**Constitution and By-Laws**

**Of**

**Prattville Youth Baseball Inc.**

**Amendment 7**

**Date: 07/1/2015**

**County of Autauga**

**AMENDED**

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

**OF**

**PRATTVILLE YOUTH BASEBALL INC.**

# Name

## The name of the corporation shall be Prattville Youth Baseball, Inc.

# Purpose

## The purpose of the corporation shall be to provide for the mutual assistance, enjoyment, entertainment and improvements of its members socially and physically by participating therein the value of hard work, self-discipline, self-sacrifice, extensive practice, encouraging and assisting them in participation in athletics, physical recreation and contests of skill and team play. These contests shall be held for the purpose of demonstrating to the youth cooperation with others and the enjoyment which can result there from. This purpose shall be further met by the sponsorship and establishment of a youth baseball program for the promotion and development of the youth of Prattville, Alabama.

## Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the purpose for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

## Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

# Membership

## That there shall be one class of membership named supervisory members. This class of membership shall consist of all parents, guardians or sponsors who have a child in the program and it shall also consist of all parties interested in the baseball programs, who have illustrated an interest by a financial contribution, by working with the program, or by being a sponsor of the program. In order to be a member by virtue of interest in the program and to be able to vote, the prospective member must be recognized by the Board prior to annual elections. All persons interested in baseball and all persons that made a contribution should be brought to the attentions of the Board and the Board will recognize these persons and a roster will be kept of the membership. All members will have one vote each in all League affairs which are not specifically under the jurisdiction of the Board.

# Organization of Leagues/Teams

## The athletic teams participating in the program of the Corporation shall be divided into the following divisions: Boys/Majors, Ozone, AAA, AA, A and T-ball. All divisions may divide teams up by American, National and International leagues depending on the number of teams in each division. The Board of Directors may add more divisions as they deem necessary to provide more participation by eligible youth. If a division was removed based on low participation, the last division removed would be the first one added and so on.

# Governance of PYB Board of Directors

## The Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors, which shall consist of:

## Ex-officio members- By virtue of their election, the following positions shall be members of the Board of Directors:

1) T-ball Coordinator 7) Triple A Vice President

2) Single A President 8) Ozone President

3) Single A Vice President 9) Ozone Vice President

4) Double A President 10) Boys / Majors President

5) Double A Vice President 11) Boys / Majors Vice President

6) Triple A President

## All 6Member At-Large positions:

##### The two positions receiving the most votes shall be positions twelve (12) and thirteen (13).

##### The two positions receiving the second most votes shall be positions fourteen (14) and fifteen (15).

##### The two positions receiving the third most votes shall be positions sixteen (16) and seventeen (17).

## All division Presidents and Vice Presidents shall be elected or re-elected every year. All Member At-Large positions shall be elected or re-elected every three years.

## Any position below Deputy Commissioner of the Board that requires an assistant may select up to two (2) non-voting members. The person that holds the office who selects these assistants would be totally responsible for their actions and all assistants must be approved by the Board of Directors.

# Executive Officers

## The Executive Board of this corporation shall be a Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Board of Directors for the term of two years, and shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and qualified or are no longer on the Board of Directors. Incumbent officers shall be eligible for re-election. No one shall be eligible to any of these offices who is not a Board member. The position of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

## The Commissioner shall preside at all meetings of the membership and shall sign all written contracts of the corporation. The Commissioner shall co-sign with the Treasurer all checks for disbursement of corporation funds. The Commissioner shall be authorized to do all things necessary to discharge the duties of his office. The Commissioner shall be authorized to perform such other duties as may be placed upon the Commissioner by the Board of Directors.

## The Deputy Commissioner shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Commissioner and/or the Board of Directors. The Deputy Commissioner, in the absence of the Commissioner, shall have the authority to co-sign with the Treasurer all checks for disbursement of corporate funds. In case of the disability or absence of the Commissioner or the vacancy of office, the duties of the Commissioner shall be assumed by the Deputy Commissioner.

