



BABE RUTH LEAGUE

Philippines

Dear Players, Coaches, Managers, and supporters,

We are thrilled to welcome you to the Babe Ruth League Philippines National Tournament 2026, set to take place from May 1 to 10, 2026, at the Clark International Sports Complex in Clark, Pampanga.

This premier event marks a defining moment for Philippine baseball—bringing together the nation's top talents to compete, connect, and celebrate the game we all love in one of the country's finest baseball facilities.

More than just a tournament, this is a stage for excellence, unity, and passion. Let's make every game a true display of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

We can't wait to see you on the field as we take part in this unforgettable milestone.

Play with heart, dream without limits, and let's make history—together. 🇵🇭

Warm regards,

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Tournament details

The tournament will hold games for different age groups registered and verified by the Babe Ruth League Philippines screening committee:

- Number of players allowed: maximum of 15 per team
- All players must be listed on the official line up form, roster and official registration
- Submit copy of the player's PSA birth certificate, copy of the player's current school ID or Government-issued Residence certificate AND signed parental waiver.
- Age Cut off: BASEBALL- For 18U, players must be 18 or younger as of January 1, 2026. For other age groups, players must meet the age limit of their division by May 1, 2026 (i.e., for 12U, players should be 12 or younger on May 1, 2026; for 16U, players should be 16 or younger on May 1, 2026); SOFTBALL- See age chart

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Players who are not listed in the official lineup or are unregistered will NOT be allowed to play.
- For teams that participated in the Regional Tournament, only players who competed in the Regionals of their respective region are eligible to join the team representing that region.
- Players with missing documents (School ID, PSA Birth Certificate or Government-issued Residency Certificate AND Tournament Parental waiver) will **NOT** be allowed to play.
- **Any team found with a player violating the age qualification requirements or Geographic jurisdiction guidelines will be disqualified from the National Tournament, with no claim for refund issued for any payments made to BRLP.**



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TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All players must be listed on the **official team lineup/roster**, screened and approved by the BRLP screening committee.
2. Players must meet both **age cutoff and national jurisdiction requirements** for eligibility- see *BRLP Geographic jurisdiction guide for the National tournament*
3. Any team that **forfeits 2 games** may be withdrawn from the tournament without refund or claims.
4. **Default:** A 15-minute grace period is allowed after the scheduled game time. If a team cannot begin play after this time, the game will be forfeited.
5. **Game Duration:**
 - 8u, 10u, 12u - 6 innings
 - 14u, 16u and 18u - 7 innings
6. **Mercy Rule:**
 - 10u, 12u: 3 1/2 or 4 innings - 10 runs;
 - 14u, 16u and 18u: 4 1/2 or 5 innings -10 runs
7. The **game of succession** rule will apply.
8. **Designated hitter rule**
14u, 16u and 18u - Designated hitter is allowed
8u, 10u and 12u- No Designated hitter allowed but will allow EXTRA HITTER (EH) for 14u, 16u and 18u age divisions.
 - The extra hitter (EH) rule allows teams to add a tenth player to their batting order.
 - The EH can bat anywhere in the lineup and must play the entire game as an offensive player.

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- The EH is treated like any other starter and cannot be removed during the game, except for injury
 - The EH can be switched to any defensive position, but must stay in the same spot in the batting order
 - The EH can only be added to the lineup before the game starts. If a team starts with 10 players, they must finish with 10 players
 - If a player is injured or ejected, the EH spot can be left open without penalty
9. **Mandatory ruling is applied for 8u, 10u and 12u age groups ONLY.**
- Minimum play: Players must have at least 1 (one) at bat OR 3 (three) defensive outs per game ; If a game is shortened, players can start the next game and finish their minimum requirements
 - Penalty for non-compliance: The Head Coach will be removed from the current game and suspended for the following game.
10. All calls are the umpires' judgment and are final. **No challenge calls** allowed.
11. BATS - For the BRLP National tournament 2026, BRLP will allow **USA or BBCOR bats ONLY** for all age groups (No wood bats allowed)
- In case of use of illegal bat/s, the following ruling shall apply:
Illegal bat shall be confiscated (to be returned after the game)
 - Upon detection of illegal use of bat, Batter will be out, and the play will be nullified (any advances or score/s due to his actions are nullified)
 - Penalty for non-compliance: The Head Coach will be removed from the current game and suspended for the following game.
12. Only the manager or **head coach may discuss plays or rules** with the umpires. Umpires are authorized to eject anyone from the game. A protest fee of PHP 10,000 will be required for each protest



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13. PITCHERS:

- Any pitcher (starter or reliever) may leave the pitcher's position and return as a pitcher provided he was NOT removed from the mound as a result of a second trip.

HIT BY PITCH (For all age groups)

- If the pitcher hits a batter twice (2x) in a single inning, he will be automatically removed from the mound/position.
- If the pitcher hits a batter three times (3x) during the game, he will be automatically removed from the game.

PITCH COUNTS

- 8u age group**- Maximum of 50 pitches per pitcher in 1 day.*
- 10 age group**- Maximum of 75 pitches per pitcher in 1 day.*
- 12u age group**- Maximum of 85 pitches per pitcher in 1 day.*
- 14u age group** - Maximum of 95 pitches per pitcher in 1 day.*
- 16u age group**- Maximum of 95 pitches per pitcher in 1 day.*
- 18u age group**- Maximum of 105 pitches per pitcher in 1 day.*

*Exception: if pitcher reaches maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until the batter is out or is safely on base.

Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Pitch Count Rules

AGE	DAILY MAX (Pitches in Game/Day)	REQUIRED REST (# of PITCHES)		
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days
7-8	50	1-20	21-35	36+
9-10	75	1-40	41-65	66+
11-12	85	1-40	41-65	66+
13-15	95	1-45	46-75	76+
16-18	105	1-45	46-75	76+

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14. GAME CANCELLATION/GAME DELAYS:

- In case of inclement weather, the following rules will apply:
 - a. Organizers will wait 30 minutes for the rain/thunderstorm to stop, then game will continue
 - b. In case of non-stop rain/thunderstorm in excess of 30 minutes...
 - b1. If game is stopped at 3rd inning or earlier, it will be continued on a determined latter date
 - b2. 4th inning or later – Called game (Leading team will be declared the winner)

15. RE ENTRY

For starting players- Any of the starting players may withdraw and re-enter once provided such players occupies the same batting position whenever he is in the line up. A substitute who is withdrawn may not be re-entered.

16. TIME OUTS:

- Teams are allowed 3 offensive and 3 defensive timeouts per game (limited to 90 seconds per timeout)

17. IN and OUT'S

- Teams must enter and exit the field within 30 seconds in between innings

18. Players must wear matching **uniforms with numbers**. (only white nickers are allowed)

19. Cleats

- Rubber cleats for 8u,10u, 12u, no metal cleats allowed
- Rubber and Metals cleats are allowed for 14u, 16u and 18u

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20. **Tie breaker in extra inning** - Last out on the last regulation inning will be the runner on 2nd base

21. **TEAM STANDINGS**

a. In case of Ties - win over the other rule will be followed;

b. In case of Triple ties- Top team will be determined by:

Highest Total number of runs scored for all games played during elimination, then, Lowest of total number of runs allowed for all games played during elimination, then, COIN FLIP. For the remaining 2 teams in the triple tie- ruling for tied standing will be applied: Win over the other, then, Total number of runs scored for all games played during elimination

22. A team found in violation of two of the following infractions in the National tournament will face a penalty of game forfeiture and perpetual ban from coaching any BRLP team:

- Bat guidelines
- Mandatory rulings
- Misconduct (including any physical and/or verbal assault on players or BRLP officials including umpires, scores and management team)

The chief umpire will make an official report for any infraction committed to ensure accuracy and will then be investigated by the BRLP Management committee who will make the final determination.



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FIELD DECORUM

1. Fighting or physical altercations—any player or adult involved in a physical altercation on or off the field at any time during the tournament will be suspended from the tournament.
2. Alcoholic drinks are prohibited within tournament grounds. Non-compliance may result in guests being asked to leave.
3. Any damage to tournament facilities (chairs, tents, restrooms, etc.) will be charged to the team manager or head coach if found responsible.
4. Teams must clean their dugouts after each game and vacate promptly to allow space for the next team.
5. Air horns, bells, or any artificial noisemakers are not allowed. Jeering or bullying of any player, team, or coach will not be tolerated.
6. Only players, managers, and coaches (maximum of 15 players plus 2 coaches + 1 scorer) are allowed in the players' dugout. Audience and spectator areas are designated for viewers. Organizers may remove non-players, coaches, or managers from the dugout.
7. BRLP reserves the right to introduce additional guidelines as the tournament advances. All updates will be communicated—either in print or digitally—to the Regional Commissioners, Local League Presidents, coaches, and managers at least 24 hours prior to implementation.

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Regional representatives taking part in the Babe Ruth League Philippines National Tournament 2026 must comply with one of the following Eligibility Jurisdiction Guidelines, along with the age requirement guidelines, to be deemed eligible for the tournament:

- **School-Based Eligibility:** The team must consist of players who are enrolled at the same school. Supporting documents include a School ID, Certificate of Enrollment, or Registration Form.
- **Birthplace-Based Eligibility:** The team should be made up of players born in the same region (please refer to the jurisdiction below). Supporting documents required are a Birth Certificate or Passport.
- **Residence-Based Eligibility:** The team must include players who has residence in the same region (see jurisdiction below). Acceptable supporting documents include any government-issued document that verifies the player's or parent's residence, or a utility bill in the parent's name.

The entire Babe Ruth League Philippines organization—including national and local officers and all members—must uphold fairness and legitimacy to maintain integrity and ensure fair play in all Babe Ruth League Philippines tournaments.

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Region	Province
Region 1	Ilocos Region
Region 2	Cagayan Valley
Region 3	Central Luzon
Region 4A	CALABARZON
Region 4B	MIMAROPA
Region 5	Bicol Region
Region 6	Western Visayas
Region 7	Central Visayas
Region 8	Eastern Visayas
Region 9	Zamboanga Peninsula
Region 10	Northern Mindanao
Region 11	Davao Region
Region 12	SOCCSKSARGEN
Region 13	CARAGA
CAR	Cordillera Administrative Region
ARMM	Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao
NCR	National Capital Region

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