



Babe Ruth League, Inc.

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TO: Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Baseball Commissioners

**FROM: Robert P. Faherty, Jr.
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DATE: October 13, 2016

RE: Policy/Rule Clarifications

Listed below are a few items that we will be sharing with our leagues via the Babe Ruth League website, for which we would like to provide clarification for the 2017 season and beyond.

- You may hear that some national youth baseball programs are opting to eliminate players by changing their age determination date and doing away with certain age divisions. Please be advised that there will be no change to Babe Ruth League's age determination date for Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Baseball for 2017 and beyond.
- Babe Ruth League will not have any changes to its current bat requirements for the 2017 season. However, please be advised that new bat standards and testing will be put into place beginning with the 2018 season. Inventory for the 2018 season is anticipated to be in stores as of September 1, 2017. If you are approached by any families, parents or players, we ask that you tell them to be cautious with their purchases for 2017. With the exception of BBCOR

bats, no other bats will be grandfathered for the 2018 season. Please visit www.baberuthleague.org for the latest updates.

- **Babe Ruth League is working on new pitching limitations for tournament play for Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Baseball. As soon as this information is finalized, we will advise you accordingly.**

As always, we appreciate the time and resources you devote to the Babe Ruth League program. We look forward to another successful season in 2017.

RPF/tc