

CAL RIPKEN/BABE RUTH FLORIDA STATE TOURNAMENT

Manager's Tournament Information Package 2016

12U States – 70' South

June 30th – July 4th

Treasure Coast Athletic Assoc

Jensen Beach, FL

The Treasure Coast Athletic Assoc wishes to extend a warm welcome to all players and coaches participating in the 2016, 12U/70 South Florida State Tournament. We are honored to be your host for these games.

Our facilities feature:

4 lit fields

2 Manicured grass infields

Red clay playing surface

Bleachers with sun protection

2 batting cages

Concession stand

Ample parking

A playground and covered party pavilion.

This information package will provide everything you need to know concerning check-in at the tournament. If a question arises that is not covered in this information package, please do not hesitate to contact the Tournament Director.

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As soon as the District Tournament is complete, the Manager of the winning team MUST contact the State Host Contact Person within 24 hours of District Tournament completion. No other person is authorized to contact the Host unless authorized by the Team Manager.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Please book your team into one of the following hotels:

Hampton Inn and Suites, North

1150 NE Federal Hwy Stuart, FL 34994

#772-692-6922

ACTION PHOTOS BY:

PARK RULES.....COOLERS, FOOD, PETS ETC.

- Alcohol is prohibited in all areas.
- Glass containers are prohibited in all areas.
- No individual coolers are allowed in complex with the exception of one team cooler per dugout.
- No ball-toss or hitting drills of any kind are allowed against the fences or backstops.
- Animals are prohibited in all areas (except service animals).
- Skates / skateboards and bicycles are prohibited. We have a designated skate park right next to Langford Park.
- Overnight parking is prohibited.
- Excessive Noisemakers are prohibited.

TOURNAMENT FEE

A tournament fee of **\$300** will be collected at the Pre-Tournament meeting. Checks should be payable to **TCAA**.

ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS

All players, managers, and coaches **MUST** arrive as a team and remain on-site during the tournament. A team member who is not present at the first game will be removed from the roster and will be ineligible to compete during the State Tournament. Any absences or deviation from this must be prearranged, through a waiver from the State Commissioner. An approval will be issued by the State Commissioner (a copy must be placed in the team tournament book). This must be done prior to arrival.

At the pre-tournament meeting, the Tournament Director or assistant will collect and check all credentials and collect the tournament fee. Teams will be able to arrange practice times at the conclusion of this meeting.

DIRECTIONS

Field Address:

Langford Park: 2369 NE Dixie Hwy Jensen Beach FL 34957

Pre-Tournament Meeting: Bocchino Center @ Langford Park
2369 NE Dixie Hwy Jensen Beach FL 34957

From the North: Take the FL Turnpike to exit 142 Port St. Lucie. Make a right on Port St. Lucie Blvd to US 1. Make a right on Hwy US 1. Make a left onto Jensen Beach Blvd. Make a right onto Indian River Drive. Make a slight right at the gas station onto Dixie Hwy, go thru the arch park entrance is on your right. Parking to the left or right, fields are at the back of the complex.

From the South: Take I-95 towards Stuart. Take exit 101 Stuart/Indiantown stay to the right onto Kanner Hwy. Make a left onto Hwy US 1. Make a right on to Wrights Blvd. Make right onto Dixie Hwy. Make the next right and continue on Dixie Hwy. Sharp curve to the left at Jensen Beach Bowling. Park entrance is on your left after the curve. Parking to the left or right, fields are at the back of the complex.

From Hampton Inn Hotel: Make a right onto Hwy US 1, get in the left lane. Make a left onto Wrights Blvd. Make a left onto Dixie Hwy. Make the next right and continue on Dixie Hwy. Sharp curve at Jensen Beach Bowling. Park entrance is on your left after the sharp curve. Parking to left or right, fields are at the back of the complex.

TOURNAMENT TEAM CREDENTIALS BOOK

All credentials must be in a loose-leaf binder notebook in the order of the Tournament Team Credentials Checklist. The Credentials Checklist must be signed by the District Commissioner for State Tournament Participation.

