

Appendix A  
**SAMPLE BREAKFAST MEETING  
AGENDA AND CHECKLIST**

**Host President (or Host Tournament Director):**

1. Welcome
2. Introduction of Local Officials & Dignitaries, Umpires, Local and Regional Tournament Officials
3. ENJOY BREAKFAST

**Regional Representative:**

1. All games are played using the current edition of the Official Babe Ruth Rules.
2. Trips to mound: The pitcher must be removed as a pitcher (from that game) upon two trips to the mound in the same inning. (Rule 11.05, paragraph 6)
3. Re-entry rule: Only starters can re-enter a game. At no time will a starter and his/her substitute be allowed in the game at the same time.
4. NO Tie Games: All games MUST be completed to establish a winning team for advancement in the tournament. The 10-run rule is in effect for all games.
5. Tournament pitching rule explanation (specific to sport and age group)
6. Line-up Forms:
  - A. All teams must use the Official Babe Ruth Line-up Forms (containing 4 copies).
  - B. Include the name of your Protest Committee Representative on the Line-up Form. This person needs to have the current Babe Ruth Official Rule Book in hand. Also include bat boy or bat girl, if applicable.
  - C. Line-up Form (Batting Order) Distribution (Rule 4.01):
    - 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, 3.08):
    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.
7. The Official Scorer is the only "OFFICIAL" scorekeeper.

8. Protests (Rule 11.05, paragraphs 2 and 10):

A. A Protest Committee of three 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 10. Notes –

1. Judgment calls cannot be protested.

2. A protest must be immediate.

3. No protests (except on player eligibility) 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.

9. 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 sheet. The bat person must wear a helmet.

10. Uniforms: Players, manager, and coaches must be in full uniforms as specified in the current Official Babe Ruth Rule Books. In no case are jeans or shorts (for baseball) allowed. Uniform numbers must be different on the players (Rule 1.11).

11. 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).

12. The home team is pre-determined in pool play and a toss of a coin will be used for the final championship game. There is a toss of a coin for all games in a double elimination bracket. 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.)

13. When time permits (*due 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 tournament director or announcer will announce the beginning and the end of the time period. Coaches must conduct the warm-up 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.

14. 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.

15. Tobacco products of any kind are prohibited in Babe Ruth League.

16. Throwing or unnecessary abuse of equipment or property will not be permitted.
17. No eating or drinking is allowed on the playing field.
18. Each team must clean up its dugout before vacating after a game.
19. Electronic devices such as cell phones, iPads, etc. are not permitted in the dugout or on the playing field.
20. Players shall not mingle in the stands or with spectators during the game (Rule 3.09).
21. 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.
22. The manager is responsible for the sportsmanship and behavior of his team's parents and fans. The tournament director or an umpire will approach the manager about unsportsmanlike conduct observed.
23. Questions and answers (group discussion)
24. Closing comments