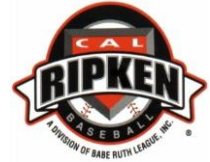


# Babe Ruth Baseball

Pacific Northwest Region



## CAL RIPKEN TOURNAMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by and between \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as the Sponsoring Host, and the Pacific Northwest Region of Babe Ruth League, Inc.

Wherein, it is mutually agreed, as follows:

1. The Pacific Northwest Region hereby designates \_\_\_\_\_ as the Sponsoring Host for the Cal Ripken \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Tournament in the year 20\_\_.
2. The Sponsoring Host agrees, at its own expense, to make arrangements for the \_\_\_\_\_ Regional Tournament to be played in the City of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year 20\_\_.
3. Payments totaling \$2,500 (US) or as otherwise set by the Pacific Northwest Regional Commissioner must be made payable to Babe Ruth League, Inc. in accordance with the following schedule: A deposit of one-half of the tournament fee by January 31<sup>st</sup>, and the balance to be paid prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of this tournament. Prior to the start of this tournament, in the event that the Sponsoring Host elects, for whatever reason, not to act as Tournament Host, all monies received as a tournament deposit may be retained as liquidated damages.
4. This tournament shall be under the supervision of the Regional Tournament Commissioner who shall have sole authority to ensure that it is conducted according to the Rules and Regulations of both the Pacific Northwest Region and Babe Ruth League, Inc.
5. The Pacific Northwest Region has final authority for all aspects and decisions related to the tournament, including, but not limited to, any scheduling and rescheduling of tournament games. However, in any discretionary aspects of the administration and the running of the tournament, the Sponsoring Host will be given broad discretion and such decision(s) of the Sponsoring Host will be allowed and followed except in the event and to the extent that the Commissioner or Babe Ruth League, Inc. determines either that (1) the Sponsoring Host decision(s) contravenes any Babe Ruth League, Inc. rule or regulation and/or any tournament rule or regulation and/or any provision(s) of the Agreement, or (2) that such Sponsoring Host decision(s) would not be in the best interest of either the Regional Tournament or of Babe Ruth League, Inc.
6. All participating team members, including the Sponsoring Host team(s), are subject to the Rules and Regulations of Babe Ruth League, Inc., the Pacific Northwest Region and any rules, regulations or directives promulgated by the Commissioner which deals with any aspect of this tournament.
7. The Regional Tournament Commissioner will be responsible to receive and certify all required tournament credentials, which must remain in his/her possession until a team is eliminated or advances to further tournament competition.

**NOTE:** NO PLAYER WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TOURNAMENT WITHOUT PROPER CREDENTIALS.

8. The Pool Play or Double Elimination divisional allocation of teams for this tournament will be made under the supervision of the respective Assistant Regional Commissioner. The Sponsoring Host will set game times on the prescribed tournament dates with the approval of both the respective Assistant Regional Commissioner and the Regional Commissioner. No times or dates will be changed once the tournament starts unless deemed necessary due to weather conditions or the continuation of a suspended game(s). Any change must be made with the approval of the Regional Tournament Commissioner.

9. The responsibilities of the Sponsoring Host will be as follows:

- a. Must be covered by Commercial General Liability Insurance in the minimum of \$1,000,000 insuring against any and all hazards, acts or omissions which might be reasonably contemplated, anticipated or foreseen to occur in or related to this Pacific Northwest Regional Tournament.

USA leagues hosting a Pacific Northwest Regional tournament shall secure the Babe Ruth League Insurance Plans or equivalent coverage approved by Babe Ruth League, Inc. – both the Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy and the Group Accident Insurance Policy for the policy year in which they are hosting the Regional Tournament.

Canadian leagues hosting a Pacific Northwest Regional tournament shall secure a Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy that provides coverage for hosting of the tournament and all activities associated with the tournament including coverage for their individual league players and all league and tournament volunteers. This liability coverage must provide a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 of coverage and must name as additional insured on the policy both (1) Pacific Northwest Region of Babe Ruth League, Inc, and (2) Babe Ruth League, Inc. It is also required that the hosting league must have a Group Accident Insurance Policy providing coverage for their league's participants.