Note: This tournament is the second level of tournament participation. Your book should have been checked by your District Commissioner before this tournament. Please be aware that no team or player will be allowed to participate in the State Tournament without the proper credentials.

PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING

A meeting for managers, coaches, umpires and tournament officials has been scheduled for **7pm** on June 29, 2016 at the **Bocchino Center @ Langford Park**
2369 NE Dixie Hwy Jensen Beach, FL 34957

The State Tournament Director appointed by the State Commissioner will review all playing rules for the tournament and answer any questions. At least ONE member of each team's coaching staff is REQUIRED to attend this meeting.

PITCHING AFFIDAVITS

Procedures for pitching affidavits' will be discussed at the pre-tournament meeting. Managers are reminded to check pitching rules as outlined in the rulebook.

TOURNAMENT GAME LOCATION

Tournament games will be played at **Langford Park:** 2369 NE Dixie Hwy Jensen Beach, FL 34957

GAME SCHEDULES

Up-to-date tournament schedule will be distributed at the pre-tournament meeting.

The Official Babe Ruth Tournament Bracket has been used to schedule games (and the order in which they are played) however, weather or other conditions may necessitate a bracket being changed up to the start of the tournament and during the tournament. Managers should verify their first games scheduled while attending the pre-tournament meeting.

Be sure to follow your team's schedule at all times. Managers, coaches and players must attend all scheduled tournament events unless excused by the Tournament Director.

Changes to the game schedule due to inclement weather will be made as soon as possible. Managers will be notified by tournament officials via the cell phone numbers provided at the pre-tournament meeting when feasible. Please remember, it is the manager's responsibility to

have the team ready to play when scheduled. If in doubt, go to the field and check with the tournament director.

Game results will be posted at the field after each game. The results will also be posted on the State Web site at the conclusion of the day's events. Every effort will be made to update this website as often as possible during the days events.

UMPIRES

Three umpires will be scheduled to officiate each game. During all games, the umpires are in control of the playing field.

COIN TOSS AND INFIELD PRACTICE

Since this is a double-elimination tournament, the home team will be decided by the flip of a coin by the tournament director or another designated tournament official at the pre-tournament meeting. Results will be announced or posted following the meeting.

There will be no infield practice prior to the game on the game fields. Infield warm-ups and batting will be done at an alternate site, to be announced at the pre tournament meeting. It is the manager's responsibility to have teams ready to play at the announced time. Check with the tournament director, if you are not sure of scheduled start time. Following the game please ensure you allow teams finishing a game to completely vacate the field and dugouts before your team moves onto the field.

PRE-GAME ANNOUNCEMENTS

Players and umpires will be announced 10 minutes prior to their first game. The visiting team will be announced first, with team members taking their places along the base line nearest their dugout, as announced. The home team will be introduced next, team members taking their places along the base line nearest their dugout. National Anthem will be played prior to the first game of the day and when time permits before the other games of the day.

OFFICIAL PRE-GAME MEETING

The Tournament Director or another tournament official will discuss ground rules with the managers and umpires at the pre-tournament meeting. Umpires will go over these rules at home plate prior to the beginning of each game.

LINEUP SHEETS

Official Babe Ruth lineup sheets (4-part) must be completed with player jersey number, first and last name and position (if starter) and with distribution to the official scorer, chief umpire, opposing team manager. Changes in the lineup are to be made to the plate umpire first and then all other parties if feasible. Please use numbers when reporting changes to the umpire.

PLAYING FIELD AND DUGOUTS

Only manager, coaches, players, tournament officials and tournament approved batboys/batgirls are allowed in the dugout and in the fenced playing area. Under no circumstances will anyone else be allowed inside the playing field during games except when called for by the umpire when time is called. This includes parents, team scorekeepers, and fans.

Unless supplied by the host, teams will be permitted to bring coolers for drinks to the dugout for player use during the game.

FIELD RULES

In addition to the batting team's base coaches, the batter, on-deck batter, base runners and the fielding team's players on the field, the only team members that will be permitted outside of the dugouts (in the designated area) are a warm-up pitcher, catcher and safety monitor.

Throwing or unnecessary abuse of any equipment or baseball property will not be permitted.

