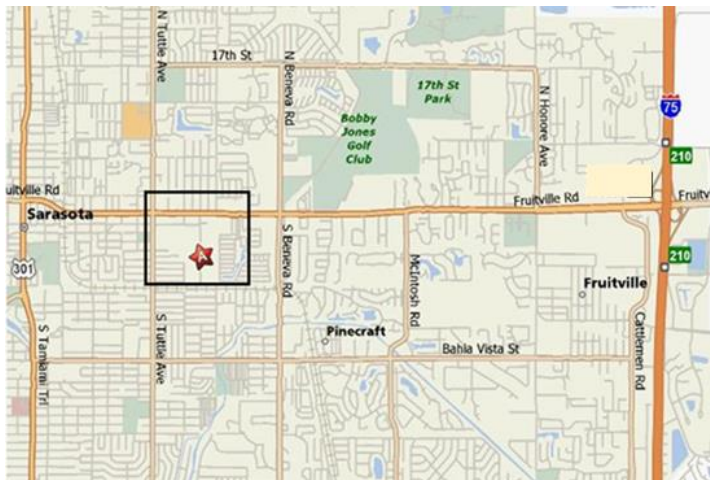
**ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS** – All players, managers, and coaches **MUST** arrive as a team and remain on-site during the tournament. A team member who is not present at the first game will be removed from the roster and will be ineligible to compete during the State Tournament. Any absences or deviation from this must be prearranged, through a waiver from the State Commissioner. An approval will be issued by the State Commissioner (a copy must be placed in the team tournament book). This must be done prior to arrival. At the pre-tournament meeting, the Tournament Director or assistant will collect and check all credentials and collect the tournament fee.

**PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING** – A meeting for managers, coaches, umpires and tournament officials has been scheduled for **7:00pm** on **Wednesday, July 10, 2024** at **Babe Ruth Park**. The State Tournament Director appointed by the State Commissioner will review all playing rules for the tournament and answer any questions. Due to space limitations, please send **no more than ONE representative per team**. Team Representative will please turn in **Team Lodging Survey Form** for your team and family attendees at this meeting.

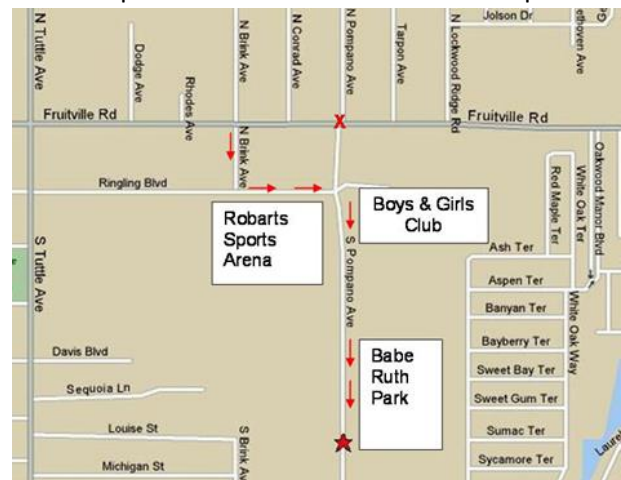
**TOURNAMENT GAME LOCATION** (see directions map below)

Tournament games will be played at **Babe Ruth Park, 185 S. Pompano Ave, Sarasota, FL 34237**

**DIRECTIONS: BABE RUTH PARK, 185 S. Pompano Ave, Sarasota, FL 34237**  
**(PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING and ALL GAMES HERE)**



Expanded view of area in box on map



**TOURNAMENT TEAM CREDENTIALS BOOK** – All credentials must be in a loose-leaf binder notebook in the order of the Tournament Team Credentials Checklist. The Credentials Checklist must be signed by the District Commissioner for State Tournament Participation. Please be aware that no team or player will be allowed to participate in the State Tournament without the proper credentials.

**RECORDING PITCHCOUNTS** – Procedures for recording pitch counts will be discussed at the pre-tournament meeting. Managers are reminded to check pitch count rules as outlined in the rulebook.

