



Greater Westfield Babe Ruth League, Inc.

P.O. Box 431
Westfield, MA 01086-0431
A Non-Profit Tax Exempt Organization

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2014 14 Year Old New England Regional Tournament ***July 25th – July 31st 2014*** **Greater Westfield Babe Ruth League** **Westfield, MA**

The Greater Westfield Babe Ruth League would like to congratulate the state tournament winners and give an enthusiastic welcome to all the players, coaches and families participating in the 2014 14 year old New England Regional Tournament. We are proud to be your host for the tournament.

This information packet will provide you with everything you need to know for the tournament. If a question arises that is not covered in this information packet please do not hesitate to contact any of the people noted below for more details. Enclosed you will find the following:

1. Team Manager Letter
2. Tournament Itinerary
3. Tournament Banquet Information
4. Hotel information for teams and families
5. Tournament Bracket
6. Field Directions
7. General Information (FAQ)

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The Tournament Committee

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Terry Longley

Dear Team Manager:

Congratulation to your team on winning your state tournament! We are looking forward to seeing you at the Regional Tournament in Westfield, MA.

Mandatory Orientation Thursday, July 24th at 4:00pm

All team managers and coaches must report to Bullens Field at 4:00 pm on Thursday, July 24th for this mandatory orientation session. (Directions to Bullens Field are enclosed).

Upon arrival managers are required to present their team's Tournament Documents to the designated Tournament Officials. ***Failure to have complete and accurate documentation may prevent a player or team from participating in the tournament.*** Tournament Documents must be prepared per the guidelines in Attachment A.

Below is What We Need Immediately From You

1. **Photos:** Team photos (include names in order) should be digitally e-mailed to: daniel.welch@financialpartners.com by July 18th
2. **Roster:** Team Roster showing all players, managers & coaches names including uniform numbers

All above items must be in our hands by **7/18/14** for inclusion in the tournament program

Player Housing:

There will be no Host Housing provided!

However there are several hotel options in the area. ***Room expenses are the responsibility of the individual Leagues, Teams and or Parents. Player conduct while at the hotels is the responsibility of the Managers, Coaches and Parents. Any discipline or conduct issues while at the hotels may result in the expulsion of the players or entire team from the Tournament.***

Attached is information regarding booking of hotels including contact information.

The tournament committee will have souvenir T-Shirt and tournament programs on sale and there is a full concession stand at the field.

There are large bleachers behind home plate for seating. Families are encouraged to bring chairs for their comfort. The concrete of the bleachers can get pretty hard during a game!

The tournament will enforce the rule of no coolers allowed in the ballpark.

No pets are allowed in park!

Umpire Fees

Each team is responsible to pay one umpire at each game they play. The cost per umpire will be \$50.00 per game. Three umpires will be scheduled for each game.

Schedule of Events

Orientation Session-Pre-Tournament Meeting:

Thursday • July 24th • 4:00 pm @ Bullens Field, King Street Extension, Westfield MA

- a. Arrival of all managers and coaches for coaches meeting.
All documents must be turned over at this time.
- b. Managers, coaches and tournament officials will review all playing rules for the tournament and answer any questions.
- c. This is mandatory for all manager and coaches!**

Player/Parent Welcome Pasta Dinner (free for players and coaches)

Thursday • July 24th • 5:30 pm @ Tekoa Country, 459 Russell Road, Westfield MA

All teams (manager, coaches and players) must attend!

Rules for tournament will be reviewed for all players and coaches.

Please review attached flyer for reservation information for players, coaches and families!

All reservations for banquet must be called in by July 18th! Please have one person per team coordinate reservations!

Families are encouraged to attend!

Games Begin

Friday, July 25th • 10:00 am @ Bullens Field, King Street Extension, Westfield MA

The 14 Year Old Regional Tournament will be played in a double elimination format

Friday, 7/25 10:00am Vermont vs. Maine	Friday, 7/25 1:00pm Rhode Island vs. Eastern MA
Friday, 7/25 4:00pm Connecticut vs. West MA	Friday, 7/25 7:00pm New Hamp vs. Westfield

Please review attached tournament bracket for remaining game schedule.

