

# Latest Rule Changes for 2008

Updated 12-5-07

## Cal Ripken & Babe Ruth Baseball Divisions –

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2. **Tournament Regulations – Rule 11.04 Documents, Paragraph 1** - “Coaching Certification I.D. Card or Certificate. Tournament Managers and Coaches must complete coaching education and certification prior to the start of their first level of tournament competition” will be added as letter (h).
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## Babe Ruth Softball –

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4. **All Divisions - Rule 1.16 (b)** The use of face guards on all batting helmets will be required for all divisions and levels of play.
5. **All Divisions – Rule 2.00 “Courtesy Runner”** The pitcher and/or catcher may have a courtesy runner run for them every time they are up to bat. Each courtesy runner used must be a player who is not in the game at the time. Each courtesy runner may only pinch run once per inning.
6. **All Divisions – Rule 1.11(h)** Uniforms for team managers and coaches – The team manager and coaches will be required to wear identical uniforms consisting of the following: (1) a collared shirt in the same colors as style and in the same colors as the team’s uniform, (2) dress shorts or pants of the same style and in the same colors as the team’s uniform, and (3) athletic footwear including running shoes, sneakers, cleats and excluding open toed footwear.
7. **Softball 12U Division Only** – Rule 11.05, paragraph 12: 12U division only, the pitcher may not pitch more than nine (9) innings in any two (2) successive tournament games within the same tournament level.
8. **10U Tournament Only – Rule 3** Stealing is permitted. (Please note LOCAL LEAGUE PLAY can still prohibit stealing during all Local League Play.)
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