

Coaches,

Below is a list of answers to the questions you sent into me yesterday. Please if you have anymore questions after this address them with your league president, district commissioner or Host Site Director. It is important you review your welcome packet which can be found on the petal sports association website under documents or on the MS Babe Ruth website.

1. Coaches uniform, coaches must wear the same jersey and hat as their team, they can wear shorts but they must be the same color, **Gray is a neutral color. Also the State Director has approved for coaches matching polos or coaching pullovers.** All jerseys must have Cal Ripken patches on the left sleeve unless you ordered patches for hats page 20 of 2019 rulebook.
2. Gate Fees, this is in the State bylaws, \$5 per day 6 years old and younger are free. Some sites will do a weekend pass that is up to them. 4 rostered coaches per team are allowed in for free and of course players. Team coolers will be up to the host site please ask them what they allow also review what each park has for park rules.
3. Birth Cards/Birth Certificates are NOT needed in your credential book, league presidents verify all of that when they sign the roster. Also rosters do NOT have to have 12 players on them.
4. Please see your welcome packet for credential book turn in and coaches meeting times for Thursday. 1 coach per team is required at this meeting, also with your book you will turn in your Team Entry Fee Check for \$200.
5. Time limits- are only in the t-ball-8u divisions. 9-12U are full 6 inning games with a run rule of 15 runs after 3 innings, see 2019 rule change sheet on the Babe Ruth Website.
6. Pitching rules follow the 2019 rulebook starting on page 26.
7. T-Ball Bats (approved by the State Director June 25, 2019) Bats must be/say t-ball certified or USA certified or both. NO Girls Softball T-Ball bats will be allowed. If you have questions please take a picture of the markings on the bat and text it to Terry Crow for confirmation 228-282-2757.
8. Machine Pitch Batting order (Approved by the State Director June 25, 2019) there has been a lot of questions/rule changes on this. We want to give coaches as many options as possible. So here are your options for this State Tournament.
 - a. Bat 10 or 11 players (EP) with free defensive substitution. However the substitution rule for batting line up purposes will follow page 11-12 of the 2019 Rulebook **If you start with 11 (EP) you have to finish with 11 (EP).**
 - b. Bat entire lineup with free defensive substitution. Note: if you only have 11 players this will be considered your entire lineup and not the EP, so if you fall below 10 players it would be a forfeit. **NOTE: if you bat your entire lineup and a player has to be removed from the game you will skip that player in the lineup and you will NOT take an out. If this happens that player CANNOT reenter that game.**