



# Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc.

## 2020 Adopted Rule Changes

The following regulation and rule changes were adopted by the Board of Directors of Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. at its annual meeting on August 5-6, 2019 in Ruston, Louisiana. 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.

### **3.01(b) - Page 38- Change paragraph (b) to read:**

(b) Not allow personal cell phones or other personal electronic communication equipment, excluding those carried by on-duty medical or security personnel or required to be “on call” by their profession, are allowed on the playing field or in the dugouts during all local league and tournament games. EXCEPTION: Electronic devices may be used to keep pitch counts and lineups if they are not used to communicate outside the dugout via text, email or voice. PENALTY: Removal of the device from the dugout.

### **Regulation II (A) League Boundaries – Page 75 – Add sentence in paragraph (A) to read:**

(A)— If a league fails to submit a boundary map, the state may set a policy that makes the city limits, the local independent school district or other established boundaries the league boundary.

### **Regulation X (A)–Page 81- Delete in its entirety.**

(A) ~~Admission shall not be charged for regular season games.~~

### **Tournament Rule III – Team Eligibility Requirements - Page 87 - Add new paragraph to read:**

(C)— All Division II tournament teams must consist of 11 players, a manager and the required number of coaches on a tournament team.

### **Tournament Rule IV(G) – Coach Eligibility Requirement – Page 88 - Change to read:**

(G)— No DYB officials, elected or appointed, shall serve as a tournament director or any other official capacity in tournaments in which he/she manages or coaches in any tournament in which his team participates including any time after his/her team is eliminated from the tournament. Exception: No National Board member, elected or appointed, shall be eligible to manage or coach a tournament team under any circumstances.

### **Tournament Rule IX(F)(2) - Page 95 – Change to read:**

**Defensive participation requirement** - Each player must play on defense six outs (three consecutive outs in two different innings) in any game played by his/her team. Each team manager is responsible for playing each available player on the tournament team roster defensively for three consecutive outs in two different innings.

### **Tournament Rule X(D) - Page 98 – Change to read:**

X. (D)- All state championship teams advancing to a DYB World Series and the host team may purchase, if not provided by the state organization, T-shirts with the Dixie Youth Baseball® insignia and the name of their state[or league name if the host team]for the players and managers of the teams.

### **Tournament Rule XI(E) - Page 99 – Add new paragraph to read:**

XI. (E)- After one warning per game, per player for slinging the bat, the batter will be out, a dead ball called, and no runners advance.

**AA Coach Pitch Tournament Rule XV (E)(2) - Page 104 - Change paragraph to read:**

(2) The player pitcher is required to wear a face guard with or without a batting helmet while playing this position.

**AA Coach Pitch Tournament Rule XV (F)(4) - Page 107 - Change paragraph to read:**

(F)(4) Defensive Participation Requirement - Each player must play on defense six outs (three consecutive outs in two different innings) in any game played by his/her team. Each team manager is responsible for playing each available player on the tournament team roster defensively for three consecutive outs in two different innings.

**Tournament Rule (XV) (J)(4) Base Running - Page 106 -Add new paragraph (4) to read:**

(4) A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher only by the player who made the last out in the continuous batting order. "Courtesy runners" are not permitted for other playing positions.

**Tournament Rule XV (I) (8) Page 106 – Add Note to this paragraph to read:**

(7) Note: This line pertains to the four outfielders only, not to the infielders.