Admission

Admission for each day will be \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for students and seniors (over 62)
Tournament passes are \$16.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students and seniors (over 62)

2014 New England Regional 14 Year-Old Tournament

July 25 - 30

Bullens Field - Westfield MA

Vermont
 Game 1
 Maine

New Hampshire
 Game 2
 Westfield - Host

Rhode Island
 Game 3
 Eastern MA

Connecticut
 Game 4
 Western MA

Loser Game 1
 Game 7
 Loser Game 2

Loser Game 3
 Game 8
 Loser Game 4

Loser Game 5
 Game 10

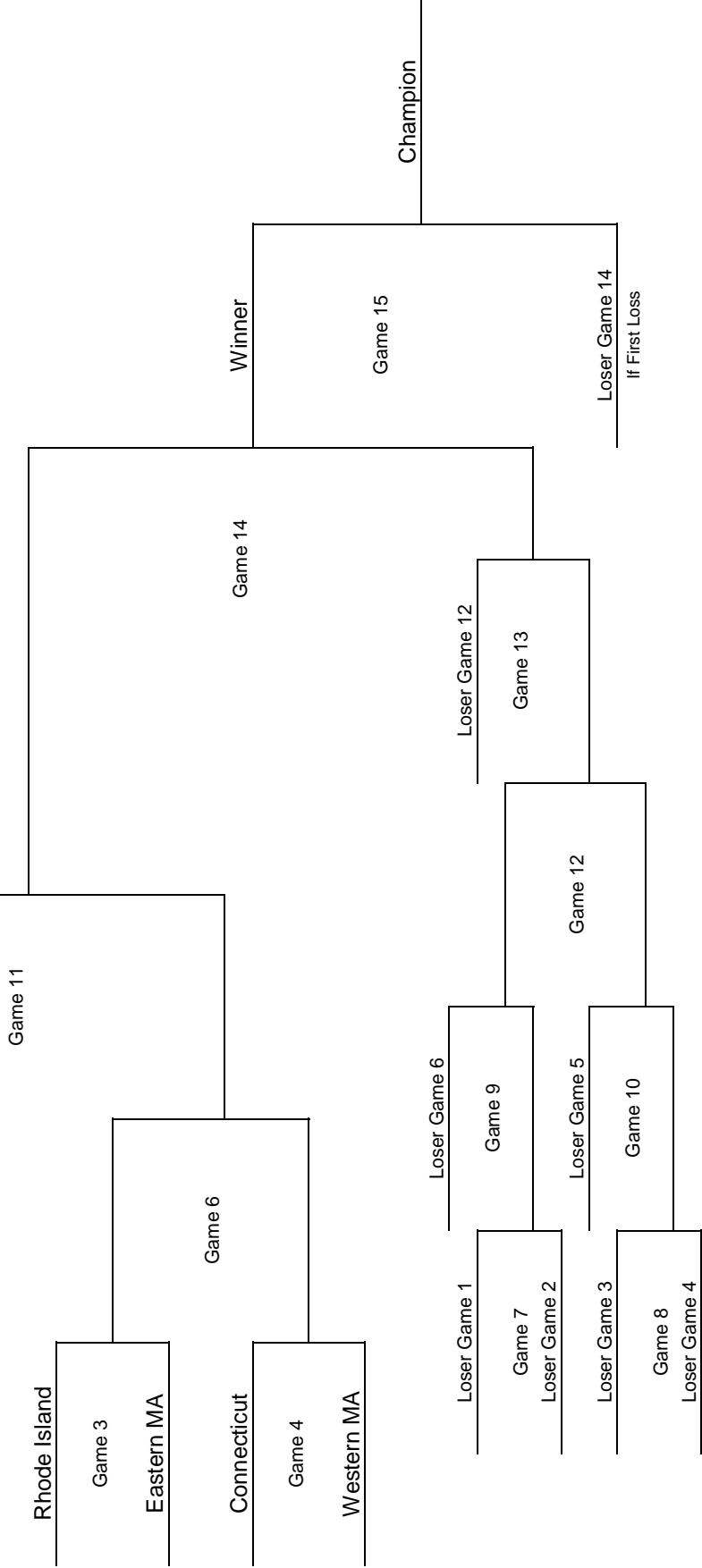
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 Loser Game 2

