

**N.C. BABE RUTH LEAGUE (NCBRL)
STATE TOURNAMENT AGREEMENT
GUIDELINES AND CONTRACT**

To form part of an agreement between Babe Ruth of North Carolina, Inc. and
_____ dated _____.

Initial every line below prior to the number showing you agree within everything set forth therein:

- _____ 1. HOUSING – There is no housing required.
- _____ 2. UMPIRES - There will be a minimum of two (2) umpires for each games up to the Championship games. In these games the State Umpire Agent or his representative will assign the umpires to each game. ALL UMPIRES MUST BE BABE RUTH CERTIFIED. Umpires will be approved by the N.C. Umpires Association. The Host President will submit a list of at least 4 local umpires to the State UIC before June 1, 20___. The State UIC will appoint the Tournament UIC. Payment of the umpires will be by the host. The host will furnish a private area for the umpires to refresh and change clothes. The host will furnish the umpires liquid refreshment in that area and on the field as needed. The host will furnish light solid refreshments between games. It is not the intent of this agreement that the host furnish full meals or give the umpires food from the concessions.
- _____ 3. OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF TOURNAMENT - The State Commissioner or his Designated Tournament Director will be in charge of said tournament.
- _____ 4. BALLS/LINEUP CARDS/SCOREKEEPERS - Official Rawlings (or other approved) Babe Ruth, Cal Ripken Baseballs, or Babe Ruth Approved Softballs will be used and furnished by NCBRL for all tournament games. In the case that more balls are needed than NCBRL leaves, the host shall have enough balls available to complete the tournament. Cost of extra balls may be deducted from the host's final payment. Line-up cards will also be furnished by NCBRL to the host for their use. The Host shall furnish Scorekeepers and Scorebooks for each field.
- _____ 5. TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS - Host must furnish an adequate facility for visiting teams to be checked in, as well as a place where officials can meet and check credentials.
- _____ 6. PRE-TOURNAMENT - A meeting will be held prior to the start of tournament. All managers, coaches, Umpire-in-chief, tournament officials, the State Commissioner and/or his assistant, District Commissioner and the Tournament Director shall attend. Time of this meeting will be set by the State Commissioner. The host shall be responsible for refreshments and facility.

_____ 7. PLAYER CREDENTIALS - All credentials will be checked in by the Commissioner in charge of the tournament, or his appointed committee. NO PLAYER WILL BE ALLOWED TO PLAY IN THE TOURNAMENT WITHOUT PROPER CREDENTIALS. When there is a problem with credentials, talk to the Team Manager, then call the team's District Commissioner as listed on their Credential Form and work out the problem.

_____ 8. PRACTICE FIELDS - Host must provide a suitable practice field as well as set up a schedule for those visiting teams that wish to hold a practice session. NO TEAMS WILL BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE ON THE REGULAR TOURNAMENT PLAYING FIELD.

_____ 9. GROUND KEEPERS - Must be available at all times during the entire tournament in order to meet any emergency and to ready the playing field between games so that the playing schedule can be kept up as close as possible.

_____ 10. MEDICAL CARE AND FIRST AID - Access to medical care and/or first aid must be available during all games. This includes transportation to the M.D. or a hospital if needed.

_____ 11. PROTEST COMMITTEE - This committee shall consist of three (3) adults for each game. District Commissioners or the State Commissioner may be used when available. The protest committee chairman shall make up these committees for each game. (See Protest Procedures furnished by the Tournament Director)

_____ 12. ANNOUNCER-PRESS BOX-SCOREKEEPER-GAME SCHEDULES- - All must be furnished by the host. Any teams wishing radio hook-up **must** receive permission from the host, doing so in plenty of time so that the host can make arrangements. The host must notify all participating teams of this rule. A public address system must be provided for each field. Area/District team plaques and player participation pins are to be given out by the host during team introductions at the start of a team's first tournament game. (See approved introduction procedures)

_____ 13. BAT BOYS/GIRLS – A team may use a bat boy or girl if desired. The age of this person cannot be more than 2 years older than the age of the team players. All must be in uniforms. Bat persons will wear a batting helmet at all times including when in the dugout.

_____ 14. PLAYING RULES, REGULATIONS & GROUND RULES - Current major league and Babe Ruth rules and regulations will prevail for this tournament. Ground rules will be discussed between the umpires, managers and coaches before the start of each game.

_____ 15. AWARDS - Championship and Runner-up team plaques will be furnished by the State Commissioner. NC Babe Ruth to furnish Champion and Runner-up individual awards for players, coaches and manager. A Champion's banner will be

furnished by the State Commissioner to be given to the Manager of the winning team. The host is required to have a picture made of the winning team with the banner and emailed to jimmysandersenc@hotmail.com within 2 days of the conclusion of the tournament.

