



WVBR ALL-STARS:

WHAT TO EXPECT

Get ready for a summer full of sunshine, teamwork, and unforgettable memories! At **Willamette Valley Babe Ruth All-Stars**, we're not just about baseball—we're about building **community, character, and lifelong friendships**.

Whether you're cheering from the stands or volunteering behind the scenes, you are part of the All-Star family. Let's make this summer one to remember!

Season Overview

The WVBR All-Star baseball season is a short and intense stretch packed with practices and tournaments, culminating in a "**win-or-go-home**" **tournament trail**. The season typically runs **from tryouts through late July or early August**, depending on team advancement.

Fees

\$350.00

Includes:

- State & regional tournament fees
- (2) Jerseys
- (1) Hat
- (2) Pairs of socks
- (2) Belts

Note: This fee does *not* cover additional tournament fees, team gear, coach gear, or travel expenses.

Fundraising

Teams will coordinate and run fundraising activities to help offset travel, gear, and other tournament-related expenses. This is a great way to build team spirit and community support while reducing out-of-pocket costs.

What to Expect

Evaluations and Team Structure

- **Evaluations:** Player evaluations will cover Batting, Fielding, Pitching and Catching.
- **Team Structure:** Each age group will have two teams, National and American. Teams are made up of the top 24 kids from each age group, a minimum of 12 players per team.
- **National** – top 1-12 players
- **American** – top 13-24 players
- Two teams will be formed only if there are enough kids for two teams.

31 Short, Intense Season

- Begins with evaluations/tryouts and runs through late July.
- **Weekday practices** are frequent and intensive.
- **Weekend tournaments** typically take place Friday–Sunday.
- Schedules do not come out until the Tuesday before the tournament.
- Most tournaments outside of Eugene will require overnight travel to Portland/Vancouver, Central Oregon, Medford or the Coast. Some teams may travel as far as Seattle depending on tournament schedules.
- Regional Tournaments, if teams qualify, are played in various locations in the Pacific Northwest Region. Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Alaska, British Columbia and Alberta.
- Tournament schedule example: Tuesday schedule comes out, coach notifies team. Players must arrive at 7am Friday morning in Vancouver for an 8am pool play game time (game time determined by tournament scheduler). Tournaments are usually 3-4 games guaranteed, pool play Friday/Saturday with single elimination Sunday.

Tournaments

- Teams participate in **local and travel tournaments** to prepare for State. **First tournament for National teams is Memorial Weekend in Central Oregon.** Weekly tournaments then begin Father's Day weekend.
- The **Tournament Trail** includes:

- **State** (typically Thurs-Sun mid-July)
- **Regionals** (last weekend in July Wed-Sun)
- **World Series** (if the team advances, early August, two weeks)

Tournament Format

- Begins with **pool play**
- Followed by **seeding and bracket play**
- Bracket rounds are **single-elimination**

Season Length

- Can last **1.5 to 2 months**, depending on team progression through the tournament trail.
 - Practices will begin right away after team formation at the discretion of the coach.
 - Expect tournaments to be weekly starting mid-June to end of July.
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Key Information

Age Groups

- **9U–13U**
- Age is determined by the player's age on **April 30** of the current season.

Eligibility

- Players must have played **AA level (player pitch)** or higher.
- If a player/family declines an All-Star team (National or American) once teams are formed, they will be **ineligible** for All-Stars in future Babe Ruth seasons. Exceptions may be made based on board approval (family emergency, injury, etc.).

Skill Assessment

- All players must complete an evaluation covering:
 - Pitchers/Catchers – if position is played
 - Fielding
 - Throwing/Catching
 - Hitting

Official Rules/Commitments

- All games are played under **official tournament host rules**.
- Rules may change at each individual tournament.

- All families are expected to participate in volunteer opportunities/roles to support the team throughout the season. This is a family commitment of time both on and off the field.
- Example Volunteer Positions – Fundraising, Treasurer, Gear Ordering, Lodging Coordinator, Team Bonding/Event Coordinators, Team Parent, Ballpark DJ, GameChanger/Book, etc.
- If a family has not volunteered for a role, one will be assigned to them to help support the team.

Equipment Needed

- Baseball glove/mitt
- Baseball helmet
- Tournament-approved bat
- Cleats (rubber)

Playing Time

This is a competitive travel baseball season, playing time is not guaranteed. This is different from the regular Babe Ruth Spring season, teams are focused on growth and being strong competitors.

- Positions and Playing time are strictly up to the coach's discretion.
- If players want more time or to try out a different position, they are the ones who need to talk with their coach about what they can do to earn more time.
- Some tournaments are played with only 9 or 10 players batting, with strict sub rules.

The World Series

The **Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken World Series** is the pinnacle of All-Star competition, where regional champions come together to battle for the national title.

Have more questions?

Please reach out to us at: allstarswvbr@gmail.com

Important Websites:

<https://oregonbaberuth.com/>

<https://www.baberuthleague.org/>

Let's hit the field with heart, hustle, and unity. **Go WVBR All-Stars!**   