**UMPIRES** – Three umpires will be scheduled to officiate each game. During all games, the umpires are in control of the playing field.

### **GAME SCHEDULES**

Up-to-date tournament schedule will be distributed at the pre-tournament meeting.

The Official Babe Ruth Tournament Bracket has been used to schedule games (and the order in which they are played) however, weather or other conditions may necessitate a bracket being changed up to the start of the tournament and during the tournament. Managers should verify their first games scheduled while attending the pre-tournament meeting.

Be sure to follow your team's schedule at all times. Managers, coaches and players must attend all scheduled tournament events unless excused by the Tournament Director.

Changes to the game schedule due to inclement weather will be made as soon as possible. Managers will be notified by tournament officials via the cell phone numbers provided at the pre-tournament meeting when feasible. Please remember, it is the manager's responsibility to have the team ready to play when scheduled. If in doubt, go to the field and check with the tournament director.

Game results will be posted at the field after each game. The results will also be posted on the State Web site at the conclusion of the day's events.

**COIN TOSS AND INFIELD PRACTICE** – Since this is a double-elimination tournament, the home team will be decided by the flip of a coin by the tournament director or another designated tournament official at or before the pre-tournament meeting. Results will be announced or posted following the meeting.

There will be no infield practice prior to the game on the game fields. Infield warm-ups and batting will be done at an alternate site, to be announced at the pre-tournament meeting. It is the manager's responsibility to have teams ready to play at the announced time. Check with the tournament director, if you are not sure of scheduled start time. Following each game, please allow teams finishing a game to vacate the field and dugouts completely before your team moves onto the field.

**PRE-GAME ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Players and umpires will be announced 10 minutes prior to their first game. The visiting team will be announced first, with team members taking their places along the base line nearest their dugout, as announced. The home team will be introduced next, team members taking their places along the base line nearest their dugout. National Anthem will be played prior to the first game of the day.

**OFFICIAL PRE-GAME MEETING** – The Tournament Director or another tournament official will discuss ground rules with the managers and umpires at the pre-tournament meeting. Umpires will go over these rules at home plate prior to the beginning of each game.

**LINEUP SHEETS** – Official Babe Ruth lineup sheets (4-part) must be completed with player jersey number, first and last name and position (if starter) and with distribution to the official scorer, chief umpire,

opposing team manager. Changes in the lineup are to be made to the plate umpire first and then all other parties if feasible. Please use numbers when reporting changes to the umpire.

**PLAYING FIELD AND DUGOUTS** – Only manager, coaches, players, tournament officials and tournament approved batboys/batgirls are allowed in the dugout and in the fenced playing area. Under no circumstances will anyone else be allowed inside the playing field during games except when called for by the umpire when time is called. This includes parents, team scorekeepers, and fans.

Teams will be permitted to bring **one team cooler** to the dugout for player use during the game. Teams must provide their own cups. Ice for team coolers will be available from the concession stand.

**FIELD RULES** – In addition to the batting team's base coaches, the batter, on-deck batter, base runners and the fielding team's players on the field, the only team members that will be permitted outside of the dugouts (in the designated area) are a warm-up pitcher, catcher and safety monitor.

Throwing or unnecessary abuse of any equipment or baseball property will not be permitted. Smoking (including smokeless tobacco) is not allowed on the premises; eating and drinking are not permitted on the playing field. Cell phone use on the playing field is prohibited.

Players must remain within the fenced area of the playing field during all games and are not allowed to mingle in the stands or with the spectators.

A player ejected or removed for an infraction of the playing or field rules will remain in the dugout until the game is completed, unless the umpire indicates otherwise. A player/coach ejected from a game may be required to sit out additional time if deemed necessary by the State Tournament Director. The use of foul language by players is discouraged. The use of foul language within the playing field is not allowed and will be dealt with accordingly by the umpires assigned to the game.