## The Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings and shall maintain accurate minutes of such meetings. The Secretary shall have charge of all corporation books, records and papers and shall attest with his/her signature all written contracts of the Corporation. The Secretary, in the absence of the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, shall have the authority to co-sign with the Treasurer all checks for disbursement of corporate funds. The Secretary shall perform all other duties incident to the office.

## The Treasurer shall have custody of all money and securities of the Corporation and shall give bond, in such sum and with such sureties should the Board of Directors require. Cost of such bond, if required, will be paid by the Corporation. The Treasurer shall co-sign with Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner or Secretary all checks for the disbursement of Corporation funds. The Treasurer will also co-sign with the Concessions Manager all checks for disbursement of Concession funds. The Treasurer shall keep regular books of accounts. The Treasurer shall keep all bank statements, vouchers, receipts, records and other papers together in a binder for examination and approval at the end of each fiscal quarter and shall submit to the Board of Directors and membership a financial statement of the corporation’s previous year’s operation and shall perform all such other duties incident to the office. The Treasurer shall provide monthly financial statements to the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all purchases. All purchases in excess of five hundred ($500.00) dollars shall be done on a bid basis with not less than two (2) bids being submitted. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

## In the event a vacancy occurs, for any reason, in any office, or on the Board, the Board of Directors may fill the vacancy for the unexpired term by a majority vote of members of the Board.

# Organization of League

## The President of each division shall supervise the activities of his division. He shall submit all applications for managers and coaches to the Board of Directors for approval. He shall support the decisions of the Board of Directors and shall perform other duties as the Board may assign.

## The Vice President of each division shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President. In the event of the absence of the President, he/she shall assume the duties of the President.

## The Player Agent shall assist in player registration and try-outs. He/she shall ensure that all teams have equal opportunity in the selection of players. He/she shall prepare a list of all new players by age group and distribute such list to all managers prior to try-outs. In the event a vacancy occurs on a team, he/she shall arrange for a replacement player in accordance with local rules as adopted by the Board of Directors. He/she shall maintain a current roster of each team and shall assist the Secretary of the Corporation in the filing of all player registration forms required by the National Corporation of the respected division. Closing date for registration of players shall be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors as the meet individual needs of the leagues. The player agent shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

## The Equipment Manager shall issue all equipment to league managers and obtain receipts for all items issued. He/she shall collect all equipment from league managers and Presidents within fifteen (15) days from the date of the league’s last game.

## The Sponsorship Chairperson shall be responsible for all soliciting and assigning of team sponsors. The Sponsorship Chairperson shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

## The Concession Chairperson shall be responsible for all operations of the individual concession stand and shall be responsible for all deposits and purchases incident to the operation of said concession stand. The Concession Chairperson shall co-sign with the Treasurer all checks for distribution of concession funds. The Concession Chairperson shall provide monthly financial statements to the Board of Directors. He/she shall provide a schedule of Board members, teams and leagues responsible for the running of said concession stand each night. The Concession Chairperson shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

## The Fund-raising Chairperson shall be responsible for all fund-raising projects and shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

## The Website Administrator will be responsible for all the internet related activities. All events related to the affairs of the corporation shall be posted on the internet with the approval of the Board of Directors.

# Managers/Coaches

## The managers of each competitive team shall be appointed annually by the President of the respective league upon approval from the Board of Directors. The manager of each team shall be responsible for the conduct of the team members and assistant coaches on the field. The manager of each team, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the head coach and assistant coaches. Any person wanting to manager or assist coach must first have a coach’s form on file, sign a code of conduct form, take an approved concussion training course and be approved by the Board of Directors before stepping on any game or practice field. The Board of Directors will perform a criminal records check on all managers and assistant coaches. The following are disqualifications that would prevent any person from coaching in Prattville Youth Baseball:

##### Any registered sex offender or any crime against a child.

##### Any conviction of a felony (Class A, B or C) or Domestic Violence crime, unless the State which the conviction occurred has granted a Pardon on this crime.

