



NATIONAL GOLD MEDAL WINNER
**BISMARCK PARKS AND
RECREATION DISTRICT**
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Baseball Parent Manual

1. Bismarck Parks and Recreation District (BPRD) Age Policy

A player must play in the Babe Ruth 13-15 league until they are no longer eligible to play according to Babe Ruth League age chart.

2. Team Make Up

- a. Legion
 - i. Class AA
 - 1. One team
 - ii. Class A
 - 1. Two teams: one 16-year-old team and one 16 – 19-year-old team
 - 2. Three teams: one 16-year-old team and two even 16 – 19-year-old teams
- b. Babe Ruth
 - i. Major League
 - 1. Three advancing teams: One of each 13-, 14- and 15-year-old team
 - 2. Two non-advancing teams: two 13 – 15-year-old team
 - ii. Minor League
 - 1. Players drafted by coaches

3. Raffle Tickets and Extra Fees

- a. Raffle Tickets
 - i. Legion Class AA (Governors): 20
 - ii. Legion Class A (Reps, Senators, and Scarlets): 10
 - iii. Babe Ruth Majors
 - 1. Advancing teams: 10
 - 2. Non-Advancing teams: 10
- b. Extra Fee
 - i. Babe Ruth Majors Advancing: 175/player
 - ii. Babe Ruth Majors Non-Advancing: 100/player

4. Program Information

- a. Games
 - i. Major League Babe Ruth and Legion
 - 1. Weekdays and weekends
 - ii. Minor League Babe Ruth
 - 1. Monday – Thursday
- b. Practice times
 - i. Babe Ruth Majors morning/early afternoon, Monday – Friday
 - ii. Babe Ruth Minors late afternoon/evening, Monday – Thursday
 - iii. Legion Class A (Reps, Senators, and Scarlets) morning/early afternoon, Monday – Friday
 - iv. Legion Class AA (Governors) morning/early afternoon, Monday – Friday
- c. Game and Practice Locations
 - i. Bismarck Municipal Ballpark
 - ii. Aaron Haaland Memorial Baseball Field
 - iii. Tatley-Eagles Park

- iv. Sanford Sports Complex (Legacy High School)
- d. Rained out games will be rescheduled, if possible

5. End of Season/Tournament Advancement

- a. Babe Ruth Minor League
 - i. Season ends after the league tournament
- b. Babe Ruth Major League
 - i. Non-advancing teams: season ends before or after the Non-advancing State Tournament if one is hosted
 - ii. Advancing: for 2023 season ends after the Advancing State tournament
- c. Legion Class AA
 - i. Season end when team does not qualify for Regional or World Series
- d. Legion Class A
 - i. Season end when team does not qualify for State or after the State Tournament

6. Parent, Guardian, and Spectator Code of Conduct

- a. Parents, guardians, and spectators of BPRD baseball players serve as significant role models to their children and to all children they encounter. Therefore, the BPRD expects each parent, guardian, and spectator to agree to the following code of conduct values:
 - i. The league will not tolerate negative interaction between or among BRPD staff, coaches, umpires, parents/guardians, spectators, or players.
 - ii. Parents, guardians, and spectators will respect the integrity and judgment of the umpires. Parents, guardians, and spectators will refrain from challenging umpire calls or making rude comments.
 - iii. Parents, guardians, and spectators will show appreciation of good play by both teams.
 - iv. Parents, guardians, and spectators will refrain from “coaching” any player from the sidelines during practices or games. Will allow coaches to coach their team.
 - v. Parents, guardians, and spectators will always cheer and show encouragement and refrain from making negative or abusive remarks about the opposing team.
 - vi. Parents, guardians, and spectators will follow the “24-Hour Cooling Off Rule” before contacting the coaching or program staff. Parents, guardians, and spectators should wait 24 hours to contact a coach or program staff if they have issue with the program, coaches, or team.
 - vii. Parents or guardians will get their kids to practice, games and tournaments on time.
 - viii. Disciplinary action: BPRD reserves the right to discipline/suspend the associated person(s) depending on the severity of an offense(s).

7. Social Media policy

- a. Player, parents, guardians, or spectators’ policy
 - i. No player, parents, guardians, or spectators shall post or share statements or photos on social media regarding the BPRD baseball, BRPD staff, coaches, umpires, parents/guardians, spectators, or other players that is, or could be perceived, as negative or derogatory. Should any such post be brought to the attention of the BPRD staff, the offending player and parent/guardian will be made aware of it, and the post must be removed immediately. [If it is not removed, BPRD reserves the right to suspend players from league participation (game and

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8. Travel

- a. Legion Class AA & A: BPRD will provide busing to all away games. If a bus driver cannot be found parents or guardian will be responsible for providing travel to that game or tournament.
- b. Babe Ruth: Parent or guardian will be responsible to provide travel to all games, tournaments, and practices.

9. Parent Involvement:

- a. For Babe Ruth volunteers are needed to help guide and supervise players in the dugout during games. All volunteers must complete an application, background check, and complete any required certifications.
- b. Team Manager: help send information to parents and help find workers to help in press box during home games and any local tournaments.
- c. For Babe Ruth: A parent coach will be allowed if there is a shortage of coaches. Parents will have to apply for this position.