

## FLORIDA Rookie (Machine Pitch) Tournament Guidelines

(Revised March 2021)

1. Player eligibility requirements for Rookie Tournament play will be the same as all Cal Ripken tournament teams.
2. Rookie tournaments will be for league age players 8 and below.
3. Dates and sites for Rookie Qualifiers and State Tournament will be selected each year by the board at the same time other tournaments are assigned. See our website\* for current dates.
4. Rules and Regulations used for qualifiers and the State Tournament will be on the Florida Babe Ruth website and available for all to see/use during the regular season play. Using these rules during the season is optional. **We do not use Rookie rules found in the Rulebook.**
5. Parks who wish to participate in post season play, must play in one of two "Qualifiers". These qualifiers will be offered in North Florida as well as South Florida each year.
6. Winners of each bracket in the Qualifier will advance to the Rookie State Tournament. At large spots, as necessary, will be announced each year prior to the beginning of the Qualifier, by the Rookie State Director, for purposes of advancement to the State Tournament.
7. Awards for qualifiers and state tournaments will be at the discretion of the Rookie State Director.
8. All qualifiers and the State Tournament will be either Double Elimination or Pool Play as directed by the Rookie State Director.
9. Rookie State Champions & Runner ups will advance to the Southeast Regional tournament.
10. Regional winners advance to the World Series in Ocala, FL for 2021
11. **Perfect Pitch Arm Machine will be used in 2021**

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