- b. To be responsible for all financial obligations and expenses incurred regarding the operation of this tournament. Further, all receipts forthcoming from the promotion of the tournament shall be retained by the Sponsoring Host including pre-tournament and general admission ticket sales, concession stand profits, souvenirs and program advertising, etc.
- c. To assume the responsibility and liability for active local promotion of all aspects of the tournament, including a banquet or picnic, opening ceremony, ticket sales, photographs, scorecards, baseballs, baseball fields and souvenirs. No eligible participating team shall be charged a fee to participate in the Regional Tournament. All proceeds or income from tournament activities shall remain with the Sponsoring Host.
- d. To publish a Regional Tournament program with all proceeds to remain with the Sponsoring Host.
- e. To obtain permission of Babe Ruth League, Inc. for the use of the Cal Ripken Baseball and/or Babe Ruth League, Inc. emblems, logos and registered trademarks.
- f. To establish tournament team arrival times at a central check-in location. All team players, managers and coaches must arrive and be present on site on the date and time designated unless written permission, where an extenuating circumstance is found to exist, has been obtained from the Tournament Commissioner.
- g. To provide, at their expense, one suitable motel/hotel room for the Commissioner for the duration of the tournament.
- h. To secure (block) ninety (90) hotel/motel rooms for all Cal Ripken Tournaments a minimum thirty (30) days prior to tournament start for participating tournament teams.

- i. To provide the name and contact information of the Tournament Director(s) on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> of the tournament year.
- j. To provide adequate playing field(s) including proper warm-up areas for pitchers, suitable press box with communication facilities, adequate spectator seating, restroom facilities and suitable headquarters for the Regional Tournament Commissioner and Sponsoring Host Officials.
- k. To provide, at their expense, at least two (2) Umpires for each Cal Ripken Ruth tournament game except for the Championship game for which at least three (3) shall be used. All Tournament Umpires must be members in good standing with Babe Ruth Baseball National Umpires Association (NUA). In addition, to provide suitable changing facilities for participating game officials. **Note:** All Tournament Umpires shall be in a similar type uniform while officiating tournament games. Shorts, jeans and sandals are strictly prohibited.
- l. To arrange prior to the start of tournament competition a mandatory pre-tournament meeting for all participating team Managers, Coaches, Tournament Umpire-in-Chief, Babe Ruth Officials and other involved Tournament Officials.
- m. To provide a sufficient supply (**6 dozen per tournament**) of official Babe Ruth Tournament approved baseballs to be used in all tournament games. If Rawlings baseballs are not available, the Host must get a waiver from headquarters to use Diamond or Wilson Tournament baseballs. (**The Region will reimburse the Host for 6 dozen baseballs per tournament**). In addition, sufficient game line-up cards will be supplied to all tournament teams for use in all tournament games.
- n. To provide an Official Scorekeeper, Official Pitch Count Statistician, Public Address System and Announcer for each tournament game.
- o. To provide a suitable practice field and arrange a schedule for those participating teams that wish to hold a practice session. **NOTE: NO TEAM WILL BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE ON THE REGULAR TOURNAMENT PLAYING FIELD.**
- p. To provide a grounds-keeping crew that must be available for the proper presentation of the playing field(s) prior to the start of each tournament game.
- q. To provide First Aid and Medical Care at the field(s) at all times while any tournament activity is scheduled or occurring (including any between games time) and ensure that there is sufficient transportation to a Hospital or Medical Clinic as well as accessibility to a Doctor on call.
- r. To provide, if requested by a participating team manager, a Bat Boy or Bat Girl. Each Bat Boy or Bat Girl must be in a baseball type uniform and wear a batting helmet at all times while serving in such role.
- s. To provide **individual awards** to the First Place and Finalist teams as well as a **team trophy** to the Finalist and both Third Place teams. All other tournament awards will be at the option of the Sponsoring Host.
- t. To prepare a tournament information package to be forwarded to the divisional Assistant Regional Commissioner and the Regional Commissioner for review and approval prior to posting on the PNW website ([www.pnwbaberuth.com](http://www.pnwbaberuth.com)) no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> of the tournament year. The tournament package shall include all relevant information regarding the tournament schedules and requirements including general admission ticket sales. The Sponsoring Host may elect to sell individual or family admissions for single games, sessions and/or the entire tournament, or a team spectator fee for the entire tournament, which will not exceed \$750.00 starting in 2024, except Calgary. Calgary will only charge \$600.00 and only pay \$600.00. The Host shall not charge or impose any mandatory fee, however characterized, upon any eligible tournament participant.

