

Babe Ruth Leagues of Virginia, Inc.

Policy 1023

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Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 (S. 534 enacted February 14, 2018)

All adult members (managers and coaches) of Babe Ruth Leagues of Virginia, Inc. leagues in Virginia and West Virginia whom interact with minor children shall adhere to the following:

1. Immediately (within 24 hours) report an allegation of child abuse of an amateur athlete who is a minor to a local law enforcement agency or local child protective services agency or the FBI.
2. Complete an approved Babe Ruth abuse prevention and awareness training course and maintain a certificate of completion on file.
3. Authorize a background check to be completed every 2 years.
4. Promote a safe environment in sports that is free from abuse, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, of any minor.
5. Limit one-on-one interactions between a minor and an adult (who is not the minor's legal guardian) without being in an observable and interruptible distance from another adult, except under emergency situations.
6. Be aware that a violation of the above that results in a personal injury to a victim while a minor (and for a period not later 10 years after the victim reaches 18 years of age) may be liable for liquidated damages in the amount of \$150,000 and also be subjected to criminal prosecution.