Loser Game 12
 Game 13

Updated: 07/07/14

Game Schedule	
Fri. 7/25	Game 1 10:00 AM
Fri. 7/25	Game 3 1:00 PM
Fri. 7/25	Game 4 4:00 PM
Fri. 7/25	Game 2 7:00 PM
Sat. 7/26	Game 8 10:00 AM
Sat. 7/26	Game 7 1:00 PM
Sat. 7/26	Game 6 4:00 PM
Sat. 7/26	Game 5 7:00 PM
Sun. 7/27	Game 9 12 Noon
Sun. 7/27	Game 10 3:00 PM
Sun. 7/27	Game 11 6:00 PM
Mon. 7/28	Game 12 6:00 PM
Tues. 7/29	Game 13 6:00 PM
Wed. 7/30	Game 14 11:00 AM
Wed. 7/30	Game 15 If game

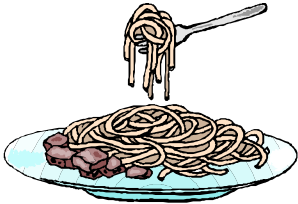
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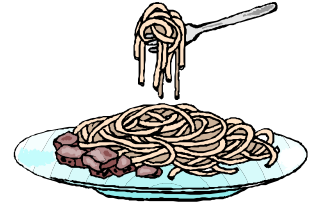
TOP TEAM IS IN FIRST BASE DUGOUT

HOME TEAM - COIN FLIP EACH GAME

TEAM & FAMILY PASTA DINNER BANQUET



**Thursday, July 24, 2014
5:30 pm
Tekoa Country Club
459 Russell Road, Westfield, MA 01085**



Cost: \$20 each for family/friends

Players & Coaches are paid for by Westfield Babe Ruth

This is mandatory for all players and coaches!

Menu

Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Rolls, Drinks and Dessert

ATTN: TEAM REPS

**Please collect your team headcount
(1 count for players/coaches, 2nd count for family/friends)
Submit by July 18 to
LuAnn Garcia
brancyjean2@cverison.net
or call 413-530-4813**

**Payment will be taken the night of banquet
1 check per team please Payable to Westfield Babe Ruth**

Westfield/Springfield MA Area Hotels

Please contact hotel directly to make you reservations!

<p>Designated as Host Hotel</p> <p>Holiday Inn Express and Suites 39 Southampton Road, Westfield, MA 01085 413-564-6900 www.hiexpress.com/westfieldma</p> <p>Hotel Closest to the Bullens Field!</p>	
<p>Comfort Inn & Suites 106 Capital Dr., West Springfield, 01089 413-736-5000 or 800-228-5150 www.comfortinn.com/hotel/MA016</p>	<p>Hampton Inn - West Springfield 1011 Riverdale St., West Springfield, 01089 413-732-1300 or 800-426-7866 www.hampton-inn.com</p>
<p>Days Inn 437 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, 01089 413-785-5365</p>	<p>Ramada Limited and Suites 21 Baldwin St., West Springfield, 01089 413-781-2300 or 800-272-6232</p>
<p>Homewood Suites 375 Whitney Avenue, Holyoke, 01040 413-532-3100</p>	<p>Residence Inn 64 Borden Way, West Springfield, 01089 413-732-9543</p>
<p>Candlewood Suites 572 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, 01089 413-739-1122</p>	<p>Sheraton Springfield One Monarch Place, Springfield, 01144 413-781-1010 or 800-426-9004 www.sheraton-springfield.com</p>
<p>Hilton Garden Inn Grounds of Basketball Hall of Fame 800 West Columbus Ave., Springfield, 01106 413-781-1010</p>	<p>Springfield Marriott Hotel Boland Way/Columbus Ave., Springfield, 01115 413-781-7111 or 800-228-9290</p>

Note: Riverdale Street in West Springfield is a very busy stretch of road with all sorts of restaurants, shops, movie theater, etc.

