



Utah Babe Ruth / Cal Ripken Leagues



The following is to provide guidelines / rules that would allow teams the opportunity to participate within the Babe Ruth League program.

National League team participation in the Babe Ruth League Organization for the 2018 season for all Babe Ruth Age Players 13-15 year olds.

ARTICLE 1. Objective:

The objective of this program is to involve intact teams that consist of 9 to 15 players at registration. Through this activity we can offer more players the opportunity to play within the Babe Ruth organization and encourage their consistent participation. This opportunity will provide for players living within the **established boundaries** of a local Babe Ruth league to compete with each other and become familiar with each other's skills and abilities.

This program should provide for the following benefits:

1. Improve the use of baseball fields by using more of the unscheduled time for team play and practice.
2. Encourage players in the same geographical area to play in their community and participate in the Babe Ruth experience.
3. Increase the number of teams participating in the local league in hopes of improving competition within the league.

ARTICLE 2. Definitions:

National League Team – Any team made up of 9 to 15 players from within the **established boundaries** for the purpose of playing games of baseball against other “National League Teams”.

American League Team - Shall consist of any players that register with the local league and are drafted on a local league team other than a “National League Team”.

ARTICLE 3. Administrative Rules:

A. Boundaries –

All players on a National League team that participates in the local Babe Ruth League must live within the boundaries of the local league that the team wishes to participate in.

B. Registration –

Any team consisting of 9 to 15 players that wishes to participate with the local Babe Ruth League must register with the local league during their annual signups. All participating players must fill out the appropriate registration document as determined by the local league. The documents **must** include the player's name,

residence address, birthdate, phone number, parent's names(s) and school the individual player attends. Such teams should submit all registration forms together clearly identifying the members of the team. Prior to local league tryouts beginning, the roster for the National League team must be finalized and submitted to the Local League President.

C. Participation Fees –

Any fees required by the Local League to charter a National League team will be assessed by the Local League. Such fees could include but are not limited to:

1. Player / Team registration fees.
2. Tournament Fees
3. State registration fees
4. Umpire/Arbiter Fees
5. Field rental charges (if required by the local authority having jurisdiction)
6. Accident and Liability Insurance to meet the BabeRuth League requirements.
7. Any other fees assessed to assist with operation of the local league which are also assessed to members of the local league.

D. Coaching and Qualifications –

All coaches associated with the National League Team must be certified by completing the on-line coaching certification offered through Babe Ruth League Inc. (<http://www.baberuthcoaching.org/>) and receive their certificate of completion. All coaches must adhere to all other rules and regulations as outlined by Babe Ruth League Inc. The **Babe Ruth League Baseball Rules and Regulations** will be the official Rules for all sanctioned games and activities and will be adhered to by all participants.

E. Competition –

National League teams will play against other National League teams that are also registered as members of a local Babe Ruth League.

F. Local League Regulations –

All National League Teams are required to follow the Constitution and By-laws of the Chartered League where they are registered. They are under the jurisdiction of the Local League President and shall follow his/her direction regarding play within the league.

1. Rules regarding defensive substitutions, batting order, pitching limits, etc... will defined by the State Commissioner or his/her assistant. All teams participating in the National League will be required to adhere to those rules.
2. No National league game will be played using pitching machines or coach pitch. All games should be played utilizing pitchers from each team. Pitching limitations will be enforced in accordance with Rule 0.06 of the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken rule book.

3. All National league games for 11 and 12 year olds must be played on 70' bases and adhere to game play rules described in the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Rule book.

G. Game Scheduling –

It will be the responsibility of the Local League President to schedule the games of the “American League” (local non-travel league) teams. American League teams wishing to participate in cross league play will have the option of being scheduled by local league Presidents. All National League games will be scheduled by the State Commissioner or his/her appointed assistant.

H. Player Participation –

A player may only be listed on one National or American League roster. A player can only be on one roster of one Babe Ruth League team for any one season.

I. Illegal Players –

Any player on a National or American League team found to be ineligible for any reason will not be allowed to participate on a post season team. All games where an illegal player has played shall be governed by Babe Ruth Rule 0.07.

J. Eligibility for Post Season play –

Eligibility for post season play requires that teams must play a minimum of a ten (10) game schedule and that players must play in at least ½ of the scheduled games. Only games against other National League teams will count toward this minimum requirement as outlined in BabeRuth Rule 11.03 (d).

K. Post Season Play –

Any National League team that qualifies for post season play will be assigned to play in a District (State Qualifier) Tournament with other National League teams. All teams that qualify for the State Tournament in their specific age group will compete against teams from the American League District (State Qualifier) tournaments for the State Title and opportunity to compete at the Pacific Southwest Regional Tournament.

L. Option to participate by Local League –

It is the option of each Babe Ruth Local League President to determine if his/her league will participate by allowing National League teams to participate in his/her league's program as described herein. **This program is not mandatory.**

M. Umpires & Baseballs

Umpires will be paid for and baseball's provided by the host league for each game. High quality leather baseballs are required for these games.

N. Bat Rules

All National League teams must adhere to the Babe Ruth bat rules (<https://www.baberuthleague.org/bat-rules.aspx>).

