



# *Iowa City Babe Ruth League*

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Welcome to the **50th Anniversary** of Iowa City Babe Ruth Baseball!

We hope that you are as excited for the 2004 season to begin as we are. Practices will begin the week of March 29th and games will start April 26th. Regular season games will conclude by July 8th. We will also be playing some games on Saturdays. As of this time we will be sharing the diamonds at Mercer with City High Baseball due to the loss of their field for the next year or so.

Six years ago, Iowa City Babe Ruth made changes to bring parity within the leagues. We plan to continue with those changes for the current season, as they proved very successful. For the newcomers, we have two leagues - National League and American League. The National League was created as more of a developmental league. All players have the choice of trying out for the American League and National League. If they choose not to try out, they will go into a blind draft **for the National League only**. All players are encouraged to try out, no matter which league they want to play in, to allow coaches a fair chance of assessing skills and placement. **You must attend tryouts to be selected for the American League**. Trying out for the American League does not guarantee placement in the American League. Players who played in the American League last year DO NOT have to try-out again, you should be on the same team. National League players who would like to try-out for the American League MUST attend the try-outs.

To be drafted into the American League, a player **MUST** attend the tryout session on Saturday, March 27th beginning at 11:00 a.m. In case of rain out, tryouts will be held on Saturday, April 3rd beginning at 11:00 a.m.. Tryouts will be at Mercer Park diamonds.

As a volunteer organization, we would welcome your assistance as a board member, coach, team parent, concessionaire, etc. If you are interested or would like more information please contact any Babe Ruth Board member. If you can help, please indicate so on the application. If you are interested in being a National League manager, please contact Dennis Griffith at 351-3860.

Iowa Babe Ruth League, Inc. has awarded the 13-15 year old State Tournament to Iowa City to celebrate our 50th Anniversary with Babe Ruth. To make this the best tournament we have put on, we need your help in many ways. First, and most important we need Host Family Coordinators and Host Families. We will also need gate workers, concessionaires, press box workers, etc. If you would like to help with the planning and implementation of this tournament please contact Dennis Griffith at 351-3860.

This year's registration fee will be \$115.00, with each player receiving five (5) \$5.00 Hy Vee coupon booklets. When you sell these books (or keep them for your use) you will keep the proceeds. The net result is that the registration fee will remain at \$90.00, same as last year.

If you have any questions or concerns during the course of the season, please feel free to talk to your player's coach or contact any Board member. We welcome your feedback and look forward to a successful season.

More new and exciting things to come. Coaches will be informed and also information will appear on the web site - including rosters, schedules and standings.

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2004 Season

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