

Appendix A

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How many teams participate in the tournament?

A: In the Southeast Region World Series trail brackets typically up to 10 teams participate, which includes the Host team. Non-World Series trail brackets (Invitational tournaments) may have up to 16 teams participating.

Q: Does the host team have to play in the “extra (play-in)” game in the Regional?

A: Yes. Babe Ruth Baseball Rules and Regulations state that the host team cannot get a bye. (Rule 11.06, paragraph 7) They must play in the first round.

Q: What type of first aid is required at the field?

A: At a minimum, the host must have a complete first aid kit and someone who is qualified to administer first aid. Immediate access to emergency services must be available in the event of more serious injuries.

Q: What type of baseballs and softballs and how many are supplied?

A: Babe Ruth League headquarters requires that only Rawlings baseballs and Worth softballs be used for all tournaments. A pre-determined number are supplied by the Southeast Regional Commissioner.

Q: Does the host have to pay for both room and board for the assigned Southeast Regional Representative?

A: No. The host is only required to pay for the hotel room of the Southeast Regional Representative. The Southeast Regional Representative is responsible for his or her own meals and other expenses.

Q: Can the Host Tournament Director also manage the Host team?

A: No. The Host team manager cannot be the Host Tournament Director. This position must be held by another non-tournament individual not associated with the Host tournament team.

Q: Who creates the schedule for the tournament?

A: The Southeast Region tournament schedule will be created by the Southeast Regional Commissioner or the Assistant Regional Commissioner, Operations or Softball, and will be reviewed by the Host for recommendations regarding playing times, field(s), etc., when necessary.

Q: Do we have to have an Ice Breaker (banquet or picnic)?

A: Yes. This is not an option for the Host.

Q: Do we have to have an opening ceremony?

A: Yes. The Host is required to present an opening ceremony prior to the first tournament game. This is in addition to the Managers, Coaches, Umpires, and Tournament Officials breakfast meeting and the tournament games.

Q: Do we have to have a Managers, Coaches, Umpires, and Tournament Officials Breakfast meeting?

A: Yes. The Managers, Coaches, Umpires, and Tournament Officials breakfast meeting is required to be held on the morning of the first tournament game, and at an appropriate place for this type of event (NOT AT THE FIELDS).

Q: Do we have to put out a program book?

A: No. The decision of whether or not to put out a program book is up to the Host.

Q: What type of souvenirs can be sold?

A: Anything that is appropriate for the youth of the game and not offensive can be sold. Things such as t-shirts with the team names (or players' names) and program books are always the best sellers.

Q: Can we use our local umpires?

A: Local umpires can be used as long as they are part of a National Umpires Association and have a reputation for fairness and professionalism on the field. (All umpires must register with the Southeast Region and be approved by the Regional Commissioner or the Assistant Regional Commissioner, Operations, before they can be assigned.)

Q: How do we provide information to each State winner?

A: It is not necessary for the Host to contact each State winner. The Host is required to provide all necessary information to the Assistant Regional Commissioner, Operations, via the MTIP Questionnaire, who will put together the Manager's Tournament Information Package (MTIP). This package is posted on the Southeast Region website so that the State Commissioner can provide the web link to their team as soon as they win the State tournament. The State champion is required to contact the Southeast Regional Commissioner and the Host to let them know they will be participating in the Southeast Regional tournament.

Q: How do we know which teams will participate?

A: The State champion teams (and the Host teams) are required to register via the online Baseball or Softball Team Registration Form within 24 hours of the completion of the State tournament. The team registration is an online, real-time database where the Host can access the team details information.

Q: Who is responsible for the hotel rooms for the teams?

A: Each traveling team is responsible for their own hotel reservations and rooms. The Host is responsible for submitting a list of local hotels and contact information to the Regional Assistant Commissioner, Operations, to be included in the Manager's Tournament Information Package (MTIP). Keep in mind that, by contract, the Host is responsible to provide, at no cost, one hotel room for two umpires, and a hotel room for the Southeast Regional Representative.