

**Babe Ruth League, Inc.
Southeast Region**

**BASEBALL & SOFTBALL
EXPLANATION OF POOL-PLAY CRITERIA**

Single-elimination championships only apply to a pool-play bracket where there are divisions, i.e., where a pool-play bracket has two or more divisions (a part of the whole). Typically, divisional pool brackets are prepared to accommodate total team participations of 6, 8, 10, and 16 teams. Small and odd number total teams (less than 4, 5, 7, and 9 teams) participate in a straight pool bracket only.

When competition begins with a pool-play format, each team will play a pool-play schedule determined by the Commissioner under whose jurisdiction the tournament falls.

At the end of the pool-play schedule, if the bracket includes divisions, a predetermined number of teams from each division will advance to a single-elimination championship.

Participating teams will be advised in writing, prior to the start of tournament competition, of how many teams will advance to the single-elimination championship.

Teams will be seeded at the beginning of the single-elimination championship according to the position that they finished in a pool-play division.