

NORTHERN WASHINGTON BABE RUTH BASEBALL

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

2017 Northern Washington Babe Ruth

13-Year-Old State Tournament

14-Year-Old State Tournament

13-15 Year-Old State Tournament

16-18 Year-Old State Tournament

Johnson-O'Brien Stadium, Ephrata, Washington

July 12 – July 16, 2017

TO: DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

FROM: COLUMBIA BASIN YOUTH BASEBALL

RE: STATE TOURNAMENTS

DATE: JUNE 29, 2017

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS:

Please find enclosed **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION** for the Manager of the 13-Year-Old, 14-Year-Old, 13-15 Year-Old and 16-18 Year-Old state tournament teams that will represent your District. The packet contains the following:

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TO: TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS & TEAM MANAGERS

FROM: TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

**RE: 2017 NORTH WASHINGTON BABE RUTH 13-YEAR-OLD,
14-YEAR-OLD/15-YEAR-OLD/16-18 YEAR-OLD STATE**

DATE: JUNE 29, 2013

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS & TEAM MANAGERS:

Congratulations on advancing to the State Tournament! On behalf of Columbia Basin Youth Baseball and the Ephrata Babe Ruth League, we would like to welcome you to Ephrata for a special event – four different State Babe Ruth tournaments. We are looking forward to hosting you, your players, your families, and other supporters. The Tournaments will take place July 12 – July 16 at the Ephrata High School baseball complex.

The following **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION** will help you prepare for the Tournament. The packet was put together to help in setting forth important information and requirements. Please provide copies of this packet to all members of your team, as well as their parents.

REQUESTED INFORMATION

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 at the Tournament. Please send to us, as quickly as possible, Team Roster, including uniform numbers and player identification. Please email rosters to the following e-mails: sports@gcjournal.net and sportseditor78@gmail.com later than **Friday, July 7**. These items do not take the place of the information that will need to be included with your official tournament documents.

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**Columbia Basin Youth Baseball
PO Box 250
Ephrata, WA 98823**

If you need additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact either of the Tournament Directors listed in the Tournament Directory.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORY

Northern Washington State Commissioner:

Randy Boruff (509) 754-3990 (home)
PO Box 250 (509) 754-4424 (work)
Ephrata, WA 98823 (509) 750-4610 (cell)
rboruff@homenetnw.net (509) 754-2666 (fax)

Assistant State Commissioner:

Brent Stenman (age 13-15 year olds) (360) 779-3480 (home)
PO Box 1746 (206) 749-7258 (work)
Poulsbo, WA 98370 (425) 299-8467 (cell)
info@nwbareruth.org (425) 640-7851 (fax)

Tournament Director:

Steven Smith (509) 237-0567 (cell/home)
281 Columbia Circle (509) 237-1146 (message phone)
Ephrata, WA 98823 (509) 754-4636 (work)
sportseditor78@gmail.com

Tournament Headquarters: Johnson-O'Brien Stadium, Ephrata

Brent Stenman will not be at the state tournaments, so if you have questions or concerns, direct them to Randy Boruff or Steven Smith.

FACILITIES

The tournaments will be played at the Ephrata High School baseball facility, located on Seventh Ave. NW off Frey Road NW. Off Basin Street (the main road through Ephrata) take a left at the Lee Theater and follow the road past Ephrata High School – at the “Entering Tiger Country” sign, go left to the fields. The Tournament headquarters will be located in the press box area at Johnson-O'Brien Stadium.

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TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE: ALL LEAGUES ARE REMINDED that the state and district commissioners have approved a \$500 entry fee for each team participating at the state tournament. **EACH TEAM MUST HAVE THEIR \$500 PAID IN ADVANCE OR BRING A CHECK TO THE TOURNAMENT.**

TICKET PRICES: Admission is \$3 per person, under-6 admitted free.

OFFICIALS-UMPIRES-COACHES MEETING: The meeting will take place at Johnson-O'Brien Stadium (the main field) on Wednesday, July 12 at 8 a.m. for the coaches of all 13-year-old and 14-year-old teams – all 15-year-old and 16-18 year-old coaches are to report to Steven Smith IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL for instructions. Please make sure you have all the necessary tournament documents secured in a binder with you at that time. Each team *must* have a representative (Manager or Coach) present at the meeting. The meeting will primarily be for interpretation and discussion of rules and ground rules with Umpires and Tournament Officials. Tournament officials will also use this time to check in your Official Document Book to insure all of the required information is included.

