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**MANAGER'S
TOURNAMENT
INFORMATION BOOK**

Introduction

This booklet is designed to give the reader a brief but concise insight into the requirements for a Babe Ruth Baseball Middle Atlantic Regional Tournament and a general knowledge of the responsibilities and duties of each and every person who participates in said regional tournament.

Babe Ruth Baseball Rules and Regulations 11.06-8 requires that all regional officials shall establish tournament rules in writing, and every state shall be advised in writing of the establishment of said rules. This booklet, distributed to each State Tournament Champion, each State Commissioner, and each Regional Official and to Babe Ruth League, Inc. Headquarters, serves as that written notice.

It is the intent of the author of this document to make it as comprehensive as possible. If any question should arise about an item that is not covered within these pages, the reader should contact the Regional Commissioner or one of the Assistant Regional Commissioners for clarification.

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A Letter to All Middle Atlantic Region State Champions:

CONGRATULATIONS! On behalf of Babe Ruth Baseball and especially the Middle Atlantic Region I would like to congratulate you on your recent victory at the State level. You have trained hard to reach this level and must now meet a new challenge. I would like to wish each and every team good luck as they compete on the Regional level.

As you train for the Regional Tournament there are quite a few things that you must take care of prior to heading for the tournament. The following information is intended to help you to be better prepared for this tournament. Please take time now to read everything to make sure you are totally prepared and properly registered for the Regional Tournament. **The first thing you must do is make sure that you contact the Regional Tournament host right away.** You will find their name, address and telephone number listed in the detailed tournament information section.

Also please refer to the general rules and instruction sections for a more detailed listing of what is required of you as a Regional competitor. Some items of importance would be your birth documents, tournament eligibility form, insurance credentials, roster/information sheet, and team photo. Please make sure all of these are taken care of before you go any further. If you have any questions, please consult your State Commissioner immediately.

Congratulations again for reaching this level. Good luck as you prepare for this next step. I look forward to seeing many of you compete as I visit each tournament.

Sincerely,

Raymond Lotierzo, Commissioner
MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION BABE RUTH BASEBALL

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MANAGER'S IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED

As soon as your State Tournament is over you must take the following actions to insure that all your credentials are in order and in the proper place.

1. **Call the Host Tournament Chairperson and the Regional Tournament Director for your tournament...** Tell them which state you are representing.

The Host Tournament Chairperson and the Regional Tournament Director for your tournament are listed on the [TOURNAMENT SITE INFORMATION](#) page in this book.



2. **Babe Ruth Headquarters requires teams potentially going on to a World Series** [10 y.o., Major/60, Major/70, 13 y.o., 14 y.o., 13-15, 16-18] **to fill out the Regional Participation form on-line....**



Log on to www.baberuthleague.org

Click on the World Series tab

Click on “Regional Participation Form”, fill in the roster info and submit the team photo.

3. **Do Not Mail Anything to the Regional Tournament Director**

Ignore the envelope provided for this from HQ. Bring the information with you to the tournament site instead.

This is important because the regional tournament director may already be at the site by the time the mail reaches his or her home.

4. **Read and follow all instructions in the [ADDITIONAL MANAGERS INSTRUCTIONS](#) section of this document.**

ADDITIONAL MANAGER'S INSTRUCTIONS

- **Team Credentials Book:**

All credentials must be in a loose-leaf binder notebook (refer to the *How to Assemble Your Credentials* page) and in the order of the *Tournament Team Credentials Checklist*. The checklist must be signed by the State Tournament Official for Regional Tournament participation.

Note: This tournament is the beginning of Level 3 of your tournament participation. Your book should have been checked at least twice before this tournament. Please be aware that **NO TEAM OR PLAYER WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT WITHOUT THE PROPER AND COMPLETE CREDENTIALS.**

- **Number of Coaches Allowed:**

Each tournament team may consist of **one (1) manager and two (2) coaches ONLY.**

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.02 – 1

- **Scorekeeper:**

The official scoring record for each game will be maintained by the official scorekeeper designated by tournament officials. This book will serve as the official record of the tournament. Teams may designate their own scorekeeper but in doing so must understand that their book will not be taken into account if issues arise.

NOTE: Team assigned scorekeepers may not be in the dugout or on the playing field for any reason. They are to refrain from interrupting the flow of a game for any reason.

- **Bat Boys/Girls:**

Each team may bring a bat boy/girl (unless the host is providing them). The bat boy/girl must be in a baseball uniform. Bat boys/girls must wear a helmet at all times when on the playing field during the game or infield practice.

- **Pre-Tournament Meeting:**

There will be a mandatory credentials and rules meeting prior to the start of the first game of the tournament. The date and time will be scheduled by the Regional Tournament Director. If a manager cannot attend a representative of the team must attend in his place.

- **Reporting Instructions:**

All team members **must** arrive as a team and depart as a team. Should there be extenuating circumstances which prohibit anyone from arriving with the team; permission must be obtained from the Regional Commissioner for that individual to participate in the tournament.

{See instructions on the following page}

- **Game Schedules:**

The game schedule is found in the *Tournament Site Information* section. Changes to the game schedule due to inclement weather will be made as soon as possible. Managers will be notified by tournament officials via the cell phone numbers provided in their credentials book. Changes will be posted as soon as possible at the field and on the web site.

- **Game Results:**

Game results will be posted at the field after each game. The results will also be posted on the Regional Website (www.marbaberuth.org) within twenty-four (24) hours of the day's events.

- **Game Reporting Time:**

Players and managers must be in uniform and at the field one (1) hour before their scheduled game time.

- **No Cell Phones or Pagers:**

No manager, coach or player will be allowed to carry or have attached to them in any way, a cell phone or pager while within the confines of the field, including the dugout.

TEAM ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS

ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST ARRIVE AS A TEAM AND DEPART AS A TEAM.

Should there be extenuating circumstances which prohibit anyone from arriving with the team; permission must be obtained from the Regional Commissioner for that individual to participate in the tournament.

Waivers will only be granted for reasons such as family emergency or illness, required attendance at school or a school function, or participation in a state sponsored event. **Waivers will not be granted for a player who will be late for the sole reason that he is participating in a tournament run by another national or local youth baseball organization.** If a team can not field a full team because of dual participation in tournaments, then they must forfeit that game.

As soon as it is known that a player will not be arriving with the team the Manager must fill out the **Player Delayed Arrival Waiver Form** (found on the regional website, www.marbaberuth.org) and have it signed by the League President. It must then be faxed to Regional Commissioner Ray Lotierzo for his approval. Don't dely. The approval must be presented with the team's credentials package before their first game.

No player will be allowed to arrive late and participate in the Babe Ruth Middle Atlantic Regional Tournament without an approved waiver form. Participation will be at the discretion of the Regional Commissioner and the Regional Tournament Director.

Tournament Jurisdiction and Delegation of Authority

All Regional Tournaments will be under the jurisdiction of the Regional Commissioner or his designated representative who will serve as Regional Tournament Director. This designated representative will be a Commissioner in Babe Ruth Baseball.

The Regional Tournament Director will work closely with the Host Tournament Chairperson who will oversee the local volunteers and committees.

- **Operation & Administration:**

The Regional Tournament Director will have full authority in making decisions pertinent to the operation and administration of the tournament. All decisions made will be in accordance with Babe Ruth Baseball Rules & Regulations.

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.06 – 3

- **Disqualification of participants:**

The Regional Tournament Director shall have the authority to remove any player(s), coach or manager for actions detrimental to Babe Ruth Baseball. Any misbehavior on or off the field could cause disqualification of a manager, coach, player or the entire team from the tournament.

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: Powers of Commissioners [all levels]

- **Rescheduling of games:**

The Regional Tournament Director shall have the authority to reschedule games that have been suspended or canceled due to weather.

NOTE: This rescheduling will be done with, and based on recommendations from, the Host Tournament Chairperson.

- **Team Credentials:**

The Regional Tournament Director shall have jurisdiction over the credentials of the teams participating in the tournament. The Regional Tournament Director will check the credentials and they will remain in his/her possession until such time as the team is eliminated or the tournament has ended.

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.04 - Note

- **Team Arrival:**

All players and coaches must arrive together. Only the Regional Commissioner or the Regional Tournament Director has the authority to prevent a player from participating in the tournament.

- **Acting Tournament Director:**

In the event it becomes necessary, the Regional Tournament Director shall have the authority to appoint an acting tournament director to assist the Regional Tournament Director with the operation of the tournament.

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.06 – 3

- **Host Committees:**

The Host Tournament Chairperson shall have jurisdiction over the committees of the tournament such as host families, concessions, etc.

- **Field Readiness:**

The Host Tournament Chairperson shall have jurisdiction over the ground crew to ensure that the field is ready for play before each scheduled game.

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Tournament Rules and Regulations

All Regional Tournaments will be played according to the Official Baseball Rules and Babe Ruth Baseball Rules and Regulations. The following is provided as a quick reference of common rule questions to avoid any problems at the Regional Tournaments.

- **Re-Entry Rule:**

There are two types of re-entry rules in effect.

Re-entry of nine starting players

Any of the nine starting players, including the pitcher, may withdraw and re-enter once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the lineup. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter. For a more detailed explanation of this rule refer to the [RE-ENTRY RULE EXPLANATION](#) page in this book.

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: Re-Entry Explanation

Re-entry of an already used player

Will be permitted if all substitutes have been used and an injury occurs which prohibits the injured player from continuing in the game **OR** if all substitutes have been used and there is an ejection of a player from the game. The opposing manager must make selection of this substitute.

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.05 – 9

- **Players Substitutions:**

A player, or players, may be substituted during a game at any time the ball is dead. A pitcher may change to another position only once during the same inning; e.g. the pitcher will not be allowed to assume a position other than a pitcher more than once in the same inning.

Official Baseball Rule 3.03

- **Ten Run Rule:**

Any game must be terminated once becoming regulation if one team is ahead by ten (10) or more runs and each team have had equal times at bat or the home team is leading.

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.05 - 8

- **Pitching Limitation:**

No pitcher will be allowed to pitch more than seven (7) innings in two (2) successive tournament games in the same tournament level. In the Cal Ripken Division it is not more than six (6) innings. This rule does not apply to the 16-18 division.

Under the new tournament pitching rule the pitching does **NOT** reset for the single elimination round in a pool play format tournament.

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.05-4

- **Trips to the Mound:**

Trips to the mound shall be limited to one (1) per inning per pitcher. The second trip in the same inning will result in removal of that player as a pitcher. Any effort to circumvent this rule will result in a trip to the mound being charged by the umpire.

Official Baseball Rule 8.06

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: Tournament Rules

- **Must Slide Rule:**

There is no “must slide rule” in effect for tournament play at any level of Babe Ruth Baseball. The “must slide rule” is a Federation rule, not an Official Baseball Rule or a Babe Ruth Rule & Regulation.

- **Intentional Walk:**

This is not automatic. The pitcher is required to pitch to the batter.

Official Baseball Rule 6.08a

- **Contact Rule:**

If a runner attempting to reach home plate intentionally and maliciously runs into a defensive player in the area of home plate, he will be called out on the play and ejected from the game. This is an umpire’s judgment call.

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: Tournament Rules

- **Appeal Plays:**

The appeal of a missed base is not automatic. The umpire will not rule on a missed base unless the team properly makes the appeal on the field.

Official Baseball Rule 7.10

- **Protests:**

A judgment call cannot be protested. All protests must be filed with the umpire-in-chief immediately. Play will be stopped until the Protest Committee gives a ruling. The decision of the Protest Committee is final

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.05 –10

Only a manager may protest. No protest, except on player eligibility, will be honored after a game has been completed.

Official Baseball Rules: 4.19

- **Suspended Games:**

Suspended games due to weather or curfew will be rescheduled and played prior to continuing with the regular schedule of play.

(a) Rescheduling will be done by the Regional Tournament Director and the Host Tournament Chairperson.

(b) A suspended game will begin from the exact point at which play was stopped.

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.05 - 7

- **Warming Up A pitcher:**

Anyone warming up a pitcher whether he is on the mound or on the sidelines must wear protective headgear.

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: Tournament Rules

- **Infield Practice:**

Each team will be allowed ten (10) minutes fielding practice. The home team will start thirty (30) minutes prior to game time. The visiting team shall practice next for ten (10) minutes. The last ten (10) minutes prior to the start of the game shall be used for the introduction of players and for the ground crew to prepare the field for play.

- **No Pool Play Coin Flip:**

There will be no flip of the coin to determine “home team” during the pool play phase of a tournament. The schedule will always read “visitor vs. home”. Every effort was made to ensure that each team is given the same number of opportunities to be the “home team”.

- **Use of Batting Cages:**

If batting cages are available at the tournament site, teams will be assigned a time when they can use them by the Host Tournament Chairperson. At no time will batting cages which are located adjacent to the field(s) be used while a game is in progress.

