



Coaching Certification Program

This program has been adopted by HYAA as part of our Babe Ruth League affiliation. Starting with the Spring 2008 season, HYAA requires all team coaches (managers and assistants) from T-Ball through Junior League to certify in the Babe Ruth / Cal Ripken On-Line Certification program. Completion of certification will be verified by each league's commissioner.

The on-line program provides coaches with an enormous amount of information that will translate directly to the playing field, is very straightforward and can be applied at all levels of play. On the topic of skill development alone, the programs covers it all – throwing, catching, hitting, bunting, base running, fielding, pitching...

Cost: \$20 paid through the website, certification is valid for entire coaching career with Babe Ruth League

Time: About 2 hours total to review all material and take the exam

Exam: 30 question exam, 80% is the passing score

Topics:

Your Responsibilities	Skill Development
Communication	Rules
Safety & Fitness	Skills & Drills
Setting Reasonable Expectations	Tactics & Strategies
Practice & Practice Plans	Game Day

Resources: The site provides many additional resources beyond the certification program. They offer an on-line book, articles, checklists for a variety of topics and entire section of drills and games.

Instructions:

- Go to <http://www.baberuthcoaching.org/coaches/> and follow the instruction for creating an account. This will allow you to return to the program at any time.
- Verify that you are logged in
- Under "Coaching Youth Baseball: The Ripken Way for Babe Ruth Baseball Coaches" – Select Buy Course. Verify amount is 19.95 and Checkout. Navigate back to the Buy Course Page.
- Under "Coaching Youth Baseball: The Ripken Way for Babe Ruth Baseball Coaches" – Select Take Course. This opens the course in a new window (make sure your pop-up blocker will allow this site). Navigate your way through the 10 chapters of the program.
- Take the Course Exam. A passing score is 80%. You can return as often as you like to take the test if needed. You can also use the material in the program to help answer the questions.
- E-mail course transcript to your league's commissioner. This form will present itself after the course evaluation or you can go to the My Certification section and do it from there. Send to the commissioner for the league you are in –

tball@hyaabaseball.org	exchange@hyaabaseball.org
rookie@hyaabaseball.org	schley@hyaabaseball.org

You can also print a completion certificate to present to the commissioner.