

**2021**

**Babe Ruth Softball**

**Pacific Northwest Regional Tournament**



## 2021 BABE RUTH SOFTBALL PNW REGIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

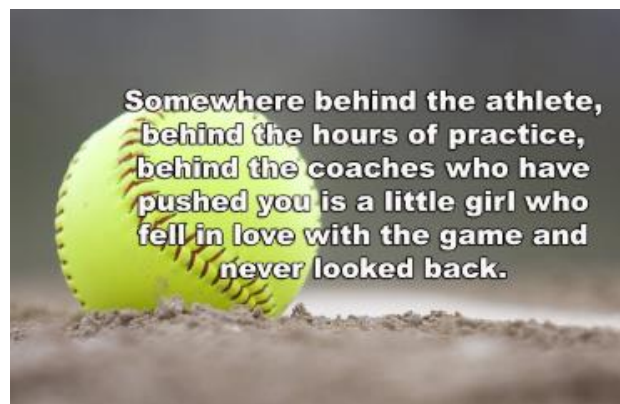


### Welcome to the 2021 PNW Regional Babe Ruth Softball Tournament June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup> Settler's Park, Meridian, Idaho

Thank you for your participation at this year's PNW Regional Babe Ruth Softball Tournament. We are looking forward to hosting you, your players, your families, and other supporters, and hope to make this experience one you will all remember for years to come. The following materials are designed to provide you with all of the information you will need prior to arrival, and help you prepare yourself and your team for the Tournament. Please provide copies of this packet to all members of your team, as well as their parents.

The tournament will take place June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>, with arrival and opening ceremonies slated to begin at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Pool play games will be played on Thursday & Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, in all divisions. On the morning of July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Semi-finals and Championship play will begin. The winners of the 12U and 16U divisions will advance to the World Series held July 18-27, 2021 in Treasure Coast, Florida.

In order to run an organized and successful Tournament, we need your cooperation and support. In that regard, there are several items that we will need from you prior to your arrival. Please send **one 5x7 or 8x10 team photograph with identification; Team Roster, including uniform numbers and player identification to Jennifer Cafferty at [jcaf40@yahoo.com](mailto:jcaf40@yahoo.com) no later than June 13<sup>th</sup>**. These items do not take the place of the information that will need to be included with your official tournament documents.





# Babe Ruth Softball



## Pacific Northwest Region

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Region of Babe Ruth Baseball, I would like to welcome you to this year's Regional Tournament.

In order to enhance your Regional Tournament experience, each Host League is preparing an on-line information package providing all the tournament information as well as options for accommodations and sightseeing.

I want to take this opportunity to draw your attention to two items of particular interest: PNW Regional Tournament Rules and Regulations, and the concussion awareness training which PNW fully endorses and which will be in effect during all Regional Tournaments.

PNW Regional Tournament Rules and Regulations – Included in the information package are two documents: 1) Tournament Participant Information, and 2) Pool Play and Tie-Breaker Format. I encourage you to review both of these documents carefully as they are the rules/regulations under which our Regional Tournaments are conducted. These rules/regulations may be different from those under which your State or Provincial Championships are conducted. While these rules/regulations will be addressed in detail at the mandatory Manager's meeting prior to the opening of the Tournament, it is important that players and parents understand them as well.

Concussion Awareness – Most sports fans are aware of numerous player injuries as a result of concussions in both professional and amateur sports. Players in professional hockey, baseball, and football have suffered concussions which have resulted in them missing not only a few games but also the rest of their season, and in some cases with long-term effects.

As a result of an injury to a high school athlete, Washington State enacted a law that mandates concussion awareness training for players, their parents, and their coaches. It also mandates that any player suspected of sustaining a concussion be removed from competition and not be allowed back into competition until the player has received written clearance from a licensed health care provider trained in the management of brain injuries. Please be aware that this will be strictly enforced during all Tournaments.

