

2018 State Tournament 11U, 15U and 18U Coaches meeting notes:

1. Team/Parent information

- a. Gate fees are \$5 per day for 6 yrs old and above, Wristbands must be worn and if ripped off they will not be excepted again at the gate on the same day. Coach passes or Cooler passes will not be replaced. Main gates will be the only ones open (11u will have to walk around to cages). If any fan sits outside the gates to watch a game they must purchase a wristband first, this will be checked by our security. Talk about parking. Coaches please return your coach pass and cooler pass once you are complete with the tournament upstairs in the press box when you pickup your credential book and regional welcome packet if needed.
- b. No outside food or drinks, pets (service dogs are allowed with documentation) or skateboards (anything on wheels) will be allowed in the gates. We will provide a full concession stand for their needs. Parents will be turned around at the gate and asked to return these items to their vehicles. 1 Team Cooler will be allowed in by a COACH (must have cooler pass on it) this team cooler is for players and coaches only. We will also provide water coolers in the dugouts with cups. If we see the team cooler being abused and used for family and friends we will stop allowing them.
- c. Please share our flyers with your parents to help get them discounts at local restaurants.
- d. Please help with foul balls, we give out a free blow pop at the concession stand for returning any foul ball.
- e. Ensure you, your players and parents display good sportsmanship and behavior, we have zero tolerance for this and they will be asked to leave. Head Coaches only will discuss issues with the umpires or the tournament director.
- f. There will be an awards ceremony after the championship game, parents are welcome to come out on the field to take pictures.
- g. Noise makers will be allowed that try and distract the players on the field.
- h. All tournament information can be found at www.petalsportsassociation.com under the tournaments tab or the documents tab. Also this tournament will have live updates on Tourney Machine, parents get instructions on how to do this on our website. Note: a digital copy of the 2018 Babe Ruth Rulebook is on our website under documents.

2. Coaches information

- a. Please get your lineups to the press box as quick as you can, we will have scorekeepers in the press box 1 copy of lineup must go to the umpire as well. Feel free to put someone up there to announce players (Must be 16 yrs old or above and only 1 person) on your lineups you must put someone down that is on your protest committee, cannot be an assistant coach. Talk how protests will be handled (only rule violations not judgement calls)
- b. Pitching Affidavits will be tracked in the press box, Head Coaches have 30 Minutes after the game to come sign the pitching affidavits. If the head coach does not sign within the 30 Minutes then what we have on the pitching affidavit will become official. Talk through pitch count. How we will notify of illegal pitcher, and talk about 3 consecutive days. Feel free to ask the scorekeeper between innings what the pitch count is to verify what you have is correct.

- c. Be prepared to play your game 45 minutes early, I have put a lot of space between games on purpose. Also be prepared for game change times due to weather. We started later on Sunday to help everyone with church but if the forecast is calling for afternoon weather we will adjust times.
- d. Teams will not be allowed to take infield before their game. We will have warm up fields available (11U Bancorp), (15U and 18U One80). Please work together on sharing these warmup fields.
- e. Coaches Uniforms, must be like their players except we will allow coaches to wear shorts. The shorts can either be black or khaki but all coaches on that team must match.

3. Rules to go over

- a. Balks, feint to 3rd, delayed dead
- b. No Slash Bunt in 11U
- c. EP-Ep player no DH
- d. Substitutions go over rule on page 12 and 47 on Babe Ruth Rulebook (how to appeal)
- e. Bats page 18 or Babe Ruth Rulebook (how to appeal)
- f. Rainouts official game decision will be up to the State Director.
- g. Bracket is stretched out because of only playing 2 games in a day, this will not be waived.
- h. Intentional Walks/Pitching Rules page 27-29 on Babe Ruth Rulebook
- i. Slide/contact rule
- j. 10 Run rule after 4 or 3 ½ if home team is up
- k. Coaches and dugouts/ coaching boxes
- l. Bat Boys
- m. Flip for home (do first round tonight) Championship game team on top will be home, if the "IF" game happens we will flip again, at that point each team will have a loss.
- n. Courtesy Runners-We will need to agree and vote
- o. –
- p. –
- q. –
- r. –
- s. –

4. Notes: