

MIDDLE ATLANTIC



REGION

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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To 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
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A Non-Profit Tax-Exempt Organization for 5 through 18 Year Old Players

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.

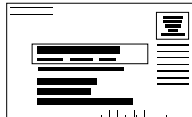
Refer to the CREDENTIALS CHECKLIST in this book and make sure you have all the proper paperwork that you need together.



1. Call the Host Tournament Liaison and the Designated Regional Tournament Director for your tournament...

Tell them which state you are representing.

The Host Tournament Liaison and the Designated Regional Tournament Director for your tournament are listed on the TOURNAMENT SITE INFORMATION page in this book.



2. Make sure your State Commissioner has mailed your team photo to the tournament site.

3. Make sure the following has been mailed to Babe Ruth Headquarters...

- 1 team photo with the players' names written on a separate piece of paper.
- 1 copy of consent form for each player.
- 1 copy of official roster / information sheet.

4. **DO NOT MAIL ANYTHING TO THE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

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

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

Tournament Jurisdiction and Delegation of Authority

ALL TOURNAMENTS WILL BE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE WHO WILL SERVE AS TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

This designated representative will be a Commissioner in Babe Ruth Baseball.

1. **Operation & Administration** - The Regional Commissioner or his Designated Regional Representative 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

2. **Disqualification of participants** - The Regional Commissioner or his Designated Regional Representative 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]

Note: Disqualified individuals may be sent home at their own expense prior to the end of their team's participation in the tournament.

3. **Team Arrival** – All team members and coaches shall arrive together. Should there be extenuating circumstances which prohibit anyone from arriving with the team; permission must be granted from the Regional Commissioner or the Designated Regional Representative for that individual to participate in the tournament. **Only the Regional Commissioner or the Designated Regional Representative has the authority to prevent a player from participating in the tournament.**
4. **Acting Tournament Director** - In the event it becomes necessary, the Regional Commissioner or his Designated Regional Representative 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

5. **Rescheduling of games** - The Regional Commissioner or his Designated Regional Representative 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 League President or Host Tournament Liaison.

6. **Team Credentials** - The Regional Commissioner or his Designated Representative shall have jurisdiction over the credentials of the teams participating in the tournament. The Regional Commissioner or his Designated Regional Representative 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

7. **Host Committees** - The Host League President or Host Tournament Liaison shall have jurisdiction over the committees of the tournament such as host families, concessions, etc.

8. **Field Readiness** - The Host League President or Host Tournament Liaison shall have jurisdiction over the ground crew to ensure that the field is ready for play before each scheduled game.

Regional Tournament Director Duties

1. Be responsible for total operation of the tournament.
2. Be responsible for rescheduling games.
3. Meet with team members, managers, and coaches upon arrival and obtain team credentials and eligibility documents and retain them until the team is eliminated.
4. Conduct orientation for managers, coaches, and umpires.
i.e. Review all tournament rules and regulations as well as ground rules.
5. Be responsible for the conduct of the umpires.
6. Be responsible for obtaining a protest committee before each game.
7. Coordinate pre-game practice for each team.
i.e. each team is allowed 10 min. infield practice with the home team going first.
8. Be responsible for making sure the games start on time.
9. Serve as liaison with the team managers and coaches.
10. Be responsible for checking the paperwork of all tournament teams.

Host League President or Host Tournament Liaison Duties

1. Serve as liaison between the Regional Tournament Director and all local committees.
2. Be responsible for the operation of all local committees.
3. Ensure that everything is ready for a successful tournament.
4. Conduct host family orientation (if the Host Family Program is being used).
5. Be responsible for obtaining umpires, baseballs, etc.
6. Ensure that the field is in proper condition for play each day. If not, make sure the proper people fix it.

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

All 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

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

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.

Intentional Walk

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

Official Baseball Rule 6.08a

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.

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.05-4

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.

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

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

Forfeit

The official time established to begin play is twenty (20) minutes after scheduled start time.

Official Baseball Rules 4.15 through 4.17

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

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

Protests

A judgment call can not be protested. All protests must be filed with the umpire-in-chief immediately. Play will be stopped until the Protest Committee gives a ruling.

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.05 –10

Only a manager may protest.

Official Baseball Rules: 4.19

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.05 – 10

The decision of the Protest Committee is final

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.05 –10

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 Designated Regional Tournament Director and the Host League President or Tournament Chairperson.
- (b) A suspended game will begin from the exact point at which play was stopped.

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.05 - 7

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*

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.

Game Reporting Time

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

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.

