

WELCOME

To the 2017 Babe Ruth Softball World Series!



Week 1 July 19th-
27th

Week 2 July 28th-
August 5th

Introduction Package

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Congratulations!

Dear World Series Participant:

Congratulations on participating in the 2017 Babe Ruth Softball World Series in Treasure Coast, Florida! This information packet needs to be carefully reviewed today and should be shared with your team members and followers coming to the World Series. It will be a great tool to help prepare you, your team, and team followers on everything you need to know prior to arriving in Jensen Beach, Florida.

I will be at your team orientation as well as taking part in the World Series. I look forward to meeting you and your team, and I'm confident that with your efforts in reviewing this information package, we will be able to provide your team an excellent experience at the World Series.

Rob Connor

National Commissioner

Babe Ruth League, Inc.





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2017 Babe Ruth Softball World Series

The 8U through 18U divisions of Babe Ruth Softball have the opportunity to submit AllStar tournament teams for competition in the hopes of advancing to the Babe Ruth World Series every summer. These select teams compete through local district events, then to State competitions. The top tier advance to the Babe Ruth Regional tournaments for a chance to compete in the World Series. This month-long playoff process will bring the **best 10 to 24 teams in each age group, from over 1,000,000 players worldwide**, to the Treasure Coast to find out who will be “Babe Ruth World Series Champions”!

This year’s World Series, being held **from July 19th through August 5th**, is the second year of a five-year commitment by Babe Ruth to allow the Treasure Coast to host an event of this magnitude and enjoy the financial benefits it brings. This two week long event will not only provide the community with the opportunity to enjoy world class softball competition, but also will bring an estimated 7.5 million dollars in economic impact to the hotels, restaurants, and retail/service based businesses (*per previous years data*)





2017 World Series Schedule

Week One: 14U, 16U, and 18U Divisions

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| July 19 | Orientation/Media Day |
| July 20-22 | NSR College Combine, USA Warm-Up Games, and Opening Ceremonies |
| July 21-23 | Pool Play |
| July 24-25 | Bracket Play |
| July 26 | Championship Games |
| July 27 | Travel Day Home |

Week Two: 8U, 10U, and 12U Divisions

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| July 28 | Orientation/Media Day |
| July 29 | USA Warm-Up Games and Opening Ceremonies |
| July 30-Aug 1 | Pool Play |
| Aug 2-3 | Bracket Play |
| Aug 4 | Championship Games |
| Aug 5 | Travel Day |



Event Locations Map

Babe Ruth Softball 8U
Jensen Beach/Stuart FL
July 28- August 5, 2017

Babe Ruth Softball 10U
Jensen Beach/Stuart FL
July 28- August 5, 2017

Babe Ruth Softball 12U
Jensen Beach/Stuart FL
July 28- August 5, 2017

Babe Ruth Softball 14U
Jensen Beach/Stuart FL
July 19-27, 2017

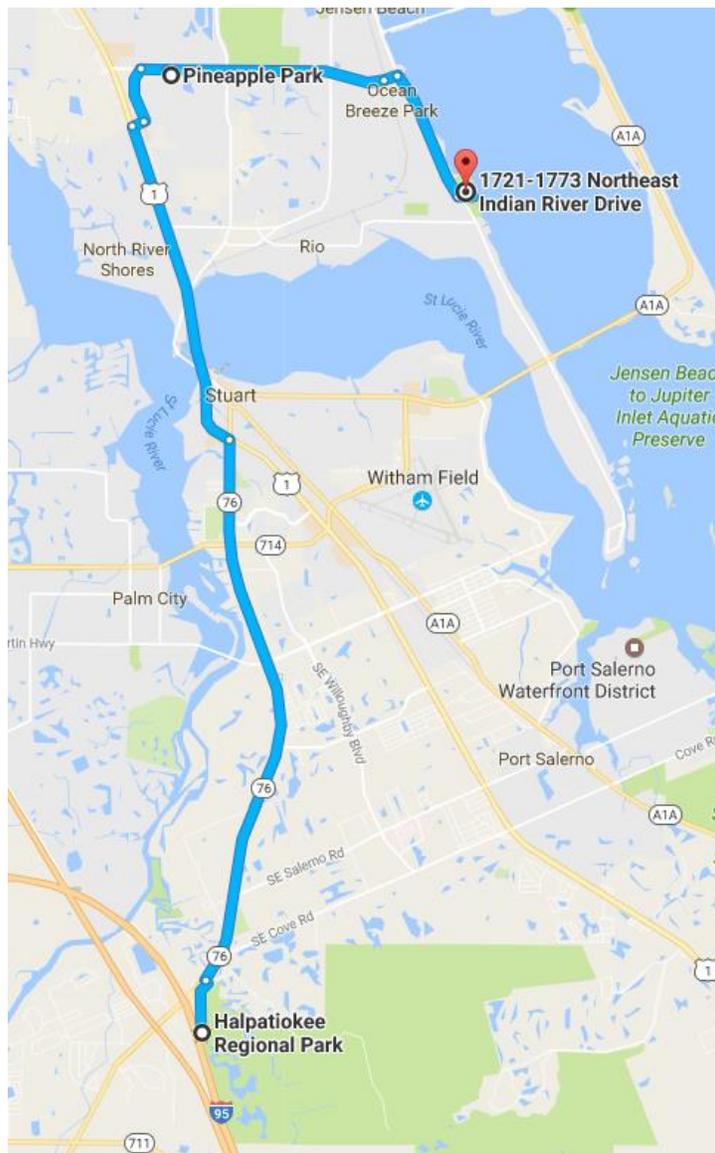
Babe Ruth Softball 16U
Jensen Beach/Stuart FL
July 19-27, 2017

