

Registration deadline is February 25th
LATE REGISTRATIONS ARE ONLY TAKEN IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE/\$15 LATE FEE

Bowdoinham Recreation 2019

Baseball ~ Softball ~ T-Ball Registrations

Child's name _____ Grade _____ Date of Birth _____
Age _____ (Baseball as of 04/30/19 Softball as of 12/31/2018)
Address _____
Home Phone _____
Mother/guardian Name _____
Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Father/guardian Name _____
Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email (very important) _____ Circle Shirt Size

Registration Fees: T-Ball (K and 1st Grade) ~ \$25
Baseball/Softball ~ \$50
Family of 3+ ~ \$115.00

Youth: <u>S</u> <u>M</u> <u>L</u> <u>XL</u>
Adult: <u>S</u> <u>M</u> <u>L</u> <u>XL</u>

Please circle the program your child is signing up for:
T-Ball Baseball Softball

Softball Skills Assessment may be considered. Baseball Skills Assessment March 23rd in Bowdoinham. More info after the registrations are in. Practice times for all levels will not be determined until teams are formed and Coaches are Appointed.

Volunteers are needed at all levels! Please indicate where you can lend a hand:
Coach ___ Assist Coach ___ Team Parent ___ Snack Shack Team ___ Umpire ___ Field Work ___

***All volunteers are subject to a background check per Town of Bowdoinham policy/Coach Information on backside.

Please return this registration form along with payment to either the Town Office, or School. Checks are made payable to the Town of Bowdoinham. An accurate number of players is needed which dictates number of teams, equipment, uniform etc. Registrations are due on or before February 25th.

MEDICAL AND SOCIAL INFORMATION

(Medical, social or emotional information that will help coaches and officials assure the best experience for your child)

List Here _____

Physician _____ Phone _____

Dentist _____ Phone _____

Preferred Hospital _____

Participant Release/Assumption of Risk Agreement/Agreement to Indemnify & Hold Harmless

As a parent or guardian, I give my child permission to participate in this program. I realize that I must provide my own Health/Accident Insurance for injuries that my child may sustain while participating in this program. In my absence, I give the supervisor of the activity permission to obtain whatever medical treatment may be necessary in the event of an injury. I am aware that the Town of Bowdoinham does not provide liability or medical Insurance to cover such injuries. In addition, I understand that photographs taken of Bowdoinham's Recreational programs may be used by the Town of Bowdoinham for promoting programs, classes or events to included brochures, newsletters, posters Facebook or web page postings.***

Date _____ Signature _____ (parent/guardian)

Ararat Cal Ripken Baseball League
&
Ararat Babe Ruth Softball League

Both are a Division of Babe Ruth League, Inc.

- <http://www.baberuthcoaching.org/> is the **Babe Ruth League Coaching Education Center**, the place to be for becoming a certified coach with Babe Ruth Baseball, Cal Ripken Baseball, or Babe Ruth Softball!

This website makes it easy for you to gain your certification quickly and effectively through the convenience of online learning. Visit the site for more information on which course is best for you. This does not pertain to t-ball or rookie levels.

This additional league information is an attempt to connect you to your opportunities as well as inform you about the leagues and boards that pull it all together.

- Each Minor and Major Team is allowed up to three "rostered" coaches each year. All Coaches and Umpires are Volunteers! **Our programs benefit and depend upon volunteers as we continue to count on each family to help out in some capacity to be successful each year.**

If you are interested in coaching at any level, t-ball to major, please let me know as soon as possible. You will then receive the Town of Bowdoinham coaching/volunteer application and policy information. This helps me follow Town of Bowdoinham procedures for a background check. This paperwork is also on our website: <http://www.bowdoinham.com/recreation>.

- **Concession:** We have been able to keep registration fees the same over the years due to team sponsorships and homerun fence banner fund raising. The snack shack also contributes necessary funds to help support field expenses including every day necessities like gas for the drag, quick dry and lime for lining fields. Many community members look forward to the snacks, drinks and hot food during a game!! To keep the Snack Shack open during as many games as possible, I will provide the opportunity for each team to schedule time in the snack shack.

