



DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. 2021 Proposed Policy and Rule Changes July 1, 2020

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 3, 2020. 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 and National Directors, who serve on the National Board, shall actively seek each league's input and advice to help them vote the convictions of the leagues they represent.

PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES

BYLAWS:

Except for school leagues ~~or the Dixie Boys Baseball program~~, no National Officer, National Director, or State Director shall be permitted to participate in an official capacity in any other organized youth baseball program. Complete qualifications for any person to be eligible for nomination, election, or appointment to any official position within Dixie Youth Baseball®, Inc. above the local level are included in the By-Laws which govern its operation.

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

Change to read:

Any authorized officer listed on a most recent league franchise may submit a nomination for a National Director and State Director position. Only a duly authorized representative of a franchised league can vote in any matter before district or state meetings. No one person can represent more than one league. NOTE: A duly authorized representative of a league is the league president, or a person designated by him in writing who is active currently in the voting league.

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

WORLD SERIES MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Playing Fields/Facilities: Majors, "O" Zone and AAA World Series - Division I and II

Change to read:

The Host will provide at least two playing fields **with or without grass infields** and grass outfields for each World Series and meet the following requirements: B-H

Glen Wagner, National Director

Dillon, South Carolina

REGULATIONS:

Regulation I (E) (1) – The League – Page 74 –

Change paragraph (E)(1) to read:

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.

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Raymond Housel, State Director

Gordo, Alabama

Regulation 2(L) - League Boundaries – Page 77

ADD New Section (M) (1) With the written approval of the District Director a league may extend their boundary to include players that do not currently reside within the boundary of a league franchised by Dixie Youth Baseball. This area to be included must be contiguous to the current boundary of that league.

ADD New Section (M) (2) With the written approval of the District Director a group of leagues may extend their boundaries to include areas contiguous to the group of leagues that do not currently have a franchised Dixie Youth league. Such an area will become a common boundary for that group of leagues. Players from the common boundary may register with any of the contiguous leagues. Once such a player registers and is accepted by a league, that player shall remain the property of that league unless otherwise provided for in these rules.

William Wade, DYB Commissioner

Montgomery, Alabama

Regulation XII (H) - Ineligible Player - Page

101 Change to read:

- (1) An **INELIGIBLE PLAYER** is a player who is ineligible to be a member of a tournament team for a league because he does not live within the approved boundary of the league, a player who did not meet the participation requirements in his/her league, a player who violates Tournament Rule IV(C) **if protested prior to the conclusion of the district credentials meeting** or, a player who is older than the maximum league age allowed for the respective age division of play.
- (2) All protests based on the ineligibility of a player shall be filed with the district director at the district credentials meeting. No protest shall be accepted after the district credentials meeting except a protest based on age eligibility. **PENALTY:** The penalty shall be the immediate removal of the player from his/her DYB tournament team roster and disqualification from tournament play.

William Wade, DYB Commissioner
Montgomery, Alabama

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

(DYB TOURNAMENT RULES)

Tournament Play – Article 1 - Section C - Page 84

Add new (C) (1) 12-team pool play and single elimination bracket for AAA, Majors & O-Zone World Series- The participating teams will be divided into four 3-team pools by random drawing. On Day 1 - each team will play two pool games to determine the 1st, 2nd & 3rd seed from each pool. Tie-breaker rules #2 thru #5 in section (6) on page 75 will be used to determine the seedings in case of tie(s). Day 2 - single elimination bracket play with the 2nd and 3rd seeds from each pool. The 1st seeds from each pool will receive a bye to Day 3 of the single elimination bracket.

Day 3 – the winners from Day 2 will play the 1st seeds. Day 4 – double header play to complete the single elimination bracket.

State Option – Each state organization may elect to use this format in state tournament play only.

Re-word and re-number current sections (C) (1) & (2) to reflect this change if approved.

DYB Executive Committee
Kent Bruxvoort, President

Tournament Rule III - Team Eligibility Requirements - Page 87

(C)— All **Division I** and Division II tournament teams shall consist of 11 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, Assistant State Director
Paris, Texas

Tournament Rule IX - Continuous Batting Order - Page 95 - 97

Change (C) and (D) to read:

(C) Continuous Batting Order (Reverting to Nine Man Batting Order)

TOURNAMENT RULE IX(C) will be used in the Division I and Division II Dixie Youth Majors, "O"Zone and AAA World Series and in all tournaments, which do not use the continuous batting order rule.

