



Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. 2020 Proposed Policy & Rule Changes July 1, 2019

The following proposed policy and rules changes will be considered by the Board of Directors of Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. at its annual meeting beginning August 5, 2019 in Ruston, Louisiana at the Courtyard Marriott. 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.

PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES

Democratic Action - Page 10 - Change paragraph seven to read:

Leagues are assigned to districts within a state and are under the direction of a district director. There may be up to ~~eleven (11)~~ twelve (12) districts within a state under the direction of a state director. The district and state directors are under the direction of the national commissioner.

**Raymond Housel, State Director
Gordo, Alabama**

Bylaws

Article II – Section 1 (a), (b), (c) and (d) - Board of Directors – Number and Qualifications

Change to read:

Section 1. Number and Qualifications

- (a) The business and property of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors comprised of the incorporators, life members elected by the Board, the President, Commissioner, Treasurer and a State Director and eligible National Directors from each state; and a Regional Director and one eligible National Director from each region.
- (b) Effective October 1, 2019, when a National Director from each state decides to not seek reelection, resigns or otherwise becomes permanently incapacitated to fulfill his/her responsibilities, his/her position will be eliminated from the national board of directors. This process will continue until each state is represented by one (1) state director and a maximum of two (2) National Directors.
- (c) Any individual state which franchises at least one hundred and eighty (180) total teams in all divisions shall be entitled to ~~four~~ a state director and two national directors. Any state or group of states with at least 180 total teams in all divisions shall be assigned to a region by the Commissioner and shall be entitled to a Regional Director and a National Director.
- (d) Any state which franchises less than one hundred and eighty (180) total teams in all divisions for three consecutive years will be assigned to a region. Any region, which franchises less than one hundred and eighty (180) total teams in all divisions for three consecutive years, will be assigned to a state organization.
- (e) All members of the Board of Directors, except Honorary Life Members and Retired Lifetime Members, have a vote in all matters pertaining to the business, property, and management of the corporation in all of the deliberations of the regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors.
- (f) Effective October 1, 2019, each state will be limited to a maximum of three (3) votes (State Director and two (2) eligible National Directors. Each State Director will have a board vote and each state will designate which of the three National Directors are eligible to cast the two National Director votes until each state is represented by only two (2) National Directors. Non-voting National Directors will continue to serve on committees as appointed by the President and will continue to receive expenses to attend the World Series and National Board Meetings.

**Executive Committee
Kent Bruxvoort, President
Rogers, Arkansas**

Article II – Section 1(b) and (c) - Board of Directors – Number and Qualifications

Change to read:

(b) **States** –Any individual state which franchises at least one hundred and eighty (180) total teams in all divisions shall be designated a state and entitled to four directors as outlined in Section 1(a) above. Any existing state which franchises less than one hundred and eighty (180) total teams in all divisions for three consecutive years will be assigned to designated a region and entitled to a Regional Director and one National Director.

(c) **Regions – Group of States** - Any group of states which franchises at least 180 total teams in all divisions shall be designated a region by the Commissioner and shall be entitled to two directors as outlined in Section 1(a) above. Any group of states, organized as a region, which franchises less than one hundred and eighty (180) total teams in all divisions for three consecutive years, will be assigned to a state organization.

Individual State - Any new state which franchises at least 100 total teams in all divisions shall be designated a region by the Commissioner and shall be entitled to two directors as outlined in Section 1(a) above. Any new state, organized as a region, which franchises less than one hundred and eighty (180) total teams in all divisions for three consecutive years, will be assigned to a state organization.

**Wes Skelton, Commissioner
Marshall, Texas**

Article II. Board of Directors Section 2, Paragraphs (f) – (i) Change to read:

