

NCBRL TOURNAMENT RULES AND PROCEDURES

Tournament team credentials shall be in loose leaf notebook with see thru plastic dividers.

- Tournament Credentials Sheet MUST be signed by the League's District Commissioner.
- Tournament Team Roster MUST be online in the BRL's Data Center. Team Roster MUST be printed from the Data Center. NO OTHER ROSTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- All League Regular Season Team Rosters MUST be online in the BRL's Data Center.
- Copies of the Regular Season Team Rosters with Players and Coaches highlighted MUST be printed from the Data Center. NO OTHER ROSTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- Regular Season Drop/Add's dated after June 30 will NOT be allowed on Tournament Team Rosters. (This pertains to Players and Coaches)
- The "Before you play your first game in the Tournament Trail" section at the bottom of your League's Letter of Eligibility MUST be completed.

Only Players, Manager and Coaches listed on the Tournament Team Roster will be allowed on the Field or in the Dugout. A uniformed Batboy or Batgirl may be in the Dugout upon written permission from the Tournament Director. (Note: In the Cal Ripken 6's T-ball Tournament, a fourth coach is allowed in the Dugout if in uniform. This fourth coach shall be listed on the back of the Tournament Team Roster.) Unless advised differently, the Manager of each Tournament Team playing in a NCBRL State Tournament shall be responsible to pay the Host League the Gate Fee Requirement prior to the team's first game. It shall be the responsibility of the Host League to collect this and advise the Tournament Director of any problems. It is NOT the responsibility of the State Tournament Director to collect this fee.

When an Officials and Coaches meeting is scheduled, each team shall have at least one person representing their team at the meeting. It is the Manager's responsibility to know what has discussed at that meeting. The team's Credential's Book shall be given to the Tournament Director at that time. It will remain in the Tournament Director's possession until the team leaves the Tournament. At Tournaments where there is no Officials and Coaches meeting, the Team Manager shall present the Credentials to the Tournament Director at the field one hour prior to the team's first scheduled game.

All Tournaments are to be played by Babe Ruth Baseball, Softball, or Cal Ripken Tournament Rules as adopted by NC Babe Ruth League and published. Regular Season Rules will not be used. It is the Manager's responsibility to know the Tournament Rules. Failure to know a rule is not an excuse.

First Base Dugout is to be Home Dugout for all State Tournament Games. All State Tournament Home Teams will be predetermined by NCBRL and shown on the Official Tournament Schedule. (The Tournament Director may allow teams that play back to back games to remain in their dugout from the first game regardless of whether home or visitor.)

Teams shall not proceed into the dugout until directed to do so by the Tournament Director. At the conclusion of a scheduled game, the teams playing next may enter the field and proceed to the corresponding outfield to their dugout to warm up for the next game. Team and player equipment shall be allowed to be laid down in foul territory on the outfield side of the coach's box. The players will be allowed to warm up in the outfield corresponding with their dugout. Teams are not allowed to occupy

the dugout until the prior game's team has secured their equipment, policed up, and completely left the dugout and field. The Tournament Director will instruct each team's manager as to the time the first pitch of their game is scheduled and when to complete their outfield warm-ups.

There will be no infield practice prior to the game on the Tournament Field. If the Host has additional fields, teams may ask for permission from the Host to practice on those fields.

No ball play shall be allowed in front of the dugouts. This included soft toss, pepper, throwing, or any activity involving the baseball. Loosening up with bats is allowed. This is basically anywhere from the first or third base area through home plate.

It shall be the responsibility of each team to police up their dugout prior to leaving the dugout after a game.

At all State Tournaments the Host will introduce the teams using the guide furnished by NCBRL and present to the Manager any team awards they may have won at a preceding tournament. The Host shall have researched as necessary to be able to identify these awards and what they represent. Prior to the start of the game, each team, including all managers, coaches and batboys will be introduced and positioned along their adjacent foul line. The teams will remain in that position as the National Anthem is played. This must be done at the beginning of every team's first game of the State Tournament. It will be the responsibility of the Tournament Director to make sure this is done. The Tournament Director shall be in charge of the game ball, leaving a new ball on the pitching rubber at the start of the game for the home team's starting pitcher and making sure the umpires have at least 3 other balls to start the game. At the conclusion of the National Anthem the home team will take the field and the visiting team shall go back to their dugout. The Managers of each team shall meet with the Umpires at home plate. The UIC for that game shall review the ground rules and receive the lineup cards from each manager. The original copy will go to the umpire and a copy to the opposing manager. At the conclusion of this meeting, the managers return to their dugout and the umpires take their position. At this point the Home Plate Umpire is in charge of the field until the final out of the game. The Tournament Director then assumes control of the field.