**UNIFORMS** – Uniforms must meet the requirements contained in Rule 1.11. In addition, no two players on the same team will wear the same number. For consistency, players, managers and coaches must be assigned the same uniform number throughout the tournament regardless of the number of uniforms the team uses during travel. The regular Babe Ruth baseball shoulder emblem must be securely attached in accordance with the current Babe Ruth Rule Book. Teams may wear the Babe Ruth Baseball logo ball caps in lieu of the shoulder emblems, but ALL players on the same team must wear the same type of emblem. No mix and matching. If sublimated uniforms are used, the sublimated Babe Ruth patch CANNOT be done by any provider other than Augusta. If All Star uniforms for players are not being ordered through Augusta, then you must order your patches through the corporate office. NO EXCEPTIONS!

If a team elects to wear an Official District Champion patch, it must be securely attached to the right sleeve of the uniform. All players, managers and coaches are to be dressed in accordance with Babe Ruth requirements.

No player, manager, coach will be allowed in the dugout unless properly dressed. Manager and coach's uniforms need to match each other; however they do not need to match the players.

As a team representing your league and your District, you are expected to maintain a neat appearance at all times, on and off the field. When not involved in a tournament game, you may dress informally and comfortably.

**PROTEST COMMITTEE** – All tournament games will be played in the presence of the Tournament Director and a Protest Committee. Any protest must be resolved prior to continuing play. Decisions by the protest committee are final without appeal. The Protest Committee will consist of at least three members designated by the Tournament Director.

**SCOREKEEPER** – The official scoring record for each game will be maintained by the official scorekeeper designated by tournament officials. This book will serve as the official record of the tournament. Teams may designate their own scorekeeper but in doing so must understand that their book will not be taken into account if issues arise. Team assigned scorekeepers may not be in the dugout or on the playing field for any reason. They are to refrain from interrupting the flow of a game for any reason. Team scorekeepers will report any discrepancies to their manager. At no time are they to confront the official scorekeeper. In the event of scoreboard/PA failure, it is the responsibility of the team manager to check with UIC of the game for game updates, including count, outs and game score.

**BAT PERSON** – Teams may provide one bat person if they so desire. All bat persons must wear a helmet at all times when out of the dugout and on the field of play. Managers are responsible for the behavior and safety of their bat persons during the game. Uniforms are optional.

**TEAM POST-GAME MEETING** – Teams are to immediately depart the fields and dugouts upon the conclusion of games. This includes removing all equipment and trash. No team is to conduct a post-game meeting with their players within the fenced playing field area.

**FAN BEHAVIOR** – The team manager will be held responsible for the behavior of their fans. Fans are not to enter the playing field at any time for any reason and are to display a positive attitude to all teams, players, umpires and officials. Managers are to immediately handle problem fans if the need arises. Managers are reminded that umpires have the authority to take action against a team due to the actions of their fans.

**VIDEO RECORDING OF GAMES** – Video recording of games from outside of the field of play is allowed as long as there is no disruption of or interference with the game. (See OBR 3.15 for photography within the playing field.) In Babe Ruth League, Inc., video recordings are not an authorized tool for use in determining the validity of a call. Penalty: The offending videographer shall be removed from the game and shall leave the playing field and can be removed from the complex for the remainder of the game or tournament, as deemed appropriate by the umpire as stated in Rule 3.15.

**PLAYER EXPECTATIONS** – Our goal is to help all players perform at the peak of their abilities while enjoying the competition, camaraderie and distinction that go along with playing in a State Tournament. At the same time, you have an obligation to everyone involved to be on your best behavior at all times. If you have a problem that can't be resolved by your manager or coaches, please contact tournament officials.

Be smart and avoid trouble. There is always a certain level of tension in competitive sports. We do not want you to lose your competitive edge. The desire to perform at your very best makes the game exciting

for everyone. Stay under control, even if another player or fan says something that you find offensive. Keep your cool and do not respond to provocation in any way that could lead to your disqualification. Remember, baseball games are won with hits and runs, not with words.

The State Tournament Director has the authority to remove any player, manager or coach from a tournament game for actions detrimental to Babe Ruth Baseball. Any misbehavior or misconduct on or off the field could disqualify a player, manager, coach or team from the tournament. Physical contact with any BR official by player, coach or spectator could disqualify this person from further participation.