



# Babe Ruth Softball

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## MIDWEST PLAINS REGION RULES AND REGULATIONS

In accordance with:

- **Babe Ruth Softball-Official's Handbook** page 31-f
- **Babe Ruth Softball Rules & Regulations** 11.06 Jurisdiction #8
- **Babe Ruth Softball Rules & Regulations-Powers of Regional Commissioners, #1 & #9**
- **Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Code**

**In addition to** the Babe Ruth official documents listed above, the following Midwest Plains Region Rules and Regulations will apply to all Babe Ruth Softball chartered leagues, officials, managers, coaches and players in the Midwest Plains Region.

### **RULE #1**

1. The team winning the District Championship **shall** compete with the other District champions or otherwise qualified teams within the State to determine the State Champion.
2. The team winning the State Championship **shall** compete with the other State champions or otherwise qualified teams within the Region to determine the Regional Champion.
3. The teams winning the 12U and 16U Regional championships **shall** compete with other regional champions to determine the World Series Champions.

Teams qualifying for each level of tournament competition, who do not advance through the tournament levels until eliminated from further competition, place a financial burden on host leagues since tournaments are planned months in advance, and host leagues incur financial obligations. In order to curtail this reoccurring problem, the Midwest Plains Region has implemented a system of "league responsibility." This system of "league responsibility" will be applied as follows:

### **PENALTY:**

- A. For the first violation, the League shall receive a "warning letter" for the next season of play. If no further violations occur before completion of the warning period, the League will be notified in writing that it is in good standing for tournament competition provided all other tournament eligibility requirements are met.



**B.** Should a second violation occur, the offending League shall be required to post a "participation guarantee deposit" in the *amount of \$250 payable to "Midwest Plains Babe Ruth Softball"*. This "participation guarantee deposit" must be presented at the first level of tournament participation, *on or before* the date imposed by the District or State Commissioner as the deadline date for such deposit. The participation deposit shall be refunded in full, to the league, when they complete or are eliminated from further participation in the Babe Ruth Softball tournament trail.

If a League commits to participate in post-season tournament competition at the first level of tournament competition, with game brackets established for tournament play, and then fails to participate in the tournament; the deposit will be immediately forfeited to the tournament host of that "first level of tournament competition".

If the League wins the "first level of tournament competition" championship (or otherwise qualifies) and fails to advance to participate through completion or elimination from the tournament at the State level, or voluntarily withdraws prior to being eliminated from the State tournament, the "participation guarantee deposit" will be immediately forfeited to the State tournament host.

If the League wins the State Championship (or otherwise qualifies) and fails to advance to participate through completion or elimination from the tournament at the Regional level, or voluntarily withdraws prior to being eliminated from the Regional tournament, the "participation guarantee deposit" will be immediately forfeited to the Regional tournament host.

If the League fails to qualify for advancement to the next level of tournament competition, the "participation guarantee deposit" will be immediately returned to the League.

It is understood that with any of the **Babe Ruth Rules and Regulations** or the Midwest Plains Region Special Rules or any of the penalty applications, appeals of the penalty actions may be made by the offender(s) in accordance with the *Babe Ruth League, Inc.* chain-of-command.