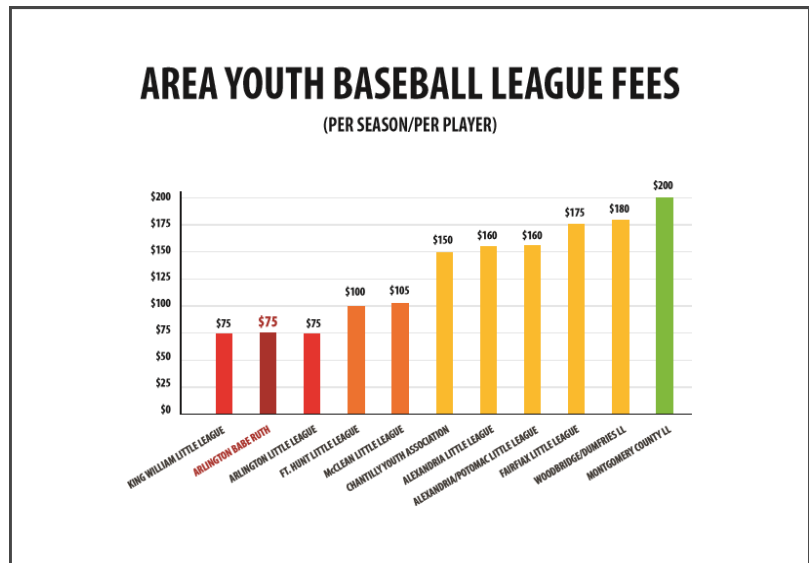


ABR Completes Fee Review, Looks Ahead to 2018

This year, Arlington Babe Ruth (ABR) conducted a review of spring season fees and compared them to other leagues in the Northern Virginia area. The scope of this exercise looked at Babe Ruth and Little League fees from 10 community leagues along the I-95 and I-270 corridors from Montgomery County, MD to King William County near Richmond.

Although it is difficult to provide a precise apples-to-apples comparison to the various league fees (and there are some discrepancies) throughout the region, we found that Arlington Babe Ruth is on the lowest end of the fees spectrum at \$75. Leagues in McLean topped the \$100 mark, and Alexandria and Fairfax were in the \$160 to \$175 range. Montgomery County Little League represented the high-water mark for area fees at \$200.



With the 2017 season behind us, the review of fees is important as ABR plans for 2018 and looks closely at equipment needs in the upcoming season. Changes in bat rules, for example, necessitates new purchases in addition to needs like portable mounds, pitching machines, training aids and netting for cages that are “must-have” items to replace equipment that is worn. And let’s not forget that we’ve grown (which is positive) and the planned APS student projections are tell us that we’ll continue to grow. Again, getting more players introduced to baseball is great and what we aspire to achieve.

ABR is adjusting fees modestly in 2018. Fees for Single A to Majors will increase by \$5 for early registrants and \$15 for the regular registration fee. And in keeping with our commitment to encouraging young players to discover baseball early, registration fees for BlastBall and T-Ball will not change. Further, anyone may request a fee waiver from ABR, as players come first.