- (f) The nomination process for an incumbent board member desiring to continue serving in their respective position will be a letter or email from the board member to the President, Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc., stating their desire to continue serving. These nominations must be must be mailed to the President, Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. on or before April 1.
- (g) The nominations for state and National Directors by currently franchised leagues shall be emailed or mailed to the President of Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. on or before May 15 of the year in which:
 - (1) the director's term expires, or
 - (2) a special election is held to elect and qualify a successor to serve the unexpired term of any director due to his death, resignation, disqualification, or removal.
- (h) The President or a National Director designated by him shall conduct contested elections of members of the Board of Directors by electronic online ballots. Each nominee shall bear the cost of mailing any campaign materials to the franchised leagues for the purpose of soliciting votes.
- (i) A link to an online ballot for contested state or national director elections will be emailed to each league at their current email address on record with the National Office prior to June 1. The deadline for returning the ballot is June 10. Each league shall access their ballot, mark the ballot and electronically submit their ballot via the internet. Votes will be tabulated by online balloting software which does not disclose how each league votes but tabulates the total votes received by each candidate. If there are more than two candidates for a position the President of Dixie Youth Baseball Inc. will review the results after the ballot deadline is reached. If one candidate has a majority of the votes cast in the election no further action is required. If there is not a majority the President of Dixie Youth Baseball Inc will conduct a runoff election between the two candidates with the most votes in the first election and will send out a new electronic online ballot to each league to vote in the runoff election in the same manner as described above. Results of all elections will be announced by mail no later than one week after the Dixie Youth World Series.

**Wes Skelton, Commissioner
Marshall, Texas**

Article III. Board of Directors Section 3 - Change to read:

Section 3. Notice of special meetings, except as provided in Section 2 of this article, shall be emailed to each director by the Secretary at least fifteen (15) days previous to the time fixed for the meeting. All notices of special meetings shall state the purpose thereof. Only that business, as is stated in the notice, may be considered at that meeting.

**Kent Bruxvoort, President
Rogers, Arkansas**

Article III. Board of Directors Section 6 - Change Section 6 to read:

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During any special meeting by telephone conference call of the Board, any motion voted on by the Board will be by electronic ballot. Electronic voting will be available for 24 hours after the meeting is adjourned. The results of the vote including the vote count will be forwarded to the Board. The ballots will be retained for a period of one year.

Kent Bruxvoort, President
Rogers, Arkansas

Regulations

Regulation I (E) (1) – The League – Page 74 -Change paragraph (E)(1) to read:

(E)(1) Each franchised league shall be composed of a minimum of three (3) teams and ~~not more than seven (7) teams in the (Majors or “O”Zone and AAA divisions;~~ not more than nine (9) teams in **all age divisions.** ~~the AA division and not more than eleven (11) teams in the A division.~~

Bill Sanders, State Director
Paris, TX

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Tommy Rheams, State Director
Lumberton, Mississippi

Raymond Housel, State Director
Gordo, Alabama

Regulation II (A) League Boundaries – Page 75 – Add sentence at the end of 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.

Bill Sanders, State Director
Paris, TX

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

Official Playing Rules

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: I-pads or tablets may be used to keep pitch counts and lineups as long as they are not used to communicate outside the dugout via text, email or voice.**

Wes Skelton, Commissioner
Marshall, TX

Rule 7.08(I) Page 60 – Delete 7.08(I) in its entirety.

~~(k) The runner, while attempting to reach the next base, attempts a head-first slide.~~

Jesse Buchanan, State Director
Texarkana, AR

DYB Tournament Rules

Editorial Changes to incorporate Division II into the DYB tournament rules:

I. Tournament Play – Page 85

(G) Each community or league sponsoring a state tournament or a **Division I or Division II** Dixie Youth World Series shall be granted a host team. **Exception:** A **Division I** league which hosts a **Division II** World Series must designate a **Division II** league within its state as the host team. **NOTE:** A host team shall be allowed only in the event there is a tournament, not a series between two teams.

I. Tournament Play – Page 86

(L) The **Division I and Division II** Dixie Youth World Series (Majors, “O”Zone, AAA and AA) shall be limited to a **maximum** of twelve teams of which one shall be a host team and a **maximum** of eleven state champions. All teams will be winners/qualifiers of state/regional competitive play. Any qualifying teams which decline to participate shall be replaced with winners of competitive play determined by the Commissioner.

I. Tournament Play – Page 87

(M) Each state organization shall approve the **Division I and Division II** status of each franchised league and/or adjust a league’s **Division I or II** status within its state pursuant to guidelines established by the National Board of Directors.

Tournament Dates

(N) The **Division I and Division II** Dixie Youth World Series for the Majors, “O”Zone, AAA and AA divisions shall begin on the dates recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the National Board of Directors, annually. These dates will be set five years in advance.

