



Babe Ruth League, Inc.
Southeast Region
TRAINING CENTER



STATE COMMISSIONER GUIDE

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- A. State organizations are authorized by Babe Ruth League, Inc. Rule 12.00, paragraph 3, which also requires a biennial State meeting:

12.00 BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC. – POWERS OF DISTRICT, STATE AND REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

3. Biennial state meetings shall be held to elect State Commissioners and establish state organizations. Each District Commissioner shall be entitled to one vote at such meetings to be held prior to October 1 of each odd-numbered year. Minutes indicating proof of election of State Commissioner and financial statement for fiscal year must be received by the Regional Commissioner and Babe Ruth League, Inc. no later than November 1.

- B. Face-to-face meetings of District officials and other league officials offer a venue for effective two-way communication, sharing information on league organization and approaches to problem solving, and networking across the volunteers in the State. It is recommended that States conduct at least two meetings each year (the biennial meeting required by Babe Ruth rules being one of these meetings in odd-numbered years). Meetings are usually held in the early spring to launch the local league season and in the fall to review the year's local league and tournament seasons. Some States also hold a State-wide meeting prior to tournament play to establish the State tournament brackets for all age groups.

- C. Spring meeting agenda items –

- Introduction of participants (especially new and returning league presidents)
- Update on registration by leagues
- Review of Babe Ruth rules and regulations (especially changes for the upcoming season), reports on interleague play in local league spring season scheduling, requirements for leagues to be eligible for tournament play (chartering, payment of charter fees and State dues, and posting of team rosters)

- Update on information resources (especially District, State, Regional, and national websites and preferred ways to contact the State Commissioner, Regional Commissioner, and the staff at Babe Ruth Headquarters)
- Establish age group tournament hosts and tournament dates for each age group based on “must-end” dates supplied by the Regional Commissioner
- Report on Regional Spring meeting (if held prior to State Spring meeting)

D. Fall meeting agenda items –

- Introduction of participants
- Review the spring season to gather input from Districts to determine issues that need to be addressed at the State level or referred to the Regional organization for discussion at a Regional meeting
- Comparison of individual league and District total spring season registration with prior year, reports on fall ball programs
- Report on Regional Fall meeting (if held prior to State Fall meeting)
- Conduct State Commissioner elections prior to October 1 (if an odd-numbered year)

E. Meeting minutes –

- To be sent to the Regional Commissioner and Babe Ruth League, Inc. or posted on the State website with notification of posting sent to these officials
- Election meeting minutes must include the election results (who ran and who was elected; the vote tally is optional but must be kept as part of the record)