



# BABE RUTH LEAGUE COACHING EDUCATION PROGRAM

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**T**here is no one single action that can have more of a positive impact on our players than improving the quality and knowledge of our managers and coaches. It is a fact that managers and coaches are the ones who spend the most time interacting with our participants and the ones who can make a child's experience in youth sports fun and memorable. Therefore, it is very important for youth coaches to be properly trained to focus more on the child's baseball and softball experience and less on winning games.

With this in mind, the Babe Ruth League/Ripken Baseball Coaching Certification Program was developed. Under the program, all baseball and softball coaches must complete coaching education before July 2008.

The Babe Ruth League/Ripken Baseball Coaching Certification Program consists of the coaching certification online courses Coaching Youth Baseball: *The Ripken Way for Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball Coaches* and Coaching Youth Softball: *The Ripken Way for Babe Ruth Softball Coaches*. Babe Ruth League, Inc. and Ripken Baseball, Inc. exclusively endorse these online courses, which are being provided by the American Sport Education Program.

Coaches who complete the course with a score of 80% or better will receive the Babe Ruth League/Ripken Baseball Coaching Certification Program certification for baseball or softball and will be able to print a certificate of completion and wallet card from the website.

## *Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Babe Ruth League Ripken Baseball Coaching Education Program*

### *What is the Babe Ruth League Coaching Education Program requirement?*

The requirement is that all baseball and softball coaches affiliated with either organization must become certified by July 2008.

### *What are the online courses being offered through ASEP?*

Coaching Youth Baseball:  
*The Ripken Way for Babe Ruth Baseball Coaches*  
Coaching Youth Softball:  
*The Ripken Way for Babe Ruth Softball Coaches*

### *How much does the course cost?*

The courses are \$19.95 each.

### *How do I purchase the course?*

Visit... [www.BabeRuthCoaching.org](http://www.BabeRuthCoaching.org), click on "For coaches" link under "Quick Clicks" section of the home page, and follow the prompts. You will need a Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card to make the purchase through the website.

### *What is the format of the course?*

The courses are PDF-based courses, meaning course takers do not receive any ancillary course materials (no book, CD, or video) in the mail. All course content is delivered electronically through the course.

### *How long is the certification valid?*

By taking the ASEP course, coaches are certified for life.

### *How long does the course take to complete?*

Coaches should expect to spend two to three hours going through the online course. Careful reading of the PDF book and other materials found within the course will require additional time (well spent!).

### *Can someone not affiliated with Babe Ruth League or Ripken Baseball take the course?*

Yes, but we would recommend the coach consult his or her organization to ensure that the Babe Ruth/Ripken version will satisfy the coaching education requirements of the non-affiliated organization. If a person is taking the course for his or her own profes-

sional development and not to satisfy a requirement, the coach would simply select "Other" from the drop-down menu during the registration process.

### *Will coaches receive a certificate of course completion?*

Coaches will have the ability to print a certificate of completion and wallet card directly from the site. However, we will not be mailing certificates.

### *Will there be a National Coaches Registry for the site?*

Yes, there will be an National Coaches Registry, but it will not be open to the public. Only administrators will have access to the registry to run reports for their individual leagues.

### *What are the technical requirements for viewing the course?*

Go to... [www.BabeRuthCoaching.org/techSupport.cfm](http://www.BabeRuthCoaching.org/techSupport.cfm) for a detailed listing of technical requirements.