Travel time from most hotels listed in Springfield or West Springfield is 15 – 20 minutes!



Check out the official
Tournament website!

2014
14 Year Old
New England Regional
Baseball Tournament

[http://www.leaguelineup.com/tournaments.
asp?url=westfielddbaberuth&sid=758602600
&TournamentID=435547](http://www.leaguelineup.com/tournaments.asp?url=westfielddbaberuth&sid=758602600&TournamentID=435547)

Pass this link on to family
members and friends not able to
attend the tournament!

Attachment “A”
Required Tournament Documents

Babe Ruth League, Inc. (11.04) requires the following documents for each team before they are eligible to participate in any sanctioned Babe Ruth League, Inc. post-season tournament

- a. Birth documents or records as specified by Rule 0.04, paragraph 1, for each of the tournament team players.
- b. ACORD Certificate of Coverage of Group Accident Insurance Policy.
- c. ACORD Certificate of Coverage of League’s Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy.
- d. Tournament Team Roster certified and signed by the League President.
- e. Babe Ruth League, Inc. Letter of Tournament Eligibility Form.
- f. Consent for treatment forms for each of the tournament team players.
 - a. Make certain allergies are listed on the consent forms.
- g. A color team photograph with separate identification must be uploaded with your tournament roster thru Babe Ruth online. Digital photos may be emailed.
- h. Coaching Certification I.D. Card or Certificate. Tournament Managers and Coaches must complete coaching education and certification prior to the start of their first level of tournament competition.

Note: These documents must stay in the possession of the Tournament Director during each tournament level. These same documents shall accompany the team as they advance in tournament competition.

Tournament credentials are to be placed in clear plastic top loading paper savers and then placed in standard three ring binders in the order listed below.

- 1 Babe Ruth League, Inc. Tournament Eligibility Form
- 2 Tournament Team Roster certified and signed by League President.
- 3 Any letter of Wavier or Add/Drop forms received by the League.
- 4 Proof or copy of the League's Accident Insurance Policy.
- 5 Proof or copy of the League's Liability Insurance Policy.
- 6 Birth Documents in the same order as they appear on your team’s roster.
See Babe Ruth Rule 11.04 paragraph 1 for a list of acceptable documents.
- 7 Babe Ruth Leagues, Inc. Consent for Treatment Forms.
- 8 Team Photo and separate identification sheet.
- 9 Manager & Coaches Certificate of Certification.

UPON ARRIVAL THE TEAM MANAGER SHALL DELIVER THE CREDENTIAL BOOK TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR FOR VARIFICATION. THE BOOKLETS WILL REMAIN WITH TOURNAMENT OFICIALS UNTIL THE TEAMS DEPARTURE.

Attachment “B”
TORUNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

All tournaments will be played by the Official Baseball Rules and Babe Ruth Baseball Rules and Regulations. The following is provided as a quick reference to avoid any problems.

