



Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. 2018 Adopted Policy & Rule Changes August 7, 2017

The following 2018 policy and rule changes were adopted by the Board of Directors of Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. at its annual meeting on August 7, 2017 in Oxford, Alabama. These changes are effective for the 2018 season. Please distribute these suggested changes to all league officials.

As a democratic organization, Dixie Youth Baseball provides officials from each franchised league the opportunity to express their views and opinions through elected representatives. State Directors and National Directors, who serve on the National Board, actively seek each league's input and advice to help them vote the convictions of the leagues they represent.

WORLD SERIES MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

World Series Minimum Bid Requirements – Change noted paragraphs below to read:

Change bid procedure h) to increase the \$1,000 bid deposit to \$2,000 effective with the 2020 bids.

Change Bid Procedure j) to read:

k) Dixie Youth Baseball will require a \$50,000 letter of credit which will be returned to the World Series Host upon fulfilling these specified minimum requirements, including but not limited to, the receipt of the required financial statement in pursuant to paragraph #41; payment of all trophy and awards invoices pursuant to paragraph #14, and payment of invoice for umpire caps pursuant to paragraphs #47 and #56 and all umpire fees as specified in Requirements #48 and #57. DYB will draw on the letter of credit to pay any invoices or reimburse DYB for any expenses not paid by the Host prior to the beginning of the World Series but not later than October 31 after the World Series; EXCEPTION: Letter of Credit requirement waived if contract is signed by a municipality's mayor or equivalent of any governmental agency.

4) Change #26 to read (changes highlighted):

26. MAJORS, "O"Zone and AAA World Series - The Host will provide at least two playing fields with grass infields and outfields for each World Series and meet the following requirements:

- a) Baselines may be grass or dirt but must have cutouts at all bases for grass baselines.
- b) **Majors/AAA** - The outfield grass line begins at a 50 foot radius from the center of pitcher's plate and stretch from third base foul line to first baseball foul line.
- c) **"O"Zone** - The outfield grass line begins at a 65 foot radius from the center of pitcher's plate and stretch from third base foul line to first baseball foul line.
- d) The playing fields must meet all other Dixie Youth Baseball specifications as illustrated in the official Dixie Youth Rule Book for each World Series (12U-Majors, 12U-"O"Zone, and 10U-AAA).
- e) **Majors/AAA** - The outfield fence must have a **minimum height of six feet** and must be a **minimum of 200 feet** and a **maximum of 225 feet** from home plate for the AAA and Majors World Series fields.
- f) **"O"Zone** - The outfield fence must have a **minimum height of six feet** and must be a **minimum of 225 feet** and a **maximum of 250 feet** from home plate "O"Zone World Series fields.
- g) Dugouts, sideline fencing and a scoreboard must be provided. The dugout opening to the field must have a gate which is the same height as the dugout opening.
- h) **Dugout Phones** - Each dugout must have working communications with the press box.

5) Delete Requirement #42 which reads:

~~42. The Chairman of the World Series Requirements Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that the host prepares a scrapbook containing newspaper clippings, pictures, etc. of the World Series and properly prepares the financial report. This information shall be sent to both the Commissioner and the Chairman of the World Series Requirements Committee within thirty (30) days of completion of the World Series for review by future World Series hosts.~~

7) Change 18(c) to read:

18(c) **Series Admission Fees** - ~~Admission Fees shall be set by the host.~~ The host must provide a Series admission pass and a game day admission pass for World Series games. **The admission fees for the Series pass and game day pass must be approved by the Commissioner.**

8) Change #57 to agree with #48 to read:

Dixie Youth Baseball will order a black or blue base cap approved by the Commissioner to each World Series umpire and send the invoice to the host for payment.

World Series Minimum Bid Requirements – Change paragraph 58 to read:

58. The Host will pay each AA World Series umpire a minimum of \$45.00 per game.

**PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES
(Policy Committee)**

Bylaws

Article II: Board of Directors – Section 3– Page 3 – Change Section 3 to read:

Section 3. The Board of Directors may establish as many standing and special committees as it considers necessary. When the Board is not in session, the Executive Committee may authorize special committees as it considers necessary.

Article IV: Officers – Section 2(b) – Page 4– Change Section 2. Paragraph (b) to read:

Section 2. The President is charged with enforcing the provisions of these bylaws. His duties include but are not limited to the following:

(b) appointing all committee members and committee chairman to special and standing committees and specify the number of committee members, unless otherwise provided in these bylaws;

Article V: Section 2 – Change Section 2(a) to read:

Section 2. Committees

(a) The following committees shall be appointed annually for a term of one year:

AA & A Rules	Rules-(Majors, "O"Zone, AAA)	State Constitution & Bylaws	Finance	WS Min Requirements
Insurance	WS Umpires	Scholarships	Policy	Safety & Equipment

Regulations

Regulation I(H) The League – Page 76 – Change paragraph (H) to read:

(H) The annual franchise registration fee shall be \$14.00 per team per year for the Majors, "O"Zone, AAA divisions and AA division teams and \$8.00 per team per year for the A division teams. All leagues shall pay the same franchise registration fee, as stated herein, and no exceptions shall be granted.

