

Babe Ruth Southeast Region
[age group] Baseball
BREAKFAST MEETING AGENDA
[month day], 20[year]

Host Tournament Director, [name] or designee:

1. Welcome
2. Introduction of attendees [local officials and dignitaries, Umpire-in-Chief, and the Regional Representative(s)].
3. Important information about the Host facilities.
4. ENJOY BREAKFAST

Regional Representative(s), [name(s)]:

1. All games are played using the current edition of the Official Babe Ruth Baseball Rules. Additional guidance on tournament rules and procedures is provided in the Manager's Tournament Information Package (MTIP) for this tournament.
2. Pitching rules (Refer to the attached email from Steven Tellefsen dated May 15, 2017):

Every pitch delivered to a batter counts.
This includes strikes, balls, foul balls, fair balls, pitches that touch the batter, and pitches that are ruled 'no pitch' by the umpire.

TOURNAMENT PITCHING LIMITATIONS & REST REQUIREMENTS				
AGE GROUP	DAILY MAXIMUM LIMITATIONS (PITCHES PER DAY)	REQUIRED REST PERIOD		
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days
7-8*	50	1-20	21-35	36+
9-10	75	1-40	41-65	66+
11-12	85	1-40	41-65	66+
13-15	95	1-45	46-75	76+
16-18	105	1-45	46-75	76+

* No pitch counts when a pitching machine is used.

Each pitcher must comply with the Tournament Pitching Limitations and Rest Requirements as shown above. Please pay particular attention to the total number of pitches that a pitcher is allowed to deliver **IN ONE DAY**. Allowances **ARE NOT** regulated by the game. Because it is the team manager's responsibility to ensure that the rule is not broken (will result in a forfeit), it is recommended that the team scorekeeper maintain records. The official pitch count records will be kept in the Press Box by an assigned tournament staff member. As an acknowledgement of pitcher future availability, at the end of a game, each team manager **MUST** visit the press box and sign the pitch count log sheets. [Officials shall make every effort to point out potential violations in order to avoid the penalty.]

3. Intentional walk rule – An intentional base on balls may be given by the defensive team by having its catcher or coach request the umpire to award the batter first base. This may be done before pitching to the batter or on any ball-and-strike count. The ball shall be declared dead before making the award. (Rule 11.05, paragraph 4f, on page 28)

4. Trips to mound: The pitcher must be removed as a pitcher (from that game) upon two trips to the mound to that pitcher in the same inning. (Rule 11.05, paragraph 5, on page 28)

5. Re-entry rule: Only starters can re-enter a game. At no time will a starter and his or her substitute be allowed in the game at the same time. (pages 12 and 21; also Rule 11.05, paragraph 8, on page 29)

6. Time Limit, Ties, and Called Games: There is no time limit or tie. All games **MUST** be completed (BR – 7 innings or 6-1/2 innings if the home team is ahead, or extra innings if there is a tie; CR – 6 innings or 5-1/2 innings if the home team is ahead, or extra innings if there is a tie). The 10-run rule at 4-1/2 or 5 innings (CR – 3-1/2 or 4 innings) is in effect for all games; there must be a winner to advance. Games that are called by the umpire must be completed from the point of discontinuance regardless of the inning when the game was called. (Rule 11.05, paragraphs 6 and 7 on pages 28 and 29)

7. Extra Player (EP) rule: The player that occupies the EP position is treated just like any other fielder. The player in the EP position is interchangeable with the other fielders. (The standard batting order rules always apply.) The "EP" position in the batting order cannot be eliminated during the course of the game. NOTE: If a team's line up starts with 10 players, the team must finish with 10 players. Penalty shall be a forfeit. (page 21)

8. Penalty for use of illegal bat (Rule 1.10, at the bottom of page 36) [In the Southeast Region, umpires do not check team equipment prior to play; if an illegal bat is discovered being used by a player, the Manager and the player will be ejected from the game. This is in addition to the Babe Ruth rule.]

9. Slash Bunt (applies to all Cal Ripken age groups): Batter is out for illegal action when the player fakes a bunt and then takes a full swing. PENALTY – Batter is out, the ball is dead, no runners may advance. (page 21)

10. Line-up Forms:

- A. All teams must use the Official Babe Ruth Line-up Forms (containing 4 copies). (MTIP)
- B. Include the name of the Protest Committee Representative on the Line-up Form. This person needs to have the current Babe Ruth Official Baseball Rule Book in hand. Also include bat boy or bat girl, if applicable.
- C. Line-up Form (Batting Order) Distribution (Rule 4.01, on page 51):
 - 1 copy to the plate umpire
 - 1 copy to the opposing manager
 - 1 copy to the press box (for the official scorer)
- D. Line-up Changes (Rules 3.06, 3.07, and 3.08, on page 48):
 - 1. The manager must call time out if needed.
 - 2. The manager must inform the plate umpire of the substitution and where the player will bat in the batting order.
 - 3. The umpire will cause the change to be recorded and announced.

