

Appendix D

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How many teams participate in the tournament?

A: In the Southeast Region tournament double-elimination bracket format, up to 12 teams can participate, which includes the Host team. When the pool play format is used, there are ten (10) teams including the Host team (however, in some cases there could be as many as 20 teams participating).

Q: Does the host team have to play in the “extra” game in the Regional when the double-elimination bracket format is used?

A: Yes. Babe Ruth Baseball Rules and Regulations state that the host team cannot get a bye. (Rule 11.06, paragraph 7) They must play the first day.

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

A: At a minimum, the host must have a complete first aid kit and someone who is qualified to administer first aid. Immediate access to emergency services must be available in the event of more serious injuries.

Q: What type of baseball and softball and how many must be supplied?

A: Babe Ruth League headquarters requires that only Rawlings baseballs and softballs be used for all tournaments. These are supplied by the Southeast Region.

Q: Does the host have to pay for both room and board for the Regional Tournament Director?

A: No, the host is only required to pay for the hotel room of the Regional Tournament Director and the UIC. The Regional Tournament Director is responsible for his/her own meals and other expenses.

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

A: NO. The Host team manager cannot be the Host Tournament Director. This position must be held by another non-tournament official individual.

Q: Who creates the schedule for the tournament?

A: The Southeast Region tournament schedule will be created by the Regional Commissioner or the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Operations and will be based on recommendations from the Host regarding playing times, field(s), etc.

Q: Do we have to have a banquet, picnic, or opening ceremonies?

A: Yes, the Host is required to provide an ice breaker (banquet or picnic) on the night of team check-in, and opening ceremonies prior to the first tournament game. This is in addition to the Manager, Coaches, Umpires, and Tournament Officials breakfast meeting and the tournament games.

Q: Do we have to put out a program book?

A: The decision of whether or not to put out a program book is up to the host.

Q: What type of souvenirs can be sold?

A: 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?

A: Local umpires can be used as long as they are part of a National Umpires Association and have a reputation for fairness and professionalism on the field. (All umpires must be approved by the Regional Commissioner or the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Operations.)

Q: How do we provide information to each State winner?

A: 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 for Operations who will put together a manager's tournament information package (MTIP). This package is posted on the Southeast Region Web site so that the State Commissioner can provide the Web link to their team as soon as they win the State tournament. The State champion is required to contact the Southeast Regional Commissioner and the Host to let them know they will be participating in the Southeast Regional tournament. This must be done within 48 hours.

Q: Who is responsible for the hotel rooms for the teams?

A: 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 information to the Regional Assistant Commissioner for Operations to be put into the manager's tournament information package (MTIP).