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”.

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.



1. All players on a team shall wear uniforms identical in style. [Official Baseball Rule 1.11a-1].
2. All players' uniforms shall include minimal 6" numbers on their backs. [Official Baseball Rule 1.11a-1]
3. 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].
4. 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.**
5. 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.
6. **Managers and coaches are required to be in baseball pants** and shirts similar in style and color to the player uniforms.
7. **Shorts** are not classified as baseball pants and **are not permitted.**
8. 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.
9. 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.*
10. 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.
11. 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*].
12. It is noted that some leagues can not 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 can not 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 can not 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.

ADDITIONAL MANAGER'S INSTRUCTIONS

Credentials

Refer to the credentials checklist in this book to make sure you have everything you need. Without the proper credentials your team will not be permitted to play in the tournament.

Number of Coaches Allowed

Each tournament team may consist of fifteen (15) players, **one (1) manager, and two (2) coaches ONLY.**

16 y.o. and 16-19 tournament rosters may consist of eighteen (18) players, **one (1) manager, and two (2) coaches ONLY.**

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.02 – 1

Only Uniformed People in the Dugout

No one except players, substitutes, managers, coaches and bat boys/girls shall occupy a bench during a game. Players, managers, coaches and bat boys/girls must be in uniform.

Official Baseball Rules: 3.15 and 3.17

Scorekeeper

Each team is allowed a scorekeeper (distinct from the manager or coaches); however, the scorekeeper will not be in uniform and will not be allowed on the field or to participate in coaching activities. **Scorekeepers are not allowed in the dugout.**

Per the Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations the roster consists of 1 manager and only 2 coaches. Only those on the official roster (as well as a batboy), in uniform, will be allowed in the dugout.

Official Baseball Rules: 3.17

Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.02 – 1

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.

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.

Team Arrival

All team members **must** arrive as a team and depart as a team. Any player, manager, or coach who leaves the Regional Tournament prior to or after the team leaves will do so at his complete expense.

Note: Should there be extenuating circumstances which prohibit anyone from arriving with the team, permission must be obtained from the Regional Commissioner or Designated Regional Representative for that individual to participate in the tournament.

Coaching Certification

Tournament Managers and Coaches must complete coaching education and certification prior to the start of their first level of tournament competition.

Managers Credentials 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 Representative. If a manager can not attend a representative of the team must attend in his place.

CREDENTIALS CHECKLIST

The Designated 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.

- Birth Documents**
One document or ID card for each of the tournament players.
Only official copies or certified copies of the original are acceptable.
Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.04-1a

- Official Roster / Information Sheet**
Signed by your league's president and filled out completely.
Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.04-1e

- Tournament Eligibility Form**
Signed by the District and State Commissioners in designated areas.
Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.04-1f & 11.04-1h

- Insurance policies -**
This is a copy of your league's certificates of coverage of group accident and liability insurance policies.
Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.04-1c & 11.04-1d

- Consent for treatment forms**
One for each of the tournament team players.
Make certain that allergies are listed on the consent forms.
Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.04-1g

- Team Photo -**
5x7 or 8x10 color or black & white
Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.04-1i

- Coaching Certification I.D. Card or Certificate.-**
This is a copy of each manager and coaches' proof of coaching education and certification.
Babe Ruth Rules & Regulations: 11.04-1h

Players' 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 stay 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. This applies to the host team players as well.

ASSISTANCE - We want every participant to thoroughly enjoy themselves during the Regional Tournament. If you need any information or assistance, contact your team manager immediately. He, in turn, may rely upon the aid of Regional Tournament personnel if necessary.

CONDUCT - 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.

APPEARANCE - As champions of your state, we expect your dress to be neat. You may, of course, dress informally and comfortably. Neatness and cleanliness of appearance are always required.

CURFEW - All players are to be in their host city accommodations one hour after the day's last scheduled activity or Regional Tournament game. If an event or game goes beyond 12:00 midnight, all team members shall return directly to their host city accommodations. There will not be a one-hour grace period.

NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL! - At no time while at the Regional Tournament will any player or those who are assigned to teams, i.e. bat boys/girls, or ball boys/girls, be permitted to consume any alcoholic beverage, drugs, etc. Use of these substances can be cause for immediate disqualification.

OTHER POINTS -

- (a) Team members will not go barefooted at the ballpark.
- (b) All players must maintain contact with their manager and/or coach at all times when not in their host city accommodations.

IN CONCLUSION - At all times, remember you are a guest in the Host City. We expect you to conduct yourselves accordingly.