# Suspension of Members/Discipline

## The Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend from the corporation any member whose conduct is considered by a majority of the Board to be detrimental to the best interests of the corporation. Three consecutive absences that are not excused by the Commissioner of the Board shall be reason for a dismissal vote by the Board of Directors.

## All incidents of misconduct should be reported to the League President or League Vice President except where the violator is either of these two officers. In that case incidents should be reported to the Board of Directors. The person involved will be notified that the incident has been turned into the Executive Board. The person involved has the right to appeal any suspension. The appeal will then be heard by the Executive Board. All decisions of the Executive Board are final.

# Meetings/Quorum/Rules of Order

## A meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on the first Wednesday in September of each year with the reading of reports and the election of officers. Scheduled monthly meetings will be set on the first Wednesday of the month from September through August. Additional meetings may be called by the Commissioner or upon request of at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors to the Commissioner.

## No less than seven (7) of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at scheduled monthly meetings on the first Wednesday and the majority vote of those present shall govern. Additional meetings called by the Commissioner, a majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and the majority of those present shall govern, except when otherwise provided.

## Robert’s Rule of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings except where the same conflicts with the Articles of Incorporation of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Corporation.

# Finances

## The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the association by placing all income in a common treasury and directing the expenditures of the same in such a manner as will give no league or individual team an advantage over the others with regard to equipment, uniforms, etc.

## All Purchasing Agents, Concession Stand Chairperson and any other officer or member receiving or handling funds will submit financial reports monthly to the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall assemble and consolidate complete financial records to be submitted to the Executive Board when requested by the Board or the Board of Directors for the purpose of either internal or external audit.

## Any official or member requesting reimbursement for monies expended must furnish the Treasurer a receipt for such expenditures and must have prior approval for the purchase. Failure to provide the required receipts will preclude reimbursement for such expenditures.

## No money paid in by players or parents will be refunded after that player has been drafted and/or assigned to a league team. The exception would be a season ending injury or medical condition, before the first regular season game. This must be requested through the league President and approved by the Player Agent and Board of Directors. After the season opens (First Game), there will be no refunds.

## No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall accrue to the benefit of any private member or individual.

# General/Game Rules

## The athletic contest held by the corporation shall be governed by the rules of play contained in the National Federation Rule Book, except where the same conflicts with the organizational and playing rules promulgated by the National Board of the respective divisions of the corporation.

## Local rules not in conflict with the rules prescribed herein applicable to athletic contests held by the corporation may be adopted by the Board of Directors at meeting to be held not less than one month prior to the first scheduled athletic contest of the season.

## Prattville Youth Baseball’s Code of Conduct will be strictly enforced. All rules in the Dixie Youth Baseball Rules and Regulations/Alabama Dixie Youth Baseball Rules and Regulations will also be followed.

## The President along with the assistance of the Vice President will oversee all activities of their division.

## There will be no limit to the number of practices per week prior to the season starting, however, there will be no Wednesday or Sunday practices allowed. After the first game, the number of team meetings will be limited to a total of four times per week including games.

## All batters must wear a batting helmet with facemask and chinstrap snapped (except in Dixie Boys/Dixie Majors Divisions). If the helmet is too big, hats may be worn under the helmet. All players will be required to provide their own batting helmet due to hygienic reasons.

## The HOME team will provide the scorebook keeper and the scoreboard keeper. These persons must be over the age of 18. Failure to provide a scorebook and a scoreboard keeper will result in a forfeit by the HOME team. The manager shall sign the official scorebook at the end of the game.

## Managers shall have their lineup turned in 15 minutes before the game. The lineup should contain full names and numbers.

## If an offensive player is at bat and the game clock has expired, the inning will continue to allow for the batter to finish his/her at bat.