Player Introductions: Tournament participants will be introduced individually prior to the start of their first scheduled tournament game. After each team has completed their first game, individual introductions will not take place again until the championship games.

Practice Fields: The JV and freshmen fields at Ephrata High School (located past the left field wall of the Ephrata High JV field) is available for practice on a first-come first-serve basis, as are the batting cages located behind the right-field wall at Johnson-O'Brien Stadium. Please contact one of the Tournament Directors with any questions.

Miscellaneous: A listing of available lodging is included later in this packet of information. Rooms are frequently filled early this time of year because our event is taking place on the same weekend as the Basin Summer Sounds music festival and Rim 2 Rim 3-on-3 street basketball tournament, so be sure to call as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: INFORM ANY FANS OR FAMILY MEMBERS PLANNING TO ATTEND THE STATE TOURNAMENTS THAT NO DOGS OR PETS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED INSIDE THE GATES AT JOHNSON-O'BRIEN STADIUM. Fans who attempt to bring animals inside the stadium will be turned away. The exception to this rule (instituted by the Ephrata School District) are service animals for the handicapped.

ALSO: Concessions are available, so NO COOLERS OR OUTSIDE FOOD WILL BE PERMITTED. The exception are coolers with drinks for players, which will be in team dugouts.

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TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS – PLAYER INSTRUCTIONS

The State Officials of Northern Washington Babe Ruth Baseball shall expect all Tournament participants to fully cooperate with these rules and regulations pertaining to your personal conduct during your stay.

Smoking/Drugs/Alcohol: There will be NO possession or use of any drug, excluding prescribed medical drugs. At no time will any player be permitted to use and/or possess alcoholic beverages, any smoking materials, or chewing tobacco, under any circumstances. Use and/or possession is PROHIBITED at all times. Failure to adhere to this rule shall be cause for disqualification from the Tournament.

Tournament Schedule: We hope the final number is now set, but history dictates that changes do happen, so we remain flexible in this area. Therefore, final schedules will be sent to District commissioners by Wednesday, July 5 – we hope to avoid having to make multiple changes if teams drop out, as has been done repeatedly in the last few years. If coaches have questions, they can call Steven Smith at 509-237-0567.

Conduct-Appearance: 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 disqualify your team as well. We expect your dress to show you are champions of your District. Informal and comfortable apparel is permitted, but look neat.

Souvenirs: Tournament T-shirts will be available to purchase at the main gate on a daily basis. T-shirts tend to sell out over the first few days of the Tournament, so if you would like to purchase one, we suggest you purchase it early. **THERE WILL BE NO PRICE REDUCTION** on the T-shirts at the end of the Tournament if there are any left over.

The Tournament Trail: The winner of the 13-Year-Old state tournament will advance to the Pacific Northwest regionals, which begin on July 18 in Meridian, Idaho. The tournament director is Janae Schumacher (208-631-7238, janaeschu@gmail.com).

The first and second place teams at the 14-Year-Old state tournament will advance to the Pacific Northwest regionals, which begin on July 23 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada – please be aware that passport or enhanced Washington State drivers' licenses are required to cross the U.S.-Canadian border. The tournament director is Mike Doyle (403-589-5987, mjd@cagc.ca).

The winner of the 13-15 Year-Old state tournament will advance to the Pacific Northwest regionals, which begin on July 23 in Kelso, Washington. The tournament director is Jason Smith (360-270-8497, jason@castle-rose.net).

The winner of the 16-18 Year-Old state tournament will advance directly to the Senior Babe Ruth World Series Aug, 5-12 in Ephrata – the tournament coordinator is Randy Boruff (509-750-4610). The second-place team advances to the Pacific Northwest regionals, which begin on July 18 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada – please be aware that passport or enhanced Washington State drivers' licenses are required to cross the U.S.-Canadian border. The tournament director is Mike Doyle (403-589-5987, mjd@cagc.ca).