- **Players Must Remain In Dugout:**

Players in uniform shall not address or mingle with spectators, nor sit in the stands during the game.

Players and substitutes of both teams shall confine themselves to their team's benches unless actually participating in the play or preparing to enter the game, or coaching at first or third bases.

Official Baseball Rules: 3.09 and 3.17

- **Designated Hitter:**

Official Baseball Rule 6.10 does not apply to Babe Ruth Baseball. The Designated Hitter is not permitted.

- **Team post-game meetings:**

Teams are to immediately depart the field and dugouts upon the conclusion of games. This includes removing all equipment and trash. NO team is to conduct a post meeting with their players within the fenced playing field.

- **Umpires:**

Two certified Babe Ruth Baseball (or other recognized organization) certified umpires will be scheduled to officiate each game except for the semifinal and final games, where three umpires will be scheduled. During all games, the umpires are in control of the playing field.

Coaches and players are to refrain from arguing or showing disrespect to the officials under any circumstances. If a Manager or player is asked to leave the game by an umpire, Babe Ruth or tournament official, they must leave the tournament complex immediately. Failure to do so can result in actions against the entire team, including removal from the tournament.

- **No Tobacco:**

The use of tobacco of any kind will not be allowed by anyone within the confines of the playing field during the Regional Tournament.

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: Tournament Rules

- **Alcoholic Beverages or Drugs:**

Any illegal activities, including illegal use of alcoholic beverages or drugs of any nature, will be immediate cause for disqualification. This does not apply to the use of doctor-prescribed medication by the individual for whom it has been prescribed.

- **Only Authorized Personnel on the field:**

Per the Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations the team consists of 1 manager and only 2 coaches. Only tournament officials as well as managers, coaches, players and batboys/girls (all in uniform) are allowed in the dugout and in the fenced playing area. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES will anyone else be allowed inside the playing field. This includes parents, team scorekeepers, and fans.

- **Conduct:**

Each manager and coach is responsible for his personal conduct on and off the diamond as well as each team member's. All are officially placed on notice that we want everyone to enjoy themselves at the Regional Tournament, but that no conduct which could be interpreted as detrimental to the basic aim of Babe Ruth Baseball, which is "building better citizenship", will be tolerated. Any team or individual whose conduct is not above reproach will be disqualified and sent home without delay.

Individual leagues shall be held responsible for the action of their parents and fans. The leagues are liable for any damage done and any unauthorized expenses incurred by their tournament team players, coaches, manager, or fans.

Uniform Requirements

As a representative of your state at the Regional Tournament you are required to dress appropriately. The Official Baseball Rules allow a league to provide that each team wears a distinctive uniform at all times [Rule 1.11b-1]. In accordance with that the following regulations have been adapted for the Regional Tournament.



- All players on a team shall wear uniforms identical in style. [Official Baseball Rule 1.11a-1].
 - All players' uniforms shall include minimal 6" numbers on their backs. [Official Baseball Rule 1.11a-1]
 - Sleeve lengths may vary for individual players, but the sleeves of each individual player shall be approximately the same lengths. [Official Baseball Rule 1.11c-1].
 - No player shall wear ragged, frayed, or slit sleeves [Official Baseball Rule 1.11c-2]. **No cutoff or sleeveless shirts will be permitted unless a t-shirt with sleeves is worn under it.**
 - All players will be required to wear solid baseball over the calf socks, OR white over the calf socks with stirrups, OR all-in-one stirrup socks. Ankle length socks are not permitted.
 - **Managers and coaches are required to be in baseball pants** and shirts similar in style and color to the player uniforms.
 - **Shorts** are not classified as baseball pants and **are not permitted.**
- Caps must be worn by every player while playing the game but may be omitted during infield practice. Caps must also be worn by each coach in the first and third base coach's box.
 - Players taking infield practice must be in uniform. Warm-up t-shirts may be substituted for the baseball jersey but must conform to *Official Baseball Rules 1.11-1 and 1.11c-1 & 1.11c-2*.
 - No player whose uniform does not conform to that of his teammates shall be permitted to participate in a game. [Official Baseball Rule 1.11a-3]. This rule is extended to apply to managers and coaches.
 - The Official Babe Ruth Baseball emblem must be worn by each team member. Leagues may choose to wear the shoulder emblem (on the left sleeve) or hat emblem. Emblems must permanently affix to the uniform or hat. Any player or coach not wearing an official emblem is ineligible for tournament play. [*Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: Tournament Rules*].
 - It is noted that some leagues cannot afford to have an "all-star uniform" and that players will wear their distinctive team uniforms on the all-star team. This is permissible as long as they conform to the definition of a complete baseball uniform as stated in the above rules and regulations, have distinct numbers for each player, and have the Babe Ruth shoulder patch on them.