## All uniform shirts must be tucked in during the game.

## Each team will have a maximum number of 12 players unless voted on and approved by the board.

## Players must attend each scheduled practice unless the child is sick, out of town, or an emergency arises. The manager shall be notified in advance if possible, or as soon as possible with the reasoning. If the player does not attend a scheduled practice and the manager has been given no legitimate reason, the manager shall notify the League President before any decisions are made to allow the child to play. The league president shall attempt to contact the parents to find out and problems and then a determination shall be made.

## A team may start and end a ballgame with 8 players. A team failing to field at least eight (8) players within 15 minutes after the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game. If both teams fail to produce 8 players, they will both be charged with a forfeit.

## Teams may pick up two players to reach 9 from another team within the same league if the opposing coach agrees. The player(s) must be in uniform, be placed last in the batting order and play outfield. The umpires shall be notified before game time, as well as the score keeper, and the agreed upon player(s) shall not be protested as illegal for that one game no matter the outcome.

## Chatter is allowed by all players except the Catcher. Fans nor players are allowed to say “SWING”

## All players must play one complete inning on defense.

## Any child who is playing the catching position shall wear a protective cup or they will not be allowed to play that position.

## A pinch runner is only optional for a catcher when there are 2 outs. The last batter out must be used to run for the catcher.

## If the game is tied at the end of the time limit / innings, then the international Rules will take place. The visiting team will bat and the last out will be placed on 2nd base with no outs and the inning will be played until 3 outs are recorded. The home team will do the same in the bottom of the inning. The process will be repeated until there is a winner.

## The umpire will start the game and will also keep the official game time.

## Because of the concern for player safety, sliding feet first is mandatory at 2nd, 3rd and home (unless there is no possibility of a play at that base). Sliding with the apparent intention of injuring or threatening the field player will not be tolerated. If the catcher is set up in a catching position at home plate, the runner MUST slide to avoid injury. If the catcher has no play at the plate, the catcher will be warned and action will be administered by the head umpire. Head first sliding is prohibited while advancing to a base. However, such slides are permitted if returning to a base. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the runner involved being out.

## Dixie run rules will be honored, 15 runs after the 3rd inning and 10 runs after 4th inning.

## At the end of the game, each team and coaches will line up on the respective bases to shake hands for sportsmanship.

## All Managers will be responsible for acquiring, maintaining, and returning all PYB equipment to the Equipment Manager. Equipment shall be turned in immediately following the last game of the season. Any repairs or equipment malfunctions shall be reported to the equipment manager as soon as possible.

## It is mandatory that all league managers come to the press box and sign the official scorebook, and pitching affidavit if applicable, after each game. Failure to do so will result in a one game suspension of the manager.

**Section 12.26** No personal/team music shall be played prior to, during, or after a game. It causes a distraction to other teams around them.

# Dissolution

## Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purpose of the corporation in such a manner or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, youth recreation, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as a exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, as the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall determine.

# Prohibit Against Propaganda in Political Activities

## The corporation shall promulgate no propaganda for the purpose of influencing legislation; nor carry on any other activities for such purposes; nor shall it participate or intervene in any way whatsoever in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

# Amendment to Constitution and By-Laws

## This Constitution and By-Laws, or any section thereof, may be amended or repealed by two-thirds vote of the membership present at any meeting which has present at any time a quorum, provided that notification of such proposed changes by the Secretary shall be made either vocally or letter to each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which such proposed changes shall be submitted to vote.

# Election of League Officers and Board Members

## Elections of League officers and Board Members shall be held within the last three weeks of the regular season, each year.

# Umpires

## The Board of Directors shall appoint and/or hire all umpires and shall assign their duties and responsibilities.

## All umpires must be certified through an appropriate certification program satisfactory to the Board of Directors.

# By-Laws

Please Read and adhere to the Prattville City Rules posted at the entry of the park. There is no excuse not to know these rules. The Prattville Youth Baseball Code of Conduct will be strictly enforced. Any rules not found in the Constitution or By-Laws of the Prattville Youth Baseball will fall under the official Dixie Youth Rule Book.

