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# Around the Horn

*News for the Middle Atlantic Region*

## MAR Hall of Fame

The purpose of the MAR Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor individuals and entities within the Region who have, within the framework of the Babe Ruth League program, made an outstanding contribution to the MAR's program and the youth it serves.

If you know of someone who had made an impact on the youth of the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Program and deserves the honor of joining the many great volunteers that we have recognized, please take the time to nominate them.

Information about the MAR Hall of Fame, procedures for nomination, and the nomination application can be found at [www.marbaberuth.org](http://www.marbaberuth.org). Deadline for 2019 nominations is March 1st. ♦

## Baseball Quote

“If you are in this game for any reason other than the kids...GET OUT NOW! Kids are the only reason that youth baseball should exist!”

~Gordie Gillespie

## How Do You Spell Baseball?

- B Be yourself
- A Attitude (have a good one)
- S Study the game
- E Excellence through effort
- B Believe in yourself
- A Act with honor
- L Love every minute of it
- L Laugh (at yourself and your team) ♦



# What Will Your Coaching Legacy Be?

As preparations are getting ready for the new season a league should look carefully at the coaches that are selected. What type of person are they and how will they coach?

A case in point, back in the late 1960's in the Clifton Babe Ruth League there were two men who had very different coaching styles.

Manny Gouveia was a coach who believed that the game should be fun. He would put everyone on his bench in the game to give them a chance to play. If a player made a mistake in the field or had a bad at bat, he would quietly take the player aside and explain to him what he did and how he could improve. Manny wouldn't even let a parent berate his child in front of his teammates. He believed that you didn't yell and berate the umpires in front of your players. If you won a game that was great but losing wasn't the end of the world.



John Bell was the other type of coach. He wanted to win at all costs. He only played his "best" players leaving the others on the bench with little playing time.

When a player did something he didn't like, he loudly yelled at him in front of his teammates and everyone in the stands, humiliating the player. If he was winning, he thought nothing of running up the score to humiliate the other team. He would loudly yell at the umpires constantly if he thought things weren't going his way.



How are these coaches remembered? About nine years ago (before I got married) I was taking a class at work when the man next to me looked at my nametag and asked if I knew a Manny Gouveia. When I said he was my father the man started to tell me that my dad had been his Babe Ruth coach and that he fondly remembers what a great guy and coach he was. Not wanting to look down at his nametag I asked his name. He told me it was Bob Ayers. Immediately I knew who he was because my father had often talked about Bob and how he was one of his best pitchers.

How is John Bell remembered? Ask anyone who was around the Clifton Babe Ruth League at that time and you will not hear any favorable remarks about him. Nor have I ever heard anything from any of his former players.

So, what will your coaching legacy be? Do you want to be fondly remembered by your players or someone players wish to forget?

A few years ago, Southern NJ District 1 Commissioner John Vilella said it best when he remarked, *"When you recruit this season, remember that at such a young age, or at any age, it is not up to you to decide if that child can play. It is your job [as a coach] to teach that child to play."* ♦

# 2019 Tournaments

## Regional Tournaments

### *10-Year-Old*

**Site:** N. Tonawanda, WNY

**Tentative Start:** July 13<sup>th</sup>

### *12-year-old / 60 ft.*

**Site:** Basking Ridge, NNJ

**Tentative Start:** July 13<sup>th</sup>

### *12-year-old/ 70 ft.*

**Site:** Charles County, MD

**Tentative start:** July 13<sup>th</sup>

### *13-year-old*

**Site:** Altoona, PA

**Tentative Start:** July 20<sup>th</sup>

### *14-year-old*

**Site:** Hamilton, SNJ

**Tentative Start:** July 20<sup>th</sup>

### *13-15- year-old*

**Site:** Atlantic Shore, SNJ

**Tentative start:** July 20<sup>th</sup>

### *16-18-year-old*

**Site:** Syracuse, WNY

**Tentative start:** July 13<sup>th</sup>

## Invitational Tournaments

### *8-year-old*

**Site:** TBD

**Tentative start:** July 20<sup>th</sup>

### *9-year-old*

**Site:** Moorestown, SNJ

**Tentative Start:** July 20<sup>th</sup>

### *11-year-old/ 70 ft.*

**Site:** Poughkeepsie, SENY

**Tentative Start:** July 13<sup>th</sup>

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## SOFTBALL REGIONALS

**all dates:** TBD

**8U:**

**10U:**

**12U:**

**14U:**

**16U:**

**18U:**

## World Series

### *Cal Ripken 10-year-old*

**Site:** Phenix City, AL

**Dates:** Aug. 1-8

### *Cal Ripken Major/ 60'*

**Site:** Visalia, CA

**Dates:** Aug. 2-9

### *Cal Ripken Major/ 70'*

**Site:** Branson, MO

**Dates:** Aug. 2-10

### *13-year-old*

**Site:** Westfield, MA

**Dates:** Aug. 8-15

### *14-year-old*

**Site:** Demopolis, AL

**Dates:** Aug. 9-16

### *13-15-year-old*

**Site:** Bismarck, ND

**Dates:** Aug. 8-15

### *16-18-year-old*

**Site:** Mobile, AL

**Dates:** Aug. 2-9

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## SOFTBALL WS

**Site:** Jensen Beach/Stuart,FL