

SHREVEPORT DIXIE BASEBALL
COACHES MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2017

- 1. Invocation**
- 2. Welcome and Introduction of Shreveport Dixie Baseball Board of Directors**
- 3. 2017 Financial Report – Denny Moton – Treasurer Shreveport Dixie Baseball**
- 4. Upgrades To the Ball Park – Total - \$ 36,750**
 1. Replace all Six Batting Cage nets - \$5,500.00
 2. Cover Batting Cage floor with turf – \$5,000.00
 3. Field 6 – Wee Ball – Cover Bleacher area dug out to dug out - \$4,600.00
 4. Field 6 – Wee Ball – Concrete under Bleacher area dug out to dug out - \$12,100.00
 5. Concrete Walkway from front gate in Field 6 bleacher area - \$3,150.00
 6. Repair hole with in parking lot with asphalt near handicap parking - \$3,200.00
 7. Replace 4 sections of worn out netting with sun screen between dug outs in quad - \$3,200.00
- 5. Registration for 2017** season will be Jan 1 – Feb 12, 2017. The player’s age on April 30, 2017, will be the playing age Six and UP. The Date for 5 and under will be Sept 1, 2017. This date will move up each year after 2017. All players must register on line at www.shreveportdixiebaseball.com. Registrations fee will be paid online during registration and the fees are as follows:
 1. Wee Ball – 3-4 T-Ball - \$80
 2. T-Ball - \$100 per player.
 3. 7-15 Baseball - \$120
 4. A \$20 late fee will be charged for anyone registering after Feb. 12th.
 5. Head Coach needs to register as Manager
 6. Assistant Coach needs to register as Coach.
 7. Wee Ball, T-Ball and Coach Pitch Teams must have 1 manager and 3 coaches on your roster.
 8. AAA 9-10, O-Zone 11-12, Dixie Boys 13-15 must have 1 manager and 2 coaches on your roster.
- 6. Back Ground Check:** During registration you as coaches and managers must do your background checks on line as you register. The cost is \$13 for running the report.
 1. Must be completed by all coaches that help you coach.
 2. Fee is paid directly to KidSafePlus. Good for two years.
 3. Receive a conformation email stating you had cleared the check.
 4. We will have proof of back ground checks completed in our SIPlay filing system which will satisfy our insurance requirements and to help us know we are doing what we can to protect our players.
 5. We will run the reports and check to make sure all the coaches have completed the background checks and Managers will be required to help with this.

7. Player Selection Draft for Baseball will be at the Ball Park on Sunday, February 19th.

5- 6 T-Ball	1:00 PM
7-8 Coach Pitch	2:00 PM
9-10 AAA	3:00 PM
11-12 O-Zone	4:00 PM
13-15 Dixie Boys	5:00 PM

3-4 Wee Ball – Teams will be formed by the league VP – Rachel Davis and the Coaches will be notified of the team list. A Coaches meeting will be planned in about 2 weeks after February 19th. If any of the parents would like to coach Please contact Rachel, she will be contacting parents when trying to form teams for the Wee Ball league.

8. Finalize Registration – Sunday, February 26, 2017. Secretaries will be at the park from 2 PM – 4 PM to collect your paper work.

1. Advertising Fence Signs
2. Request for non-playing dates.
3. Pre Season Tournament Entry
4. Birth Certificates need to be downloaded into the Web Site by this Date.

9. Each team will be expected to participate in all fund raisers.

1. Fence Signs – One per team - \$300 first year and \$200 per year the next two years.
2. Pre-season Tournament. Gate Admission will be charged. \$5 (15 & over) \$2 (5-15). Tournament passes available for \$15 Adults \$10 Child. Team Entry fee \$150.
3. Concession Stand – Teams will be assigned a time to work for Pre-season, League, Dixie Open and ALL Star Tournaments.
4. We still have One Score Board Sponsors available, Field 2 – Coach Pitch.
5. All Star Teams that advance to State or higher will be given LSU Football Tickets to Raffle to help with expenses for the team.
6. Any other Fund Raiser that may be held during the year.

10. 2017 Pre Season Tournament – Thursday, March 16-23, 2017.

1. The tournament will be open to other Dixie Teams if the tournament is not full.
2. \$150 - Entry Fee due by Sunday, March 6th. Entries accepted on a first come, first served basis.
3. Each team will play two pool games, and then be seeded into a single elimination tournament.
4. Coaches of Tournament teams only will get a Coaches Tournament Pass. Remember this is a fund raiser. Teams 8 and under – 1 Manager and 3 Coaches passes, Teams 9 and over 1 Manager and 2 Coaches passes per team.
5. Teams to furnish 1 new game ball for each game.
6. Finals will be played after Opening Ceremonies on Monday April 3rd.

