



# ELK GROVE BABE RUTH COACHING OBLIGATIONS

## “Teaching Love of the Game Since 1962”

The above is not just a slogan, it is a mission statement. The positions of Manager and Coach are key to accomplishing this mission. For those reasons the EGBR Board of Directors has determined that each manager or coach must be properly credentialed as outlined below. Additionally, all coaches, returning or new, must be approved by the EGBR Board prior to the upcoming season draft:

1. Each coach or manager, whether returning or new to the league, must re-register for each season at <https://www.eghardball.com> by signing up on our website and filling out a volunteer (manager or coach) application. Go to the website, establish a Team Sideline account (no cost) if you don't already have one. Navigate to the current desired season registration at <https://eghardball.com/current-programs> and use the “Volunteer” button to fill out the application to coach for the upcoming season. During that registration you will be asked if you have taken the Babe Ruth Coaches Training and the Abuse Prevention Training and have attached the appropriate certificates. If not, you will be sent instructions from the League to visit the SportsEngine website where you will need to set up an account and take the necessary tests and complete a background screening to obtain your membership / credentials as a Babe Ruth coach for the season as follows:
2. Babe Ruth Coaching Education Certificate Program – This is a series of coach training modules followed by a test administered by the National Babe Ruth League. There is a nominal cost for the course and certificate (\$20 to \$25). Once this certificate is issued, you should not need to repeat this process for future seasons.
3. Abuse Awareness & Prevention Certificate Program – This is a program administered by AbusePreventionSystems.com for Babe Ruth League consisting of video training modules and a quiz that must be completed with a score of 70% or higher to obtain your certificate. This training must be renewed every 2 years.
4. A NCSI Background Screening – This is an online background check administered by the National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI) for the Babe Ruth League. No fingerprints are required, only an online application / questionnaire. There is typically a fee for this screening (about \$25.50), but EGBR league will likely pay it for all registering coaches. It will take a week or two for your application to be approved and you will be alerted as to the results. This background screening must be repeated approximately every 2 years.
5. To complete the Babe Ruth Membership / Certification through the SportsEngine system you will then need to sign a Babe Ruth League Child Protection Program Acknowledgement. You should get confirmation from SportsEngine when this is all complete with a link to your member eligibility dashboard where you can check your status on all the requirements, download your certificates and your membership card for the season. From the dashboard you can also save your membership card to your I-Phone wallet.

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