



# WEST VOLUSIA YOUTH BASEBALL

*WHERE CHAMPIONS PLAY!!*



## A DIVISION RULES

The official rules and regulations for Dixie Youth Baseball A Division shall be adhered to by the league administrators, manager, coaches, umpires and players; except for the following changes and/or additions and/or deletions:

### PLAYER DRAFT

- A. There will be no tryouts.
- B. Up to three (3) players can be protected from the draft team.

### TEAMS

- A. Each team will have one manager and a minimum of two coaches.
- B. Each team must have one approved league member in the dugout at all times.
- C. Offense- four (4) coaches are permitted on the playing field- one each on the pitcher's mound, catcher position, first base coaches' box and third base coaches' box. All other team personnel will be in the dugout or outside the field of play.
- D. Offense- coaches in the first and third base coaching boxes are **NOT** allowed to touch or otherwise interfere with an offensive player on the bases, or cross into fair territory of the playing field, unless time has been called. Violation of this rule shall deem the offensive player being called out.
- E. Defense- three (3) coaches are permitted on the field, two coaches in the outfield and one next to the catcher for safety reasons.
- F. Only six (6) infield players allowed on defense, player/pitcher included. Remainder of players will be placed in the outfield.
- G. All outfielders must be at least 10 feet back from the infield.



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- H. Tobacco, alcohol and drug products **will not** be permitted on the playing field.
- I. First and third basemen cannot take a defensive position in front of their respective bases.

## **DIVISION RULES (continued)**

- J. It is the responsibility of both managers to start the game at their posted time.

### **TIME LIMIT**

The game shall consist of **four (4) innings** or **1 hour & 30 minute** time limit.

### **SCORING**

There will be no keeping of score during regular season.

### **PITCHING**

- A. The manager or coach will give each player three (3) pitches. Pitches will be done overhand from the runner or center of the pitching circle. If the batter does not put the ball in play by hitting a pitch, the batting Tee will be used.
- B. Foul ball on the last pitch earns the batter one additional pitch.
- C. The pitcher/player must be in the circumference (both feet) of the pitching mound.
- D. The batter will stay at the plate until he/she puts the ball in fair play.



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- E. A player/catcher will not be allowed behind the plate. The player/catcher, in catching gear, will stand behind the batter, by the fence, and only defend home plate once the ball is in play. Only a coach will be allowed to receive a pitch behind the plate.

## BATTING and BASE RUNNING

- A. Pitching/batting Tee is used.

### A DIVISION RULES ( continued )

- B. There will either be three (3) outs or four (4) runs per inning with eight (8) runs in the last inning. Mathematical elimination will apply (run rule).
- C. No reverse order of batting line-up during the game.
- D. Play is dead once an infielder reaches the pitcher's mound. If the runner is not halfway or more, then the runner returns back to previous base.
- E. Balls hit off the Tee result in a single base only. Runners already on base can advance at their own risk.
- F. Infield fly rule does not apply.

## SLIDE RULE

- A. No sliding allowed into First base.
- B. When a player is advancing to a base, and there is an attempt to slide, the player must go feet first. Head first slides into any base are **NOT** allowed and the runner will be called out.
- C. Mandatory slide at home plate, or the umpire uses best judgement.

## TOURNAMENT RULES

- A. Each team needs to have a scorekeeper available.



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- B. A coin toss will determine home and visitor.
- C. Teams need to be ready to play up to 30 minutes earlier than scheduled start time of every game.
- D. Mathematical elimination after 3 innings. (4 runs per inning for the first 3 innings, 8 runs in the last inning). If you are more than 9 runs down after the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning and you can only score 8 in the last inning then you have been mathematically eliminated and the game is official over after the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning.