

FLORIDA ROOKIE QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT

Manager's Tournament Information Package

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2021

Rookie Qualifier

June 11th – 13th, 2021

Rotary Sportsplex

Ocala, Florida

The Rotary Sportsplex wishes to extend a warm welcome to all players and coaches participating in the 2021 Rookie Qualifier. We are honored to be your host for these games.

This information package will provide everything you need to know concerning check-in at the tournament. If a question arises that is not covered in this information package, please do not hesitate to contact the Tournament Director. **One person per team, authorized by the team manager, may serve as your teams contact person. If you have questions regarding this tournament, please go through your team contact person before contacting anyone below.**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Host President	Ralph Long	352-427-7988 Longralph22@gmail.com	
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Host Web Site - <http://www.rotarysportsplexofmarioncounty.com>

PLEASE PRINT A COPY OF THIS INFORMATION FOR ALL YOUR PARENTS!

HOTEL INFORMATION

Please book your team into one of the following hotels:

Hilton Ocala

3600 SW 36th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34474
(352) 854-1400

**Hampton Inn &
Suites**

3601 SW 38th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34474
(352)867-0300

Hilton Garden Inn Ocala Downtown

120 E Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL 34470
(352)581-6060

Holiday Inn & Suites Ocala Conference Center, Ocala

3600 SW 38th Ave, Ocala, FL 34474
(352) 629-9500

Fairfield Inn by Marriott, Ocala

4101 SW 38th Ct
Ocala, FL 34474
(352) 237-1155

Country Inn & Suites, Ocala

3720 SW College Rd
Ocala, FL 34474
(352) 237-0715

Official Tournament Photographer:

LeHigh Photos
lehighphotos.c
om 315
Thompson
Avenue
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936
Ph: (239) 369-6865

Rotary Sportsplex Park Rules

- Coolers are NOT permitted in the park. (Only coolers for dugout use will be permitted)
- Animals are NOT permitted in the park.
- Smoking/Vaping are NOT permitted in the park.
- Air horns and boom boxes are NOT permitted in the park.
- A concession stand is available.

- A photographer, LeHigh Photos, will be available for your favorite action photos.

DIRECTIONS

Rotary Sportsplex is located at 5220 SE Maricamp Road Ocala, FL 34480

From I-75: East on SR 200 approximately 3.4 miles until you reach SW 17th Street; SW 17th Street, which turns into SE 17th Street and then into SE Maricamp Road, an additional 3.4 miles East on SW 17th Street and Rotary Sportsplex is on your right.

Holiday Inn and Suites is located at 3600 Southwest 38th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34474

TOURNAMENT TEAM CREDENTIALS BOOK

All credentials must be in a loose-leaf binder notebook in the order of the Tournament Team Credentials Checklist. The Credentials Checklist must be signed by the District Commissioner for State Tournament Participation. This tournament book will be turned in at the PreTournament Meeting. **Documents required for this tournament can be found in the Rules and Regulations for this tournament, which can be found on the Registration page on our website www.floridababeruth.com .**

Your tournament book MUST be checked and SIGNED by your District Commissioner before this tournament. Please be aware that no team or player will be allowed to participate in this tournament without the proper credentials.

PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING

A meeting for managers, umpires and tournament officials has been scheduled for **6:00 pm on June 10th at the Ocala Hilton**. The State Tournament Director appointed by the State Commissioner will review all playing rules for the tournament and answer any questions. ONE member of each team's coaching staff is REQUIRED to attend this meeting. **FAILURE FOR ONE MEMBER OF YOUR COACHING STAFF TO ATTEND THIS MEETING WILL RESULT IN THE MANAGER BEING SUSPENDED FOR THE FIRST GAME!**

Balance of your Tournament Entry fee (\$200) is to be turned in at this meeting. Make Checks out to Ocala Rotary Sportsplex.

TOURNAMENT GAME LOCATION

Rotary Sportsplex is located at 5220 SE Maricamp Road Ocala, FL 34480

GAME SCHEDULES

The Official Babe Ruth Tournament Bracket has been used to schedule games (and the order in which they are played) however, weather or other conditions may necessitate a bracket being changed up to the start of the tournament and during the tournament.

Managers should verify their first games scheduled while attending the pre-tournament meeting. Game schedules will be sent approximately one week before the tournament.

Be sure to follow your team's schedule at all times. Managers, coaches and players must attend all scheduled tournament events unless excused by the Tournament Director.

Changes to the game schedule due to inclement weather will be made as soon as possible. Managers will be notified by tournament officials via the cell phone numbers provided at the pre-tournament meeting **when feasible**. Please remember, it is the manager's responsibility to have the team ready to play when scheduled. If in doubt, go to the field and check with the tournament director.

Game results will be posted at the field after each game.

UMPIRES

Two umpires will be scheduled to officiate each game. During all games, the umpires are in control of the playing field.

