

Marlboro participates in 3 Summer Baseball programs: Senior Babe Ruth, Lou Tompkins and the Minuteman League.

Senior Babe Ruth: The Senior Babe Ruth program in Marlboro is a wood bat league for players ages 15 to 19 who are looking for a competitive baseball experience during the summer months. This is a very competitive league therefore teams will be selected after several tryouts are held during the month of May. Managers will select their players using the try-out criteria below. Players from other leagues will be considered, but we will be loyal to players dedicated to making Sr. Babe Ruth in Marlboro their number one priority.

Lou Tompkins All Star Baseball: Lou Tompkins is a summer league made up of teams from various towns around the state. This is an All Star traveling league and away games are in cities and towns up to one hour away from Marlboro. There are 3 divisions we participate in, A Division (15/16 yo), B Division (13/14 yo), and C Division (13 yo). This is a very competitive league so teams will be selected after several tryouts are held during the month of May. Managers will select their players using the try-out criteria below. Players from other leagues will be considered, but we will be loyal to players dedicated to making Lou Tompkins baseball their number one priority.

Minuteman League: The Minuteman League is also played in the summer months but is structured differently from Sr. Babe and Lou Tompkins. This league is comprised of teams of players ages 13 to 16 from towns closer to Marlboro. Players who do not make the Sr. Babe Ruth or Lou Tompkins teams can participate in this league. The Minuteman League will require much less travel, and is better suited for players who wish to play in a less competitive and more informal level of play, than the Lou Tompkins League. There are no try-outs for this league unless we have too many players to fit on one team. Registration will open around the end of May.

Player selection criteria for Sr. Babe Ruth and Lou Tomkins:

- 1) Coaches Recommendations:** Includes regular season coaches, Middle and High School coaches, plus input from other league coaches and officials.
- 2) Regular Season Performance:** includes attendance at games and practices. Attendance for each game or practice, conflicts with respective school teams notwithstanding.
- 3) Tryout Performance:** How a player does in competition with his or her peers. It is strongly recommended that you attend any and all try-outs so coaches can gather the most information possible for each player.
- 4) Citizenship:** how a player conducts themselves during the baseball season with their teammates, managers, coaches, league officials, umpires and parents. Attendance, attitude, citizenship and performance are also taken into consideration.
- 5) Summer Dual Participation:** Playing on a Babe Ruth Sr. Babe Ruth or Lou Tompkins All Star Team assumes a commitment by each player. Playing on another sport team during this period of time is **not recommended**. It would not be fair to the league, the respective District All Star team or your teammates if conflicts with another sports team occur. Please consider these criteria when deciding to tryout. Your coaches and the Babe Ruth Board of Directors will consider this factor.

Fees: Costs for each league differs slightly, so there is a different registration fee for each level of play. The registration fee covers tournament fees, scheduling fees, umpires, insurance, equipment, baseballs, and field maintenance. We will provide specific fee information for each level at try-outs. This fee will vary from year to year because we adjust the fee based on the cost to run the league. If costs go up, the fee will go up, if costs go down, so will the fee. This league is 100% funded by the registration fees collected. Registration fee scholarships are very limited for this league, since the cost of playing is much higher than our spring league.

Games and Practices: The season begins around the second week of June and continues through the end of July. For the 2015 season, there will be one week where teams will play one weekday game and two weekend games and the next week will play 2 weekday games and one weekend game. Weekday games start at 5:45 (6:30 here in Marlboro) and weekend games start times will vary depending on the division. Teams can expect to play a "regular season" of 20 games for Sr. Babe and Lou Tompkins and 12 games for Minuteman.

Play-Offs: At the conclusion of the regular season, there will be playoffs in each league. Play-offs usually last about 7-10 days and usually include 2 weekends. The play-off schedules are usually posted by the first week of July.

Roster Selection: At the conclusion of try-outs, managers and coaches will determine who they determine should make the permanent roster for each level. Rosters will be announced by the first week in June. Players not making the cut can, and should, still play in the Minuteman League. Lou Tompkins allows for an expanded roster, so even if

you did not make the team's permanent roster, you still can be on the expanded roster and play up when needed. Usually those playing in the Minuteman league get to play a lot of baseball when called up.