

Welcome to Iowa City Babe Ruth Baseball.

We hope that you are as excited for the 2005 season to begin as we are. Practices will begin the week of April 4th, and games will start May 2nd. Regular season games should conclude by July 8th. In trying to maintain a thirty (30) game regular season, we will again be playing games on Saturdays, as we will continue to share the baseball fields with City High Baseball.

For the newcomers, we have two leagues - National League and American League. The National League was created as more of a developmental league. All players have the choice of trying out for the American League and National League. If they choose not to try out, they will go into a blind draft **for the National League only**. All players are encouraged to try out, no matter which league they want to play in, to allow coaches a fair chance of assessing skills and placement. **You MUST attend tryouts to be selected for the American League**. Trying out for the American League does not guarantee placement in the American League. Players who played in the American League last year DO NOT have to try-out again, you should be on the same team. Last season's National League players who would like to try-out for the American League MUST attend the try-outs.

To be drafted into the American League, a player **MUST** attend the try-out session on Saturday, March 26th beginning at 11:00am. In case of rain out, try-outs will be held on Saturday, April 2nd beginning at 11:00am. Try-outs will be held at the Mercer Park diamonds.

As a volunteer organization, we would welcome your assistance as a board member, coach, team parent, concessionaire, etc. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact any Babe Ruth Board member. If you can help, please indicate so on the registration form.

This year's registration fee will be \$125.00, with each player receiving five (5) \$5.00 Hy-Vee coupon booklets. You may choose to use the coupons yourself, or if you sell them for \$5.00 each, you will keep the proceeds.

If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact David Redlawsk at 354-4532. If you have questions or concerns during the course of the season, please feel free to talk to your player's coach, or contact any Board member. We welcome your feedback and look forward to a successful season.

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