

Dear District Champion Coaches & Players,

Congratulations on winning your recent District Tournament and welcome to the 2010 13 Year Old State Babe Ruth Tournament. Tonka Babe Ruth will be hosting you and your fans for the July 28 thru July 31 (or August 1) tournament at Bennett Family Park in Minnetonka, Minnesota.

All of us at Tonka Babe Ruth are looking forward to your participation and we hope the following information will be helpful as you plan your trip.

TOURNAMENT NAMES, ADDRESSES & NUMBERS:

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Tonka Babe Ruth Baseball  
[www.tonkababeruth.org](http://www.tonkababeruth.org)

Minnesota Babe Ruth Baseball  
[www.minnesotababeruth.com](http://www.minnesotababeruth.com)

Tournament Director: Paul Mattiacci  
18904 Hanus Road  
Minnetonka, MN 55345  
Cell Phone: 612.386.8042  
Email: [paul.mattiacci@oracle.com](mailto:paul.mattiacci@oracle.com)

Tournament Field: Bennett Family Park  
3717 Highway 101  
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Tournament Hotel:  
Sheraton Minneapolis West Hotel  
12201 Ridgedale Drive  
Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305  
Phone: 800-598-1753, Ask for the "Babe Ruth Group"  
Rate: \$89 tax included  
Contact: Kayla Stai, 952-960-3545  
[kayla.stai@sheratonminneapoliswest.com](mailto:kayla.stai@sheratonminneapoliswest.com)  
[www.sheraton.com/minneapolis](http://www.sheraton.com/minneapolis)



#### CHECK-IN INFORMATION

Team check-in will take place before your first game at the Tournament Headquarters Office, which is located above the concession stand at Bennett Family Park. Babe Ruth officials will be present to verify the team credentials.

#### TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

Please provide your team information, including player's names, numbers and coaches by no later than Monday, July 26. Any information received after this date might not be available in the tournament program. Team pictures are not required.

#### TOURNAMENT ROSTERS AND TEAM PHOTO FOR TONKA PROGRAM:

If you have not submitted your tournament team roster for the State Tournament program, please do so today. This is needed for the program. Should you have any question please contact Paul Mattiacci.

#### TOURNAMET T-SHIRTS

Tournament T-shirts will be available for sale by pre-orders and during the tournament. The design of the t-shirt is being finalized, which order forms will be sent to each team at least two weeks before the tournament. Since the cost will be less for a pre-order t-shirt than one purchased at the tournament, we encourage the teams make orders before you arrive.

## TICKET PRICES

### Tournament Pass

\$12.00 Adults (ages 18-59)

\$8.00 Seniors & Children (Over 59 and children 7-17)

Children under 7 free

### Daily Pass

\$6.00 Adults (ages 18-59)

\$4.00 Seniors and Children (Over 59 and children 7-17)

Children under 7 free

## TOURNAMENT PRACTICE FIELDS

If you need a practice field before July 28, please contact Paul Mattiacci, Tournament Director, at 612.386.8042, to arrange a time and location. Once the tournament starts, there are fields at Bennett Park available to warm-up ONLY but we will not be assigning practice schedules.

## GENERAL TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

- Regular Babe Ruth Baseball National League Tournament rules will be the guideline.
- A coin flip will determine the home and visitor teams before each game. Team managers should meet with the Tournament Director a hour before game time to do the coin flip.
- All tournament Games will be played at Bennett Family Park. Teams are expected to be ready to play at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. We will allow a brief infield/outfield warm-up prior to games
- All tournament games will be played according to the scheduled times. However, game times on Wednesday, July 28 only MIGHT be moved up in the event of shorten games. Long games might infringe on the starting time for the next game, but the tournament will adhere to the schedule as close as possible.
- Game lineups should be turned in at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled game time.
- Dugouts will be assigned as follows: HOME - 3rd Base, VISITOR - 1st Base.
- The dugouts are OFF LIMITS, AT ALL TIMES, TO EVERYONE, EXCEPT ROSTERED MANAGERS, COACHES, & PLAYERS. If parents want to talk or deliver items to players, we strongly recommend this be done before or after the game.
- Batting Cages will be assigned as follows:
  - Cage #1 – Team on Top of Bracket, Cage #2 – Team on Bottom of Bracket.
- If you use “soft-toss” drills, we request that you bring your own screen. Soft-toss WILL NOT be allowed on the fences at Bennett Family Park.
- The bullpen areas are down each foul line and outside the playing field and are to be used for game play only. This means, before and during the game, for the purpose of pitcher warm-up or other player activity as is necessary for game preparation. Please make sure your players remain inside the dugouts at all times, except when involved in game play.
- Relief pitchers, coming off of the bench, should be warmed up in the bullpen. After taking the mound, all relief pitchers will be allowed limited warm up pitches as described by Babe Ruth rules.

- We request that each team “clean-up” their dugout and bullpen area after each game. Trash receptacles will be appropriately placed at all times.

Once again, WELCOME to the 2010 13 Year Old State Babe Ruth Tournament. If you have questions, please check the information on the web pages listed or have your team representative contact Paul Mattiacci, Tournament Director, in advance of your arrival. We look forward to meeting you and being your host throughout the tournament.

Tournament Rosters and Team Photo for Babe Ruth National:

If you have not submitted your tournament team roster and 500 mg or less team photo to Babe Ruth Online website [www.baberuthonline.com](http://www.baberuthonline.com) please do so immediately. See your league president or system administrator for details.

This information for Babe Ruth Online is needed for the Minnesota State Champion to go onto the Midwest Plains Regional Tournament to be held at:

13-15 Year Old Midwest Plains Regional Tournament: East Twins, Minnesota on August 4th thru August 9th, 2010

Thank you all and we hope you enjoy your stay and the State Tournament in Tonka.

Sincerely,  
Tournament Director  
Paul Mattiacci