

2018 DIXIE OPEN PLAYING RULES

1. Tournament Entry Fees:\$150.00
2. Gate Admission: One Day Tournament \$7.00 Two Days \$5.00 per day
3. Individual Trophies or medallion will be awarded to each player on the Champion and Runner Up teams in each age group.
4. 12 & under and 10 & under games will be 6 innings or one hour-thirty minutes time limit.
5. 8 & under games will be 5 innings or one hour-fifteen minutes time limit. The Batter will be allowed five 5 pitches or 3 strikes.
6. 13/14 will play 7 innings or one hour forty-five minutes (1:45).
7. Championship Games will be played to completion, with the run rule in effect.
8. Pitching regulations: each pitcher may pitch 6 innings in the tournament, one pitch in an inning is considered a full inning. In 13/14 age bracket the pitcher may pitch 7 innings in the tournament.
9. **USABaseball Approved only bats will be used. This rule is explained in the 2018 Dixie Youth Rule Book. The 13/14 age group must use the USABaseball Approved bats or they may use BBCore Bats.**
10. Each team is responsible for providing two game balls, per game; the tournament host will not be responsible for replacing or returning of these balls.
11. **Each team manager is required to check in with the Tournament Director (or his designate) before his first game. The following is the information needed:**
 - a. **Tournament Entry Fee.**
 - b. **Proof of Insurance Certificate.**
 - c. **ROSTER must have - Player Name, Local League Name player is playing in, Local League Team Name, Date of Birth.**
 - d. **Shreveport Dixie requires each Manger to check in at the front gate and give this information to the person in the ticket booth; the paper work will be checked and approved.**
 - e. **Teams will receive 3 coaches' passes for age 11-14, these passes will be for coaches only, if you have more than 3 coaches they will be required to pay.**
 - f. **Teams in the 8 and under ages will be give 4 passes for the tournament, if you have more than 4 coaches they will be required to pay.**
12. Each team must have the necessary birth records to prove each players playing age. If a players' age is questioned and a coach cannot provide a birth record, then the player in question will not be allowed to continue playing in the tournament.
13. There will be a 15 run rule after 3innings and a 10 run rule after 4 innings in all 12 and under games. In the 13-14 games will be 15 after 4 and 10 run rule after 5 innings.
14. ALL OTHER PLAYING RULES WILL COME FROM THE CURRENT DIXIE YOUTH RULE BOOK or THE CURRENT DIXIE BOYS RULE BOOK.
15. Tournament classifications are as follows: Age 12 & under, O-Zone, Age 10 & under, Age 8 & under, Age 6 & under AND 13/14. All tournaments will not offer each playing group; however all playing groups will have some tournaments to participate in. The Dixie Boys will play under the 13-14 age.
16. Machine/Coach Pitch will change sides after the batting team has scored 7 runs, even if there are not three outs.
17. Tournaments will be rotated between participating Leagues. The District Directors will set a meeting date and each league will choose a tournament date and rotate between the leagues present. The Dixie Open Tournament schedule will be determined at this meeting and other league shall host a Tournament that conflicts with the Dixie Open Schedule.
18. Rule Clarification: The players you play with on Saturday are the players you should play with on Sunday. If for any reason you will not have enough players on Sunday, you must clear the replacement

with the Tournament Director on Saturday. The Tournament Director will need the following information to rule on a replacement player:

- a. Name of player that cannot play on Sunday.
- b. Reason he cannot play
- c. Parent name and phone number of the player that will not play on Sunday
- d. Name of Replacement Player
- e. League Name and League Team Name he plays on.
- f. Name of coach of the Replacement Player
- g. Phone number of coach of the replacement player

If you have enough players to play on Sunday you will not be allowed to add a player on Sunday. The Tournament Director will make the final decision if the replacement player is allowed to play on Sunday. If this information is not given to the Tournament Director on Saturday the replacement player Will Not be allowed to play on Sunday.

19. Batting order may be declared at the beginning of the game. The coach may choose to bat his entire line up during the game or he may choose to bat the roster then revert back to the first nine players listed in the batting order. This must be declared at the start of the game and the batting cannot change during that game. The two teams playing may use different batting orders. This rule is for the 13/14, 11/12 and 9/10 only, the 7/8 and 5/6 will bat the entire roster during all games.

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All other contact information will be provided from these individuals. The tournament rotation may change from the sites listed; however they will be played in the general area. If tournaments max out, additional sites for that weekend may be provided. GOOD LUCK!