Babe Ruth Softball 18U
Jensen Beach/Stuart FL
July 19-27, 2017

Pineapple Park
NW Fowler Ave, Jensen Beach,
FL 34957

Halpatiokee Regional Park
8303 Southwest Lost River Rd,
Stuart, FL 34997

Opening Ceremonies/Managers Meeting: Indian Riverside Park
1707 NE Indian River Dr, Jensen Beach, FL 34997





Team Credentials

• Per 2017 Babe Ruth League Softball Rules and Regulations – Tournament Regulations 11.04, **the following documents will be required by the World Series Credentials Committee before your team is permitted to participate in World Series Games:**

- Birth Documents or records as specified by Rule 0.04 (1) for each of the tournament players.
 - Official Tournament Team Rosters certified and signed by your League President, District and State Commissioners (or as if applicable).
 - Babe Ruth League, Inc. Letter of Tournament Eligibility.
 - Certificates of Coverage of your leagues Group Accident and League Liability Insurance Policies. (If the policies were not purchased through Babe Ruth Headquarters, please make certain your group is covered for out of town tournament competition. Refer to rule 0.01 (6)).
 - Consent for Treatment forms for each of the tournament team players.
 - Coaching Certification I.D. Card or Certificate for team manager and coaches.
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- Please refer to the Local League Guide (or Babe Ruth League website to view a PDF of the Local League Guide) which includes directions on how to assemble your tournament credential book.

 - *A rule change in 2016 permits 1 manager and 3 coaches on the roster. These are the only personnel permitted in the dugout and/or on the playing field at any time.*
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- **PLEASE NOTE THAT INCORRECT INFORMATION FOR MANAGER/COACH CONTACT DETAILS (EMAIL & CELL) ON THE TEAM ROSTER WILL LIMIT PROPER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN WORLD SERIES STAFF AND THE TEAM. ALSO, MISSPELLINGS OR MISSING PLAYER INFO FOR EMAIL WILL HAVE BADGE INFORMATION WRONG UPON ARRIVAL FOR THE PLAYER. IN ADDITION, IMPROPER EMAIL WILL LIMIT INFORMATION FROM HEADQUARTERS TO PLAYERS AND FAMILIES PRIOR AND DURING THE WORLD SERIES.**



Team Credentials

How to Assemble Your Tournament Credentials

Step 1

Access your account at BabeRuthLeague.org. Your league president or appointed officer will be able to help you with gaining access to your account.



Step 2

Start your Credentials book by using a 1/2" ring binder that you can find in an office supply store.

Step 3

Place clear sheet protectors for the documents inside the binder. When using Babe Ruth ID Cards, use "business card" sheet protectors to hold the cards inside the binder. Quick Note: Babe Ruth ID Cards are available for purchase through your roster tool. Simply select the players you need ID Cards for and supply the shipping information. You can have your cards sent back Next Day Air, 2nd Day Air or regular Ground.



Step 8

Insert Consent for Treatment forms. You can print out Treatment Forms from the Babe Ruth Website! Quick Note: Be sure to have 1 Consent form for each player on the roster. The Consent for Treatment form can be found under League Resources on BabeRuthLeague.org.



Step 9

Place a printed copy of your team photo, in uniform, in your binder. Please remember that this photo may also be used for program books and other publications as you advance in the tournament trail. Make sure to have a good photo taken. Quick Note: You will be uploading a photo when you do your rosters online as well. Remember **only players and coaches that are on the official tournament roster** are permitted in the photo.

