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The Official Newsletter of Alameda Babe Ruth

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ALAMEDA BABE RUTH

Baseball 2012

A Message from the President...

We are really excited for the 2012 Babe Ruth Baseball season and look forward to an expanded, improved program.

To kick off the season, we will have an Opening Ceremony that should set the tone for a fun, positive baseball experience.

The new Babe Ruth program is aimed at players 13-21 years old. We will provide a team for all skill levels. Our 13 year old and 14 year old travel teams, based on tryouts, will be the most competitive in their age group. There will be other 13 and 14-15 year old teams for those who are working on their skills. They will play other teams in and out of the Babe Ruth system.

If players of any age wish to try out for an older age group, they will be considered for that team based on evaluation by a panel of coaches.

We believe that our players and coaches, as they become more familiar with this system, will appreciate the thought and planning that has gone into redesigning Alameda Babe Ruth Baseball.

We encourage you to volunteer at whatever level you can, as our program depends solely on volunteer effort. We will have a snack bar at all College of Alameda home games this season. Each team will have an assigned date/time in which to staff the snack bar.

If you know of any businesses who would like to sponsor our league, please let us know.

Here's to a very successful 2012 season. PLAY BALL!!!!

~ Pat Bail
President, Alameda Babe Ruth

Alameda Babe Ruth – League Reorganization

To better serve our 13-21 year old youth baseball community here on The Island Alameda Babe Ruth has approved a new reorganization plan that is designed to provide more opportunities for a wider range of players and skill levels. The ages below are for a player's "league age"; the age he or she will be on April 30, 2012.

Below is a high-level overview of Alameda Babe Ruth's league reorganization. Please check our website www.AlamedaBabeRuth.com fairly often, as we will be providing more detailed information in the coming weeks, including the names of the managers of the teams once they are selected. Our travel teams are listed first.

19-21 Year Olds

Merchants - Independent collegiate travel team made up of college-age players.

18 Year Olds & Under

Black Sox - Travel team that will play in the Connie Mack and/or Head First Gamers Leagues (mostly 17-18's).

17 Year Old & Under

Dark Horses – Travel team that will play in both the Don Mattingly and Head First Gamers Leagues (mostly 16's, some 17's).

15 Year Olds & Under

Alameda World Tournament Baseball will pick and administer this 14-15 year-old travel team that will play in the Mickey Mantle and/or Head First Gamers Leagues before competing in the World Tournament in Australia in August. If you sign up for Alameda Babe Ruth and are picked for this team, your registration fee will be returned. Contact General Manager Ron Matthews (ron-matthews@comcast.net) for further information.

14 Year Olds & Under

Dirt Grinders – Travel team that will play in the Head First Gamers League as well as against other Babe Ruth teams (mostly 14's with some 13's). Players on this team will be eligible for post season Babe Ruth All-Stars.

13 Year Olds

Team Name TBD - Travel team that will play in the Head First Gamers League as well as against other Babe Ruth leagues. Players on this team will be eligible for post season 13 year-old Babe Ruth All-Stars.

Non-Travel Babe Ruth Teams: Additionally, we plan to have as many 14-15 year old and 13 year old Alameda Babe Ruth teams as necessary to accommodate everyone who signs up. These teams will play other local Babe Ruth teams and will be eligible for post season Babe Ruth All Stars.

We will continue to have our International League for those 14-15 year olds who are not playing high school baseball or are still in Middle School. These teams will play other teams around the area and disband once the high school season is over. Players on these teams will then go onto their regular Babe Ruth teams.

Still Have Questions?

If you have any questions on the 17 & Under or the older teams, please contact Erik Schuler, Senior League General Manager (510-919-9485, eschuler@hbrinfo.com).

If you have any questions on the younger teams, please contact Bill Dal Porto, Alameda Babe Ruth Vice President (billdalporto@comcast.net).

Registration Fees

Based on our new organizational structure, registrations fees will be tiered and based on whether a player will be participating at the local Babe Ruth level or is on one of the travel teams. Travel team fees vary depending on age group, which in turn is based on the number of games played, as well projected league participation and travel fees.



For ages 13-15 all players need to pay \$200 at the time of registration. After evaluations and team selection:

Those selected to a travel team will need to pay an additional \$300 (\$500 total).

Those playing on local Babe Ruth teams have no additional fees (i.e., \$200 total).



For ages 16-21 all players need to pay the following fees at the time of registration: \$650 for the 17 & Under Travel Team, \$750 for the 18 & Under Travel Team or \$500 for the 19-21 Year Old Travel Team.

If a player is not selected for one of these 16-21 year old travel teams, their money will be returned.

League Fee Comparisons

Alameda Babe Ruth does everything it can to keep registration fees as low as possible. In fact, this is the first year we've raised our fees in over a decade. And even now, if you check other leagues, Alameda Babe Ruth is by far the lowest in the region and half the price when compared with many other travel teams.



Alameda Babe Ruth Website

Be sure to get all the current Babe Ruth news and information (including team rosters, pictures, and scores – once the seasons begin) at...

www.AlamedaBabeRuth.com

Player Evaluations

13-15-Year Olds, Upper Washington Park

Saturday, January 7, 2012

13's (ALL): 9:30 – Noon

14-15's (ALL): 12:30 – 3:00

Sunday, January 8, 2012

13's (ALL): 10:30 – 1:00

14-15's (ALL): 1:30 – 4:00

Saturday, January 14, 2012

13's (ALL): 9:30 – Noon

14-15's (ALL): 12:30 – 3:00

16-18 Year Olds, Navy Field

Saturday, January 21, 2012

ALL: 10:00 – 1:30

Sunday, January 22, 2012

ALL: 11:00 – 2:30

Saturday, January 28, 2012

ALL: 10:00 – 1:30

19-21 Year Olds – NO TRYOUTS

Players are to appear for evaluations by age, as indicated above.

ALL PLAYERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND TWO EVALUATIONS.

All 13-15 year old players who register, pay fees and attend evaluations are assured of being drafted to a team. Players who were on a roster of a National League team in 2011 DO need to attend evaluations this year as the league structure has changed.

Registration

Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to us with your check made out to "Alameda Babe Ruth" by **12/14/11**. You can mail it to PO Box 1096, Alameda CA 94501, OR you can come to one of our Signup Nights: Dec. 12 at Lum School Multi-Purpose Room (on Otis next to Rittler Park) or Dec. 14 at the Alameda Boys & Girls Club (behind Woodstock School at 3rd & Brush). Both Signup Nights will be from 7-8:30 p.m.

(There will be a \$25 late fee for anyone registering late.)

Thank You - Babe Ruth Sponsors !

The Babe Ruth Baseball Board, coaches, players and families extend their sincere appreciation to all our team Sponsors. It's your sponsorship that enables our program to be successful. We encourage everyone with an interest in youth sports to patronize and support these generous sponsors:

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