

CAL RIPKEN FLORIDA STATE TOURNAMENT

Managers Tournament Information Package

9U and 11U Florida State Tournaments– North

June 28 – July 2, 2023

Palm Beach Gardens Babe Ruth League Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

The **Palm Beach Gardens Babe Ruth League** wishes to extend a warm welcome to all players and coaches participating in the **9U and 11U** North Florida State Tournament. We are honored to be your host for these games.

This information package will provide everything you need to know concerning check-in at the tournament. If a question arises that is not covered in this information package, please do not hesitate to contact the Tournament Director.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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RAINOUT LINE: TEXT [9USTATES2023](tel:9048322323) TO [11USTATES2023](tel:9048322323) TO 844-83 TO REGISTER FOR WEATHER NOTIFICATIONS.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Please book your team into one of the following hotels:

Hilton Garden Inn Palm Beach Gardens (hosting the manager's meeting on the 28th)

561-694-5833

\$149.00 per night + tax

Complimentary continental breakfast

Booking link: [Hilton Garden Inn](#)

Via telephone: **800-445-8667** Group code **C-SFS**

DoubleTree by Hilton

561-622-2260

\$159.00 per night + tax

Complimentary breakfast buffet for up to 4 people per room

Booking link: [2023 ROOKIE STATES TOURNAMENT \(hilton.com\)](#)

Via telephone: **800-445-8667** Group code **914**

Embassy Suites Palm Beach Gardens

\$169.00 per night + tax

Complimentary breakfast buffet with cook to order omelet chef

Complimentary evening reception with beverages including soft drinks, wine, beer, cocktails and snacks

Booking link: [Embassy Suites PGA Boulevard](#)

Via telephone: **800-445-8667** Group code **Rookie States Baseball Tournament**

Hampton Inn Palm Beach Gardens

561-625-1809

\$129.00 King Deluxe/159.00 Double Queens per night + tax

Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet and Parking

Booking link: [Hampton Inn](#)

Via telephone: **561-625-8880** States Baseball Room Bock

Marriott Palm Beach Gardens

\$159.00 per night + tax

Complimentary breakfast for up to 4 people per room

Booking link: [Book your group rate for SOUTH FLORIDA 9/11U YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION](#)

Via telephone: **561-630-1311**

PGA National Resort

\$163.00 per night + tax + 30.00 resort fee

Via telephone: **Marisa 561-227-2683** or Via email: groupcoordinator@pgaresort.com

Group code **PBGYAA** Baseball Tourn Courtesy Block or **062823PBGY**

PARK RULES

- Alcohol is prohibited in all areas
- No Tobacco or Vaping use is permitted on the fields or in the stands
- Only rostered Players and Coaches are permitted on the fields
- Head Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their players, parents, and supporting fans
- Glass containers are prohibited in all areas
- Teams are prohibited from warming up inside the confines of the Field Complex, except for designated batting cages, reserved softball fields and soft toss areas
- No ball-toss or hitting drills of any kind are allowed against the fences or backstops
- Animals are prohibited in all areas (except service animals)
- Skates/skateboards, scooters, toy vehicles and bicycles are prohibited
- Overnight parking is prohibited
- Excessive noise makers are prohibited (thunder sticks, whistles, air horns or bells are prohibited); excessive noise by players, coaches, fans, parents, etc. (in any form) during play is prohibited; tournament director shall be the prevailing authority for determining whether or not any noise makers are allowed

TOURNAMENT FEE

A tournament fee of **\$400** will be collected at the Pre-Tournament meeting. Checks should be payable to **PBGYAA**.

ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS

All players, managers, and coaches **MUST** arrive as a team and remain on-site during the tournament. A team member who is not present at the first game will be removed from the roster and will be ineligible to compete during the State Tournament. Any absences or deviation from this must be prearranged, through a waiver from the State Commissioner. An approval will be issued by the State Commissioner (a copy must be placed in the team tournament book). This must be done prior to arrival.

At the pre-tournament meeting, the Tournament Director or assistant will collect and check all credentials and collect the tournament fee. Teams will be able to arrange practice times at the conclusion of this meeting.

DIRECTIONS

The Palm Beach Gardens Babe Ruth League is located at 4301 Burns Road. Directions to the park are as follows:

From the South: Take I-95 North towards Palm Beach Gardens to exit 79B for PGA Boulevard (West). Turn left at the next light onto Military Trail (South). Proceed to the next light and turn left onto Burns Road. Fields are on your left.