## Drafts

##### Each Head Coach from AA, AAA, Ozone, Dixie Boys, and Dixie Majors shall have two (2) priority picks. The coach’s child will be the first choice and then they shall be allowed a second pick for an assistant coach. If the Head Coach has 2 children on the same team, they shall be considered one priority pick, but that coach will be skipped in the 4th round to even out the number of players between the teams. T-Ball and A coaches will have three (3) priority picks. They shall be chosen as the head coach’s child, 1st round. Then #2 and #3 picks will be for the assistant coaches. If one of the coaches has more than one child, both children will be considered one pick and they will be skipped in the 5th round to even out the players.

##### Each coach will draw a number to select the order they will draft in. They will also pick American or National to determine which league they will be in. After Leagues are chosen, each coach will get to choose their team name. There shall not be 2 of the same team in the same league.

##### The draft will go from lowest to highest, highest to lowest and repeat until all children have been placed on a team. Example 5 teams, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 then 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 and then 1, 2,3,4,5 and so on.

##### All sibling and ride issues should be discussed before the draft begins.

##### T- Ball and Single A will be drawn from the Hat after the 3rdround.

##### AA, AAA, Ozone, Dixie Boys, and Majors will have a draft by selecting any eligible players on their respective list starting in the 3rd round.

##### The priority picks will take place on the 1st and 2nd round of each draft except T-ball and A, the picks will be in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd round.

##### There should be only one representative for each team in the draft. This should be the head coach. If for some reason the head coach cannot attend, they should notify the player agent for approval of a replacement representative.

## T-Ball

##### Must be age four as of April 30th of the current year.

##### Teams will be drafted from the drawing method.

##### A 9” soft baseball will be used for the player’s safety. The ball will be officially marked as Tee Ball and provided by the league. The ball will be 4 to 5 ounces, and consist of a molded core or sponge rubber center.

##### Bats must be 25”/26” long, 2 ¼” in diameter, maximum 17 to 20 ounces or the bat must have Tee Ball approved stamped on the bat.

##### The Tee will be an adjustable, flexible tube on a moveable base.

##### All players must wear athletic footwear.

##### To avoid potential injury, the catcher must be placed a minimum of 10 feet behind home plate.

##### No defensive movement is allowed until the ball has been struck by the batter.

##### The last two weeks of the season, depending on the child’s skill level, a coach may pitch to the player over handed or underhanded. If a player fails to hit the ball after three pitches, the ball is placed on a tee and the player’s turn continues.

##### The ball will be hit from an approved league Tee that is set at home plate.

##### The ball must travel 8 feet or it is foul.

##### Full swings must be taken. No bunting is allowed.

##### An inning is over when six batters have batted per inning.

##### No stealing. The base runner must remain on/intact with the base until the ball is hit. One base is allowed on an infield hit after a player maintains control of the ball, an out is made or time is called. The runner may advance as many bases as possible on an outfield hit until the ball reaches the infield and a player has control of the ball. (A “half-way” mark will be present in the middle of the infield first to second, second to third and third to home. This mark will designate as whether a runner may advance to the next base once control is maintained. The position of the runner will be determined by the umpire after the umpire calls time. Both runner position and when to call time is the umpires judgment.)

##### After the ball is hit from the Tee, the coach must remove the Tee to a designated point to the side and behind home plate.

##### The game will last 4 innings or 45 minutes, whichever comes first.

##### A team failing to field at least eight (8) players within 10 minutes after the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game. A team may start or end a game with a minimum of eight (8) players.

##### Defense will consist of a maximum of ten (10) players, four (4) outfielders, four (4) infielders, a pitcher and a catcher.

##### Runners may not advance on errant throws to any base.

##### There are no strikeouts or walks. All players will continue to bat until he/she puts the ball in play.

##### One coach must be in the dugout at all times, and up to three coaches on the playing field for a total of four coaches in the field of play.

##### The team batting should provide 1st and 3rd base coaches and one to monitor the batting tee.

##### The Single A fields will be utilized. The play line is located ten feet in front of home plate and is located from the foul line at first base to the foul line at third base.