At the mandatory Manager's meeting this issue will be fully addressed with the managers and coaches. I would, therefore, urge all players and their parents to read the concussion information included in the information package (If you want more information you can go to [www.wiaa.com](http://www.wiaa.com). Click on Publications and then scroll down to Concussion Management Guidelines. There you will find links to Coaching, Parental, and Player resources.)

Best of luck to all participants. Play great baseball and experience good sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

*Brent*

Brent Stenman  
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Pacific Northwest Babe Ruth Softball

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Live Feed Link  
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# 2021 Babe Ruth Softball PNW Regional Tournament Schedule of Events

## Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> Team Check-In

All team members, including Manager, Coaches, and Players must be present.  
Tournament books will be turned in at this time.  
Scheduled check-in time for all teams is 4:00 pm, near main concession stand.

## Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> Opening Ceremonies

5:00 pm Welcome, Introductions, and Photos  
(All teams are required to be in full uniform)  
National Anthem, Ceremonial First Pitch

Team Dinner – due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, the team dinner will not take place this year.

Mandatory Meeting for all managers and coaches – this will take place immediately following the opening ceremonies at the Meridian Youth Baseball/Softball Clubhouse, located above main concession stand.

Each team must have a representative (Manager or Coach) present at this meeting, which will address interpretation and discussion of rules with tournament officials and the umpire-in-chief. Tournament officials will also use this time to check in your Official Document Book in order to ensure that all of the required information is included.

### ***Required documents are as follows:***

- Copy of league accident and liability insurance policy
- Tournament team roster certified and signed by league president
- Letter of League Eligibility Tournament Form signed by State Commissioner
  - Consent for Treatment form
- Coaching Certification I.D. Card or Certificate AND Abuse Prevention Training course certification for each manager and coach

Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> – Games Begin at 8:00 am





# PNW Regional Babe Ruth Softball Tournament



## TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Officials of the Babe Ruth League program and the Host League have made extensive efforts to ensure your stay at our Regional Tournament will be pleasant and rewarding. We expect all participants to fully cooperate with the following Tournament Rules and Regulations.

**All Team Members must be present for check-in at the time designated by the Tournament Host. Where the Sponsoring Host has arranged an Opening Ceremony as part of the Tournament schedule, all Team Members are required to attend in full uniform. All players, managers and coaches must attend all games scheduled for their team.**

Only the Regional Commissioner or the Tournament Commissioner may grant an exemption to the above where extenuating circumstance is found to exist. Such extenuating circumstances may consist of verified illness or injury, unavoidable travel problems, or other circumstances completely beyond the control of the absent Team Member(s). Any decision regarding an exemption will be the responsibility of the Regional Commissioner or the Tournament Commissioner and such decision shall be final and not subject to appeal. Dual participation by a player, manager or coach in another sporting event does not qualify as an extenuating circumstance and will not be sufficient grounds for granting said exemption. **The penalty for violation of the above requirements may be disqualification of the absent player, manager or coach for the remainder of the Tournament, but shall not affect the eligibility of such player, manager or coach, if otherwise eligible, for subsequent levels of play should their team qualify.**

A mandatory Managers meeting will be held prior to the beginning of Tournament play. All teams must be represented at this meeting. With pre-approval of the Tournament Commissioner, should an extenuating circumstance beyond the control of the Manager prevent his attendance, a team coach may act as a representative.

Each player on a team shall wear a different number on his/her uniform. The official Babe Ruth shoulder or cap emblem must be worn either on the left shoulder sleeve or on the official Babe Ruth cap or visor. (For sleeveless jerseys, the emblem must be worn on the front left chest.) All managers and coaches must wear a similar type uniform of the same design and color as the players' uniform. (NO JEANS – NO SANDALS.)

Game officials shall deal with **ON-FIELD** conduct. Any player, manager, or coach disqualified from a game shall automatically be suspended from further Tournament participation, pending a review of their actions by the Tournament Commissioner. All such suspensions become effective immediately at the time of disqualification.