1. **Intentional Walks** - This is not automatic. The pitcher is required to pitch to the batter.
2. **Slide Rule** - There is no “must slide rule” in effect for tournament play at any level of Babe Ruth Baseball. “Contact Rule” home plate area is the Umpire’s judgment call.
3. **Protest** - A judgment call cannot be protested. All protests must be filed with the Umpire in Chief immediately. Play will be stopped until a ruling is given by the Protest Committee.
 - (a). Only the manager or acting manager may make a protest.
 - (b). The decision of the Protest Committee is **Final**.
(Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations, Tournament Rules 11.05)
4. **Forfeit** - Official rule 4.15 thru 4.17. The official time established to begin play is fifteen (15) minutes after schedule start time.
5. **Re-Entry** - There are two types of re-entry rules in effect.
 - (a). The re-entry of any player of the starting nine players is allowed. A pitcher may be re-entered as a pitcher if the re-entry is in compliance with 11.05-6 and 11.05-9.
 - (b). Re-entry of an already used player will be permitted if all substitutes have been used and an injury occurs which prohibits the injured player from continuing in the game. Selection of this substitute must be made by the opposing manager.
6. **10 Run Rule** - A game will be terminated once becoming regulation if one team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs and have had equal at times at bat or the home team is leading. This rule applies to all divisions.
7. **Pitching Rule** - No pitcher will be allowed to pitch more than seven (7) innings in two (2) consecutive games.
8. **Appeal** - The appeal of a missed base or any other type of an appeal is not automatic. The umpire will not rule on a missed base or any other appeal unless the appeal is properly made by the team on the field.

9. **Suspended Games** - Suspended games due to weather or curfew or for any other reason not stated will be rescheduled and played prior to continuing the regular schedule of play.
- (a). Rescheduling will be done by the Tournament Director after having consulted with the Host Officials.
 - (b). A suspended game will begin from the exact point at which play was stopped.
10. **No Tobacco** - Players, Managers, Coaches and Umpires are strictly prohibited from using tobacco of any kind during their active participation in a game.
11. **Trips to the Mound** - Trips to the mound shall be limited to one (1) per inning per pitcher. The second trip in the same inning will result in removal of that player as a pitcher. Any effort to circumvent this rule will result in a trip to the mound being charged by the umpire.
12. **Warming up a Pitcher** - any team member, manager or coach warming up a pitcher **must** wear a protective head gear and a mask.
13. **Home Team** - For each game the home team will be indicated by (H) on the official tournament bracket. The home team will always occupy the first base dugout.
14. **Infield Practice** - Each team will be allowed ten (10) minutes fielding practice. The home team will start thirty (30) minutes prior to game time. The visiting team shall practice next for ten (10) minutes. The last ten (10) minutes prior to the start of the game shall be used for introduction of Players, Managers, and Coaches and for the ground crew to prepare the field for play.
- (a). The Public Address Announcer will tell the teams when to take the field and give the two (2) minute warning before the allotted time is up.
15. **Special Notes** - Players, Managers and Coaches must be in uniform at the field at least one (1) hour before their scheduled game time. All Players, Managers, and Coaches will be in full uniform during Infield Practice. The lineup cards must be presented to the official scorekeeper thirty (30) minutes before game time.
16. **Cell Phones** - Cell Phone use is prohibited in the dugouts or on the playing field during games.
17. **Jurisdiction** - All tournaments are under jurisdiction of the District, State or Regional Commissioners or his appointed representative. Any item that is unresolved by the game officials shall be ruled on by the Commissioner or his representative.
- (a). The Commissioner or his Representative shall have the authority to remove any player, manager or coach for actions detrimental to Babe Ruth Baseball. Any misbehavior or misconduct on or off the field could cause disqualification of a Manager, Coach, or Player, or the entire team for the tournament.
 - (b). Disqualified individuals will be sent home prior to the end of their participation in the tournament.

18. **Ejections** - Any manager or coach who gets ejected from the game must leave the playing field and team area. The ejected Manager or Coach may sit in the stands but away from their team's area or dugout and shall have no contact with the team whatsoever. If this should happen then the Manager or Coach will be asked to leave the facilities. Should they not comply with this rule, they will be disqualified for the remainder of the tournament. Any player that is ejected from the game must remain in the dugout and under the control of the Manager or Coach. If a player fails to comply with this rule it will result in that player being disqualified for the remainder to the tournament and the Manager ejected for the remainder of that game. Should the parent of the ejected player be at the game the parent may remove the player from the dugout and take him home, but the Tournament Director must be notified.

