



2017 SHAWANO YOUTH LEAGUE

Tball – Softball – Baseball – Babe Ruth Information Sheet

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Please be sure to read all information carefully and keep this sheet for reference throughout the 2017 season.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL PLAYERS

❖ HOW DO I REGISTER A PLAYER?

- Complete the attached registration form. One form per player. Additional registration forms may be obtained from our website or at the Shawano Rec Center.
- Registration forms and fees must be submitted by **Friday, March 24th** by any of the following methods:
 - Attend one of the **Open Registrations** listed in the important dates section below.
 - Drop off your registration form and fee (check or exact cash only) at the **Shawano Rec Center**.
 - Mail your registration form and fee to: **Shawano Youth League, PO Box 222, Shawano WI 54166**

❖ HOW DO I DETERMINE WHICH DIVISION TO REGISTER A PLAYER FOR?

- Under Player Information on the registration form, you will list your player's "**League Age**". This is determined based upon the age of your player as of the following dates:
Boys – Age as of April 30, 2017 **Girls – Age as of January 1, 2017**
- Select the appropriate division under Division Selection based on your player's Gender and League Age.
- **NEW for 2017!!** – 4 year olds who are currently attending 4K may play Tball.
– 6 year olds who are currently attending 1st Grade may play 7/8 baseball or softball.

❖ WHAT IMPORTANT DATES SHOULD I MARK ON MY CALENDAR?

- **March 8** Open Registration at Shawano Middle School from 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- **March 22** Open Registration at Shawano Middle School from 6:00 – 8:00 PM
- **March 24** Final day to submit registration forms and fees
- **April 8** Skills Day at Shawano High School
 - 9/10 Divisions – 9:00 AM
 - 11/12 Divisions – 10:00 AM
 - 7/8 Divisions – 11:00 AM
- **April 10** *Parent Meeting at Shawano High School
 - 6:00 PM – Girls Softball ALL Divisions
 - 7:00 PM – Boys Baseball 7/8 Division
- **April 11** *Parent Meeting at Shawano High School
 - 6:00 PM – Boys Baseball 9/10 Division
 - 7:00 PM – Boys Baseball 11/12 Division
- **April 12** Babe Ruth Parent Meeting at Shawano High School Library – 6:00 PM
- **April 17** League Practices Begin
- **April 22** Memorial Park Cleanup Day
- **April 30** League Games Begin
- **May 6** Picture Day – Baseball and Softball (7/8, 9/10, 11/12 Divisions)
- **May 7** Picture Day – Tball
- **May 20** Boys Baseball Interleague Tournament (7/8, 9/10, 11/12 Divisions)
- **May 21** Travel Team Tryouts – Baseball and Softball (7/8, 9/10, 11/12 Divisions)
- **June 2-4** Shawano Babe Ruth Tournament
- **June 25** League Games End and Tball Awards Night – 6:45 PM at LL Diamond/Main Stand
- **June 28** League Awards Night (7/8, 9/10, 11/12 Divisions) – 6:00 PM at LL Diamond/Main Stand
- **July** Travel Team play continues. Shawano Hosted Tournament dates are:
 - July 7th, 8th, 9th – 8U Boys Baseball, 10U Girls Softball, 12U Girls Softball
 - July 14th, 15th, 16th – 8U Girls Softball, 11U Boys Baseball, 12U Boys Baseball
 - July 21st, 22nd, 23rd – 9U Boys Baseball, 10U Boys Baseball

PARENT MEETINGS ARE MANDATORY

Players will meet their coaches and receive uniforms. Schedules and informational packets for the entire season will be distributed. Volunteer Deposits will be explained and collected during this time.