From the North: Take I-95 South towards Palm Beach Gardens to exit 79 for PGA Boulevard. Turn right at the light going East on PGA Boulevard. Make a quick left turn at the next light going South on Military Trail. Proceed to the next light and make a left onto Burns Road. Fields are on your left.

TOURNAMENT TEAM CREDENTIALS BOOK

All credentials must be in a loose-leaf binder notebook in the order of the Tournament Team Credentials Checklist. The Credentials Checklist must be signed by the Park President and District Commissioner for State Tournament Participation.

Note: This tournament is the second level of tournament participation. Your book should have been checked by your District Commissioner before this tournament. Please be aware that no team or player will be allowed to participate in the State Tournament without the proper credentials.

PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING

A meeting for managers, coaches, umpires and tournament officials will be held **Wednesday, June 28th, 2023, at Hilton Garden Inn Palm Beach Gardens**. The State Tournament Director appointed by the State Commissioner will review all playing rules for the tournament and answer any questions. At least ONE member of each team's coaching staff is REQUIRED to attend this meeting. However, please limit coaches attending to no more than **2 per team**.

9U meeting check-in 5:30pm.

11U meeting check-in 6:30pm

PITCH COUNTS

Procedures for recording and tracking pitch counts will be discussed at the Pre-Tournament meeting. Pitch counts will be posted daily along with updated brackets in a central area of the park.

TOURNAMENT GAME LOCATION

Tournament games will be played at **Gardens Park Baseball Complex**, which is located in **Palm Beach Gardens, FL**. The address of the park is as follows: **4301 Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410**.

GAME SCHEDULES

Up-to-date tournament schedules will be distributed at the pre-tournament meeting.

The Official Babe Ruth Tournament Bracket has been used to schedule games (and the order in which they are played), however, weather or other conditions may necessitate a bracket being changed up to the start of the tournament and during the tournament. Managers should verify their first games scheduled while attending the pre-tournament meeting.

Be sure to follow your team's schedule at all times. Managers, coaches and players must attend all scheduled tournament events unless excused by the Tournament Director.

Changes to the game schedule due to inclement weather will be made as soon as possible. Managers will be notified by tournament officials via the cell phone numbers provided at the pre-tournament meeting when feasible. Please remember, it is the manager's responsibility to have the team ready to play when scheduled. If in doubt, go to the field and check with the Tournament Director.

Game results will be posted at the fields after each game. The results will also be posted on the State Web site at the conclusion of the day's events. Every effort will be made to update this website as often as possible during the day's events.

UMPIRES

Two umpires will be scheduled to officiate the 9u games. Three umpires will be scheduled to officiate the 11u games. During all games, the umpires are in control of the playing field. If a player, manager, coach, parent or fan is ejected, the game will not continue until the ejected individual has left the park.

COIN TOSS AND INFIELD PRACTICE

Since this is a double-elimination tournament, the home team will be decided by the flip of a coin by the tournament director or another designated tournament official at the pre-tournament meeting. Results will be announced or posted following the meeting.

There will be no infield practice prior to the game on the game fields. Infield warm-ups and batting will be done at an alternate site, to be announced at the pre-tournament meeting. It is the manager's responsibility to have teams ready to play at the announced time. Check with the tournament director if you are not sure of the scheduled start time. Following the game please ensure you allow teams finishing a game to completely vacate the field and dugouts before your team moves onto the field.

PRE-GAME ANNOUNCEMENTS

Players and umpires will be announced 10 minutes prior to their first game. The visiting team will be announced first, with team members taking their places along the baseline nearest their dugout, as announced. The home team will be introduced next, team members taking their places along the baseline nearest their dugout. The National Anthem will be played prior to the first game of the day.

OFFICIAL PRE-GAME MEETING

The Tournament Director or another tournament official will discuss ground rules with the managers and umpires at the pre-tournament meeting. Umpires will go over these rules at home plate prior to the beginning of each game.

LINEUP SHEETS

Official Babe Ruth lineup sheets (4-part) must be completed with player jersey number, first and last name and position (if starter) and with distribution to the official scorer, chief umpire, and opposing team manager. Changes to the lineup are to be made to the plate umpire first and then all other parties if feasible. Please use numbers when reporting changes to the umpire.

PLAYING FIELD AND DUGOUTS

Only manager, coaches, players, tournament officials and tournament approved batboys/batgirls are allowed in the dugout and in the fenced playing area. Under no circumstances will anyone else be allowed inside the playing field during games except when called for by the umpire when time is called. This includes parents, team scorekeepers, and fans.

Teams will be permitted to bring one (1) cooler to the dugout for players to use during the game. Individual coolers are not permitted by coaches, players, parents or fans.