(O) All tournaments qualifying a team for the **Division I and Division II** Dixie Youth Majors, “O” Zone, AAA or AA World Series shall be scheduled to be completed no later than ten calendar days prior to the day of the opening ceremonies of the respective World Series. The penalty for violation of this rule is disqualification of the winning state/ regional team from the Dixie Youth World Series.

IX. Player Participation Requirement – Page 95

(D) **Continuous Batting Order** – The Board of Directors of Dixie Youth Baseball®, Inc., has granted each state organization the right to use the continuous batting order in tournament play through the state tournament level. Tournament Rule IX(C) will be used in the **Division I and Division II** Majors, “O”Zone, and AAA World Series and in all tournaments, which do not use the continuous batting order rule.

Wes Skelton, Commissioner
Marshall, Texas

Tournament Rule III – Team Eligibility Requirements - Page 87 - Add new paragraph (C) to read:

(C)—Division II tournament team affidavits must consist of a minimum of ten (10) and a maximum of (12) players, a team manager and two coaches. Each tournament team must begin each level of tournament play with a minimum of ten and maximum of twelve (10-12) players and a manager and two coaches. Leagues submitting tournament rosters at credentials meetings with less than twelve (12) players may not add additional players after the credentials meeting unless it is a player replacement.

Paul McCulloch, State Director
Conway, SC

Tournament Rule III – Team Eligibility Requirements - Page 87 - Add new paragraph (C) to read:

(C)— All Division II tournament teams shall consist of a minimum of 10 or a maximum 12 players, a manager and two coaches on a tournament team. A team will be required to start a tournament with the number of players listed on the tournament affidavit at the district credentials meeting for each level of tournament play. A player may be replaced, but a player cannot be added after the district credentials meeting. It is mandatory that all players listed on the tournament team affidavit meet the player participation rule in each game played.

**Bill Sanders, State Director
Paris, Texas**

Tournament Rule III – Team Eligibility Requirements - Page 87 - Add new paragraph (C) to read:

(C)— All Division II tournament teams shall consist of 10 players, a manager and two coaches on a tournament team. A team will be required to start a tournament with the number of players listed on the tournament affidavit at the district credentials meeting for each level of tournament play. A player may be replaced, but a player cannot be added after the district credentials meeting. It is mandatory that all players listed on the tournament team affidavit meet the player participation rule in each game played.

**Bill Sanders, State Director
Paris, Texas**

Tournament Rule III – Team Eligibility Requirements - Page 87 - Add new paragraph (C) to read:

(C)— All Division II tournament teams shall consist of a minimum of 11 or a maximum 12 players, a manager and two coaches on a tournament team. A team will be required to start a tournament with the number of players listed on the tournament affidavit at the district credentials meeting for each level of tournament play. A player may be replaced, but a player cannot be added after the district credentials meeting. It is mandatory that all players listed on the tournament team affidavit meet the player participation rule in each game played.

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Paris, Texas**

Tournament Rule IV(G) – Coach Eligibility Requirement – Pages 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.**

**Wes Skelton, Commissioner
Marshall, Texas**

Tournament Rule VII(G)(3) - Page 92 – Change to read:

(G)(3) All pitchers must adhere to the following pitch count rest requirements before pitching in another tournament game:

Tournament Pitching Rest Requirements

Required Rest	No Rest	24 Hours	36 Hours	48 Hours
Total Pitches	1-30	31-45	46-60	61+

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

**Tommy Rheams, State Director
Lumberton, Mississippi**

Tournament Rule VII(G)(7) - Page 93 – Add new paragraph (7) to read:

(G)(7) If a pitcher pitches in two consecutive days and throws more than a total of 35 pitches, he must have a 24-hour rest period before being allowed to pitch in another game.

**Tommy Rheams, State Director
Lumberton, Mississippi**

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 ~~shall~~ 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.

**Wes Skelton, Commissioner
Marshall, Texas**

Tournament Rule XI(E) - Page 99 – Add new paragraph XI(E) 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.

**Bill Sanders, State Director
Paris, Texas**

AA Tournament Rules

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

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

Bill Sanders, State Director
Paris. TX

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

(F)(4) Defensive participation requirement - Each player must play on defense six outs (three consecutive outs in each of 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 six outs.

Bill Sanders, State Director
Paris. TX