



2017 State Tournament
Southern NJ Babe Ruth Softball
at Egg Harbor Township
June 28 - July 3



***8U *10U *12U *14U *16U**



Credential Night

Wednesday June 28, 2017 at Egg Harbor Township Field House

7:00pm: 8U/14U/16U Divisions

8:00pm: 10U/12U Divisions

Opening Ceremonies and Media Day

Thursday June 29, 2017 at Egg Harbor Township Fields

Activities start at 5:30pm

Home Run Derby. Team Photos. Banners. T-Shirts. Barbeque. Opening Ceremonies. Outdoor Movie.

Participation is mandatory for all teams.

Tournament Play Starts Friday June 30, 2017 6pm

Player MVP Medals

1st and 2nd place Team and Individual Trophies

Top 2 in each division receive an invitation to the Babe Ruth World Series in Jensen Beach/Stuart, Florida

Division Champion Banners and Plaques

Winners advance to the Babe Ruth Mid Atlantic Regional in Eastern PA



Congratulations on your teams advancement to the 2017 Babe Ruth Softball SNJ State Championships! We appreciate your hard work and dedication to girls youth sports! We have a hard working dedicated staff available for any help you may need during and after the tournament. Our goal is to run a smooth incident free tournament that coaches parents and players will remember for years to come.

Please take a few moments to review your managers packet below. All managers must check in by filling out and submitting the online check in form on our web site snjbaberuthsoftball.org. The SNJ State web site will have all the information teams will need to get through the tournament smoothly. Please pass the web site address on to your parents and players so they can stay up to date and understand the Babe Ruth Tournament Trail.

New for 2017

Opening Ceremonies/Media Day: This year, we will be having Opening Ceremonies and Media Day prior to the tournament's first games. Player Banners, Team Photographs, T-shirts and bows will all be available for purchase. A barbeque and movie under the stars along with the opening ceremonies will fill the day that starts at 5:30pm on Thursday June 29th. We are striving to make the tournament a memorable one for all players and their families. The Opening Ceremonies and Media Day replicate the experience of participating in a Babe Ruth World Series. Since very few players ever get to experience the Babe Ruth World Series, we hope to give our SNJ State participants a tournament they will remember! All participating teams are required to attend the Opening Ceremonies/Media Day. **THIS IS MANDATORY, IF YOUR TEAM DOES NOT ATTEND OPENING CEREMONIES/MEDIA DAY, THEY ARE INELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE SNJ BABE RUTH SOFTBALL STATE TOURNAMENT.**

Babe Ruth World Series: State winners and runner-ups are eligible for the 2017 Babe Ruth World Series in Jensen Beach/Stuart Florida. See our web site for specific dates for each division and more information.

Tourney Machine: We will be using Tourney Machine for tournament scheduling and results this year. Tourney Machine displays our tournament's standings, schedules, brackets and results on a page specific to the tournament. It will also send e-mail and text message notifications with scores and tournament notifications (delays, schedules changes, and more). Download the Tourney Machine App or visit tourneymachine.com

Middle Atlantic Regional

Winners, and in some divisions runner-ups, advance to the Babe Ruth Softball Middle Atlantic Regional in Audubon/Spring-Ford/Upper Merion, PA starting July 5, 2017. The Tournament runs through July 9th. There are links to the Regional web site on our web page. Please familiarize yourself with the dates and other information about the tournament. Regional Champions advance to the World Series. SNJ has been represented at the regional level quite well throughout the years with a long list of SNJ teams advancing to World Series play. SNJ Teams captured four of the five Middle Atlantic Regional Titles in 2014.

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Special Thanks

We would like to thank our District Commissioners, SNJ1 Tom Kondash, SNJ2 Brian Bass, SNJ3 Dan Kellett and SNJ4 Toni Rispoli who are the true backbone of SNJ Babe Ruth Softball. Their hard work throughout the year affords our local leagues the opportunity to compete in the SNJ States and beyond. Thanks for all your hard work!

A special thanks to our host, Egg Harbor Township Girls Softball League, President Kathleen Glick, and Tournament Director Kim Collins. Egg Harbor Township Girls Softball is a class organization that has stepped up once again as SNJ State Tournament Host!

Interested in hosting a future SNJ Babe Ruth Softball State Tournament? I would be happy to speak with your organization. Contact me for more information!