## Single A

##### Must be ages 5 or 6 on or before April 30 of the current year.

##### Draft player selection will be by draw system. Two pools of players will be made. All 6 year olds will be drawn and then all 5 year olds.

##### Game play will be for the duration of 60 minutes or 6 innings.

##### Each team may play with 10 defensive players. (No more than 4 in the outfield and if the team has at least 9 players, they must play using a catcher.)

##### Each team will be allowed a Manager and 3 assistant coaches. One Coach must remain in the dugout at all times.

##### Managers should have their lineup turned in 15 minutes before game time.

##### Each batter shall have 5 pitches. If the 5th pitch is hit foul, then the batter shall continue until they either hit the ball in play or strike out. There is no walking in this division.

##### Offensive Coaches will be on the mound and in the coaches’ box at first and third. The Offensive Pitching Coach must pitch over handed to the batter. The Pitching Coach may NOT coach the batter or runners once the ball is in play. The Offensive Pitching Coach MUST leave the field IMMEDIATELY when the ball is hit into play. Any coach that does not attempt to leave the field and/or interferes with a defensive player to keep him from making a play, will cause the batter to be out. NO Coach may touch a base runner in assistance. If this occurs, the runner is out.

##### Teams may have 2 defensive coaches in the outfield grass. These coaches must remain behind the outfield players until the ball is hit. At no time during live play should the defensive coaches be inside the dirt infield portion of the playing field, unless to assist with an injured player.

##### A “half-way” mark will be present in the middle of the infield first to second, second to third and third to home. This mark will designate as whether a runner may advance to the next base once control is maintained. The position of the runner will be determined by the umpire after the umpire calls time. Both runner position and when to call time is the umpire’s judgment.

##### When a ball is hit into play within the infield, an attempt at a play should be made. If the ball is hit to the outfield, time maybe called when the lead runner is stopped. It will be up to the umpire’s judgment when time is to be called and where any remaining runners are in respect to the halfway marks.

##### If a batted ball hits a coach pitcher, the ball is dead and the batter, and any runner(s) forced to do so, will advance one base. If the ball hits a runner in fair territory, the runner is out.

##### In the event an overthrow is made to first base, runners may only advance one base.

##### Teams may substitute freely on defense. All players must play at least one inning on defense.

##### There will be a maximum of 7 runs allowed per inning.

##### If the game is tied at the end of time allowed, the international tie break rules will come into play.

##### No stealing. The base runner must remain on/intact with the base until the ball is hit.

##### All bases and pitching circle will be marked to the Dixie Youth Baseball Rule book.

##### No base will be awarded to a batter hit by a pitch.

## Double A

##### The Ages for this Division is 7 & 8 year old by April 30th of the current year.

##### Each team will be allowed 10 defensive players. No more than 4 are to play in the outfield.

##### Each team is allowed a Manager and 3 assistant coaches. One coach is to remain in the dugout at all times.

##### Offensive Coaches will be on the mound and in the coaches’ box at first and third. The Offensive Pitching Coach must pitch over handed to the batter. The Pitching Coach may NOT coach the batter or runners once the ball is in play. The Offensive Pitching Coach MUST leave the field IMMEDIATELY when the ball is hit into play. Any coach that does not attempt to leave the field and/or interferes with a defensive player to keep him from making a play will cause the batter to be out. NO Coach may touch a base runner in assistance. If this occurs, the runner is out.

##### Each batter shall have 5 pitches. If the 5th pitch is hit foul, then the batter shall continue until they either hit the ball in play or strikes out. There is no walking in this division.

##### There is no base awarded if the batter is hit with a pitch.

##### If a batted ball hits a coach pitcher, the ball is dead and the batter, and any runner(s) forced to do so, will advance one base. If the ball hits a runner in fair territory, the runner is out.