Thank you for considering any of the volunteer positions listed on the registration.

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Recreation director

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A new effort to reduce team size, create parity and give children a chance for more playing time for this coming season. By allowing individual towns to take players from other towns upon approval of the board and recreation directors. If the numbers are high, would you be willing to travel to have your child play for another neighboring town within the League? * A yes does not guarantee child will be moved to another town – it only gives Departments the ability to move if the numbers dictate the need.

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Dear Ararat Nation,

We are happy to report that some of our participating towns have already released registration for the 2019 Ararat Cal Ripken League season. Starting registrations in January is one of the changes the Ararat Board along with town rec directors agreed to implement for the upcoming season. These changes are summarized below:

**Ararat Cal Ripken Baseball League
*Summary of Changes for 2019***

After gathering feedback this winter leading up to the 2019 season, the Ararat Cal Ripken Board along with town rec directors will institute the following changes related to our "regular season" play:

A. Preseason Skills Clinic and Team Formation

- 1. The recreation departments will open registration for Cal Ripken Baseball in mid-January (right after MLK Day), with a new deadline for registering for the upcoming season of the Monday after February break (this year 2/25/19).**
- 2. As part of each Ararat town's registration, families will be asked if they would be open to their son(s) being placed on a team based in a neighboring town to help keep roster sizes regulated and offer better parity. *THIS WILL BE OPTIONAL**
- 3. Those who register by the deadline will be invited to the new "Ararat Preseason Skills Clinic" held on Sundays in March (3/10, 3/17, 3/24). The clinics will be conducted by Ararat Cal Ripken coaches with support from MTA Baseball Program, and be held at the MTA High School gym from 5:30pm-7:30pm each Sunday.**
- 4. A league assessment will take place on Sunday March 31st. All Topsham residents and those players who were open to playing for neighboring-town teams will be expected to participate.**
- 5. Shortly after the league assessment is conducted, the team formation process will begin. Rec Departments will attempt to create teams of 10-12 players in their respective towns. They then will work with the Ararat Board to adjust any "over-crowded" rosters if the players who are open to moving allow, keeping overall league parity in mind.**

B. Scheduling of Regular Season/Extending Season into late June/early July

- 1. After teams have been formed, the Ararat Board will work out a game schedule template. The idea would be to set specific week days (ex. Tuesdays and Thursdays) as "game days" to better regulate practice times, how many games each team can schedule and who gets affected by rain-outs. The "Saturday Games" hosted by each Ararat town would continue as normal, with each town hosting one Saturday set of games from April 27th to June 1st (Memorial Day Weekend only scheduled if a previous Saturday gets rained out).**
- 2. After June 1st, regular season games will continue but only on certain weekdays with the exception of the Major Division "Midcoast Cup" being on a to-be-determined weekend free of All-Star tournament play. This will accommodate Ararat All-Star teams as they prepare for District Tournaments, allowing them practice/scrimmage on open weekdays and weekends throughout June and beyond if necessary.**
- 3. With this plan the Ararat regular season could extend to Thursday June 27th or later, which better coincides with the end of the school year and offers more baseball being played by ALL players, as well as more being played in better weather conditions.**

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New League Uniform Criteria

- 1. All Ararat League players will be issued an "Ararat" ball cap. This hat will have the Ararat "A" on the front and the Cal Ripken Baseball League emblem on the side which will satisfy Cal Ripken League logo requirements.**
- 2. Each town in Ararat Cal Ripken will be responsible for supplying their respective teams uniforms, but the league will conform these jerseys to all look similar with the team's sponsor as their team name and placed on the front of their jersey. The Ararat "A" will be printed on a sleeve as well. Specific jersey colors can be requested by each town, as long as we have different colors for teams in each respective division. Ararat Cal Ripken's website will now list teams as their sponsor name in both Minors and Majors divisions, instead of listing them by town.**

Be sure to sign your children up as soon as you can so all participating towns can figure out how many teams there will be in each division. Thanks again for the support and see you soon!

**Board of Directors
Ararat Cal Ripken Baseball League**