

Southeast Region Tournament Representative Responsibilities of Position

(guidance on the requirements and responsibilities of the individual who is assigned to oversee a Babe Ruth Southeast Region tournament)

Pre-Tournament Responsibilities:

For the most part, there will be little interaction with the host league prior to the tournament, except for confirming timing and arrangements for your participation in the team check-in and manager, coach orientation or breakfast meeting, as well as any logistical support (e.g., hotel room) while you are at the tournament site. Please make sure that they are aware that you will help answer any questions that they might have.

Check-in Responsibilities:

Make sure that you have sufficient space for check-in. Your responsibility is to collect the Tournament Team Credentials Books. Review the books as much as you can during check-in, but be prepared to complete the check that night.

Opening Ceremonies:

Review the procedure that the Host will use for this Ceremony.

Managers, Coaches, Umpires, and Tournament Officials Orientation:

Discuss any unresolved items of concern with the team manager privately and give suggestions on how to resolve these problems.

Please follow the agenda for this meeting.

Umpires:

Make sure that all are aware that the umpires that are assigned by the Southeast Region Commissioner work for you.

Check the facilities that are being provided to the umpires to verify that they have a private, secured, air-conditioned area to rest, eat, store their equipment and change.

The Umpire-in-Chief should make arrangements for pay. Umpires do not dictate how or when they are paid. The Tournament Host should inform them of their procedure.

Games:

Make sure that the teams are introduced by name prior to their first game. If time permits, please make sure they are properly introduced prior to each game that follows.

Make sure that the National Anthem is played for the first game(s) of the day.

Umpire's Authority During Games:

Remind everyone that the plate umpire is in charge as soon as he or she says "Play Ball." The umpires are responsible for managing the game. The ejection of players, managers, and coaches is an umpire judgment call and is not open to protest. The Tournament Director or Southeast Region Representative may be asked by the plate umpire to assist in ensuring that unruly spectators who are ejected leave the area as required.

Protests:

Make sure that there is a Protest Committee of three and a tournament official is present at each game. Also make sure that the proper protest procedures are followed should there be an issue.

Reporting Scores:

It is preferred that games are reported at the conclusion of each game. Please make sure that you or a tournament staff member report the scores electronically.

Requirements for Determination of Pool Play Standings (when competition begins with pool play format):

Follow the "Determination of Pool Play Standings" found in the current Babe Ruth baseball rule book. Work with the Tournament Director to perform this task. When all agree, call John Armentrout (804-545-9120) or John Lucas (941-730-8951) with the information to review. All three parties must be in agreement before the final bracket is set. Please do not send anyone home until the final pool play standings are verified.

Championship Game Team Photos:

Before the championship game can begin, a photo of each team must be taken with the Championship Team banner. This photo must have the team members identified. This is NOT a photo opportunity for the parents. It is best to take the photo in center field with the fence as a background.

Champion and Runner-Up Awards Ceremony:

Make sure that the medallions and plaques are arranged and displayed properly for the presentation.

The Tournament Director and you will start handing out the medallions to the members of the runner-up team and then to the members of the championship team. The last award is the plaque and banner to the championship team manager.

Thank everyone for participating and invite the parents onto the field for their photo opportunity.

World Series Information:

For those Regional tournaments where the champions advance to a tournament-trail World Series (10s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 13-16s, and 16-18s), make sure that the reporting requirements of the Championship team are explained to the team manager and that a hard copy of the World Series documentation is presented.

When in Doubt:

No matter what the situation, when in doubt about the proper procedures, please call John Lucas or John Armentrout to discuss before making a final decision. This is the best way to ensure a successful tournament experience.

THANK YOU & ENJOY!