##### All field dimensions will be set to Dixie Youth regulation standards.

##### Regulation game time will be 1 hour 15 minutes or 6 innings.

##### There will 7 runs allowed or 3 outs per inning.

## Triple A

##### The ages for this division are 9 & 10 yrs. old on or before April 30th of the current year.

##### Each team will be allowed 9 defensive players.

##### Each team will be allowed a manager and 2 assistant coaches.

##### All field dimensions will be set to Dixie Youth Rules.

##### Regulation game time will be 90 minutes or 6 innings. All run rules will apply.

##### There is a 7 run limit per team per inning.

##### Pitching rules set by Dixie Youth will also be used.

## Ozone

##### The ages for this division are 11 & 12 yrs. Old on or before April 30th of the current year.

##### Each team is allowed 9 defensive players.

##### Each team will be allowed a manager and 2 assistant coaches.

##### All field dimensions will be set to Dixie standards.

##### Regulation game time will be 90 minutes or 6 innings. All Run rules will apply.

##### There is a 10 run limit per team per inning.

##### Pitching rules set by Dixie will also be used.

## Dixie Boys / Majors

##### The ages for the Dixie Boys Division are 13 & 14 yrs. Old by April 30th of the current year.

##### The ages for the Dixie Majors Division are 15-19 yrs. Old by April 30th of the current year.

##### Game time will be 1 hour 50 minutes or 7 innings.

##### All other rules will be followed as stated in the Dixie Boys and Majors Rule book.

# Article XIX Championship Games and All-stars

## Section 19.01 Division and League Champions

##### At the end of each regular season, there shall be a championship game played in each division to determine an overall division champion. The game will be played between the National League champion and the American League Champion (and/or International League).

1. The League champion shall be determined based on the team league record. Out of league games will not count in determining the league rankings. If there is a tie, then we will follow the Dixie Rules for tie breaker. First being Head to Head record. If there is still a tie, then it will be determined by points allowed and points scored. The final tie breaker if there is still a tie is a coin flip.
2. The winner of the division championship game will be crowned as best overall.

## Section 19.02 All-stars

1. Each Division, except T-Ball, will have an All-Star team from the National League and American League. We will also have a Rookie All-star team if the number of players will allow.
2. The League Managers of the first place team in each respective league, American and National, will be the All-star Manager and the second place team manager shall coach the Rookie Team providing nothing is disqualifying them from doing so.
3. If a manager has been ejected from a game and/or suspended for Code of Conduct violations, they will be ineligible to coach an All-star team. The coaching position will be offered to the next place team’s Manager.
4. The League ranking will be determined by the League record. Out of League games will not count toward the rankings. Tie Breakers will be determined using Dixie Rules.
5. Each Manager within the division shall submit at least 4 names to be considered for All-Stars to the League President.
6. The managers shall have a meeting and vote on the children submitted.
7. The top 9 shall be placed on the All-star team. The manager may fill the other 3 positions with any eligible children of their choice.
8. The children not placed on the All-star team from the list of submitted names, shall be placed on the Rookie team until all positions are filled.
9. A child may not turn down the All-star team to go to the Rookies without first consulting the board with reasoning. The reasoning will be presented to the board and a vote will be taken to validate and except the reason or not. The only exception is if the 2nd place manager that is coaching Rookies child is voted to the All-star team, then they may choose to stay with their parent.
10. After the All-star teams are made, if there is a cause for a player to be replaced, the respective manager shall get with the league president and player agent ASAP to find a replacement.

# Article XX Fall Ball

**Section 20.01 Fall Ball General Rules**

1. Teams may be brought pre-assembled. They must have at least 10 players and no more than 12.
2. The team must play with the division of the oldest child on the team. The age will be determined by using the cutoff of April 30th of the next year. (where they would be eligible in spring)
3. If you feel a child should not be moved up at the time, you may submit a request with reasoning for the board to vote on.
4. For fall league, we will use drop dead time. If there is a batter in the box when time expires, he/she shall complete his/her turn. If there are runners on base and they score, it will count. Once the batter has completed their turn, (out, not able to advance, gets stopped) the game is over.
5. Games may end in a tie. No Tie-Breaker rules apply to fall ball.