



# Babe Ruth Baseball

Pacific Northwest Region



## POOL PLAY & TIE-BREAKER FORMAT

Pacific Northwest Regional Tournament competitions will begin with a pool play format and schedule as determined by the Commissioner under whose jurisdiction the tournament falls.

### Determination of Pool Play Standings

Pool play standings will be determined as follows:

1. WIN - LOSS RECORD

*If tied:*

2. RESULTS OF HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPETITION

*If tied:*

3. FEWEST RUNS GIVEN UP

**Note:** If, in the event of a three way tie, all three teams shall complete criterion # 3 to determine seeding. If, after completing criteria #3, the three-way tie has been broken and a two-way tie still remains (i.e. two teams gave up the same number of runs), the two teams remaining tied will revert back to criterion # 2 to break the two-way tie. If all three teams gave up a different number of runs, no tie exists and all teams shall be seeded at criterion # 3. If all three teams gave up the same number of runs, proceed to criterion # 4.

*If tied:*

4. RUN DIFFERENTIAL WITH A MAXIMUM OF 10 PER GAME

**Note:** The 10 run rule is in effect for all games played.

**Note:** The score in any forfeited Cal Ripken tournament game will be 6-0 for the non-forfeiting team and 7-0 for any 13-15 and 16-18 tournament game. (See page 18 of "Babe Ruth League, Inc. Baseball Rules and Regulations) and page 39 of (Official Baseball Rules).

5. COIN FLIP

**Teams will be seeded at the beginning of the single-elimination competition according to the position they finished in pool play.**

## Single Elimination Competition

The Championship will be determined by single elimination play.

**6-team competition** - all participating teams will be placed into a single division. Upon completion of the pool play schedule, the first four teams will advance to *single elimination Championship* competition. The first place team will play the fourth place team and the second place team will play the third place team. The winner of these two games will play for the Regional Championship and Finalist titles. The losers of these two games will both be designated as tournament third place teams.

**8 or 10-team competition** - all participating teams will be placed equally into two divisions (American & National) and compete with each team within their division. Upon completion of the pool play schedule, the first and second place teams of each division will advance to *single elimination Championship* competition. The first place team of each division will play the opposite division's second place team. The winner of these two games will play for the Regional Championship and Finalist titles. The loser of these two games will both be designated as tournament third place teams.

**9-team competition** - all participating teams will be placed into two divisions, five teams in the American Division and four in the National Division. In order to provide parity throughout the Tournament with respect to the number of games played, pitching regulations etc. in the four-team National Division, a random draw, under the supervision of the Tournament Commissioner, will be conducted at the Pre-Tournament Meeting pairing the four teams for their fourth game from teams within their division. Upon completion of the pool play schedule, the first and second place teams of each division will advance to *single elimination Championship* competition.

## Pool Play Tiebreaker Example

### Tiebreaker Process

1. Win-Loss Record
2. Head To Head Competition
3. Fewest Runs Allowed
4. Run Differential With Maximum of 10 Per Game

**Note:** If, in the event of a three-way tie, the three-way tie is broken **upon or before** completing criteria #4, and a two-way tie still remains, the two teams remaining tied will revert **at that time** back to criteria #2 to break the two-way tie.

5. Coin Toss

Example of scores of a 5-team division follows, showing how to seed 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

<b>Game 1</b>	S. Or.	5 - B.C.	1	<b>Game 6</b>	B.C.	8 - Idaho	5
<b>Game 2</b>	B.C.	4 - N.Wa.	1	<b>Game 7</b>	Mt.	2 - B.C.	1
<b>Game 3</b>	N. Wa.	6 - S.Or.	3	<b>Game 8</b>	N.Wa.	4 - Idaho	0
<b>Game 4</b>	S.Or.	5 - Mt.	2	<b>Game 9</b>	Mt.	6 - N.Wa.	0
<b>Game 5</b>	Idaho	4 - S.Or.	1	<b>Game 10</b>	Mt.	4 - Idaho	0

**Criteria #1: Win-Loss Record**

Montana finishes in first place with 3 wins and 1 loss. Idaho is eliminated with 1 win and 3 losses. South Oregon, B.C., and North Washington each have 2 wins and 2 losses, therefore, there is a 3-way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. After applying the tiebreakers, one team will move into 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> teams in the tie will be eliminated. These three teams move to criteria #2

**Criteria #2: Head-to-Head Competition (Only Teams Tied)**

South Oregon defeated B.C., B.C. defeated North Washington and North Washington defeated South Oregon.

These three teams are still tied, therefore the tie breaking process would move on to criteria #3.

**Criteria #3: Fewest Runs Given Up (Only Teams Tied)**

B.C. allowed 6 runs, both South Oregon and North Washington allowed 7 runs, therefore, the 3-way tie is broken at criteria #3. Both South Oregon and North Washington are eliminated and B.C. would be seeded second in the division.

**Note:** If, for example, in criteria #3, B.C., South Oregon and North Washington all allowed an equal number of runs, the three teams are still tied, therefore the tie breaking process would move on to criteria #4.

**Criteria #4: Run Differential (Maximum of +/- 10) (All Games Played)**

Run Differential = (Score of team being determined) – (Score of opposing team) for each game.

South Oregon: (5-1) + (3-6) + (5-2) + (1-4) = (+1)

B.C. (1-5) + (4-1) + (8-5) + (1-2) = (+1)

North Washington (1-4) + (6-3) + (4-0) + (0-6) = (-2)

North Washington is eliminated because they had the greater run differential. (-2) Both South Oregon and B.C. are still tied; therefore, the process would then revert back to criteria #2 to break the two-way tie. Under this scenario, South Oregon by virtue of their win over B.C., would be seeded second in their division.