



# **BABE RUTH**

Our Babe Ruth Program will begin registrations once we have identified coaches for this age group. We have, historically, had challenges finding an appropriate amount of coaches for the number of players that register. As an example, we had 18 players on one team last year due to lack of coaches. Having that many players drops playing time for all players leading to a less than stellar overall experience.

In 2018 we will determine the number of coaches then open registrations for a specific amount of players to fill that/those team(s). We will limit each team to 13 players and offer placement on a first come, first served basis. If enough players register to create another team, a volunteer must step forward from that group of players. In the event we have two teams we will create parity-based teams.

For example, if we offer one team (only have one head coach) but receive 26 registrations we will place the first 13 players to register on the first team. We will reach out to the other 13 players' families and ask for a head coach volunteer from that group. If a volunteer steps forward we have a second team! As soon as we determine a second coach the teams are then created for parity – our goal for all regular season teams. If no head coach is available there will not be a second team and the first come, first served rule will be in effect. We will do our best to work with surrounding towns to find a place for those players.

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<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>+\$30 Late Registration</b>	<b>March 3<sup>rd</sup> onwards</b>
<b>Indoor Practices Start</b>	<b>Week of April 1<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Outdoor Practices Start</b>	<b>Week of April 16<sup>th</sup> (weather dependent)</b>
<b>Field Cleanup Day</b>	<b>April 7<sup>th</sup> (rain date 4/14)</b>
<b>Opening Day</b>	<b>May 5<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Player Fee</b>	<b>\$TBD</b>

## **REGISTRATION TO OPEN FOLLOWING COACH ASSIGNMENT(S)**

### Program Description |

Babe Ruth players range mostly from 13-15 year olds. Teams are created based on the age and ability level, where applicable, of registered players. Teams train and play at Little River Park in Lee and will compete in a semi-regional league against other towns with Babe Ruth programs. A glove and helmet is required for each player. Expect 2 practices and 1+ game per week.

### Practice Schedule |

ORYA is not able to offer a training schedule until all coaches have been identified and their

requests/conflicts have been gathered and compared against field availability. This is an ongoing process during registration and just after.

### Uniform |

Babe Ruth program uniforms were recently purchased by ORYA so their use will continue for a few more years. On one of your first practices your coaches will bring our uniform stock to practice and each player will choose a uniform that fits them. Each uniform MUST be returned at the end of the season.

### Player Tuition |

Your player tuition for this program will account for insurance (medical & liability), equipment budget, ORYA Admin (\$30) & Capital Fund allocation (\$10), online payment processing & merchant account fees, uniform hat, umpires, porto-potties at each location, field maintenance at multiple locations, program trophies, Babe Ruth League dues & fees and small stipend for coach education or skills coaches.

Your player tuition was developed with input from, and approved by, your volunteer Lacrosse Advisory Group members.