11. The Official Scorer is the only “OFFICIAL” scorekeeper. (MTIP)

12. Protests (Rule 11.05, paragraphs 2 and 9, on pages 26 and 29):

- A. A Protest Committee of three members must be established before a game can begin.
- B. A team’s Protest Committee Representative must be listed on the Line-up Form.
- C. Managers need to be familiar with protest Rule 11.05, paragraph 9 (on page 29), and Rule 4.18 (on page 58). Note that:
 - 1. Judgment calls cannot be protested.
 - 2. A protest must be immediate.
 - 3. No protests (except on player eligibility in writing from the protesting League President) will be honored after a game has been completed.
 - 4. The game will be suspended until a Protest Committee decision is announced. The Protest Committee’s decision is FINAL.

13. Dugout: Other than tournament officials, only uniformed, rostered players, manager, and coaches are allowed in the dugout. A bat boy or bat girl will be allowed in the dugout provided he or she is listed on the Line-up Form. The bat person must wear “protective headgear” as defined in the rules. (page 19 and MTIP)

14. Uniforms: Players, manager, and coaches must be in full uniform as specified in the current Official Babe Ruth Baseball Rule Book. In no case are jeans or shorts allowed. (MTIP) Uniform numbers must be different on the players. (Rule 1.11, on page 37)

15. The umpires shall present the ground rules to the managers prior to the start of the game in the plate meeting (with the Host Tournament Director or assistant present). (Rule 3.13, on page 49)

16. In pool play, the home team is pre-determined and a toss of a coin will be used if there is a seeding tie in final championship game. In double elimination, the home team is determined by a toss of a coin. The home team will use the third base dugout. (The Host Tournament Director may choose to designate the first base dugout as the “home” dugout.) (MTIP)

17. Unless time does not permit (*owing to weather conditions or other abnormal circumstances*), each team will have 10 minutes of warm-up time on the field with the visitors going first. The Host Tournament Director or announcer will announce the beginning and the end of the time period. Coaches must conduct the warmup in front of the batter’s box. If the teams are announced, make sure that the players line up along the base line but not touching the line. Note: During team introductions, the starting pitcher may remain in the dugout. (MTIP)

18. During the playing of the National Anthem(s) or God Bless America, all managers, coaches, and players should face the flag and stand at attention, removing their cap with their right hand and holding it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart, with exceptions as applicable under the law. After the game, teams will exhibit exemplary sportsmanlike conduct when exchanging post-game handshakes, high fives, and compliments. (Section 595 of the Defense Authorization Act of 2009)

19. In addition to players in the field and on base, the batter and on-deck batter are the only other players permitted outside the dugout during play. (MTIP)

20. Tobacco products of any kind are prohibited in Babe Ruth League. (page 21 and MTIP)

21. Throwing or unnecessary abuse of equipment or property will not be permitted. (MTIP)

22. No eating or drinking is allowed on the playing field. (MTIP)

23. Each team must clean up its dugout before vacating after a game. (MTIP)

24. Electronic devices such as cell phones, iPads, etc. are not permitted in the dugout or on the playing field. (MTIP)

25. Players shall not mingle in the stands or with spectators during the game. (Rule 3.09, on page 48)

26. A player that has been ejected from a game must remain in the dugout until the game is completed unless the umpire indicates otherwise. A manager or coach ejected must leave the general area of the game so not to be in contact with the fans, players, and umpires. Basically, go to the parking lot. (MTIP)

27. The manager is responsible for the sportsmanship and behavior of his or her team's parents and fans. The Host Tournament Director or an umpire will approach the manager about unsportsmanlike conduct observed. (MTIP)

28. Severe weather policy: Use NFHS Guidelines posted on the SER website as a default; adhere to local policies or regulations if they are more stringent.

29. Championship team photo will be taken of the two final teams prior to the start of the championship game. The game will not start until the photos are taken.

30. **Umpire-in-Chief, [name]**: Introduction of crew, review, and comments.

31. Group Discussion: Questions and answers.

32. Closing Comments: **Regional Representative, [name]**.

33. Closing Comments: **Host Tournament Director, [name]**.

[Reference materials include the Manager's Tournament Information Package (MTIP), the current edition of the Babe Ruth League, Inc. Baseball Rules and Regulations & Official Playing Rules, and Federal law.]