_____ 16. TOURNAMENT BRACKET – Teams will be seeded by Babe Ruth Officials, with game times being set by NCBRL on the prescribed dates with the approval of the State Commissioner. No times or dates will be changed once the tournament starts, EXCEPT if necessary, because of weather conditions. This would be done on approval of the Commissioner in charge of this tournament.

_____ 17. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION – All tournament information will be posted on the NCBRL website, <https://ncbaberuth.com>. It is the responsibility of the host to complete the online tournament information form from the website.

_____ 18. UNIFORMS (MANAGERS, COACHES, & PLAYERS) - There is to be no more than one (1) manager and three (3) coaches per team. All managers and coaches participating in tournament play will wear a baseball type uniform. This means NO SHORTS OR JEANS. The manager and coaches' uniforms do not have to be the same color as the player's uniforms, however, the manager's and coaches' uniforms should all be similar. All members of a team (including managers and coaches) will be in uniforms (baseball) when accepting their tournament awards. Uniforms for Softball Coaches will be as allowed by the Softball Rules. No exceptions.

_____ 19. BATS – Must be in compliance with all of the applicable rules as stated in the most current edition of the Official Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Baseball/Softball Rule Book(s).

_____ 20. ADMISSION FEE - Maximum admission at the gate, for single days, will be \$5.00 per adult and \$2.00 for children 6-16 years of age. Where two fields are used, day tickets shall be honored at each site. With the approval of the State Commissioner, a flat fee per team can be used in lieu of keeping a gate. (Maximum of \$400 per team)

BY _____
FIRST PARTY

BY _____
SECOND PARTY

This agreement, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, _____, by and between _____, existing under by virtue of the Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth League, hereinafter referred to as the First Party and Babe Ruth of North Carolina, Inc, a corporation herein after referred to as the Second Party.

Witnessed:

That for and in consideration of the mutual promises to each other hereinafter stated and agree to, and by these presents do hereby agree as follows:

Initial every line below prior to the number showing you agree within everything set forth therein:

_____ 1. The Second Party hereby designates _____, NC as the host county/city for the North Carolina State Tournament _____ (East/West/Combined) in the year of _____.

_____ 2. The First Party agrees at its' expense to make all necessary arrangements for the North Carolina State Tournament for _____ year olds for the year _____.

_____ 3. The dates of the said _____ State Tournament shall be as set by the State Commissioner.

_____ 4. Payments totaling \$800.00 (Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth baseball), \$100 per team playing, maximum \$800.00, and \$3,000 (Softball) must be paid to Second party per the following schedule: 50% at the Tournament Workshop in May and 50% at the Officials Meeting prior to the start of the tournament.

_____ 5. The First Party agrees to procure Liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 which will cover all reasonable hazards pertaining to the _____ State Tournament. This policy may be purchased through Babe Ruth League, Trenton, New Jersey.

_____ 6. The First Party agrees to provide free-of-charge, ballpark with adequate lighting, decorations, adequate public-address system for ALL utilized fields and announcer/s, fresh water in the dugouts, official's tent, refreshments for NCBRL Tournament Director and press box. A field inspection will be done by the local District Commissioner prior to the tournament and the host shall be responsible to correct any problems. Refreshments s are also to be provided to the NCBRL representative on site.

_____ 7. The host team from the host league, will be a tournament team selected from a league or a division of a league meeting all requirements as set forth in the Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Division Baseball for a tournament team. The Host Team must be picked two weeks prior to tournament schedule and must be so

designated. The Host Team may play in the Area/District Tournament if so desired and advance as they place in the Area/District Tournament or take the Host Seeding, whichever is the higher seed.

_____ 8. The First Party assumes the responsibility of active local publicity and promotion of all aspects of the _____ tournament, including ticket sales, scorecards, satisfactory playing fields, controlling the concessions, stadium security, adequate restroom facilities and parking. If the First Party, in carrying out their local promotion and publicity should consider any exclusive products arrangements, permission must first be obtained from the Second Party for use of Babe Ruth League, Inc. emblem.

_____ 9. The First Party is entitled to exclusive concession stand rights and souvenirs and specifically entitled to all income derived from said concession and souvenirs.

_____ 10. The sponsoring host and city shall have no other major local event in direct competition with the North Carolina Babe Ruth State Tournament during the week of the Tournament, nor promote any other competition during said period.

_____ 11. This contract shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of New Jersey.

_____ 12. It is agreed by both parties that in entering into this contractual agreement it is done with the knowledge that the ultimate goal is the most successful State Tournament possible.

_____ 13. This agreement shall not be changed orally but by an agreement in writing and signed by the party whom enforcement of any waiver, change, modification or discharge is sought.

In Witness Whereof, the First Party has caused these present to be executed and the Second Party has caused the presents to be executed, all on the day and year hereinafter written.

BY _____ BY _____
FIRST PARTY SECOND PARTY

Payment received by _____ Date _____