Hoping you, your players and parents have a great experience! Good Luck to all teams!

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Teams advancing to the Middle Atlantic Regional should immediately check in at marbaberuthsoftball.org



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2017 State Tournament Credentials

The following items are to be submitted at the tournament credential meeting.

Credentials are to be submitted in a three ring binder. On the front of the binder the name of the league and the age group of the team as it appears on your league charter is required.

1. Copy of League Charter. (Available on your League Portal)
2. Birth Documents for each player in alphabetical order. (See rule 0.04 par. 1 for approved birth documents) Notarized copies are not acceptable.
3. Certification for Managers and Coaches of successfully completing the Coaching Education and Certification process.
4. Certification of League Group Accident Insurance
5. Certification of League Liability Insurance
6. Tournament Team Roster in alphabetical order certified by the League President – To be generated from the online regular season rosters.
7. Letter of League Eligibility issued by Babe Ruth League Inc., and approved by your State Commissioner attesting to your league's compliance to all requirements. Additionally, certification by District, State and Regional Commissioners attesting to your team's right of advancement via competition success as the tournament champion.
8. Letter of Reinstatement to be signed and dated at the lowest level of play entered. (Available on snjbaberuthsoftball.org forms page)
9. Consent for treatment form in alphabetical order for each tournament player. (Available on the Babe Ruth League web site)
10. \$250 check payable to EHT Girls Softball, this helps to offset some of the host league expenses for the state tournament.
11. Team Photo Uploaded with the Tournament Team roster online. Copy of the same photo must be placed in the team credential books.
 - Teams should line up in even rows
 - Every person must be in team uniform (player, manager, coaches) Rule 1.11h
 - Only the team may be in the photo. 1 Manager, 3 Coaches per team. No bat boy/girl, scorekeeper, mascot or anyone else.
 - PRINT or TYPE the names of the players, manager and coaches ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER and submit them with the photos.
 - Write the name of the League (not the team) and age division on both the photo and the list of players.
 - If any player is missing from the photo, include the players name with a note "not pictured". It is strongly suggested that every effort be made to make sure everyone is in the team picture.
 - Photos are to be of high quality and on photo paper. Grainy digital shots are NOT ACCEPTABLE.



Southern NJ Babe Ruth Softball 2017 Official Pre Game

30 Minutes prior to game:

- Meet with the State Commissioner or his representative at the concession stand/field house for the coin toss.
- Winner of Coin toss gets choice of Home or Visiting Team.
- Home Team takes the 1st base dugout.
- Visiting Team takes the 3rd base dugout

25 Minutes prior to the game:

- Home Team has the field for a 10 minute warm-up

15 minutes prior to the game:

- Visiting team has the field for a 10 minute warm-up

5 minutes prior to the game:

- Home plate meeting with umpires for ground rules.
- Present the umpire, opponent and official scorer lineups.
- Name the person representing your team on the protest committee



Southern NJ Babe Ruth Softball

2017 Official Tournament Game Sheet

DIVISION: _____

DATE: _____

GAME #: _____

TEAM: _____

(Eligible Pitchers) _____

TEAM: _____

(Eligible Pitchers) _____

WINNER TO GAME: _____

LOSER TO GAME: _____

FINAL SCORE: _____

Managers signature/league name

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2017 Rule Clarifications

8U

No time limit.

5 run max per inning with exception of last (6th). Mercy rule is in effect after 3 ½.

Team composition of 9 players. Team may elect to use "EH" which will be 10 players in batting order. If a team starts with 10 must end with 10.

3 swinging strikes or 6 pitches (foul off of 6th batter remains alive).

Defensive pitcher must be in line with or behind the rubber with at least 1 foot inside circle.

NO charging until the ball is hit or crosses the plate.

NO DEFENSIVE COACH'S ON THE FIELD

No stealing & runners must maintain contact until ball reaches home plate.

An inbound ball is DEAD once ball is "in control" inside the pitching circle.

No infield fly.

No dropped 3rd

Bunting is allowed

No Huddling between innings.

1.0 The Blue Flame Spring-Loaded Pitching Machine, Official Pitching Machine of Babe Ruth League, Inc. shall be used for all tournament games and operated by the "The Coach Pitcher" designated by opponent team managers.

1.1 The pitching machine shall be positioned on the mound a distance of 35' with a speed setting of 32 mph (established when ball crosses home Plate).

