

Hello Readington and Tewksbury Families,  
We hope everyone and their families are doing well.

As many of you may know we were able to offer a 2020 summer rec and travel baseball season with zero Covid incidents. We followed all guidelines from our charter organization Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth, as well as those set forth by the NJ Department of Health.

We are now planning for a 2021 spring baseball season. Of course we are aware of the fluid nature of plans during the pandemic but we feel that we will be able to offer baseball while following any guidelines that are recommended to keep players and families safe.

We are opening registration for the 2021 Spring Readington Tewksbury Jr. Baseball League (RTJBL) to all children ages 4-18. You can access the registration at [RTJBL.com](http://RTJBL.com) or at the link below.

### **Payment Information**

We have kept our registration fees and work bond the same as last year. The purpose of the work bond is to get more families involved with our league. Attending a league meeting, which will be virtual this year, counts as 1 hour towards your 4 hours of the family work bond (see below or our home page for more information on the virtual meetings). We anticipate opportunities such as spring clean up day, which can be easily done while socially distancing. More information on the work bond can be found on the registration page for players and coaches.

We have taken steps to minimize some of the issues we encountered last year relating to refunds in case government guidelines change our expectations for the 2021 Spring baseball season.. When you register you will get the option of a 2 or 3 payment plan.

#### **Payment Plan 2;**

When you first register you will only be charged \$1 per registration and \$1 for the work bond, plus a small finance charge based on your total order (this includes \$1 for each additional payment plus 3% of the total order). The remaining balance will be charged on March 6th, 2021

#### **Payment Plan 3;**

When you first register you will only be charged \$1 per registration and \$1 for the work bond plus a small finance charge based on your total

order (this includes \$1 for each additional payment plus 3% of the total order). The remaining balance will be split up over two dates, March 6th and April 10th, 2021.

Additionally if we feel that the spring season is in jeopardy of starting late, we can slide those payments until we are certain of our season start date. We are also able to process a full refund of that initial payment if necessary.

### **Registration and Division Information**

Please help us get the word out to new members. The more players we have the better the experience for all.

Obviously we do not know if there will be middle school sports, but if your child is planning on trying out for them they **are** able to play rec and middle school at the same time, as there are limited conflicts.

- Our registration will close on 1/23/21 for our Rookie 1 through Babe Ruth 13-15 and BR 16-18 divisions, with the exception of players trying out for their high school teams.. Those players will be allowed to register after H.S. rosters have been made.
- Little Sluggers will close 3/6/21
- Any late registrations will only be accepted if we have not formed teams and we have enough spots to place that player, additionally a \$25 late fee will be added.

New for the 2021 Season is cross league play with Branchburg for Minors, Major 60, and Major 70 divisions. Our Babe Ruth 13-15 division has done this for several years successfully and will continue to do so. RTJBL teams will compete against our own RTJBL teams and Branchburg teams at our fields and at White Oak Park in Branchburg.

Our 16-18 team(s) plays in a league vs neighboring towns, Bridgewater, North Hunterdon, and more.

### **Divisions of Play for 2021**

**Little Sluggers** - for players 4 to 6 years old, typically Pre-K and K

**Rookie 1** - for players in 1st grade

**Rookie 2** - for players in 2nd grade

**Minors** - for players in 3rd and 4th grade

**Majors 60** - for players in 5th and 6th grade, 6th graders may opt to play Major 60 if they feel the player's skill level more appropriately lines up with this division rather than moving on to Major 70. Please contact VP of operations (on the [contact page](#) for more info before registering)

**Majors 70** - for players in 6th and 7th grade, not older than 12 years of age before May 1st. 7th graders who are 13 may still opt to play Major 70 if they feel the player's skill level more appropriately lines up with this division rather than moving on to BR 13-15. Please contact VP of operations ([on the contact page](#) for more info before registering)

**Babe Ruth 13-15** - for players 13-15, not older than 15 years old on May 1st

**Babe Ruth 16-18** - for players 16-18, not older than 18 years old on May 1st

- There is no play-up option for the 2021 RTJBL season on our registration form.
  - If your child is on the RTJBL 10u travel team please register for Major 60.
  - If your child is on the RTJBL 11u travel team please register for Major 70.
  - If your child is on either of those two travel teams and do not wish to have your child play up please register in the division for your child's grade.

### **League Information**

As a non profit, RTJBL receives no funding from Township sources and relies on the generosity of our sponsors to help offset our costs and to maintain our fields at the Railroad Avenue complex, which is not a township facility.

The RTJBL Financial Assistance Program is available as in past years; please do not hesitate to contact the League President for more information, which will be kept in the strictest confidence at [readingtonbaseballpresident@gmail.com](mailto:readingtonbaseballpresident@gmail.com)

Any general questions or concerns should be emailed to [RTJBLinfo@gmail.com](mailto:RTJBLinfo@gmail.com). As always if you feel that you need to email a board member directly because of a specific concern please feel free to do so, you can go to the contact section of our home page for more emails.

**2021 League Zoom Meetings:** zoom links can be found on our home page [RTJBL.com](http://RTJBL.com)

1/13, 3/17, at 7:30pm

4/14, 5/12, 6/9 at 8:00pm

### **Opening Day**

Saturday April 17th

**Family Fun Day (Rec season ends) - Saturday June 12th**

Thank you,

RTJBL Executive Board