

**KANSAS BABE RUTH LEAGUES**  
**AND**  
**KANSAS CAL RIPKEN LEAGUES**

***Guidelines for determining home and visitors during  
District and State tournaments in Kansas***

**PURPOSE:**

To provide a definite and fair method for determining home and visitor status for each tournament contest.

**GUIDELINES:**

1. In all first round tournament games the home team will be the **bottom** team as listed on the published bracket.
2. For all ensuing rounds, home and visitor status will be determined by the status of the team's previous game status. Example: If Team A had a visitor status in the preceding round and Team B had a home status in the preceding round, Team A would be designated the home team and Team B the visitor.
3. In designating team status, each team will be designated an opposite status from their preceding contest unless both teams had a common status.
4. In the case where both teams had common status in the preceding round, all previous designations will be taken into account. The designation for home team will be awarded the team with the least home opportunities. Example: Team A and Team B were both visitors in the preceding round. Looking back over all previous games Team A had one home status and Team B had home status twice. Team A would be designated home team in this contest. *It is irrelevant whether a team has played more games than their opponent in this situation.* Comparison is made solely on the number of home opportunities the teams have had in prior contests.
5. If both teams have had equal home opportunities, a coin flip will be used. The winner of the flip will then choose home or visitor status.
6. In a tournament where byes are present, the team receiving the bye will, in their first tournament game, be designated home or visitor based on their opponent's status from the preceding round. Example: If the bye team's opponent had home team status in round one, then the bye team would have home status in the first game (round two).

**REASONS FOR THE GUIDELINES:**

1. Strategies can be developed by managers and coaches well in advance of game time.
2. In most cases each team will be designated an equal amount of home and visitor opportunities during that team's tournament games.
3. This procedure provides for better organization for both tournament officials as well as managers.

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