

KANSAS BABE RUTH LEAGUES
AND
KANSAS CAL RIPKEN LEAGUES

***Guidelines for Determining Home and Visitors During
District and State Tournaments in Kansas***

PURPOSE:

To provide a definite and fair method for determining home and visitor status for each tournament contest.

GUIDELINES:

- 1) In all first round tournament games the home team will be the **bottom** team as listed on the official bracket.
- 2) For all ensuing rounds, home and visitor status will be determined by the status of the team's previous game status. Example: If Team A had a visitor status in the preceding round and Team B had a home status in the preceding round, Team A would be designated the home team and Team B the visitor.
- 3) In designating team status, each team will be designated an opposite status from their preceding contest unless both teams had a common status.
- 4) In the case where both teams had common status in the preceding round, all previous designations will be taken into account. The designation for home team will be awarded the team with the least home opportunities. Example: Team A and Team B were both visitors in the preceding round. Looking back over all previous games Team A had one home status and Team B had home status twice. Team A would be designated home team in this contest. *It is irrelevant whether a team has played more games than their opponent in this situation.* Comparison is made solely on the number of home opportunities the teams have had in prior contests.
- 5) If both teams have had equal home opportunities, a coin flip will be used. The winner of the flip will then choose home or visitor status.
- 6) In a tournament where byes are present, the team receiving the bye will, in their first tournament game, be designated home or visitor based on their opponent's status from the preceding round. Example: If the bye team's opponent had home team status in round one, then the bye team would have home status in the first game (round two).

REASONS FOR GUIDELINES:

- 1) Strategies can be developed by managers and coaches well in advance of game time.
- 2) In most cases each team will be designated an equal amount of home and visitor opportunities during that team's tournament games.
- 3) This procedure provides for better organization for both tournament officials as well as managers.

MIDWEST PLAINS REGION
POLICY

**RULES OF CONDUCT
AND
DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

It is expected that every player, manager, coach, board member and spectator will conduct himself/herself in an exemplary manner while representing the BABE RUTH BASEBALL program. In doing this, we agree to abide by the (1) *THE SPORTSMANSHIP CODE OF BABE RUTH BASEBALL*, (2) *RULES AND REGULATIONS OF BABE RUTH BASEBALL*, AND (3) *THE OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES* as published by the National Baseball Congress.

Inappropriate behavior, as defined by these resources, reflects poorly upon the entire program and is unacceptable. It is our belief that good sportsmanship is developed at the local League level.

As a result of concern over and discussion of this issue at the Spring meeting (25 March, 1995), the Midwest Plains Regional Board of Directors have developed the following policy in order to assist Leagues and Tournament Committees to foster and monitor the Spirit of Babe Ruth Baseball: The policy will be in effect in Kansas at District and State Tournaments also.

“During tournament play, if an individual is ejected, the **MANAGER OF THAT TEAM MAY ALSO BE EJECTED AND NEITHER MAY BE ELIGIBLE to participate in any capacity for the next contest as well. If ejected for a second time, he/she may be sent home at once and not allowed to participate at the next tournament level should the team win the championship. If problems of any form continue, the team may be declared out of the tournament.”**