

To: Cal Ripken League Presidents

DATE: October 24, 2005

The International Board of Directors of Babe Ruth League, Inc. has approved to allow "league age" 4-year-olds to participate at the T -Ball level of the Cal Ripken Baseball Division, effective with the 2006 season. This policy was implemented due to the age determination date change. Whatever a player's age is on April 30th - that is the player's "league age" for that season.

As a reminder, Babe Ruth League will be adopting a new local league option, the 12-Year-Old Swing Player Option for those 12-year-old players who are more skilled and experienced. Beginning in 2006, the Cal Ripken League President may elect to permit a 12-year-old player to play in a Cal Ripken and or 13-15 league. For the tournament season, the Cal Ripken League President will decide on which tournament team the 12-year-old player participates. The player must meet all eligibility requirements for the respective division in which he participates. A player can only participate on one tournament team in any given year.

We at "home plate" would like to thank our membership for your recognition and favorable response in approving the new age determination date. As a group, we realized this date will allow most players on a team to spend the majority of the regular - season at the same chronological age as their league age and will provide a longer opportunity for a player to stay in the game, while offering an option to move up to the next age division for the most advanced players.

Our goal has always been, and will continue to be, to keep as many players as possible in the great game of baseball and to make it a fun and memorable experience for all. As always we appreciate your extra efforts in helping make Babe Ruth League, Inc. a success each year.

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