

Barrington Youth Association- Frequently Asked Questions

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What leagues does the BYA offer and what are the ages?

Baseball and Softball

- **Tee Ball: 4's and 5's**
- **Baseball: May 1st age cutoff**

Instructional: 6's

Rookie: 7's and 8's

Minors: 9's and 10's

Majors: 11's and 12's

Babe Ruth: 13's+

All- Stars: Tryouts during the regular season. Attempted teams at 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12U. Babe Ruth whenever possible

- **Softball:**

Rec season: 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U

Travel: Blaze 8U to 18U

What equipment do I need?

Hats and Shirts will be provided by the league as part of your registration cost.

Players need a USA bat, glove, and helmet. Tee ball bats can only be used with soft baseballs in tee ball and instructional.

Boys need a cup once they play with hard baseballs.

How are teams formed?

Representatives will form teams in tee ball, instructional, and rookie.

Coaches will form teams after scheduled spring evaluations for minors and majors.

Special accommodations for being on the same team will be considered for twins or siblings in the same age group OR if a parent is a team sponsor.

Other special requests for team selection will be considered on a case by case basis by the rep and the board.

The aim is to create even talent on each team for competitive play.

How will a coach get information?

Coaches meeting- Reps for each division will schedule these before the season. At this meeting Babe Ruth/ Cal Ripkin rules and house rules will be distributed or made available. House rules are also on the website.

Who sets up the field for the game and drags it afterward?

The home team sets up the field (raking, lining, and getting or providing game balls) AND drags the field afterward. The equipment manager will let the reps or coaches know how coaches will get the game balls.

Be sure to turn off scoreboards and return all scoreboard equipment to the garage.

Dugout Use:

First come first serve on traditional “home” or “away” dugouts. Batters are to use the on deck boxes if they are present.

What are the behavior expectations and general field policies for our complex?

- **Respect for All:** Show respect to all players, coaches, umpires, and spectators at all times. Disrespectful behavior toward umpires or anyone involved in the game will not be tolerated.
- **No Tobacco or Alcohol:** The use of tobacco products, alcohol, or any illegal substances is strictly prohibited on the premises.
- **Pets:** For the safety and comfort of everyone, pets are not allowed in the complex.
- **Grills/Fire:** Grills, open flames, or any cooking equipment are not permitted on the grounds.
- **Good Sportsmanship:** Encourage positive behavior and good sportsmanship. Cheer for your team, but always in a manner that supports the integrity of the game.
- **No Solicitation** is allowed on the premises.

Violations of these rules may result in removal from the premises.

Weather:

Major weather events will be called by the league President and emailed out to the families.

During game play umpires will make the final call. In the case of no umpires, coaches will make the call. Cal Ripkin rules require a 30 minute pause when thunder is heard.

All attempts will be made by the league reps to reschedule rainouts games. This cannot happen in all cases.

Are there any local rules for each league?

Yes, we will also post our “House Rules” on the BYA website

When does the season start and end?

Open clinics at the Barrington Middle School will start in the beginning of the calendar year (Jan or Feb). The regular season typically begins in early April, depending on weather and field conditions. The regular season will end early to mid-June.

How are concerns about coaches brought forward?

Any concerns about a coach can be brought forward to any league rep or BYA board member. See section three of the BYA bylaws for more detail.

How much will my child play?

There will be a continuous batting order.

All attempts will be made to have each player play two innings and have one at bat.

Exceptions will be made if the 10 or 15 run rule has been reached.

Are there playoffs?

In minors and majors baseball, there will be a single elimination playoff based on win-loss record and seeding that will determine a champion.

What are the expectations for volunteering?

- a) The snack shack is our main source of income for maintaining the BYA fields, purchasing equipment, and keeping costs down.
- b) Snack Shack- Parents will be asked to volunteer in the front of our snack shack with no cooking. A schedule will be provided by the league reps to coaches and the coaches will let the parents know OR we may use the new "Dibs" tab on the website. Parents should expect two to three snack shack shifts per season minus tee-ball and 6U teams.
- c) Cooking- League reps try to cover all of the cooking but help is appreciated! Parents can cook after being trained. Training will be provided before or at the beginning of the season.
- d) Field Clean up and maintenance. All families are asked to help with field clean up day.