TBALL INFORMATION

Tball is for Boys and Girls with a League Age of 5-6; 4 year olds who are currently attending 4K may also play Tball. The Fee is \$30 per player. Tball is held on Sunday evenings at Memorial Park and incorporates skill building/drills as well as a short weekly "game". Players will be assigned to a team in early April. You will be contacted by a coach before the first game. He/She will inform you what team your player is on and what time/diamond your player should come to on April 30th. Schedules/T-Shirts/Hats will be distributed that night. Tball does not practice outside of Sunday evenings. Questions may be directed to the Division Representative, Seth Mailahn, at (715)853-9258 or sethmailahn@charter.net

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL INFORMATION

Boys Baseball and Girls Softball is for players with a League Age of 7-12. 6 year olds who are currently attending 1st Grade may also play 7/8 baseball or softball. The Fee is \$40 per player. 7/8 and 9/10 Division games are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings. 11/12 Boys Baseball games are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. 11/12 Girls Softball will be a traveling league this year. Players will be drafted to a team and contacted by a coach after Skills Day. Practice times will be decided by coaches and communicated at the Parent Meetings. Questions may be directed to the appropriate Division Representative listed below:

- Boys Baseball 7/8 Division – Jeremy Hodkiewicz (715)853-4139 or jeremyhodkiewicz@gmail.com
- Boys Baseball 9/10 Division – Mark Buerman (715)851-1882 or mbuerman@hotmail.com
- Boys Baseball 11/12 Division – Bob Hannes (715)853-3761 or robertjhannes@gmail.com
- Girls Softball 7/8 Division – Grant Bystol (715)526-5714 or bystol5@yahoo.com
- Girls Softball 9/10 Division – Kris Johnson (715)853-7624 or johnsok@shawanoschools.com
- Girls Softball 11/12 Division – Troy Beyer (715)853-8763 or 97tjbeyer@shawanonet.net

Our 3 hosted tournament weekends in July are a major fundraiser for our League. Player fees remain low because of the income generated during these tournaments. It is for that reason, we ask **ALL FAMILIES** to volunteer 4 hours during one of the weekends (not just families who have a player participating on a travel team). To ensure we have enough volunteers, we are requiring a **Volunteer Deposit of \$100 per Family**, in the form of a check issued to Shawano Youth League. **Post Date this check July 1, 2017. IT WILL NOT BE CASHED UNLESS YOU DO NOT VOLUNTEER IN JULY.** There is also an additional form we need submitted with the check. Forms will be available at the Open Registrations in March and at the Parent Meetings in April. These are the two best times to take care of submitting your Volunteer Deposit. Players will not be allowed to participate in league games until it is submitted.

❖ HOW DO I KNOW IF A PLAYER NEEDS TO ATTEND SKILLS DAY? (Saturday, April 8th)

1. If a player did not participate in Shawano Youth League during the 2016 season, they will need to attend Skills Day.
2. If a player's League Age is 7, 9, or 11...this indicates they are "moving up" a division from what they played on during the 2016 season and they will need to attend Skills Day.
3. If a player's League Age is 8, 10, or 12...this indicates they are NOT "moving up" a division and they DO NOT need to attend Skills Day. They will be on the same team as they were for the 2016 season.
4. Sometimes a large increase in registrations require an entire division to be re-drafted. In this case, you will be contacted and informed that your player will need to attend Skills Day even though their age doesn't warrant it.

❖ WHAT ARE TRAVEL TEAMS AND HOW DO THEY DIFFER FROM LEAGUE?

Under Division Selection on the registration form, you will be asked if you want this player considered for a travel team. Travel teams begin once league play is underway. It gives players an opportunity to participate at a more competitive level against teams from surrounding areas. Player performance during league along with a formal tryout will be used to select travel teams. Tournaments are held on various weekends during June & July. Most teams attend 3-5 tournaments a summer, including a Shawano tournament. There are no additional fees required, but there is an increased commitment level from players and parents due to added practices, games, volunteer time (4 add'l hours) and travel. The question on the registration form does not obligate anyone to anything but is strictly for our organization to get an estimate of how many players may be interested in participating. Specific tournament dates and locations will be disclosed prior to any tryouts or team selections. Beginning in **2018**, only players who attend school within the Shawano District, will be eligible to participate on a travel team.

BABE RUTH INFORMATION

Babe Ruth is for Boys with a League Age of 13-15. The Fee is \$65 per player. Shawano Youth League Babe Ruth teams play other area teams. Babe Ruth players will also travel to tournaments during the summer. More information and game/practice schedules will be distributed at the Parents Meeting on Wednesday, April 12th in the Shawano High School Library at 6:00 PM. Questions may be directed to the Division Representatives listed below:

- Bill Springborn at (715)853-7179 or springie66@yahoo.com
- Chris Popp at (715)853-8417 or cpopp213@charter.net