

**Guidelines**  
to be adhered to for all  
NC Babe Ruth / Cal Ripken / Babe Ruth Softball  
District, Area, and State Tournament Play

1. Use only baseballs/softballs approved I/A/W BR League current rule book
2. Play each game to conclusion. Suspended game will pick up at point of suspension.
3. 10 run rule is in effect for all games. (see division rules for minimum innings)
4. Any suspended game shall be played prior to either team's next scheduled game. This does not mean that other games cannot be played before the suspended game is finished, it just means that you have to finish that game prior to the next game that involves either of those 2 teams. (pool play only)
5. Any game postponed prior to its' start may be rescheduled at the discretion of the responsible NCBRL representative (pool play only, in bracket play a game must be finished prior to the start of the next game) Playing games out of numbered sequence in bracket play is not allowed without written approval from the State Commissioner.
6. Maintain and prominently post at the tournament site and cause to be published on NCBRL.ORG website all standings. In addition, maintain runs scored and runs allowed statistics in pool play and post at the tournament site.
7. Furnish official scorekeeper and maintain pitching records including pitch count Warn the home plate umpire if a player is about to exceed maximum allowable number of pitches. Please instruct your umpires to at that point advise the manager of the defensive team. (Failure of Official Scorekeeper or umpire to notify does NOT relieve the team's manager of the ultimate responsibility.)
8. For pitching, the start of the Bracket Play is NOT a new tournament. Pitching records from Pool Play continue into Bracket Play. In the Twin Double Elimination Brackets Tournaments, the Finals is NOT a new tournament. Pitching records from the original bracket continue into the Finals.
9. EH/EP allowed in accordance with current Official Babe Ruth Rules.
10. No courtesy runners or speed up rules unless specifically approved by the responsible Commissioner.
11. Pitcher is not required to pitch on an intentional walk. May intentionally walk at any point in the count. Only pitches thrown will count.
12. No local league rules will be allowed.
13. Have a 3 person protest committee (no managers, coaches, or umpires,) at the site at all times, preferably one from each participating team and a neutral individual. When there is a protest, the chief umpire will stop the game, invite the protest committee onto the field. Chief umpire will then give them an explanation of the call followed by the protesting manager providing his objection to the call and why he believes it is not in accordance with the appropriate BR/CR/SB rule.. Protest Committee will then confer and make a decision in accordance with the appropriate BR/CR/SB rule interpretation. Responsible NCBRL Representative should be present during these deliberations and may be part of the Committee. After the decision is made, provide to the Chief Umpire. The decision is final. As soon as possible after the protest is decided, contact the State Commissioner or the Elected Assistant State Commissioner.