

**SAMPLE BREAKFAST AGENDA
for Managers & Coaches**

A. Welcome	Host President
B. Introduction of Local Officials & Dignitaries	Host President
C. BREAKFAST	Group
D. Business Meeting	Tournament Director

1. Instructions:

- a. All games must be played under Official Babe Ruth Rules
- b. Protest procedure
- c. Trip to mound rule, circumvention explanation, re-entry of pitcher into game.
- d. Re-entry rule - never original and sub in game at same time.
- e. All games MUST be completed, 10 run rule in effect.
- f. Bat and helmet throwing
- g. Bench jockeying
- h. Home dugout is third base side
- i. Team introductions - pitcher can be in dugout
- j. Nothing on top of dugouts
- k. Stay in dugouts
- l. No smoking or other use of tobacco products
- m. Team personnel only in dugouts

2. Tournament pitching rule explanation	Tournament Director
3. Introduce Press Box Coordinator	Host President
4. Introduce Umpire-in-Chief	Tournament Director
5. Team practice schedules	Host President
6. Questions & Answers	Group
7. Closing Comments	Tournament Director

PLEASE NOTE: Following breakfast, managers and coaches will go to the field with the Umpire-in-Chief to review ground rules and tour field.

**Babe Ruth League, Inc.
Managers, Coaches, and Tournament Officials
Pre-Tournament Meeting Checklist**

1. Introduction of Tournament Officials:
 - A. The Tournament Director is _____.
 - B. The Regional Commissioner’s Assigned Representative is _____.
 - C. The Umpire-in-Charge is _____.
2. The Babe Ruth League Philosophy: Make it so the kids can play baseball.
3. Line-up Forms:
 - A. All teams must use the Official Babe Ruth Line-up Forms (containing 4 copies).
 - B. Include the name of your Protest Committee Representative on the Line-up Form and on the Player Announcement Form.
 - C. Line-up Form (Batting Order) Distribution (reference Baseball & Softball Rule 4.01):
 - 1 copy to the plate umpire
 - 1 copy to the opposing manager
 - 1 copy to the press box (for the official scorer)
 - D. Line-up Changes (reference Baseball & Softball Rules 3.06, 3.07, 3.08):
 1. The manager must call time out (if not between innings).
 2. The manager must inform the plate umpire of the substitution and where the player will bat in the batting order.
 3. The umpire will cause the change to be recorded and announced.
4. Pitching Log (where applicable):
 - A. A pitcher eligibility log will be kept in the press box.
 - B. The team managers are to check the official scorebook and the pitching log before leaving the field. The log cannot and will not be changed after the manager(s) leave the field.
 - C. Pitching eligibility is the manager’s responsibility. The official scorer may bring a potential violation to the manager’s attention, but is not liable to do so.
 - D. Use of an ineligible pitcher shall cause a forfeiture of the game.
5. Official Scorer: Is the only “OFFICIAL” scorekeeper.
6. Protests:
 - A. A Protest Committee of not less than three will be established before a game can begin.
 - B. A team’s Protest Committee Representative must be listed on the Line-up Form.
 - C. Managers should be familiar with the Baseball protest rule 11.05, paragraph 10, or Softball protest rule 11.05, paragraph 7, as appropriate. Notes –
 1. Judgment calls cannot be protested.
 2. A protest must be immediate.
 3. No protests (except on player eligibility) will be honored after a game has been completed.

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4. The game will be suspended until a Protest Committee decision is announced. The Protest Committee's decision will be FINAL.
7. The Rawlings Tournament Baseball or Softball is the only tournament-approved ball and shall be used in all tournament play. If for some extreme reason this ball is not available and another manufacturer's ball must be used, then both managers must agree before it is put in play.
8. Dugout: Only uniformed, rostered players, manager, and coaches are allowed in the dugout. A bat boy or bat girl will be allowed in the dugout provided he or she is listed on the Player Announcement Form. The bat-person must wear a helmet.
9. Uniforms: Players, manager, and coaches must be in full uniforms as specified in the Baseball and Softball rule books. In no case are shorts (baseball only) or jeans allowed. Uniform numbers must be different (Baseball & Softball Rule 1.11).
10. The umpires shall present the ground rules to the managers prior to the start of the game.
11. If the home team is not pre-determined, a toss of a coin will be conducted by the tournament director at least one hour prior to the start of the game. The home team will use the third base dugout.
12. When time allows (*due to weather conditions or other abnormal circumstances*), each team will have 10 minutes of warm-up time on the field with the visitors going first. The tournament director or announcer will announce the beginning and the end of the time period. Coaches must conduct the warm-up in front of the batter's box. When the teams are announced, make sure that the players line up along the base line but not touching the line.
13. In addition to players in the field and on base, the batter and on-deck batter are the only other players permitted outside the dugout (except pitchers and catchers in a designated warm-up area).
14. Throwing or unnecessary abuse of equipment or property will not be permitted.
15. No eating or drinking is allowed on the playing field.
16. Each team must clean up its dugout before vacating after a game.
17. Players shall not mingle in the stands or with spectators during the game (Baseball & Softball Rule 3.09).
18. The manager is responsible for the sportsmanship and behavior of his team's parents and fans. The tournament director or an umpire will approach the manager about unsportsmanlike conduct observed.

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19. A player that has been ejected from a game must remain in the dugout until the game is completed unless the umpire indicates otherwise. A manager or coach ejected must leave the general area of the game so not to be in contact with the fans, players, and umpires.