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Miscellaneous note to Managers: A coin flip will decide the home and visitor for each game – in the 15-year-old team, the visiting team for game one will be the home team in game two, with a coin flip determining home and visitor for game three (if needed). The visiting team will always be in the dugout on the 1st base side of the field, and the home team will always be in the dugout on the 3rd base side of the field.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS – ON FIELD CONDUCT

- 1) The Manager, two (2) Coaches, Players, and bat boy/girl personnel will be the only people allowed in the dugout.
- 2) **UNIFORMS:**
 - a) All players' uniforms **MUST** show a different number.
 - b) All Managers and Coaches participating in a State Tournament will wear matching baseball uniform shirts and caps – given the heat expected for the area in mid-July, we will allow managers and coaches to choose either uniform pants or khaki shorts (no jean shorts, swim trunks, cut-offs, etc). The Manager and Coaches uniforms do not have to be the same color as the Players uniforms but should all be the same.
 - c) All State Tournament Umpires **SHALL** be uniform in their dress while on the playing field. They will not be allowed to wear shorts or jeans.
 - d) **ALL** on-field participants must bear an **OFFICIAL** Babe Ruth patch on the left shoulder of their uniform. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 3) All Managers and Coaches are to remain inside the playing area during the game. **SMOKING OR CHEWING OF TOBACCO IS PROHIBITED** during the games.
- 4) All bat personnel **MUST WEAR** protective head gear at all times. If other players or coaches are warming-up pitchers between innings, they **MUST WEAR** a mask – again, there is no exception for adult coaches.
- 5) In order to prevent damage to the playing field, no warm-ups, of any kind, are allowed inside first or third bases. Warm-ups shall be confined to areas in the outfield past first/third bases. This may be changed by the Tournament Director.
- 6) Players are not to use the area outside the dugouts for standing or sitting. All players will remain in the dugout at all times, except for the on-deck batter, pitchers warming up in the designated bullpens, and players warming up to go into the game.
- 7) There will be no pregame/infield practice prior to the start of any game. This is necessary to allow sufficient time to prepare the field in between games and help ensure that the Tournament stays on schedule. The outfield grass can be used to warm up immediately upon conclusion of the previous game.

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- 8) Teams from a game just completed will exit the dugouts immediately after the conclusion of the game, after they have cleaned up their garbage. The two teams coming onto the field for the next game will wait until the dugouts are cleared before taking possession.
- 9) UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:
 - a) Any Manager, Coach or Player throwing, or kicking equipment, in anger, will be automatically ejected from the game.
 - b) The use of profane language by a Manager, Coach or Player WILL NOT BE ALLOWED and will be grounds for ejection from the game.
 - c) While the ball is alive and in play, no team member will be allowed to make any calls or commit any act for the obvious purpose of trying to make the pitcher commit a balk. No player shall act in any deliberate manner that will distract the batter or base runner.
 - d) No Manager, Coach or Player shall, at any time, make intentional contact with an Umpire in any manner.
 - e) Occupants of a team's dugout will not be permitted to show violent disapproval of an Umpire's decision. If such action occurs a warning will be given. Any continued action will result in ejection from the game.

ON-FIELD CONDUCT will firstly be dealt with by the game officials. If, in their opinion, any player, manager or coach needs, for whatever reason, to be removed from the game, such person(s) shall be automatically suspended pending a review of their actions. Such suspension will become effective immediately at the time of expulsion.

In all cases each ejection will be reviewed by the Commissioner-in-Charge of the Tournament and if in his/her opinion, after taking into consideration all relevant facts, disciplinary action is deemed necessary, it shall be so. The decision of the Commissioner-in-Charge will be final. There will be no appeal from such a decision. If disciplinary action is deemed necessary the Manager of the team so disciplined will be supplied with written confirmation of the penalty and reasons thereof.

A copy of this report will be retained by the Commissioner-in-Charge and a copy will be forwarded to the State Commissioner (if he is not the Commissioner-in-Charge). The penalty provisions are quite clear. It is strictly a matter of our enforcement of what we accept as the proper code of conduct. We must keep in mind the spirit and purpose of what we are involved in and what our total objectives are.

Disregard for any of these regulations or guidelines shall be sufficient grounds for player(s) and/or coach(es) to be withdrawn from the Tournament and sent home. If sent home, it will be at the expense of your team or the individual player(s).

