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Congratulations!

Babe Ruth League, Inc. and the Host Community extend to you a most enthusiastic welcome as a player in this year's tournament.

The players of the participating teams will be staying in homes of area people whom we call "Host Families".

Many new and lasting friendships will be created through this proven method of supervised housing and feeding. Both the players and their newly adopted families will enjoy a most satisfying social and cultural experience.

The Tournament Committee's job will be simplified, if at all times, Managers, Coaches, Players and Host Families follow the enclosed Regulations and Schedules.

It is imperative that all concerned keep each other advised of their movements. (Managers scheduling special practices, meetings, etc., shall advise Host Families and Host Families planning special outings, parties, etc., shall advise Managers.)

In all cases, Managers, Coaches, Players and Host Families must keep in contact with each other.

Because special assistance may be needed in adjusting a situation, please complete the inside back cover of this book with the important times, dates, names, addresses and telephone numbers that will be announced at your orientation session.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Tournament Committee
BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC.*

HOST FAMILIES' GUIDE BOOK

Host Family Requirement

As per Babe Ruth Rules and Regulation 11.06, paragraph 9 and 13.06, paragraph 9, which applies to all divisions of Babe Ruth League, Inc., when housing of players is required during tournament competition, the Host Family Plan must be used. (When players are not returning to their own homes each night, host housing is required.)

Selection and Assignment of Host Families

- A. Selection of Host Families, as well as the assignment of the players to the Host Family homes, must be done without discrimination.
- B. However, it is strongly recommended that a police background check be made of each Host Family before they are selected for safety purposes, etc.
- C. The Host Family Chairperson or members of the Host Family Committee shall make an on-site inspection of each home before they are selected as it is very important the players be assured of proper sleeping arrangements, etc.
- D. The Host Family Chairperson should select a Team Captain for each team to be housed during the tournament. Each Team Captain would be responsible for securing seven (7) or nine (9) homes, depending on the division of play for their team.
- E. Two or three players shall be assigned to each home by their team manager.
- F. At no time should a player be placed in a home by himself/herself.
- G. Team Captains should attempt to place participants in homes in the same neighborhood or area.
- H. Any team or individual player refusing to stay in a Host Family home for any reason will not be allowed to participate in tournament competition.
- I. Host Families shall meet and greet teams upon arrival.
- J. Host Families will be notified via telephone by the Host Committee as soon as the definite time of the team's arrival is known.

Transportation

- A. Host Families shall make certain that the players are in uniform and at their scheduled tournament game one (1) hour prior to the listed game starting time.

- B. Host Families will transport players to and from practice sessions and other tournament activities unless the Team Manager makes other arrangements and notifies Host Families of the change. Transportation problems shall be discussed with the Team Manager.

Meals

- A. Host Families shall provide three (3) substantial meals for the players each day.
- B. Please remember, adjustments to players' eating habits may have to be made according to the tournament games and practice schedule.
- C. Inform all players to advise you if their presence will not be possible for a particular meal period. Check each day's schedule with the players to avoid confusion.
- D. Host Family support items, i.e., food and entertainment, will be made available on a limited basis.

Supervision

- A. Advise the players staying with you that tournament curfew regulations stipulate that they must be home one (1) hour after the day's last scheduled activity or tournament game.
- B. If an event or game goes beyond 12:00 midnight, all team members shall return directly to their Host Family homes. There will be no one (1) hour grace period.
- C. In the event a player will be detained by the Manager or Host Family after the one (1) hour curfew, one group must notify the other.
- D. Players shall not remain out after the one (1) hour curfew without both the manager and Host Family's permission and knowledge.

ATTENTION: In the event of an unauthorized absence or unusual situation, immediately call the Host Family Chairperson or designated Tournament Committee Person.

- E. Host Families shall advise and receive permission from the Team Manager to take players on a special trip or outing.
- F. Host Families shall also notify Tournament Headquarters if a player leaves the city on a special trip or outing.
- G. Host Families shall make certain that the players staying with them are present at all special functions.

- H. Managers and Coaches will be staying at the Official Tournament Hotel. Obtain their correct name and room numbers and list them on the contact sheet at the back of this book.
- I. In the event a player becomes ill or injured, contact the team manager and Tournament Headquarters at once.
- J. All players, except the host team, **MUST** stay in Host Family homes until their departure. There are **NO** exceptions.
- K. Teams will depart the day after they are eliminated from the tournament or as soon as travel arrangements can be made.

PLAYERS' INSTRUCTIONS

Officials of Babe Ruth League, Inc. and the hard working host city have made extensive efforts to make certain your stay will be pleasant and rewarding. Therefore, we shall expect that you absolutely cooperate with the following regulations pertaining to your actions during the tournament.

SPECIAL NOTE: Host team players are subject to all requirements and activities.

1. **Assistance**

We want all players to thoroughly enjoy themselves during the tournament. If you need any information or assistance, contact your team manager immediately.

2. **Conduct**

Your conduct must be above reproach on and off the field. Any misbehavior or misconduct could not only cause your disqualification from the tournament but could also disqualify your team as well.

3. **Schedule**

Follow your team schedule at all times. Be at practice sessions, tournament games and special events on time. Be sure to check with your manager and Host Family whenever you wish to divert from the listed functions.

4. **Appearance**

As champions, we expect your dress to be neat. You may, of course, dress informally and comfortably. At all times, neatness and cleanliness of appearance is required.

5. **Curfew**

All players are to be in their Host Family's home one (1) hour after the day's last scheduled activity or tournament game. If an event or game goes beyond 12:00 midnight, all non-participating team members will return to their Host Family's home. There will be no one (1) hour grace period.

6. **Uniforms**

Each player on the same team shall wear a different number on their uniform. The division appropriate Official Shoulder Emblem must be worn on each team member's left shirt sleeve. (For sleeveless uniforms, the shoulder emblem must be worn on the left front chest.)

7. Do not request money, gifts or special favors from your Host Family at any time. If you need special assistance or guidance, contact your team manager.

8. Members of the Host Team are to be treated and are subject to all the same regulations as the other participating teams.

9. Do not go barefoot in the ballpark.
10. Do not charge telephone calls to your Host Family's telephone.
11. You are not permitted to use any type of recreational equipment.
12. You are not permitted to use any household appliance, electronic, mechanical or computer equipment.
13. You are not permitted to take part in any water activities other than swimming (i.e., no diving, etc.) You must also check with your manager and/or coaches prior to planning to go swimming, particularly on game days.

"BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT!"

CONTACT SHEET

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS:

Location _____
Telephone _____
Mailing Address _____
Hours _____

TOURNAMENT HOTEL:

Location _____
Telephone _____

HOST FAMILY CHAIRPERSONS:

Name _____ Telephone _____
Name _____ Telephone _____

TASK FORCE FAMILY LIAISON:

Name _____ Telephone _____
Hotel Room Number _____

TEAM MANAGER:

Name _____ Telephone _____
Hotel Room Number _____

SPECIAL NOTES

TEAM ARRIVAL: Day _____ Place _____ Time _____

BANQUET: Day _____ Place _____ Time _____

OPENING CEREMONIES: Day _____ Place _____ Time _____

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES TO REMEMBER:

The Sportsmanship Code of Babe Ruth League, Inc.

Develop a strong, clean, healthy body, mind and soul.

Develop a strong urge for sportsmanlike conduct.

Develop understanding of and respect for the RULES.

Develop courage in defeat, tolerance and modesty in victory.

Develop control over emotions and speech.

Develop spirit of cooperation and team play.

Develop into real, true CITIZENS.

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