

Player Assignment to Charter Process

This document is meant to further clarify the process for allowing players to participate in Babe Ruth Baseball. In all cases the Babe Ruth Rule Book is the governing document.

There are two scenarios to define when allowing a player(s) to play outside of an existing/non-existing charter.

The duration of the change remains in effect for one season/Tournament Trail.

1. If a town does not have a chartered Cal Ripken or Babe Ruth League
2. If a town has a Cal Ripken and/or a Babe Ruth Charter
 - a. The town does not offer a regular season and/or travel program for a particular age.
 - b. The town offers a regular season and/or travel program for a particular age whose capacity is reached.

Scenario 1

This scenario is modifying an existing town's Charter to include another town. We must provide a paper trail of the change in geographical boundaries

- District Commissioner determines which Charter the player(s) will play in. The selection process starts with the geographically closest Charter within the District until a town with an existing Charter accepts. Every rejection and acceptance need to be communicated in writing/email to the State Commissioner. Providing a clear description of the sequence of Charters reviewed.
- League President from each "receiving" Charter communicates back to District Commissioner and State Commissioner of their acceptance and/or rejection.
- State Commissioner approves in writing/email the change in the Charter area for the player(s).
- State Commissioner/State Secretary will communicate to all State officials (League Presidents, District Commissioners), Regional/National Headquarters of the change in boundaries.

State Commissioners shall approve geographical boundaries established by each league in conjunction with the District Commissioner in whose district that league exists and operates. Appropriate written descriptions, maps or specifications of boundary limitations must be certified by and filed with the State Commissioner and submitted to Babe Ruth League, Inc. for final approval. A player must play within the league's geographical boundaries in which the player resides. This is determined according to the legal residence of the player's parents or legal guardian. **Waivers permitting a player to play outside of his geographical boundaries are not permitted in Babe Ruth League.** (Each age division shall be a separate entity and shall have its own geographical boundaries.) Such geographical boundaries shall be subject to review and adjustment by state regional commissioners and Babe Ruth League, Inc. whenever it is deemed advisable. Geographical boundaries are established to eliminate competition of an undesirable nature, but shall not be established to prevent healthy expansion of teams and leagues within any given area. The only exceptions to the above rule are as follows: a. If a player rostered on a Cal Ripken or Babe Ruth League moved outside of that league's geographical boundaries. In this case, the player may finish his playing career in the respective division of that league.

b. With the State Commissioner's approval, if the physical location of the school where a player attends classes during the traditional academic year is within the boundaries of an established league, the player is permitted to participate in the established league. (Note: This excludes home schools, cyber schools, sports-related schools, sports academies, or after school where a student participates outside of the primary school in which he is enrolled.) Under the school boundary rule, a player is only eligible to participate in one Cal Ripken or Babe Ruth League.

Players and their parents/guardians are advised that any false statements regarding residency or school attendance may result in the player being declared ineligible to participate in Cal Ripken Baseball or Babe Ruth Baseball league.

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Scenario 2

- a. In this case no waiver is required because this is a “change in geographical boundary”
 - League President communicates in writing/email communicates to the District Commissioner releasing the player(s) citing the reason that there is no Division/League/Team that the player can play on in their town.
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- b. In this case a waiver is required. It is assumed that player(s) that fall into this category are being allowed to play in another jurisdiction because there is an excess of players and a receiving town does not have sufficient player(s) to field a team.
 - “Releasing” League President communicates in writing/email to the District Commissioner releasing the player(s) citing the reason that there are adequate resources in the “releasing town” to let these players play in another league to assist in fielding team(s).
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 - League President from each “receiving” Charter communicates back to District Commissioner and State Commissioner of their acceptance and/or rejection.
 - State Commissioner approves in writing/email the change in the Charter area for the player(s).
 - “Receiving” League President follows the Waiver Process found on the Babe Ruth HQ website citing Rule 0.01 and 11.03 with a description of why the player(s) are being moved to the “Receiving” town.
 - “Receiving” League President submits completed waiver to District Commissioner per the Babe Ruth HQ policy.
 - Once the Waiver is completed through National approval the “Receiving” League President must then make sure that rosters are correctly completed and that the completed Waiver Form is available in the Tournament Trail Books.
 - State Commissioner/State Secretary will communicate to all State officials (League Presidents, District Commissioners) the completion of the waiver.

11.03 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY 1. Players listed on team rosters or revisions thereto, which are filed with Headquarters, State Commissioners and District Commissioners in accordance with Rule 0.04, paragraph 3, shall be eligible for the tournament team. a. Due to death, injury, or if a player, manager or coach leaves on his own accord, he may be replaced upon presentation of written approval from Babe Ruth League, Inc. to the Tournament Director. The replacement player, manager or coach is eligible beginning at the next level of tournament competition. The player, manager or coach replaced is not eligible for further tournament competition and replacements must meet all tournament eligibility requirements. Proof of inability of player, manager or coach to continue must be presented in writing by the league president to Babe Ruth League, Inc.

b. To be eligible to participate in tournament play, a player, manager or coach must be listed on the local league regular season rosters by June 1 and on tournament rosters.