19. **Bats** - The bat may not exceed 34" in length, and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 5/8" in diameter. All aluminum/alloy barrel bats and all composite handle (only) aluminum/alloy barrel bats are allowed. Only composite barrel bats certified and marked BBCOR .50 will be allowed. Wood barrel bats confirming to the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are allowed.

This means composite barrel bats not BBCOR certified are not allowed. There is no length/weight ratio restriction for aluminum barrel bats for the 13 – 15 age groups.

Penalty:

1. If the illegal bat is discovered prior to the batter completing his "at bat", the bat is simply removed from play and the "at bat" continues.
2. A player who used an illegal bat or non-confirming barrel dimension and hits a fair ball will be ruled out. No advance meant on the bases will be allowed, and any outs during the play shall stand. This is an appeal play. The "at bat" will be considered legal once a pitch is thrown to the next batter.
3. Any bat discovered prior to the game that does not conform to the rule shall be directed to be removed immediately and not be allowed for use during the game.

20. **Extra Player**

Local League and Tournament Play Special Rules and Regulations – Extra Player (formally the "EH" extra Hitter). Prior to the beginning of each tournament game, a team may elect to add a tenth player to the batting order for District, State and Regional tournament competition, as well as the Babe Ruth 13-Year-Old World Series, Babe Ruth 14-Year-Old World Series and Babe Ruth 13-15 World Series. The extra player "EP" may appear in any position in the batting order. The "EP" cannot be added to the line-up once the game begins. The "EP" will be treated as any other starter, and cannot be eliminated during the course of the game. If a team starts with 10 players, the team must finish with 10 players. Penalty shall be a forfeit.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q Where do I park for the games?

A Ample free parking is available in the Westfield Vocational Technical High School parking lot located directly next to Bullen's Field, and along the King and Hubbard streets.

Q What happens if it rains – how will we be notified of delays and cancellations?

A Managers will be notified of schedule changes and can communicate the information to the players and their families.

Q Where can I get a prescription filled?

A The following pharmacies are located in Westfield:
CVS Pharmacy, 427 East Main St., 413-562-5181
Walgreens, 78 Main Street, 413-568-1929
Rite Aid, 7 East Silver Street, 413-5116

Q Where can I purchase extra baseball socks or pants?

A Olympia Sports, Westgate Plaza, 267 East Main Street, Westfield, 413-562-0195
Dick's Sporting Goods, 1081 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, 413-781-6155

Q Where can I purchase miscellaneous items (umbrellas, etc.)?

A Walmart, 141 Springfield Road, Westfield,
413-572-0400

Q Where is the closest Mall?

A The Holyoke Mall at Ingleside is the closest mall around and offers a huge variety of stores and a food court!
50 Holyoke St., Holyoke, MA 01040

Q. Where is the closest grocery store?

A Big Y Foods, 475 E Main St., Westfield, MA
Stop & Shop, 57 Main Street, Westfield, MA

Q. *Where can I get medical attention?*

A Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield, MA 413-568-2811

Q *Where can I get laundry done?*

A Stay & Play Laundromat, 65 Franklin Street, Westfield, MA 413-485-7575
Stanley Laundromat, 3 White Street, Westfield, MA 413-568-0213

Q *Where are local recreational activities located?*

A Basketball Hall of Game, Columbus Avenue, Springfield
Six Flags New England, Main Street, Agawam
Yankee Candle Flagship Store, South Deerfield

Directions to Bullens Field Westfield, MA

Bullens Field is located at the intersection of Smith Avenue and King Street in Westfield, MA.

Mapquest address: 33 Smith Avenue, Westfield, MA

From the Mass Pike, Exit 3 in Westfield, turn right off the exit and travel south on Route 10/202 1.5 miles towards downtown Westfield. Take a right onto Route 20 West towards Russell. You will travel 6/10 miles and take a left onto Smith Avenue. You will pass the Westfield Vocational High School on your right. At the top of the hill turn right onto King Street. The field parking lot will be on your right. Walk down the sidewalk to the field entrance.