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TOURNAMENT DOCUMENT BOOK

Following are the official guidelines found in the Babe Ruth Baseball Rules and Regulations book (11.04) that pertain to Tournament Documents. **These guidelines will be strictly followed:**

- 1) The Tournament Team Manager must place in the custody of the Tournament Officials the following documents prior to the start of competition:
 - a) Birth documents or records as specified by Rule 0.04, paragraph 1, for each of the Tournament Team Players.
 - b) Certificate of Coverage of Group Accident Insurance Policy.
 - c) Certificate of Coverage of League Liability Insurance Policy.
 - d) Tournament team roster certified and signed by League President.
 - e) Babe Ruth League, Inc. Tournament Eligibility Form.
 - f) Consent for Treatment forms.
 - g) A 5x7 or 8x10 color team photograph with identification (at least three additional photos will be needed for subsequent levels of Tournament play).
 - 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.

The coaching certification is now required of all managers and coaches – if any members of a coaching staff do not have their certification documents in their tournament book, they will not be allowed into a dugout with their teams until the documentation is received by tournament officials.

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

IT IS VERY STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PUT PLASTIC PROTECTORS OVER YOUR DOCUMENTS AND PLACE THE DOCUMENTS IN A 3-RING BINDER.

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LODGING INFORMATION

<u>MOTELS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>FROM BALLPARK</u>
Best Western - Ephrata	(509) 754-7111	3 Minutes
Travelodge - Ephrata	(509) 754-4651	2 Minutes
Sunland Inn - Ephrata	(509) 754-2441	3 Minutes
Ephrata Inn Motel	(509) 754-3575	2 Minutes
Notaras Lodge – Soap Lake	(509) 246-0462	10 Minutes
Inn at Soap Lake	(509) 246-1132	10 Minutes
Masters Inn Retreat – Soap Lake	(509) 246-1831	10 Minutes
Tumwata Lodge – Soap Lake	(509) 246-1416	10 Minutes
Knights Inn - Quincy	(509) 797-7001	22 Minutes
Quincy Inn and Suites	(509) 787-1919	22 Minutes
Sundowner Inn - Quincy	(509) 787-3525	22 Minutes
America's Best Inn – Moses Lake	(509) 765-9173	30 Minutes
Ameristay Inn – Moses Lake	(509) 764-7500	30 Minutes
Best Western – Moses Lake	(509) 765-9211	30 Minutes
Best Value El Rancho – Moses Lake	(509) 765-9173	30 Minutes
Comfort Suites – Moses Lake	(509) 765-3731	30 Minutes
Holiday Inn Express – Moses Lake	(509) 766-2000	30 Minutes
Inn at Moses Lake	(509) 766-7000	30 Minutes
Interstate Inn – Moses Lake	(509) 765-1777	30 Minutes
Lakeshore Motel	(509) 765-9201	30 Minutes
Lakeside Motel	(509) 765-8651	30 Minutes
Motel 6 – Moses Lake	(509) 765-8636	30 minutes
Motel Imperial – Moses Lake	(509) 765-8626	30 Minutes
Ramada Inn – Moses Lake	(509) 766-1000	30 Minutes
Sage & Sand Motel – Moses Lake	(509) 765-1755	30 Minutes
Shilo Inn – Moses Lake	(509) 765-9317	30 Minutes
Sunland Inn – Moses Lake	(509) 765-1170	30 Minutes
Super 8 Motel – Moses Lake	(509) 765-8886	30 Minutes
Travel Inn at Moses Lake	(509) 765-8631	30 Minutes

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<u>BED AND BREAKFAST</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>FROM BALLPARK</u>
Ivy Chapel Inn - Ephrata	(509) 754-0629	3 Minutes

<u>CAMPGROUNDS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>FROM BALLPARK</u>
Oasis Park - Ephrata	(509) 754-5102	5 Minutes
Pacific Springs RV - Ephrata	(800) 422-8447	10 Minutes
Sun Basin RV - Ephrata	(509) 787-0105	17 Minutes
Soap Lake RV Resort	(509) 246-0413	12 Minutes
Colockum Ridge RV-Golf - Quincy	(509) 787-3244	23 Minutes
Cascade Park Camping – Moses Lake	(509) 764-3805	25 Minutes
Desert Oasis RV – Moses Lake	(509) 764-5319	25 Minutes
Suncrest Resort – Moses Lake	(509) 765-0355	25 Minutes
MarDon Resort – Othello	(509) 346-2651	30-35 Minutes