Re-entry Rule Explanation

RULE: Re-entry - any of the **nine starting** players may withdraw and re-enter once, provided such player occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the line-up. A substitute who is withdrawn may not re-enter.

Note: If a player re-enters illegally as a pitcher, fielder, or runner, there is no penalty except that he must be removed from the game immediately when discovered. If he re-enters illegally as a batter, such illegal re-entry is penalized according to *Official Baseball Rule 6.07, Batting Out Of Order*.

Listed below are interpretations of the above rule:

1. When re-entered, the player must occupy the same batting position as he occupied when starting the game, i.e., a starting player and his substitute cannot be in the game at the same time.
2. A pitcher withdrawn from the game may re-enter immediately if withdrawn while a batter or base runner, if he was one of the nine starting players. If withdrawn while he is on the mound pitching, his substitute must fulfill *Official Baseball Rule 3.05b* before he is permitted to re-enter the game.
3. All other starting players may be withdrawn and re-entered immediately or anytime at the discretion of the manager.
4. A substitute may replace a substitute and the starting player may still re-enter for the substitute, i.e., starting player Jones is replaced by substitute Smith; substitute Smith is replaced by substitute Clark. Starter Jones is eligible to replace Clark.
5. A starting player withdrawn from the game more than once cannot re-enter.
6. Withdrawal and re-entry takes place only when a player has been removed from the game.
7. If the pitcher is removed from the game because of a second trip in the same inning, he **may** re-enter the game in any position with the exception of pitcher, if he was one of the nine starting players.
8. The provisions of Official Baseball Rule 3.05 govern the starting pitcher. He must be in compliance with the *Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations 11.05 - 4 and 11.05 - 6* in order to re-enter as a pitcher.

Player Instructions

Officials of the Middle Atlantic Region of Babe Ruth Baseball and the hard working people in the Host city have made extensive efforts to make certain your tournament experience will be pleasant and rewarding. Therefore, we shall expect that you absolutely cooperate with the following regulations pertaining to your actions during the Regional Tournament.

- **Assistance:**

We want every participant to thoroughly enjoy themselves during the Regional Tournament. If you need any information or have a problem that can't be resolved by your coaches, please contact the Regional Tournament Director.

- **Conduct and Disciplinary Code:**

Any misbehavior or misconduct, on or off the field, not only could cause your disqualification from the Regional Tournament, but also could disqualify your team. Types of bad conduct that could lead to disqualification:

- The use of profane or indecent language.
- Fighting or other aggressive behavior toward your teammates, coaches, members of other teams, umpires, tournament officials, or other tournament participants on or off the field.
- Any illegal acts.

- **Appearance :**

As a team representing your league and your state you are expected to maintain a neat appearance at all times, on and off the field. When not involved in a tournament game, you may dress informally and comfortably. At no time are players permitted to go barefoot at the tournament complex.

Determination of Pool Play Standings

When competition begins with pool play format, each division will play a pool play schedule as determined by the commissioner under whose jurisdiction the tournament falls.

At the end of the pool play schedule, a pre-determined number of teams from each division will advance to the single-elimination competition. Participating teams will be advised, in writing, prior to the start of tournament competition how many teams will advance to the single-elimination round. (Remember, under the new tournament pitching rule as stated in number 3, the pitching does **NOT** reset for the single elimination round).

Pool play standings will be determined as follows:

1. **WIN – LOSS RECORD**

The tie breakers are used in order to advance or seed ONE team at a time. Each time a tie is broken to advance one team, leaving a tie between two or more teams, the situation reverts to criterion #2. (Head-to-Head results).

If still tied:

2. **RESULTS OF HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPETITION**

Example: Three teams are tied with identical records for the first place at the end of pool play. Teams A, B and C played against each other once in pool play. Team A won all of its games Team B and Team C during pool play. Result – Team A advances, which creates a two-way tie between Team B and Team C. That tie then is broken by reverting to criterion #2.