PRE GAME

There will be no infield practice prior to the game on the game fields. Infield warm-ups and batting will be done at an alternate site, to be announced at the pre-tournament meeting. It is the manager's responsibility to have teams ready to play at the announced time. Check with the tournament director, if you are not sure of scheduled start time. Following the game please ensure you allow teams finishing a game to completely vacate the field and dugouts before your team moves onto the field.

OFFICIAL PRE-GAME MEETING

The Tournament Director or another tournament official will discuss ground rules with the managers and umpires at the pre-tournament meeting. Umpires will go over these rules at home plate prior to the beginning of each game.

LINEUP SHEETS

Official Babe Ruth lineup sheets (4-part) must be completed with player jersey number, first and last name and position (if starter) and with distribution to the official scorer, chief umpire, opposing team manager. Changes in the lineup are to be made to the plate umpire first and then all other parties if feasible. Please use numbers when reporting changes to the umpire. These line up sheets will be provided.

PLAYING FIELD AND DUGOUTS

Only manager, coaches, players, tournament officials and tournament approved batboys/batgirls are allowed in the dugout and in the fenced playing area. Under no

circumstances will anyone else be allowed inside the playing field during games except when called for by the umpire when time is called. This includes parents, team scorekeepers, and fans.

Teams will be permitted to bring coolers for drinks to the dugout for player use during the game.

FIELD RULES

In addition to the batting team's base coaches, the batter, on-deck batter, base runners and the fielding team's players on the field, the only team members that will be permitted outside of the dugouts (in the designated area) are a warm-up pitcher, catcher and safety monitor.

Throwing or unnecessary abuse of any equipment or baseball property will not be permitted.

Smoking (including smokeless tobacco) is not allowed on the premises. Eating and drinking are not permitted on the playing field. Cell phone use on the playing field is prohibited.

Players must remain within the fenced area of the playing field during all games and are not allowed to mingle in the stands or with the spectators.

A player ejected or removed for an infraction of the playing or field rules will remain in the dugout until the game is completed, unless the umpire indicates otherwise. A player/coach ejected from a game may be required to sit out additional time if deemed necessary by the State Tournament Director.

The use of inappropriate language within the playing field is not allowed and will be dealt with accordingly by the umpires assigned to the game.

UNIFORMS

All players and coaches must be in matching uniforms which include hat, jersey, and baseball pants. (coaches and players) The Cal Ripken Official patch must be visible. No players shall have the same jersey number.

No player, manager, coach will be allowed in the dugout unless properly dressed.

As a team representing your league, you are expected to maintain a neat appearance at all times, on and off the field. When not involved in a tournament game, you may dress informally and comfortably.

PROTEST COMMITTEE

All tournament games will be played in the presence of the Tournament Director and a Protest Committee. Any protest must be resolved prior to continuing play. Decisions by

the protest committee are final without appeal. The Protest Committee will consist of at least three members designated by the Tournament Director.

SCOREKEEPER

The official scoring records for each game will be maintained by the official scorekeeper designated by tournament officials. This book will serve as the official record of the tournament. Teams may designate their own scorekeeper but in doing so must understand that their book will not be taken into account if issues arise. Team assigned scorekeepers may not be in the dugout or on the playing field for any reason. They are to refrain from interrupting the flow of a game for any reason. Team scorekeepers will report any discrepancies to their manager. At no time are they to confront the official scorekeeper. In the event of scoreboard/PA failure, it is the responsibility of the team manager to check with UIC of the game for game updates, including count, outs and game score.

BAT PERSON

Teams may provide one bat person if they so desire. All batpersons must wear a helmet at all times when out of the dugout and on the field of play. Managers are responsible for the behavior and safety of their bat persons during the game. Uniforms are optional.

TEAM POST-GAME MEETING

Teams are to immediately depart the fields and dugouts upon the conclusion of games. This includes removing all equipment and trash. No team is to conduct a post-game meeting with their players within the fenced playing field area.

FAN BEHAVIOR

The team manager will be held responsible for the behavior of their fans. Fans are not to enter the playing field at any time for any reason and are to display a positive attitude to all teams, players, umpires and officials. Managers are to immediately handle problem fans if the need arises. Managers are reminded that umpires have the authority to take action against a team due to the actions of their fans.

PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

Our goal is to help all players perform at the peak of their abilities while enjoying the competition, camaraderie and distinction that go along with playing in a State Tournament. At the same time, you have an obligation to everyone involved to be on your best behavior at all times. If you have a problem that can't be resolved by your manager or coaches, please contact tournament officials.

Be smart and avoid trouble. There is always a certain level of tension in competitive sports. We do not want you to lose your competitive edge. The desire to perform at your very best makes the game exciting for everyone. Stay under control, even if

another player or fan says something that you find offensive. Keep your cool and do not respond to provocation in any way that could lead to your disqualification. Remember, baseball games are won with hits and runs, not with words.

The State Tournament Director has the authority to remove any player, manager or coach from a tournament game for actions detrimental to Babe Ruth Baseball. Any misbehavior or misconduct on or off the field could disqualify a player, manager, coach or team from the tournament.

HAVE A GREAT TOURNAMENT!