- (1) At the start of the game, **all players** on each tournament team roster (including players for any reason not present at the start of a game) will be listed in the starting continuous offensive batting lineup and bat in this order until all have completed one time at bat. **Exception: A player who has a verifiable injury or illness and cannot be replaced prior to the start of any game may not be listed on the starting batting lineup if approved by the tournament director.** After all players in the initial batting lineup have batted once, the official offensive lineup will revert to the first nine players listed in the original batting lineup for the remainder of the game. The players not listed in first nine batting positions will become official substitutes and will be eligible to return to the official batting lineup as a substitute in one of the first nine offensive batting lineup positions at any time, if eligible.
- (2) If the batting order has reverted back to the original nine-man order, a player arriving to the game late before the fourth inning has been completed must fulfill his batting requirement by substituting for a player in the top nine positions of the batting order and must play defense. If a player arrives after the fifth inning has begun, he SHALL NOT participate in the game.
- (3) If a player listed in the starting continuous batting lineup does not participate in the game for any reason, the player shall be called out each time he fails to complete a turn at bat. **Exception: The batting position of a player who leaves a game in progress because of an injury, illness or disqualification BEFORE THE LINEUP REVERTS TO A NINE-MAN BATTING ORDER shall be:**
 - (a) Skipped without penalty (no out will be called) if player is not listed in one of the top nine positions of the batting lineup;
 - (b) Replaced if the player is listed in one of the top nine positions of the batting line-up by a substitute player who is not listed in one of top nine positions of the batting line-up; Note: If the substitute resumes the substituted players' count to complete his at-bat, he will not bat again unless he remains in the batting position of the substituted player;
- (4) Any player listed in the top nine batting positions who leaves the game because of an injury, illness or disqualification after all players have batted once in a Continuous Batting Line-up [which reverts to a nine-man lineup] will be substituted by an available player who was not listed in the top nine batting positions. If the player is injured while at bat, the substitute batter will assume his count.
- (5) If a manager has used all his eligible players and a player is injured or becomes ill and cannot continue, the game shall not be forfeited. The opposing manager shall select a player from the bench who has already been in the game to replace the injured or ill player in the injured or ill player's batting position. If at any time a team cannot field nine players, the game will be forfeited.
- (6) A player removed because of injury or illness may return to the game, if otherwise eligible.

(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.

- (1) At the start of the game, **all players** on each tournament team roster (including players for any reason not present at the start of a game) will be listed in the starting offensive batting lineup and bat in this order continuously throughout the game. **Exception: A player who has a verifiable injury or illness and cannot be replaced prior to the start of any game may not be listed on the starting batting lineup if approved by the tournament director.**
- (2) Players who arrive late shall be substituted for the next batter in the lineup when they enter a game late and have them bat immediately only if the late player cannot mathematically have a plate appearance. If this is the case, then the substituted player will skip his at-bat once (without an out called) and the substitute player will return to his original position in the continuous batting order for the remainder of the game and must play defense. If a player arrives after the fifth inning has begun, he SHALL NOT participate in the game.
- (3) If a player listed in any batting position in a continuous batting lineup does not participate in the game for any reason, the player shall be called out each time he fails to complete a turn at bat. **Exception:** If a player leaves a game in progress because of an injury, illness or disqualification, this position in the batting lineup will be skipped for the remainder of the game without penalty (no out will be called).
- (4) If the player is injured while at bat, the next batter will assume his count. **Exception:** If the player is a base runner, the player in the batting lineup who was last putout will become a substitute runner for the player who has left the game due to an injury and the substitute runner shall not change his position in the batting line-up.
- (5) If a manager has used all his eligible players and a player is injured or becomes ill and cannot continue, the game shall not be forfeited. The opposing manager shall select a player from the bench who has already been in the game to replace the injured or ill player in the injured or ill player's batting position. If at any time a team cannot field nine players, the game will be forfeited.
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