If still tied:

3. **FEWEST RUNS GIVEN UP**

If the results of the head to-head matchup(s) of the teams that are involved in the tie cannot break the tie (because no team defeated each of the other teams in the tie each time they played, or because no team has defeated all of the other teams involved in the tie, or because the teams involved in the tie did not play one another during pool play, then the tie is broken using criterion #3. The remaining teams tie is broken by reverting back to criterion #2.

If still tied:

4. **RUN DIFFERENTIAL WITH A MAXIMUM OF 10 PER GAME**

In the event a tie is created by virtue of a forfeited game, and the tie cannot be broken by criterion #2, the order of Criteria #3 and #4 will be reversed and applied to the tie. Since the number of runs which might have been scored during the game may have affected the fewest runs allowed standing (and the awarding of the forfeit gives the “winning team” no additional runs given up), this order will better adjust for that event.

NOTE: The official tiebreakers issued by Babe Ruth League, Inc. for pool play must be used.

Pool Play Tiebreaker Example

Example of Scores of a 5-Team Division Showing How to Seed 1st, And 2nd Place

Game 1	DE	5	ENY	1	Game 6	ENY	8	PA	5
Game 2	ENY	4	MD	1	Game 7	NNJ	2	ENY	1
Game 3	MD	6	DE	3	Game 8	MD	4	PA	0
Game 4	DE	5	NNJ	2	Game 9	NNJ	6	MD	0
Game 5	PA	4	DE	1	Game 10	NNJ	4	PA	0

Criteria # 1: Win-Loss Record

Northern NJ (NNJ) finishes in first place with 3 wins and 1 loss.

Pennsylvania (PA) is eliminated with 1 win and 3 losses.

Eastern NY (ENY), Delaware (DE), and Maryland (MD) each have 2 wins and 2 losses, resulting in a three-way tie for 2nd place. These three teams now move to Criteria # 2. (After applying the tie-breakers, one team will move into 2nd place, and the other two teams will be eliminated.)

Criteria # 2: Results of Head-to-Head Competition

DE defeated ENY, ENY defeated MD and MD defeated DE. These three teams are still tied, and the tie-breaking process will move on to Criteria # 3.

Note: If, however DE had defeated both ENY and MD, and ENY defeated MD, the three-way tie is broken at criteria #2 and DE would be awarded 2nd place.

Criteria # 3: Fewest Runs Given Up

ENY allowed 6 runs, while both DE and MD allowed 7 runs. Therefore, the three-way tie is broken at Criteria # 3. Both DE and MD are eliminated and ENY is awarded 2nd place in the Division.

Note: If, for example, in criteria # 3, ENY, DE and MD had all allowed an equal number of runs, the three teams would still be tied, and therefore the tie-breaking process would move on to criteria # 4.

If, however, ENY had allowed a total of 8 runs and DE and MD had each allowed 7 runs, the three-way tie would have been broken. In this case ENY would have been eliminated, and DE and MD would still remain tied. Those two teams would revert then revert back to Criteria # 2 in order to break the two-way tie. Since MD defeated DE 6-3 in Game 3, MD would be awarded 2nd place in the Division.

Criteria # 4: Run Differential (Maximum of +/- 10)

Run Differential = (Score of team being determined) – (Score of opposing team) for each game.

DE (5-1) + (3-6) + (5-2) + (1-4) = (+1)

ENY (1-5) + (4-1) + (8-5) + (1-2) = (+1)

MD (1-4) + (6-3) + (4-0) + (0-6) = (-2)

MD is eliminated because they had the (-2) run differential. Both DE and ENY are still tied; therefore, the process would then revert back to Criteria # 2 to break the two-way tie. Under this scenario, DE by virtue of their win over ENY would be awarded 2nd place in the Division.

HOW TO ASSEMBLE YOUR CREDENTIALS BOOK

Step 1

Start by using a 1/2-inch ring binder that you can find in office supply store.



Step 2

Place clear sheet protectors for documents inside the binder. When using Babe Ruth I.D. Cards use “business card” sheet protectors to hold the cards inside the binder.

Quick FAQ: Babe Ruth League I.D. Cards are good for the player’s entire career in the program. Lost a card? Replacements are done free of charge.



Step 3

Insert your League’s Eligibility Form.

Quick FAQ: Your League’s Eligibility Form is provided by your State Commissioner once your league president has submitted all required documents to rule 11.04 a-g.



Step 4

Insert copy of the Tournament Roster.

If you did not use the Data Center to submit the roster electronically to Headquarters, you must send a hard copy to Headquarters prior to the start of play.