Smoking (including smokeless tobacco) is not allowed on the premises; eating and drinking are not permitted on the playing field. Cell phone use on the playing field is prohibited.

Players must remain within the fenced area of the playing field during all games and are not allowed to mingle in the stands or with the spectators.

A player ejected or removed for an infraction of the playing or field rules will remain in the dugout until the game is completed, unless the umpire indicates otherwise. A player/coach ejected from a game may be required to sit out additional time if deemed necessary by the State Tournament Director.

The use of inappropriate language within the playing field is not allowed and will be dealt with accordingly by the umpires assigned to the game.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms must meet the requirements contained in Rule 1.11. In addition, no two players on the same team will wear the same number. Coaches and players numbers can be the same. For consistency, players, managers and coaches must be assigned the same uniform number throughout the tournament regardless of the number of uniforms the team uses during travel.

*The regular Cal Ripken or Babe Ruth baseball shoulder emblem must be securely attached in accordance with the current Babe Ruth Rule Book. If a team elects to wear an Official District Champion patch, it must be securely attached to the right sleeve of the uniform. All players, managers and coaches are to be dressed in accordance with Babe Ruth requirements.

No player, manager, coach will be allowed in the dugout unless properly dressed. Manager and coach's uniforms need to match each other; however they do not need to match the players.

As a team representing your league and your District, you are expected to maintain a neat appearance at all times, on and off the field. When not involved in a tournament game, you may dress informally and comfortably.

*Teams may wear the new Cal Ripken Baseball, Babe Ruth Baseball logo ball caps in lieu of the shoulder emblems. All players must be the same on a team. No mix and matching.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

All tournament games will be played in the presence of the Tournament Director and a Protest Committee. Any protest must be resolved prior to continuing play. Decisions by the protest committee are final without appeal. The Protest Committee will consist of at least three members designated by the Tournament Director.

SCOREKEEPER

The official scoring records for each game will be maintained by the official scorekeeper designated by tournament officials. This book will serve as the official record of the tournament. Teams may designate their own scorekeeper but in doing so must understand that their book will not be taken into account if issues arise. Team assigned scorekeepers may not be in the dugout or on the playing field for any reason. They are to refrain from interrupting the flow of a game for any reason. Team scorekeepers will report any discrepancies to their manager. At no time are they to confront the official scorekeeper. In the event of scoreboard/PA failure, it is the responsibility of the team manager to check with UIC of the game for game updates, including count, outs and game score.

BAT PERSON

Teams may provide one bat person if they so desire. All batpersons must wear a helmet at all times when out of the dugout and on the field of play. Managers are responsible for the behavior and safety of their bat persons during the game. Uniforms are optional.

TEAM POST-GAME MEETING

Teams are to immediately depart the fields and dugouts upon the conclusion of games. This includes removing all equipment and trash. No team is to conduct a post-game meeting with their players within the fenced playing field area.

FAN BEHAVIOR

The team manager will be held responsible for the behavior of their fans. Fans are not to enter the playing field at any time for any reason and are to display a positive attitude to all teams, players, umpires and officials. Managers are to immediately handle problem fans if the need arises. Managers are reminded that umpires have the authority to take action against a team due to the actions of their fans.

PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

Our goal is to help all players perform at the peak of their abilities while enjoying the competition, camaraderie and distinction that go along with playing in a State Tournament. At the same time, you have an obligation to everyone involved to be on your best behavior at all

times. If you have a problem that can't be resolved by your manager or coaches, please contact tournament officials.

Be smart and avoid trouble. There is always a certain level of tension in competitive sports. We do not want you to lose your competitive edge. The desire to perform at your very best makes the game exciting for everyone. Stay under control, even if another player or fan says something that you find offensive. Keep your cool and do not respond to provocation in any way that could lead to your disqualification. Remember, baseball games are won with hits and runs, not with words.

The State Tournament Director has the authority to remove any player, manager or coach from a tournament game for actions detrimental to Babe Ruth Baseball. Any misbehavior or misconduct on or off the field could disqualify a player, manager, coach or team from the tournament.

HAVE A GREAT TOURNAMENT!