



Geographical Boundaries

Babe Ruth Rule 0.01, Paragraph 5



State Commissioners shall approve geographical boundaries established by each league in conjunction with the District Commissioner in whose district that league exists and operations. Appropriate written descriptions, maps or specifications of boundary limitations must be certified and filed with the State Commissioner and submitted to Babe Ruth League, Inc. for final approval. A player must play within the league's geographical boundaries in which the player resides. This is determined according to the legal residence of the player's parents or legal guardian.

WAIVERS PERMITTING A PLAYER TO PLAY OUTSIDE OF HIS/HER GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN BABE RUTH LEAGUE.

The only exception would be if a player rostered on a SB 12U, SB 16U, SB 18U, Cal Ripken, 13-15 baseball or 16-18 baseball team moved outside of that league's geographical boundaries. In this case, the player may finish his/her playing career in the respective **division** of that league.

League geographical boundaries shall be subject to review and adjustment by the State or Regional Commissioner and Babe Ruth League, Inc. whenever it is deemed advisable. Geographical boundaries are established to eliminate competition of an undesirable nature but shall not be established to prevent healthy expansion of teams and leagues within any given area.

Even if a town or city next to or near your league is **NOT** involved with Babe Ruth League, or does not offer a baseball or softball program to the youth in their community, players from that area are still **NOT ELIGIBLE** to participate in your local league, unless your league boundaries are formally changed, signed by the State Commissioner and filed with Babe Ruth League, Inc. as including that town or city. **Only the State Commissioner may approve that change and it must be in writing and on file at International Headquarters. Babe Ruth League, Inc. will make final approval of boundaries once received.**

Note that geographical boundaries will not be adjusted to include only a few select players. Once a boundary is approved to be expanded, **ALL** players from within the expanded area must be given the opportunity to play **for that league.**