1.2 The Coach operating the pitching machine (as such still the Coach pitcher) shall remain silent while on the mound, and may not give hand signals nor make body movements that may be considered a coaching signal.

1.3 Progressive Penalties - Any verbal or use hand signals or body movements while operating the pitching machine during a game are applied as follows:

- a) First offense - coach will be given a warning to remain silent.
- b) Second Offense - A Strike is called on the batter'
- c) Third Offense - A Strike is called on the batter and the coach moved from the mound for the remainder of the game.

11.07-8U (g) Revised to Read

Even though a pitching machine will be utilized for pitching, the player fielding the pitching position must take a defensive position in line with, but preferably slightly behind the pitching machine within the pitching circle. NO charging towards batter until ball is hit or crosses the plate.

Batted Ball Hitting Pitching Machine

(New Ground Rule – Babe Ruth League, Inc.)

If a batted fair ball hits any part of the pitching machine without touching a defensive player first, it is immediately dead. The batter will be awarded 1st base. All other runners return to the base they occupied before the ball was put in play unless they are forced to advance as a result of the batter being awarded 1st base.

If a batted fair ball is first touched or THROWN by a defensive player, and then hits any part of the pitching machine. IT IS A LIVE BALL
RULE 2.0 - INFIELD FLY DOES NOT APPLY

COURTESY RUNNERS

A. MANDATORY FOR THE CATCHER WITH TWO OUTS, OPTIONAL WITH LESS THAN TWO OUTS. THE COURTESY RUNNER MUST BE A PLAYER WHO IS NOT CURRENTLY IN THE GAME AND MAY ONLY PINCH RUN ONCE PER INNING.

B. ARE NOT PERMITTED FOR THE PITCHER.

RULE 3.03 RE-ENTRY OF STARTING PLAYERS - Any of the nine starting players may withdraw and re-enter once provided such player occupies the same batting positions whenever in the line-up

RULE 11.05 (5) RE-ENTRY of already used players is permitted if all substitutes have been used and an injury occurs or a player is ejected..



Media Day June 29, 2017

Media Day events will begin at 5:30pm

- Individual players banners will be available for purchase from 6 to 8pm. Your players name and number. Cost \$15.00 cash or check only.
- Home run derby from 5:30 – 6:30pm. Each team is to send 3 players to their assigned age level field. Each player will get 6 hittable pitches from a pitching machine. Prizes awarded to the first and second place winner in each age bracket.
 - 8u – Field 4
 - 10u- Field 3
 - 12u- Field 7
 - 14u- Field 6
 - 16u- Field 5
- Field 1 will be a skills challenge stations 5:30 to 6:30 for other players not participating in the home run derby including a dizzy bat race. Prizes awarded to winners.
- Opening ceremonies will be on Field 1 at 7pm.
- T-shirt vendor and bow vendor will be on site
- BBQ – 6:30 to 8:30pm. On credential night we will be selling meal tickets for \$5.00. Ticket includes hot dog or burger, soda or water and a bag of chips. Coaches must pre-purchase as many tickets as you will need to cut down on wait time for your players and parents.
- At dusk we will be showing a movie under the stars on Field 2 approx 8:15. Concessions including popcorn will be available for purchase.

Babe Ruth Softball SNJ 2017 Credentials Checklist

Division: 8/U 10/U 12/U 14/U 16/U

Member League:

Manager Name:

Phone/Cell:

E-mail:

1. _____ Birth Documents of Record: Babe Ruth ID Cards
 2. _____ Accord Certificate of Coverage of group accident insurance policy
 3. _____ Accord Certificate of Coverage of league liability insurance policy
 4. _____ Tournament Team Roster certified by League President
 5. _____ Letter of League Eligibility issued by the State Commissioner
 6. _____ Consent for Treatment Forms for each player
 7. _____ Four 5x7 or 8x10 team photographs with player identification
 8. _____ Official Babe Ruth Softball Shoulder Emblems for each player, manager & coach
 9. _____ Three ring binder. League name as it appears on charter. Age group of team.
 10. _____ Copy of Charter
 11. _____ Copy of Coaches certification of all tournament coaches
 12. _____ Letter of Reinstatement
 13. _____ \$250 Check payable to host league
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SNJ use only

Credentials checked in by: _____ Date: _____

Missing Credentials: Y N
(list on reverse)

Manager contact date:

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