## **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTICIPANTS**

**CONDUCT** – Your conduct must be above reproach on and off the field; any misbehavior or misconduct could not only cause your disqualification from the Tournament but could also result in the disqualification of your team as well. All players shall conduct themselves in a reasonable and acceptable manner in accordance with team discipline rules as set by their manager or official in charge of the team. Unacceptable behavior shall include: unsportsmanlike conduct, willful damage to property, committing any act considered an offence under law, and not abiding to Tournament rules as set out by the Host Committee.

As representatives of your respective Leagues, you are expected to dress appropriately. You may dress informally and comfortably, however, neatness and cleanliness of appearance at all times is required.

Use of ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SMOKING or CHEWING of TOBACCO, by any Team Member, Tournament Official, or Umpire is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. This rule applies during Tournament play at any of the locations being used for any Tournament activity, or at any social function associated with the Tournament. Any VIOLATION of this rule shall be cause for immediate disqualification of the offender(s) from a game(s) or from further Tournament competition. The Tournament Commissioner will review all disqualifications and after considering all relevant facts surrounding such action, he/she may increase such sanction(s) as deemed necessary or appropriate.

No Team Member, Tournament Official, or Umpire shall possess or use any PROHIBITED DRUG OR SUBSTANCE at any time during the Tournament. Any such possession or use of same shall be cause for immediate disqualification of the offender(s) from the Tournament.

Damage to any personal or physical property by any participating Tournament Member shall be cause for immediate disqualification from the Tournament. Any financial costs incurred will be the direct responsibility of the Team Member(s).

For purpose of the rules and regulations of this Tournament, the following definitions apply: (1) "Team Member" is defined to include any rostered player, manager, coach, or bat boy/bat girl; (2) "Prohibited Drug" includes any drug not specifically prescribed for that person or any drug that cannot be obtained over the counter, or any drug (or other substance) that is utilized in an excessive, detrimental or abusive manner or dosage.

## **EJECTION – SUSPENSION – DISQUALIFICATION**

In all cases involving a suspension or disqualification, the Tournament Commissioner will review the circumstances involved and, after taking into consideration all relevant facts, may increase such disciplinary action as is deemed necessary or appropriate. The decision of the Commissioner will be final and there will be no appeal from such decision. If further disciplinary action is deemed necessary, the manager of the team so disciplined will be provided with written confirmation of the penalty and the reasons thereof. The Commissioner will retain a copy of the disqualification report and any supplementary correspondence and it will be forwarded to the Pacific Northwest Regional Commissioner for further review and possible additional penalties. The penalty provisions are quite clear. It is strictly a matter of the enforcement of what we accept as the proper code of conduct keeping in mind the spirit and purpose of what we are involved in and what our objectives are.

Notwithstanding any provision contained in any tournament rule, regulation, provision, agreement or memorandum to the contrary, the Tournament Commissioner shall maintain and have final authority for all aspects of this tournament and may impose the removal, suspension or disqualification of any team member or team from the tournament, and/or take whatever other actions or issue such directives as deemed necessary or appropriate for the administration of the tournament.

**Disregard by any Team Member of the foregoing rules and regulations or any subsequent rule, regulation or guideline hereafter enacted, shall be sufficient grounds for that Team Member to be withdrawn from the tournament. Any player so withdrawn shall be placed under the supervision and control of his/her Team Manager.**