Step 4

Insert your league's LOE (Letter of Eligibility). This is approved by your State Commissioner and available once approved for printing from your league's Data Center account. If you don't have the option to print the LOE, contact your State Commissioner. Commissioners will not be able to approve LOE's until after June 5th of each year. See LOE section for step-by-step instructions on obtaining your LOE.



Step 5

Insert a copy of your tournament team roster in the binder. If you have any Add/Drops that are made on your tournament roster after June 30th, please be sure to put the Add/Drop form as well as your approved letter from Headquarters approving your Add/Drop in the binder. Quick Note: Only Add/Drop forms that are with a letter from Headquarters giving specific approval are valid. Also, remember



Step 10

Place Certificates of Certification for each manager and coach that has successfully completed the Coaches Certification Program. Quick Note: Visit www.baberuthcoaching.com for information on how you can enroll in this superb training program.



Step 11

Check List

- Did I order Official Emblems or the Cap Emblem option for my players and coaches?
- Do I want to order District, State or Regional Champion and Runner-Up Pins?
- Does my team have the schedule for games as well as the contact numbers for the host league and tournament director?
- Did I send all of my required paperwork to Headquarters?
- Do my coaches have copies of the rule book?
- Do my team managers and coaches have rule books?

that when you drop a player you can only add one player. Your roster must stay the same size throughout the tournament trail. You must have an official roster from BabeRuthLeague.org Powered by Sports Illustrated Play.

Step 6

Insert a copy of your league's Certificate of Insurance for Accident and Liability Insurance. If you have Babe Ruth insurance and your league took both Accident and Liability coverage with Babe Ruth, they will both appear together on the certificate form.

Step 7

Insert your Babe Ruth ID Cards. Quick Note: Remember to order your ID Cards when doing your rosters online. You may use original birth certificate in place of ID Cards; however, notarized copies of birth certificates will not be accepted. See ID Cards section for ordering instructions.





Travel/Hotel Accommodations

Flight Information

- The Air Travel Group will be able to help you organize a way to fly as a team in an easy, stress-free way.
 - Go to theairtravelgroup.com/team/ to look at your flight options.

Hotel Information

- Each participating team, as well as the team followers, must reserve their rooms and stay at one of the official hotels blocked for the World Series.
- Teams will not be placed in the World Series game schedules or activities until conformation that the team and team followers have confirmed travel plans and hotel arrangements with the designated local volunteer official overseeing Hotel Accommodations.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR ROOM BOOKINGS:

Please do NOT call or use the web to book rooms. You will not be in the same room block for the World Series, and you might lose your hotel selection if other teams book properly and you are not in the proper block.

Please contact Mary Easlick upon qualifying for the World Series-

Mary Easlick

609-354-2029

measlick@comcact.net



Uniform Requirements

- All uniforms worn by the players and coaching personnel must contain two softball emblems:
 - Official Babe Ruth Softball Emblem (worn on the left sleeve or left chest of the uniform)
 - Official Softball World Series emblem (which is to be worn on the right sleeve or right chest of the uniform)
- The 2017 World Series patch and Age Rocker Patch are available at the online store. Both patches are heat sealable and do not require stitching.
- **All uniforms worn for World Series play or warm ups on the field prior to starting the game MUST contain a World Series Patch.**



2017 World Series Patch



Official Babe Ruth Softball Patch



Age Rocker Patch

Order World Series Patches here:

<http://store.baberuthleague.org/world-series-patch-softball>



Orientation/ Media Day

When your team arrives, get checked into your hotel and unpack. Players and Coaches should get into their uniform because your World Series experience begins now! Each team will be appointed a time to arrive for their orientation meeting and media day experience....

Week One Location:

Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort & Marina
555 NE Ocean Blvd
Stuart, FL 34996
Phone: (772) 225-3700

Week Two Location:

Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort & Marina
555 NE Ocean Blvd
Stuart, FL 34996
Phone: (772) 225-3700



National Scouting Report

National Scouting Report is comprised of on-the-ground scouts stemming from backgrounds in coaching, professional players, and top talent in the sporting industry. NSR is the most revered high school scouting and college recruiting organization in the world. This year, NSR has partnered with Babe Ruth League for the 2017 Babe Ruth Softball World Series. NSR will host a Softball Video Combine from July 20, 2017 to July 22, 2017 for the 14U, 16U, and 18U divisions that will be playing in the 2017 World Series in Jensen Beach, Florida. All players will be able to participate in the combine and go through multiple testing stations designated to measure speed, agility, velocity, and position specific skills. NSR will also provide in-game evaluation during the tournament to all combine participants. Following the combine, NSR will provide metrics for each participating athlete to every college softball program in the country via a special email highlighting the combine and tournaments top performers. This combine is a great opportunity for any player who wants to play in college.

