

2019 RBRL Summer Travel Baseball Registration

To Parents/Players:

As we are mid-way through our spring season we must start planning for our summer travel program, as it will be fast approaching.

Eligible Leagues:

Middlesex Sr. Babe Ruth, a.k.a “Summer Rockets” (20 yrs. old and under, generally HS JR's/SOPH's)
20-22 games plus playoffs if qualified, begins 2nd week of June.

Minuteman League (13-15 old, 1 division)
14 games and single elimination playoffs, begins 3rd week of June

Lou Tompkins (14, 15/16 yrs. old, 2 divisions)
16-18 games plus playoffs if qualified, begins 3rd week of June

Suburban Pony (13, 14/15 yrs. old, 2 divisions)
15 games plus playoffs if qualified, begins 3rd week of June

Team Selection Process:

Summer Rockets (approximate roster size 16, age limit 20 yrs. old)

Eligible candidates are players that are generally playing at a High School level program and made up of mostly sophomores or juniors and have played Babe Ruth in a prior year. Players are selected by the Manager and Summer Committee through observation during the spring season and input from other coaches including High School coaches if applicable. There will be one team entered into this division.

Lou Tompkins A Division (approximate roster size up to 15, age limit 16 yrs. old)

Eligible candidates are typically players not selected to play on the Summer Rockets team from the candidates above and Freshman/Sophomores/Juniors that currently play Spring Babe Ruth or have played summer Babe Ruth in a prior year. Selection is made by the Manager and Summer Committee based on observation of current or past performance and input from other coaches. There will be one team entered into this division.

Suburban PONY 15/14 Team (approximate roster up to 15, maximum 12 15 yr. olds per PONY League rule, age limit 15)

Eligible candidates are generally HS Freshman playing in the Babe Ruth Spring League. Players are selected by the Manager and Summer Committee through observation during the current spring season or past seasons and input from other Coaches. There will be one team entered into this division.

Lou Tompkins B Division (approximate roster size up to 15, age limit 14 yrs. old)

Eligible candidates are generally 14 year old 8th graders playing in the Babe Ruth Spring League for a minimum of 8 games during the current spring season. Players are selected by the Manager and Summer Committee team through observation during the spring season, and input from other coaches. There will be one team entered into this division

Minuteman League 13 and 14/15 Team (approximate roster size up to 16 players, age limit 15 yrs. old)

Eligible candidates are 13-15 year olds playing in the Babe Ruth Spring League for a minimum of 8 games. Players are selected by the Manager and Summer Committee team through observation during the spring season and input from other coaches. There may be up to two teams in this League

Suburban PONY 13 Team (approximate roster size up to 15, age limit 13 yrs. old)

Eligible candidates are 13 year olds playing in the Babe Ruth Spring League for a minimum of 8 games. Players are selected by the Manager and Summer Committee team through observation during the spring season and input from other Coaches. There will be one team entered into this division.

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ:

Due to the limited number of fixed spots available on each roster and the potential that the League will not be able to accommodate all interested players on one of our teams, the following guideline should be considered before registering to play.

Players registering to play in the Summer Travel program are expected to commit to their team as their # 1 priority for a summer baseball team. In addition, Managers will be requesting time off schedules prior to the start of the season to ensure that all planned absences are known and can be reasonably managed. Your cooperation in this process will be appreciated.

When teams are chosen, player positions are considered as part of the selection process to ensure proper balance by position (pitchers/catchers and infielders/outfielders) are achieved on all teams.

Recently we have had good success in fielding 6 or 7 teams combined for all of the leagues noted above. The teams are selected to ensure proper balance of skill based on the level of expected talent of the competition (which can be different for each league). Team balance is a priority as we do not set up teams that we feel cannot reasonably compete in their selected League. Players that have previously played together in prior summers may not be doing this summer based on the overall needs of the summer program. We have been able to balance the teams to ensure each can be competitive within their league and place all of the players that registered by the deadline. We also have had enough volunteers to manage all of the teams. However, each year is different and we cannot guarantee placement of every player if we do not have the proper balance of talent between positions to field a competitive team in a particular league and enough Manager volunteers to cover the need. In some cases, a player may have to be placed as an alternate on team (fee will be refunded). Our best intentions will be to place each player on a team with a regular roster spot.

Anyone interested in managing a summer team should email Chuck Robinson (crobinson@rrsins.com) with a copy to Jeff Pierce (japierce1@comcast.net). This is a key to us fielding the maximum number of teams and coaches are almost always in short supply in the summer.

The cost of playing summer baseball will be **\$200** (\$50 discount for a second player in the same family) for all teams **except SR Babe Ruth**. An additional **\$50 for each SR Babe Ruth player** will be collected once team selections are made.* Registration will be online and a link provided via the RBRL Website. For Babe Ruth players this is the same place you signed up for Spring. Details on this to follow and the deadline date end of day on **May 27th** in order to be considered for the initial summer team placements. Players registering after the deadline date will be considered only if there are roster spots available based on the maximum number of players that are determined for each team.

**- SR Babe Ruth has a high cost due to the additional games ,the higher cost of the required higher grade baseball and umpire per game rates are considerably more.*

The **fee is nonrefundable** except in the case of injury prior to the summer season starting, a player not being offered a regular roster spot or a player determined not to be able to meet the time commitment required prior to the start of the season.

Some of the criteria used to evaluate the players will include:

- Baseball abilities both physical and mental
- Attendance to both games/practices during the current Spring season
- Commitment to their baseball development
- Attitude/effort/hustle
- Being a good teammate

Team selections are targeted to be completed by **June 10th**

We all look forward to another fun and successful year with the RBRL summer travel program. Thank you.

Chuck Robinson - Chairman

Steve Algeri

Josh Blumenshine

Jeff Pierce

Roy Sletterink