Regulation II(D)(2) League Boundaries – Page 77 – Change paragraph (D)(2) to read:

(D)(2) Two or more leagues operating under separate boards may operate within the same boundary or an overlapping boundary area shown on their boundary maps by written agreement of the leagues concerned and approved by the State Director.

Regulation III (B) Selection of Players – Page 79-80 – Change paragraph (B) to read:

(B) League age is that age attained by a player prior to May 1 of the current baseball season.

XIII(F) Child Abuse/Molestation Risk Management Program– Place a recommended detail criminal background check policy on the DYB website.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES (Rules Committee)

Rule 1.10– Page 28-29 – Delete Rule 1.10 in its entirety and change to read:

1.10–(a) The barrel of all aluminum, metal alloy, composite, multi-piece wood bats or single-piece wood bats shall not exceed 2 5/8” inches in diameter nor exceed 33” inches in length.

1.10–(b) Approved Bats - 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. 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). All bats stamped “BPF 1.15” will be not be legal for play in all age divisions beginning January 1, 2018.

1.10–(c) Tee Ball Bats – Tee Ball bats will be stamped with the USA Baseball Mark and the language “*Only for use with approved tee balls*”.

Note: Any bat stamped for T-Ball cannot be used in games played in the AA, AAA, Majors or “O”Zone divisions due to the manufacturing standards for such bats.

1.10(d) Illegal Bat Penalty: A bat which does not meet the specifications in Rule 1.10(a) and Rule 1.10(b) shall be deemed an illegal bat. A batter who uses a illegal bat shall be called out and all runners shall return to the bases occupied by them at the time such batter took his position in the batter’s box if protested by the opposing team manager prior to the first pitch to the next batter. A batter uses a bat when he takes the first pitch from a pitcher during any time at bat. The bat becomes illegal when the batter receives the first pitch during his turn at bat. He does not have to hit the ball. The batter will be called out and any runners must return to the base they occupied prior to the first pitch to the batter.

Rule 1.17– Page 32– Change paragraph 1.17(g) to read:

1.17–(g) Softball equipment will not be used at any time in Dixie Youth Baseball® play, including the softball mask, softball catcher’s mitt, softball bats, and any other equipment designed for softball play. **EXCEPTION:** The softball mask may be used in the A (6 and Under Division)

Rule 3.03(d) – Page 41 - Add Note to 3.03(d) to read:

(3.03(d)–**OFFENSIVE PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT.** For local league play, each league must comply with the participation requirement in 3.03(d)(1) unless it adopts either 3.03(d)(2) or 3.03(d)(3) as a local league option. **NOTE:** **Players who are injured may not participate in any game if they are unable to meet both the offensive and defensive participation requirements.**

Rule 4.10 (a)(8) - Page 47 – Change paragraph 4.10(8) to add back language inadvertently deleted by printer to read:

(8) A local league may use a time limit for regular season games to determine a regulation game so long as both teams have had an equal number of times at bat. **EXCEPTION:** In the event a game is called because of a time limit, with the home team leading, it will not be necessary for the last half of the inning in progress when the time limit expires to be played. **NOTE:** No new inning may begin once the time limit has been reached. An inning ends the moment the third out is made. Therefore, the next inning begins at the same time. If the time limit expires with an inning in progress when time expires, the inning should be completed or the half inning if the home team is ahead.

Rule 8.07(8) Pitching Restrictions (Local League) Page 68–Add new paragraph (8) to read:

8.07(8) (8) A pitcher shall be allowed to pitch in two or more games on the same day provided he/she does not throw more than 40 pitches in the first game nor more 75 pitches (League Age 10 and Under) or 85 pitches (League Age 11 or 12) in the day.

AA Tournament Rules

XV. AA Tournament Rules – Page 103 – Tournament Play - Paragraph A(8)

- 8) **AA World Series Play** - If three teams are tied at 1-1 after three-team pool play ends, a two game single-elimination playoff will be held to determine the first, second and third place positions. The Tie breaker rules will be used to determine the team with a bye and the other two teams will play each other. The winner of the first playoff game will play the team with the bye to determine the first and second place teams to advance to the AA Championship bracket in Coach and Machine Pitch. The loser of the first playoff game will be the third place team in pool play and advance to the AA World Series consolation bracket.

XV. AA Tournament Rules – Page 106 - Equipment - Paragraph H(1)

- (1) Catchers must wear full catcher protective equipment. The catcher may use a baseball fielder's glove or catcher's mitt. The catcher must be in the squatting position behind home plate in a direct line with the pitcher and home plate when the ball is pitched.

XV. AA Tournament Rules – Page 106 - Paragraph I - Add new paragraph I(4) and renumber remaining paragraphs.

(I) General Playing Rules:

- (1) The infield fly rule is NOT applicable.
- (2) Bunting is NOT allowed.
- (3) Base stealing is NOT allowed
- (4) No intentional walks will be allowed