



ATTENTION PLAYERS BORN IN MAY, JUNE, OR JULY 1993 (2005 PLAYING SEASON 12 YEAR OLDS)

The following ONLY applies to players born in 1993 during the months of May, June, or July. Because of a national age determination change, all players born in May, June, or July 1993 will STILL BE CONSIDERED 12 YEAR OLDS in next year's 2006 baseball season. A decision was made by USA Baseball, the association of all amateur baseball groups in the United States, to change the age determination date beginning in 2006. Currently, a player's age is determined by the age he or she is as of August 1 of each year. This means a player who is 13 on August 1, is considered 13 for that entire playing year (beginning with spring baseball while the player is still 12). In the future, the determination date will be May 1, so that all players will play at their age as of May 1 of each year.

Please note that a player who is normally eligible to play fall baseball as a "2006" 13-year old because of the current August 1 date, but who was born in May, June, or July 1993, will not be considered a 13-year old for next spring's season. However, these players **may play with Babe Ruth this fall (and are welcome and encouraged to join us)**, but will return to Boys Baseball as 12 year olds for next year's season. This does NOT apply to any player born in any other month than May, June, or July.

Iowa City Babe Ruth Baseball and Cal Ripken Baseball did NOT create this age determination change, but as affiliates of Babe Ruth Baseball we are bound by the new age determination rules beginning in 2006.

If you have questions about this age situation, please do not hesitate to call Dave Redlawsk, 354-4532.