



# Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. 2019 Adopted Rule Changes

**IMPORTANT!! USE YOUR RULE BOOK**

The following regulation and rule changes were adopted by the Board of Directors of Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. at its annual meeting on August 6-7 2018 in Lumberton, North Carolina. Please distribute these changes to all league officials and coaches. As a democratic organization, Dixie Youth Baseball provides officials from each franchised league the opportunity to express their views and opinions through elected representatives.

## Official Playing Rules

**Rule 1.10– Page 28 – Change Rule 1.10(b) to read:**

### 1.10–(b) Approved Bats

- (1) All non-wood bats and multi-piece wood bats must be stamped with the USA Baseball mark signifying that the bat meets the bat performance standard established by USA Baseball. USA Baseball is the national governing body of amateur baseball in the United States.
- (2) Solid wood bats made from a single piece of wood do not require the USA Baseball mark but must meet the specifications in Rule 1.10(a).
- (3) 2 5/8” bats that are -3 BBCOR certified bats meeting the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) standard which do not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 33-inch-long bat cannot be less than 30 ounces may be used in regular season or tournament play.
- (4) All bats stamped “BPF 1.15” are not legal for play in all age divisions.

**Rule 1.16– Page 30-31 – Renumber Rule 1.17 to Rule 1.16 and move paragraph 1.12 to paragraph 1.16(f) to read:**

(f) The catcher must wear a catcher’s mitt (not a first-baseman’s mitt or fielder’s glove) with shape, size or weight consistent with protecting the hand. PENALTY: For violation of rule 1.17(f), the illegal equipment must be removed from the game.

**Rule 1.17– Page 31– Move paragraph 1.16(g) to 1.17(b) and change to read:**

1.17–(b) Softball equipment will not be used at any time in Dixie Youth Baseball® play, including the softball catcher's mask, softball catcher’s mitt, softball bats, and any other equipment designed for softball play. EXCEPTION: The softball fielder's mask may be used in all age divisions at all defensive positions except the player pitching position in AA Division play.

**Rule 3.04 – Page 42 – Change Rule 3.04 to read:**

3.04–After all players have batted, a player whose name is not listed in the top nine batting positions on the team’s batting order may be used as a courtesy runner for a pitcher or catcher. “Courtesy runners” are not permitted for other playing positions. The same player cannot be used to run for both the pitcher and catcher positions. **(Does not apply to “Batting the Line-Up”).**

**Rule 8.07(1),(2),(3)&(4) Pitch Count Limitations(Local League) – Page 67 Change paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4) to read:**

### 8.07(3) PITCHING Limitations (Regular Season Only)

- (1) A League Age 10 and under pitcher shall not throw more than 75 pitches in a game or in a calendar day. Exception: If the pitcher reaches the daily pitch count limit while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.
- (2) A League Age 11 or 12 pitcher shall not throw more than 85 pitches in a game or in a calendar day. Exception: If the pitcher reaches the daily pitch count limit while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.
- (3) A pitcher shall be allowed to pitch in two or more games on the same calendar day provided he/she does not throw more than 30 cumulative pitches in the previous game or games on the same calendar day.
- (4) All pitchers in local league play must adhere to the following daily pitch count rest requirements:

League Ages	No Rest	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days
09-12	1-30	31-45	46-65	66+

**There are no exceptions to the rest period pitch count thresholds.**

NOTE: These pitching rest requirements are based on the number of pitches a player throws in a calendar day. If for any reason, a game ends after midnight, the pitches thrown in the game will be charged to the previous day. The pitcher begins his rest requirement at midnight when his total pitch count for the calendar day exceeds 30 pitches in one or more games.

## Regulations

**Regulation II (D) League Boundaries – Page 77 – Delete all of paragraph (D) except for (D)(2).**

**Regulation II (E) League Boundaries – Page 76 – Change paragraph (E) to read:**

(E) Small Towns or Communities - Small nearby towns or communities unable to field a league within their own area shall be permitted to form three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6) or seven (7) teams with each town or community forming teams without a common draft with the other small towns or communities in the league.

**Regulation IV (D) Selection of Players - Player Releases – Page 79 – Change paragraph (D) to read:**

(D) **Player Releases**—The League President where a player legally resides may request a release by submitting an application for the player's release. The deadline for submitting an application shall be by April 1<sup>st</sup> or before the first league game of the releasing league, whichever date is earlier. The application will be submitted to the State Director and State Board of Directors and acted upon by the State Board of Directors within 10 days of State Director's receipt of the application.

**Regulation IV(G) Selection of Players – Page 79 – Change paragraph (G) to read:**

(G) Any player may play local league and be eligible for tournament play for a league in either the boundary where he resides or the boundary of the league where he attends public or private school (excluding home schools) with the exception that he/she can only transfer from school to school one (1) time and cannot go back and forth.

**Tournament Rule I(C)(5) – Page 84 – Divide paragraph (5) into two sections to read as follows:**

- (5) (a) **Two Runners-Up** - If three teams remain with one loss and all have played the same number of games in double elimination brackets approved by the Commissioner, there will be two runners-up in the tournament.
- (b) **Advancing More Than One Team from Tournament Bracket** – Any two tied teams with the same won-loss record after completion of a double elimination bracket must play a one game playoff to determine which team advances where more than one team advances to the next level of tournament play. **EXCEPTION:** The head-to-head tie-breaker may be used in lieu of a playoff game if the teams have played each other during the tournament. No other tie-breakers may be used.

**Tournament Rule VIII – Tournament Games – Page 93 – Add the following State Option after the first sentence in paragraph (A) to read:**

A) All tournament games shall be played to a conclusion regardless of the score or the inning unless the team behind wishes to concede. **State Option: A state may use a 2-hour time limit for all games in tournament pool play and bracket play except for the championship game(s).**

**Tournament Rule XI(D) - Conduct and Sportsmanship Page – 99-100 – Change last sentence in paragraph (D) to read:**

(D) The fake bunt/hit away tactic will not be allowed. Aggressive defensive play brings the players too close to the batter in an attempt to take the bunt away from the batter completely, which becomes a safety concern. Once a batter squares to bunt, he may:

- (1) Pull the bat back and take the pitch, or
- (2) Attempt to bunt the ball.

The batter may not swing away after squaring off in the bunt position and drawing a fielder dangerously close to the batter's box. The umpire shall call no pitch and meet with the team and team manager to give a team warning upon the first occurrence. **A second occurrence will result in the player being called out.**

## **AA Tournament Rules**

**Tournament Rule XV. AA Tournament Rules – Page 106 - Paragraph I - Change paragraph I(2) to add penalty to read:**

**(I) General Playing Rules:**

(2) Bunting is NOT allowed. **Penalty:** If a player bunts a ball in fair territory, it is a violation of this rule and the umpire shall immediately call time; no players may advance and the batter will be charged with a pitch and a strike.

## **Tournament Brackets**

**Add the following Note to all tournament brackets:**

**NOTE: Advancing More Than One Team from Tournament Bracket** – Any two tied teams with the same won-loss record after completion of this double elimination bracket must play a one game playoff to determine which team advances where more than one team advances to the next level of tournament play. **EXCEPTION: The head-to-head tie-breaker may be used in lieu of a playoff game if the teams have played each other during the tournament. No other tie-breakers may be used.**