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## Pacific Northwest Region

### Pool Play & Tie-Breaker Format

<b>Two Teams</b>	best 2 games of 3 to determine champion
<b>Three Teams</b>	round robin play followed by double elimination 4 games guaranteed
<b>Four Teams</b>	round robin play followed by double elimination 5 games guaranteed
<b>Five Teams</b>	round robin play followed by elimination play 5 games guaranteed
<b>Six Teams</b>	2 pools of three teams; 2 games in each pool, and 1 crossover game to establish seeding for double elimination. 5 games guaranteed
<b>Seven Teams</b>	2 pools, one of three teams, one of four. Each team is guaranteed three pool games. Three teams in the larger pool will play randomly assigned games against the smaller pool. Those games will not count for seeding in their own pool. Pool play followed by elimination play. 4 games guaranteed
<b>Eight Teams</b>	2 pools of four teams, followed by elimination play. 4 games guaranteed
<b>Nine Teams</b>	2 pools. Smaller pool plays round robin; teams in larger pool play three randomly selected games, followed by elimination play --- (8 seed v 9, W to play #1; 5 seed v 4); (7 seed v 2; 6 seed v 3). 4 game guarantee
<b>Ten Teams</b>	2 pools of five teams. Round robin play followed by elimination play for top three teams in each pool. 4 games guaranteed.

-- In each instance in which round robin or pool play are followed by elimination play, round robin/pool play will be used to establish seeding for elimination play, which will be based on established Pacific Northwest Regional Babe Ruth methods. (win-loss, head-to-head, fewest runs given up, etc.)

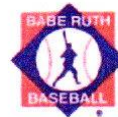
-- In "elimination" play, double elimination will always be preferred, but the elimination format will depend on tournament entries and field availability. The host may determine whether single or double elimination" is necessary. However, all information regarding the tournament format must be made public prior to the first game of the tournament.

\* Should inclement weather make completion of the tournament impossible, play must revert to single elimination.



## **Babe Ruth Baseball**

Pacific Northwest Region



### **Concussion Information Sheet**

A concussion is a brain injury, and all brain injuries are serious. They are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Even though most concussions are mild, all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications, including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly. In other words, even a “ding” or a bump on the head can be serious. You can’t see a concussion, and most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention immediately.

Symptoms may include one or more of the following:

- Headaches
- “Pressure” in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Neck pain
- Dizziness or balance problems
- Blurred, double, or fuzzy vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Feeling sluggish or slowed down
- Feeling foggy or groggy
- Drowsiness
- Change in Sleep patterns
- Amnesia
- “Don’t feel right”
- Fatigue or low energy
- Sadness
- Nervousness or anxiety
- Irritability
- More emotional
- Confusion
- Concentration or memory problems
- Forgetting game plays
- Repeating the same question/comment

Signs observed by team mates, parents, and coaches include:

- Appears dazed
- Vacant facial expression
- Confused about assignment
- Forgets plays
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily or displays incoordination
- Answers questions slowly
- Slurred speech
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can’t recall events prior to hit
- Can’t recall events after hit
- Seizures or convulsions
- Any change in typical behavior or personality
- Loses consciousness

## **WHAT CAN HAPPEN IF MY CHILD KEEPS ON PLAYING WITH A CONCUSSION OR RETURNS TOO SOON?**

Athletes with the signs and symptoms of concussion should be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant damage from a concussion for a period of time after that concussion occurs, particularly if the athlete suffers another concussion before completely recovering from the first one. This can lead to prolonged recovery or even to severe brain swelling (second impact syndrome) with devastating and even fatal consequences. It is well known that an adolescent or teenage athlete will often under report symptoms of injuries, and concussions are no different. As a result, education of administrators, coaches, parents, and students is the key for a student-athlete's safety.

### **IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD HAS SUFFERED A CONCUSSION:**

Any athlete even suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from the game or practice immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without medical clearance. Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours. The new "Zachery Lystedt Law" in Washington now requires the consistent and uniform implementation of long and well-established return-to-play concussion guidelines that have been recommended for several years:

"A youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time."

AND

"...may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed health provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussion and received written clearance to return to play from that healthcare provider."

You should also inform your child's coach if you think that your child may have a concussion. Remember, it is better to miss one game than miss the whole season. When in doubt, the athlete sits out.

For current and up-to-date information on concussions you can go to:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/ConcussionInYouthSports/>

## Miscellaneous Notes to Managers:

Scores from each game will be posted on the tournament board at the small concession stand, South end of the park, as soon as possible after each game is finished.