The cost will be \$100 per player.

Registration for the combine starts **June 14, 2017**. Additional information will be available on the website below:

<http://www.nsr-inc.com/sport/softball/>

<http://www.tcaasports.com>



NSR
national scouting report



Manager Meeting

The Manager Meeting will be for the one manager that appears on the official tournament roster. This meeting will be followed by a rule meeting and ground rules at the main playing field with the umpires. At this meeting, you will be able to review the rules and procedures that go on at the World Series. You will also be introduced to the volunteer National Umpire Association umpires that will be working the World Series as well as local officials that will provide information needed to make your stay and experience a good one.

Location: Indian Riverside Park
Upstairs in Dockside Room
1707 NE Indian River Dr
Jensen Beach, Florida 34957

Time: 9:00 AM

TEAM MANAGER ONLY



Items you
must bring to the
Manager Meeting

Hotel Check in Report



Opening Ceremonies

Jensen Beach has an exciting evening planned for your team at the World Series. You will be part of Babe Ruth History as you join the other teams in opening the 2017 Babe Ruth Softball World Series. All teams will gather for introductions to kick off the World Series.



- Each team should arrive in full uniform
- Each team will be introduced and walk in together.
- Each team will be presented with their championship banner to walk out with prior to going out on the field.
- **Teams are not permitted to bring other banners or flags to opening ceremonies, however they are permitted to hang them up at each game in a designated area by the dugout that we will show you at the site.**
- **Teams will have a report time and will not be leaving the ceremonies until they are 100% complete.**



USA Warm-Up Game

Week 1: 7/20 and 7/21

Week 2: 7/29 and 7/30

Location: Pineapple Park and Halpatiokee Regional Park

Time: 10am to 5pm

The USA warm-up games will consist of a series of 3-inning games that will take place before the start of the tournament. Each team will be scheduled to play 2 games which will give the players a chance to get familiar with the playing field and go up against teams they may not get to see during pool play.



***Players can only participate in the warm-up games if they have the USA Warm-Up Jerseys**

Jerseys can be purchased at <http://store.baberuthleague.org/world-series-softball> or through the order form found at the end if the introduction package.

To order USA Warm-up Jerseys as a team, contact Daniela Bottoni at daniela@baberuthleague.org.



Diamond Bracket



Decorate the Park

We want your players to Decorate the Park. Parents can send in a high-resolution photo along with league and player information so we can create 2 ½ by 5-foot banner. The banners are shipped to the World Series site and hung up throughout the park. After the series is complete the banners can be taken down by the player and taken home to be a great keepsake!

Order Banners Here:

<http://store.baberuthleague.org/vinyl-player-banner>





Babe Ruth Network

For the first time in Softball World Series history, Babe Ruth League will be streaming all games online. Each field will have three to four cameras that will film the games and connect them to a livestream on (website). Each game will be able to be viewed across the country making it easy for family and friends to watch their loved one's play.





Tickets

Two types of tickets will be available:

-Adult Individual Day Ticket

-Adult Tournament Pass

*Kids under 6 are free



Tickets will be available upon arriving in town at Media Day as well as at the park each day. You can also pre-order your tickets.

2017 Pricing:

Daily Pass: \$8

Weekly Pass: \$40 (\$8 savings)

Pre-Order Weekly Pass: \$38 (\$10 savings)

Go to: <http://www.tcaasports.com> to purchase your passes



Checklist

- Team Credentials
- Hotel Reservations/Rooming List
- Uniform Patches & Age Rocker
- Photo Release Form
- Hotel Check-In Report
- Decorate the Park Banner



Photo Release Form

I, _____ hereby give my permission to Babe Ruth League, Inc. to use my child's photo, image, or likeness for marketing, publicity, promotion, and advertising purposes, including print advertising, direct mail, billboards, video, and web publishing, in association with Babe Ruth League, Inc.

Childs Name _____

Team Name _____

Uniform # _____ **Color(s)** _____

I hereby release Babe Ruth League, Inc. from any liability arising from the use of said photographs, images, or likeness

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Legal Guardian of: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

**Must be completed and brought to the World Series
Orientation**