Quick FAQ: If a manager, coach or player needs to be replaced on the roster, the league president must fill out an ADD/DROP form.



Step 5

Insert your Certificate of Coverage for accident and liability. (Refer to Babe Ruth League Rule 0.01 #6.)

Quick FAQ: For Insurance Claims call: 1-800-237-2917.

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Step 6

Insert your Babe Ruth League I.D. Cards.

Quick FAQ: Babe Ruth I.D. Cards are signed by the league president and sent to Headquarters to be recorded and laminated. Save your coaches—as well as yourself—the responsibility of carrying legal birth documents.



Step 7

(Using Babe Ruth ID Cards? Then, you can skip Step 7.) Insert original Birth Documents or certified copies of Birth Documents. *Remember notarized copies of a Birth document are not accepted!*

Quick FAQ: Certified copies are provided sealed by a government agency. Copying a birth document and having a notary public sign and seal are not accepted.

Step 8

Insert Consent for Treatment Forms. You can print out Treatment Forms from the Babe Ruth League website!

Quick FAQ: Be sure to have a Consent for Treatment form for each player in your book.



Step 9

Place copies of your team photo in your book. Please also have it prepared to be sent electronically to make it easier for the host league to assemble tournament program books.

Quick FAQ: Make sure to that only the roster players and coaches are part of the photo, and that the team and coaches are in uniform.



Step 10

Place Certificates of Certification for each manager and coach that have successfully completed the Coaches Certification Program.

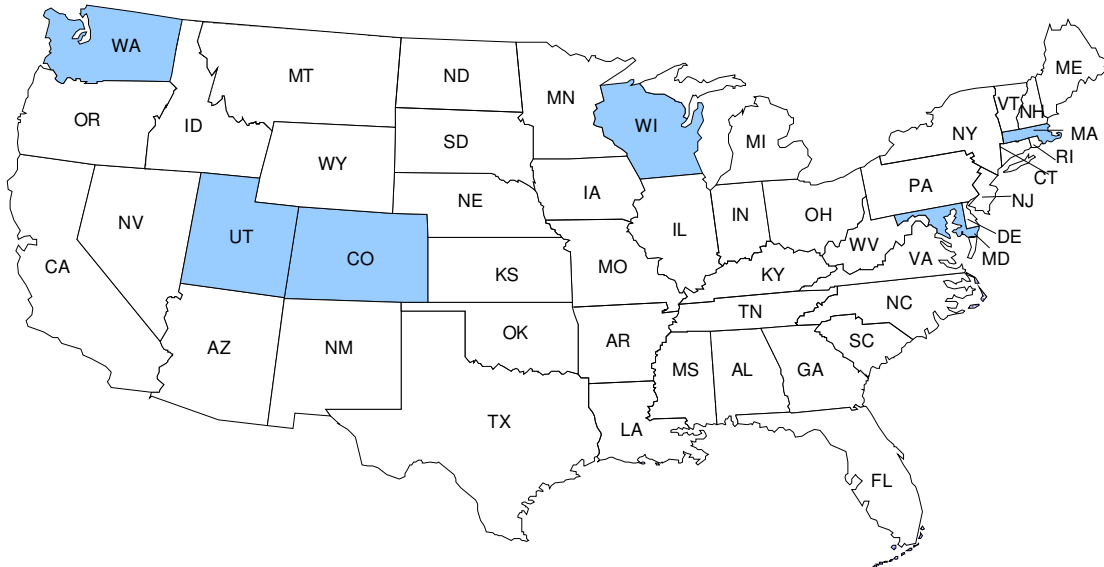
Quick FAQ: Visit www.baberuthcoaching.com for information on how you can enroll in this training program.



2009 Tournament Sites

WORLD SERIES

10 & under	Lamar, Colorado	Aug. 15– Aug. 22
CR Major/60'	Winchester, Massachusetts	Aug. 13 - Aug. 20
CR Major/70'	Aberdeen, Maryland	Aug. 15 - Aug. 22
13 Year Old	Murray, Utah	Aug. 22 - Aug. 29
14 Year Old	Appleton, Wisconsin	Aug. 22- Aug. 29
13-15	Longview, Washington	Aug. 21 - Aug. 28
16-18	Moses Lake, Washington	Aug. 15 - Aug. 22