FIELD RULES

In addition to the batting team's base coaches, the batter, on-deck batter, base runners and the fielding team's players on the field, the only team members that will be permitted outside of the dugouts (in the designated area) are a warm-up pitcher, catcher and safety monitor.

Throwing or unnecessary abuse of any equipment or baseball property will not be permitted.

Smoking (including smokeless tobacco) is not allowed on the premises; eating and drinking are not permitted on the playing field. Cell phone use on the playing field is prohibited. Players must remain within the fenced area of the playing field during all games and are not allowed to mingle in the stands or with the spectators.

A player ejected or removed for an infraction of the playing or field rules will remain in the dugout until the game is completed unless the umpire indicates otherwise. A player/coach ejected from a game may be required to sit out additional time if deemed necessary by the State Tournament Director. The use of inappropriate language within the playing field is not allowed and will be dealt with accordingly by the umpires assigned to the game.

UNIFORMS

Manager and coach's uniforms need to match each other; however, they do not need to match the players. As a team representing your league and your District, you are expected to maintain a neat appearance at all times, on and off the field. When not involved in a tournament game, you may dress informally and comfortably.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

All tournament games will be played in the presence of the Tournament Director and a Protest Committee. Any protest must be resolved prior to continuing play. Decisions by the protest committee are final without appeal. The Protest Committee will consist of at least three members designated by the Tournament Director.

SCOREKEEPER

The official scoring records for each game will be maintained by the official scorekeeper designated by tournament officials. This book will serve as the official record of the tournament. Teams may designate their own scorekeeper but in doing so must understand that their book will not be taken into account if issues arise. Team assigned scorekeepers may not be in the dugout or on the playing field for any reason. They are to refrain from interrupting the flow of a game for any reason. Team scorekeepers will report any discrepancies to their manager. At no time are they to confront the official scorekeeper. In the event of scoreboard/PA failure, it is the responsibility of the team manager to check with the UIC of the game for game updates, including count, outs, and game score.

BAT PERSON

Teams may provide one bat person if they so desire. All bat persons must wear a helmet at all times when out of the dugout and on the field of play. Managers are responsible for the behavior and safety of their bat persons during the game. Uniforms are optional.

TEAM POST-GAME MEETING

Teams are to immediately depart the fields and dugouts upon the conclusion of games. This includes removing all equipment and trash. No team is to conduct a post-game meeting with their players within the fenced playing field area.

FAN BEHAVIOR

The team manager will be held responsible for the behavior of their fans. Fans are not allowed to enter the playing field at any time, for any reason and are to display a positive attitude to all teams, players, umpires and officials. Managers are to immediately handle problem fans if the need arises. Managers are reminded that umpires have the authority to take action against a team due to the actions of their fans.

VIDEO RECORDING OF GAMES

Video recording of games from outside of the field of play is allowed as long as there is no disruption of, or interference with the game. (See OBR 3.15 for photography within the playing field.) In Babe Ruth League, Inc., video recordings are not an authorized tool for use in determining the validity of a call. **Penalty:** The offending videographer shall be removed from the game and shall leave the playing field and can be removed from the complex for the remainder of the game or tournament, as deemed appropriate by the umpire as stated in Rule 3.15. **No recording devices will be allowed to hang anywhere on the designated backstop.**

PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

Our goal is to help all players perform to the peak of their abilities while enjoying the competition, camaraderie, and distinction that go along with playing in a State Tournament. At the same time, you have an obligation to everyone involved to be on your best behavior at all times. If you have a problem that can't be resolved by your manager or coaches, please contact tournament officials.

Be smart and avoid trouble. There is always a certain level of tension in competitive sports. We do not want you to lose your competitive edge. The desire to perform at your very best makes the game exciting for everyone. Stay under control, even if another player or fan says something that you find offensive. Keep your cool and do not respond to provocation in any way that could lead to your disqualification. Remember, baseball games are won with hits and runs, not with words.

The State Tournament Director has the authority to remove any player, manager, or coach from a tournament game for actions detrimental to Babe Ruth Baseball. Any misbehavior or misconduct on or off the field could disqualify a player, manager, coach, or team from the tournament. Physical contact with any BR official by player, coach or spectator could disqualify this person from further participation.

LOCAL EVENTS/POINTS OF INTEREST/THEME PARKS

Rapids Water Park

Busch Wildlife Sanctuary

Loggerhead Marinelife center

Juno Beach

Palm Beach Zoo

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

J Alexander's

The Cheesecake Factory

Rocco's Tacos

Yard House

Cooper's Hawk

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