- u. To prominently display the official flags of the USA, Canada, and each State and Province in our Region throughout the duration of the Regional Tournament. The flags of Canada and of the States and Provinces will be supplied by the Region. When two countries are participating in a Regional Tournament, both National flags must be raised on separate staffs of the same height with the United States flag on the left. If only one staff is available, then both flags must be displayed in an area of the facility, i.e. grandstand or outfield fence. The flags should be of approximately equal size. The National Anthem of both countries are to be performed (1) at the beginning of each day's play, (2) during the Opening Ceremonies, and (3) at the Championship Game (optional). The Anthem of the visiting country is performed first, followed by the Anthem of the host country. All participating team officials and players must stand at attention facing the flags during the rendition of both Anthems.
10. PNW Policies to be followed by the Tournament Host League
- a. The length of the Cal Ripken Regional Tournament is to be three (3) days.
  - b. All Cal Ripken 9U Regional pool play games shall have a one hour and 45 minute time limit, with the exception of games that are tied or Championship games. Once an inning has started it must be completed unless weather or darkness determines otherwise. The game clock begins at the conclusion of the pre-game Umpires Meeting.
  - c. The Assistant Regional Commissioner will assign the home team in pool-play in a fair and equitable manner or conduct the coin flip at the manager's meeting. In the bracket (Championship) games the higher seed will be the home team. A coin flip will be used only when two equal seeds are playing each other. (2022 Fall Meeting)
  - d. The number of teams to be advanced out of pool-play to single-elimination Championship play in both eight (8) and ten (10) team tournaments was discussed. It was decided to recommend the policy that three (3) teams would be advanced out of an eight (8) team field and two (2) teams out of a ten (10) team field. (2022 Fall Meeting)
  - e. The Region shall provide the Regional Championship Banners and Plaques to all Tournament Champions.
11. Current Official Major League Baseball and Babe Ruth League, Inc. Rules and Regulations will prevail for this tournament.
12. Both parties agree that any supplemental memoranda, documents or documentations relating to the operation of this Tournament shall become a part of this Agreement and is to become binding only when signed by the Pacific Northwest Regional Commissioner (or designated representative) and the President of the Sponsoring Host Association (or designated representative).
13. Notwithstanding any provision contained in the Tournament Documents to the contrary and in order to help ensure a successful tournament experience, the Sponsoring Host also agrees to comply with any oral or written guidelines or directives or any documents provided to them by the Commissioner that might be related in any manner or way to the tournament or the operation thereof.
14. Notwithstanding any provision contained in this Agreement to the contrary, if the Sponsoring Host breaches, fails or refuses to fulfill any requirement or obligation required of it under any of the terms and provisions of this Agreement, the Pacific Northwest Region of Babe Ruth League, Inc. shall take whatever steps it deems reasonable and necessary to alleviate any such breach, failure or refusal, and, in such event, the Sponsoring Host shall become liable for any such costs and expenses so incurred by or on behalf of the Pacific Northwest Region of Babe Ruth League, Inc.

This Agreement shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of New Jersey.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF:** The parties hereto have duly executed this Pacific Northwest Regional Tournament Agreement with the full understanding that it becomes effective as of this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.



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Pacific Northwest Representative  
Brent A. Stenman  
Regional Commissioner

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Sponsoring Host Representative