The ten-run rule is in effect for all games played. (EXCEPTION 15 runs after 3 innings for 12u and younger divisions; 15 runs after 4 innings for 14u and older divisions)

The score in any forfeited Babe Ruth Softball game will be 6-0 for the non-forfeiting team.

A pitching affidavit is mandatory in the **10U** and **12U** Tournaments.

**10U** pitchers are limited to no more than nine innings in two consecutive games.

**12U** pitchers are limited to no more than nine innings in two consecutive games.

There are no pitching limitations for the **14U** or **16U** Divisions.

**14U** and **16U** games are 7 innings

**10U** and **12U** games are 6 innings



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## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

**Restaurants:**

There are a number of restaurants within 1-2 miles of the ballpark, including: Carino's, Texas Roadhouse, Goodwood Barbeque, The Ram, Q'doba, Costa Vida, Chili's, Sizzler, Wingers, Jimmy John's, Subway, McDonalds, Burger King, Jack in the Box, Idaho Pizza Company, Smoky Mountain Pizza, Chicago Connection, Dominos Pizza, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Taco Time, KFC, and Dairy Queen, to name a few.

**Entertainment:**

There are many options for entertainment within minutes of the park, including Fastlane, an indoor kart racing facility for adults and juniors, Roaring Springs Water Park, Wahooz! Family Fun Zone, Big Al's Bowling Alley and Arcade.

**Tournament Entry:**

We have opted to offer a Tournament Team Pass. The cost per team is \$500, which includes admission for players, coaches, and their families to all tournament events (including the opening ceremony), plus a tournament program for each player-participant. Additional tournament programs will be available for purchase.

Tournament t-shirts will be available to purchase at the fields.

**Practice Fields:**

Teams will be able to practice at nearby fields as scheduled by the Tournament Director. Suitable practice locations are within a short drive from Settler's Park. A formal, assigned practice schedule will be handed out at the coaches meeting. If you wish to have access to practice facilities during the tournament, please contact Jennifer Cafferty, Tournament Director.

**Please note that, pursuant to municipal ordinance, tobacco and alcoholic beverages are not allowed within Settler's Park**

## **PARK LOCATION**

**Directions to Settler's Park:**

1. Take Exit #44 in I-84 in Meridian. Go North on Meridian Road, which becomes Main Street as you enter town.
2. Go North 1.8 miles through downtown Meridian to Cherry Lane. Turn Left (West) on Cherry Lane.
3. Go 1 block to Meridian Road, turn right (North).
4. Go 1 mile North on Meridian Road to Ustick Road.
5. Turn Left (West) on Ustick Road, approximately .2 miles where you will find the entrance to the Leighton Family Baseball Complex on the north side of Ustick Road.

**Parking at Settler's Park:** There are two parking lots available at Settler's Park. The baseball parking lot is located adjacent to the ball fields, and the entrance is on Ustick Road as described above. The main parking lot for Settler's Park can be accessed from Meridian Road. Instead of turning left onto Ustick Road, continue north on Meridian Road for approximately .15 miles where you will find the entrance on the left.



**There is no overnight parking in the lots at Settler's Park.** This includes passenger vehicles and RVs alike. Furthermore, **there is no RV or other trailer parking in the baseball lot at Settler's Park.** Because of the limited parking available in that lot, no camp trailers, RVs, campers or other oversized vehicles are allowed. Finally, **there is no parking in the neighborhood to the north of Settler's Park.** We ask that you demonstrate the same courtesy and respect in abiding by these restrictions as you would expect of others in this regard, maintain the off-field conduct expectations of Babe Ruth Leagues, Inc. in following these rules.



## **LODGING**

There are numerous hotels in the Meridian area that are in close proximity to the fields. Due to the holiday weekend, some may have limited rooms so make your reservations ASAP.

Best Western – Meridian  
(208) 887-7888

Country Inn & Suites  
(208) 297-2868

Quality Inn & Suites  
(208) 887-2062

My Place Hotel  
(208) 898-0009

SpringHill Suites by Marriott  
(208) 939-8266