11. Opening Ceremonies – Shreveport Dixie Baseball 2017 Season.

1. All teams will be introduced and line up on field.
2. Plans are to have the Opening Ceremonies on Monday April 3rd. Plans for the Opening Ceremonies will be announced as they become available.

12. 2017 Shreveport Dixie Baseball Season Begins – Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

13. **Coaches Certification Plan.** All Coaches are suggested to take a certification course. Dixie Baseball is offering this class on line with American Sport Education Program. Please go to www.dixiecoaching.org , for a cost of \$19.95 and is good for 3 years.
14. Last year we scheduled two Super Saturday days where we played league games on Saturday for the younger ages. We did this because of the large number of teams we had in our league. We will do this again and we have one day scheduled now on Saturday April 8th. We will wait until after registration and we know how many teams we have this if we will add another Saturday.

15. Rule Changes 2017:

1. **BAT RULE FOR 2017** –The Bat Rule for 2017 will not change for this year, it will be the same as last year. The legal bats will be listed on the Dixie web site at Dixie.org. However there will be a new bat standard for 2018 and is listed later in this document.
2. **Age Cut Off** – The new age cut off will be Aug 31 for 5 year old this year and that will move to 6 years old next year and move up each year. The age charts are list on our web site and in the rule books.
3. **Pitch Count Local League** – Dixie Youth Baseball has adopted a pitch count rule starting with this 2017 season. A pitcher shall not pitch more than six innings in the calendar week between Monday and Sunday and also adhere to the following pitch count limitations.

League Age	No Rest	1 Day	2 Days	3 Day
9 – 12	1 – 30	31 – 45	46 – 65	66 - 75

League age 9-10 pitcher shall not throw more than 75 pitches in the same game or on the same day.
 League age 11-12 pitcher shall not throw more than 85 pitches in the same game or on the same day.

4. **Pitch Count Tournament Play** – Dixie Youth Baseball has adopted a pitch count rule starting with this 2017 Tournament season. There are no limitations on the number of innings a pitcher may pitch in a tournament (bracket or pool play) game subject to the following pitch count limitations. A league age 10 and under pitcher shall not throw more than 75 pitches in the same game or on the same day. A league age 11-12 pitcher shall not throw more than 85 pitches in the same game or on the same day. The following is the Tournament Pitching Rest Requirements:

No Rest	36 Hours Rest	48 Hours Rest
1 – 40 Pitches	41 – 65 Pitches	66 - 85

A pitcher that has delivered 41 or more pitches and removed from the mound cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that game.

A player that has played the position of catcher in 4 or more inning in a game is not eligible to pitch in that game.

This year we will be hiring score keeper on the 9-10, 11-12 and 13-15 games and they will be keeping pitch count records, scorebooks and scoreboards. This will be the official pitch count records so the manager will need to check between each inning to make sure your pitch count matches with the official count. This will be new to everyone so we will work to make it as perfect as possible. It will be important that we do not have people hanging out around the scorekeeper distracting them from their jobs.

5. **Pitch Count Dixie Boys 13-15** – A pitcher shall pitch no more than 8 inning in a week while adhering to the following pitch count rules:

No Rest	30 Hours Rest	40 Hours Rest
1 – 29	30 – 60	61- 95

6. **Intentional Base on Ball:** An Intentional Base on Ball may be given to the batter before the first pitch or on any pitch count to the batter by the catcher or coach informing the umpire to put the batter on first base. The ball shall be declared dead before the call is made.

NEW BAT STANDARDS FOR 2018:

Effective January 1, 2018, all 2 5/8” bats and 2 1/4” bats used in Dixie Youth Baseball must meet new performance standards established by USA Baseball, the national governing body of amateur baseball in the United States. The new bats will be available for purchase in September 2017.

Any bats with the **BPF 1.15** stamp **WILL NOT** be allowed in league and tournament play beginning in 2018. Beginning in 2018, all legal bats will NOT show *“Approved For Play in Dixie Youth Baseball”* on the barrel of the bat but will show the following stamp 1-2 inches above the grip of the bat:



16. **Lawson Bo Brandon Memorial Tournament – April 20 -23**
17. **Shreveport Dixie Important Dates to Remember– See Attached**
18. **Dixie Open Tournament Dates – See Attached**
19. **Shreveport Dixie Board of Directors – See Attached**
20. **Any Question**