

Tyler Routt “Gamer” All Stars

Introduction: EGBR has been doing the Tyler Routt all-stars since 2006. The idea was that we honored our post season all-stars every year but invariably some deserving hard charger got left off the roster. We have always spent a lot of time and effort coaching those less skilled and teaching them the game. The self-starters, good attitude kids who had good journeyman skills were left alone because coaches were occupied with the bottom of the line up guys and teaching as well as the top of the lineup and front-line pitchers trying to refine their skills for immediate use. Sometimes these top players didn't have the drive of the Gamers who were not regulars in the post-season all stars. EGBR decided to honor these “Gamers” with journeyman skills in the name of a baseball loving kid who played for EGBR from age 12 until he aged out of the Senior Babe Ruth at 19. Tragically a little over a year after his last Senior Babe Ruth game he was killed in an auto accident. Tyler Routt was not the best player on the field but arguably he was the best teammate. He pitched well, he hit well, including some home runs, and he could field and run. But perhaps what stood out the most was his attitude, his support of his teammates and his love of the game. His parents still support the league.

Details: The Tyler Routt All Stars will be held at Bartholomew Sports Park Babe Ruth Field on Sunday May 4, 2025, with pre-game ceremonies starting at 2:00pm. Tyler Routt coaches will be selected by the EGBR Board and announced by Wednesday April 30. The game will be 7 innings or 2.5 hours in length. (a hard time limit)

Game participants to be chosen by the coaching staffs of their teams and provided to the League Secretary no latter than Monday April 28, 6pm, emailed to Coachdoug6@icloud.com (see selection process below)

Selection Process: Each of the 7 Elk Grove teams will be allotted 3 Tyler Routt All-star selections. The Board will add 3 players at large from any of Teams in the Rowdy Tellez Division. 12 members to a team. The Rowdy Tellez team will be made up of Beavers, Redwings and Storm teams. The RiverCats, Bulls, Hooks and IronBirds make up the Derek Hill team. Coaches must make their selections based on “Gamer” attitude, hustle, and basic skillset, keeping in mind that the rosters will need pitchers and catchers. The selections must be sent to Doug Penney (coachdoug6@icloud.com) by 6 pm Monday, April 28, 2025. Format of the Email should be Player name, uniform #, positions he could play in the game, contact information, (Player /parent email and phone) plus confirmation that the player is available to play Sunday May 4. Coaches should make sure that the players will be available on Sunday, May 4 at no later than 12:45 at BSP Players to wear their team uniform but they will be given a hat in honor of their Tyler Routt All Star status. Coaches, if you are unsure about selection criteria refer to www.eghardball.com and the home page article about the Tyler Routt All Stars titled “What’s special about Elk Grove Babe Ruth League”

The Tyler Routt All Star Classic is sponsored Tweedy, Penney, Pro and Company LLP, Worker’s Compensation Attorneys.

Len Willeford Home Run Derby: On the same day, Sunday, May 4, starting at 11 am the league presents our Homerun Derby. This is a chance for the big hitters in the league to match skills with each other. A homerun line is established mid outfield and a classic homerun derby starting with 14 players, two from each team. The Derby is usually 3 rounds with the final round of three players facing off for the title. The selection criteria should be obvious, and players should be selected based on hitting skill, power, and availability on May 4 by 10:30 am at BSP Team jerseys should be worn but shorts are permitted in lieu of baseball pants if the player chooses. Helmets are mandatory. Selections due to coachdoug6@icloud.com by 6 pm on Wednesday, April 30, Format for email to Coach Doug should include Jersey # Age,

confirmation that the player is available on 5/4 plus contact information (Parent/Player email and Phone). The Len Willeford Homerun Derby is sponsored by the Elk Grove Lions Club.