Tournament Host
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What are the field dimension and amenities requirements?

The goal is to promote hosting. The Southeast Region is flexible when it comes to awarding tournaments to Host leagues where the fields may not exactly meet the minimum preferred requirements. It is important that any questions or issues with regard to our requirements be discussed with the applicant's State Commissioner who is responsible for endorsing its request. The *minimum Southeast Regional PREFERRED* requirements are:

- A tournament-grade ball field (NOTE: A second field is required if nine or more teams are being hosted.)
- Outfield fence 200 feet (foul pole to foul pole) from home plate for all softball age groups
- Outfield fence 200 feet (foul pole to foul pole) from home plate for Minors and Major60 (Rookie through 12-Year-olds Major60 baseball)
- Outfield fence 225 feet (foul pole to foul pole) from home plate for Major70 (11- and 12-Year-olds Major70 baseball)
- Foul poles 280 feet from home plate and center field fence 350 feet from home plate for Babe Ruth 13-18 Year-olds baseball
- Skinned infield and no mound for softball
- Grass infield and dirt mound for baseball (or a Babe Ruth-approved portable pitching mound)
- Covered dugouts
- Electronic scoreboard
- Enclosed, air conditioned, press box
- Internet connectivity
- Public address system
- Field lights

Q: Can a potential Host apply to host more than one age group?

- Yes. The applicant can submit a separate application for each age group. However, on the first (or main) application the potential Host can prioritize up to three age groups, e.g.,

Priority 1 = Rookie; Priority 2 = 10-Year-olds; Priority 3 = 12-Year-olds Major60. So, if the first priority has been awarded to another league, then the other two priorities will still be in the decision-making queue.

Q: How many teams participate in the tournament?

In the Southeast Region, World Series trail brackets typically consist of eight teams, the Host and the State Champions. Southeast Regional invitational brackets typically consist of up to 16 teams, the Host, the State Champions, the State first Runners-up, and then the rest of the bracket is filled with teams who would also like to participate.

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

At a minimum, the host must have a complete first aid kit; it is always a good idea to have someone who is qualified to administer first aid, like a nurse and (or) a trainer on site. Immediate access to emergency services must be available in the event of more-serious injuries.

Q: What type of baseballs and softballs are required?

Babe Ruth League headquarters requires that only Rawlings tournament grade baseballs and Worth tournament grade softballs be used for all tournaments.

Q: Does the host have to pay hotel expenses for the assigned Southeast Regional Representative and the umpires?

Yes. The host is required to pay for the hotel room of the Southeast Regional Representative, and for one room for each two umpires if not local. The Southeast Regional Representative and the umpires are responsible for their meals and other expenses.

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

No. The Host team manager cannot be the Host Tournament Director. This is considered a potential conflict of interest.

Q: Who creates the schedule (game dates, times, and, if applicable, fields) for the tournament?

The Southeast Region tournament schedule will be created by the Southeast Regional Commissioner or an Assistant Regional Commissioner 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)?

Yes. This is a requirement for the Host.

Q: Do we have to have an opening ceremony?

Yes. The Host is required to present an opening ceremony prior to the first tournament game.

Q: Do we have to publish a program book?

No. The decision of whether or not to publish a program book is up to the Host.

Q: What type of souvenirs can be sold?

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?

Local umpires will be used when deemed necessary by the Southeast Regional Commissioner. They must be Babe Ruth League, Inc. National Umpire Association (NUA) certified. (The assigned Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) must register all umpires with the Southeast Region and be approved by the Southeast Regional Commissioner, or designee, prior to officiating.)

Q: How does the Host provide information to each State winner?

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 print and provide a copy and the web link to their team as soon as they win the State tournament.

Q: How does the Host know which teams will participate?

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?

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 telephone 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 each set of (two) umpires, and a hotel room for the Southeast Regional Representative.