



SNJ BABE RUTH SOFTBALL 2026 LEAGUE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

11.01 LEAGUE ELIGIBILITY

Each chartered Babe Ruth League shall be eligible for representation in tournament play provided the league has complied with the following requirements on or before the specified dates:

a. Rule 0.01 paragraph 2

All leagues competing in tournament play in 2026 must apply for charter on or before JUNE 1, 2026.

b. Rule 0.01 paragraph 5

State Commissioners shall approve geographical boundaries established by each league (exception 14U, 16U, 18U will not have geographical boundaries). Waivers permitting a player to play outside of her geographical boundaries are not permitted in Babe Ruth Softball. League Boundaries form must be submitted to the State Commissioner. The form is available on the SNJ Babe Ruth Softball web site www.snjbaberuthsoftball.org

c. Rule 0.01 paragraph 6

All leagues and teams must be covered by group accident insurance and commercial general liability insurance before they will be permitted to try out, practice or start local league play. Minimum requirements are in the Babe Ruth 2026 Softball Rule Book.

d. Rule 0.01 paragraph 7

Background checks are required for all volunteers

e. Rule 0.04 paragraph 3

A team roster shall be recorded in the Sports Engine System with Babe Ruth League, Inc., District and State Commissioners independent of each other on or before the league's first regularly scheduled game. League Presidents will certify as to the authenticity of the information submitted.

f. Rule 0.04 paragraph 4

Babe Ruth League, Inc. rostered managers and coaches are required to complete coaching education and Abuse Prevention Training.

g. Rule 0.05 paragraph 1(a)

Each team shall consist of no less than twelve players, nor more than 15 players in the 12U, 10U, 8U, 14u and 16U divisions. Each team shall have one manager and three coaches.

h. Complete compliance with all State, Regional and World series rules, regulations and pre-tournament instructions as established by said State and Regional Commissioners, and BabeRuth League National Headquarters.

***SNJ State fees of \$5 per chartered team must be paid to SNJ Babe Ruth Softball Prior to June 1, 2026.**