2009 MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGIONALS

10 Year Old	Monroe, NJ	July 30 – Aug. 5
CR Major/60'	Bear, DE	July 29 – Aug. 3
CR Major/70'	Bridgewater, NJ	July 30 – Aug. 5
13 Year Old	Williamsport, PA	Aug. 6 – Aug. 12
14 Year Old	Bridgewater, NJ	Aug. 6 – Aug. 12
13-15	Saugerties, NY	Aug. 5 – Aug. 11
16-18	Chester, PA	July 30 – Aug. 5
8 Year Old	TBD	Aug. 6 – end of play
9 Year Old	Troy, NY	Aug. 6 – end of play
11 Y.O./ 60 ft.	TBD	Aug. 6 – end of play
11 Y.O./ 70 ft.	Indian Mills, NJ	Aug. 6 – end of play
16 Year Old	TBD	Aug. 3– end of play

TOURNAMENT SITE INFORMATION

The _____ Babe Ruth League wishes to extend a warm welcome to all players and coaches participating in the 2009 _____ Middle Atlantic Regional Tournament. We are honored to be your host for these games.

- **Contact Information:**

Position	Name	Phone	Email
Regional Tournament Director			
Host Tournament Chairperson			
Host Website			

- **Ballpark:**

- **Pre-tournament Meeting:**

- **Opening Ceremonies:**

- **Hotel Information:**

- **Directions to field:**

- **Schedule of Games:**

TOURNAMENT TEAM CREDENTIALS CHECKLIST

The Regional Tournament Director will demand the following documents in complete and accurate condition before your team will be allowed to participate in the Regional Tournament.

Take this sheet out and put it in the front of your credentials loose-leaf binder notebook.

- Manager/Coaches contact information form**
- Reinstatement Fee Acknowledgement Form**
- Birth Documents or Records as Specified:**
This can be any of the following: Birth Certificate from State, County or City Bureau of Vital statistics, Department of Health Affidavits of Birth, Baptismal Certificates, Hospital Certificates, School Certificates, Record of Notification of Birth, Registration by the Bureau of Census of the US Dept. of Commerce, official laminated Babe Ruth ID card, or Babe Ruth League, Inc. Letter of Waiver.
Note: Notarized photocopies of the original birth certificates are not allowed.
- Official Roster / Information Sheet**
- Tournament Eligibility Form**
- Copy of Group Accident Insurance Coverage**
- Copy of Certificate of Commercial General Liability Insurance Coverage -**
- Consent for treatment forms for each player**
- Team Photo -**
5x7 or 8x10 color or black & white with players and coaches identified
- Coaching Certification I.D. Card or Certificate for each manager/coach on the roster**

For State Tournament Official Use Only:

Checked by: _____ Date: _____

Approved: _____ YES _____ NO

Remarks: _____

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MANAGER/COACHES CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

STATE CHAMPION OF: _____

TEAM NAME: _____

Contact information for each member of the team's coaching staff.

Manager's Name _____

Phone Number _____

Coach's Name _____

Phone Number _____

Coach's Name _____

Phone Number _____

Take this sheet out and put it in the proper order in your credentials loose-leaf binder notebook.

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Babe Ruth Leagues, Inc.
Middle Atlantic Region

“REINSTATEMENT FEE” TERMS & CONDITIONS

Any state champion, in the Middle Atlantic Region, who fails to report to, or leaves prematurely from the Regional Tournament shall be assessed a “Reinstatement Fee” of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350), to be paid to Middle Atlantic Babe Ruth Leagues, Inc., within 60 days of assessment notification. Three hundred dollars (\$300) will be distributed to the Tournament Host and fifty dollars (\$50) will be placed in the Middle Atlantic Babe Ruth Leagues, Inc. general funds.

Failure to comply will result in the forfeiture of tournament eligibility of the offending League at all age levels for a period of two (2) years.

The “Reinstatement Fee” may be waived only by the Middle Atlantic Regional Commissioner, under the following circumstances;

- a. The State Champion advises the State Commissioner immediately upon the completion of the State championship game that they will not play in the regional and the State runner-Up accepts the offer to attend the Regional as the State Representative. This rule would now apply to the State Runner-Up.
- b. Extenuating circumstances due to loss of life or natural disaster.
- c. At the discretion of the Middle Atlantic Region Commissioner.

The undersigned has read the above ruling and agrees to abide by the conditions stated in it.

(Print the manager’s name)

(Date)

(Manager’s signature)

(League name)

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