



Babe Ruth League, Inc.

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We are looking for a unified, respectful look for the coaching staff. Attached is a copy of the Cal Ripken Division Uniform Pilot Program specifications for managers and coaches.

Upon the conclusion of the Southeast Region Cal Ripken tournament trail, I will need photographs of the coaches in uniform, as well as any comments from the Southeast Regional Representatives for the Cal Ripken Regional tournaments. This information will provide Headquarters with pros and cons for discussion as they move forward to approve the program.

The pilot program applies to District, State, and Regional tournament play. All Southeast Regional Cal Ripken teams (managers, coaches, and players) that advance to a World Series will be required to adhere to all uniform rules and regulations, as well as wear the uniform provided by Babe Ruth League, Inc.

John Lucas Regional Commissioner Southeast Region Babe Ruth League, Inc.

2023 Cal Ripken Division Uniform Pilot Program

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS: MANAGERS AND COACHES UNIFORMS (Cal Ripken Division)

The dress code detailed below is intended to respect the Official Rules of Baseball. The Sportsmanship Code of Babe Ruth League, Inc., begins with our commitment to operate as a Team and look like a Team.

<u>Cal Ripken Division</u> - Managers and coaches shall wear caps and shirts similar to those of the team that they represent. Options within this regulation are as follows:

<u>Caps and cap emblems</u> – Leagues have the option to purchase caps bearing the official emblems of Babe Ruth Baseball or Cal Ripken Baseball. They must be purchased from dealers approved to carry:

- Pacific Headwear,
- Outdoor Cap, or
- replica Major League or Minor League caps licensed by Outdoor Cap.

The caps from Pacific Headwear and Outdoor Cap bearing the official Cal Ripken emblem will satisfy the official shoulder emblem requirement for local league and tournament play, not including the Babe Ruth League and Cal Ripken World Series.

<u>Long pants</u> – Long pants or slacks shall be worn by managers and coaches and should be "Dockers" or "Chinos" style. This means that they cannot be jeans or dungarees and should look neat and be consistent with team colors. They should have standard front and back pockets and require a belt. Shorts may be worn if they are coaching-style sportswear and all adults are wearing the same type. Casual sweatpants or casual shorts of any type, including cargo shorts, are not permitted.

<u>Shirts</u> – A team-matching tournament team jersey or a collared shirt with short sleeves is required and must bear the official Cal Ripken shoulder emblem on the left outer sleeve (unless the cap option above is chosen). Shirttails must be tucked in completely around the waist. The shirt shall be consistent with the color scheme of the team that the manager or coach represents.

<u>Pullover jackets</u> – Pullover jackets are allowed and must include the official Cal Ripken shoulder emblem affixed to the outer left sleeve or left chest (unless the cap option above is chosen).

<u>Sublimation or silk-screening of the official emblem is not allowed</u> – Managers and coaches have the option to purchase Augusta Sportswear shirts available with the official Cal Ripken shoulder emblem already affixed.

<u>Athletic shoes</u> – Athletic shoes or sneakers must be worn and must be in good repair, laced, and tied. Metal spikes are not permitted. Sandals, slip-ons, or boots are not permitted.

<u>Socks</u> – When wearing shorts, coaches will wear ankle-, short crew-, or crew-length socks; over-the-calf-length socks are not allowed.

<u>Branding and messaging</u> – The display of branding or details that are inappropriate, including those that reference drugs, alcohol, tobacco, firearms, nudity, or profanity, are strictly prohibited.