



# DYB, Inc.

## 2023 Adopted Policy and Rule Changes

The following Policy and Rules changes were adopted by the DYB National Board of Directors at the annual board meetings held in Lumberton, North Carolina. Please distribute these suggested changes to all league officials.

As a democratic organization, DYB, Inc. 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, actively seek each league's input and advice to help them vote the convictions of the leagues they represent.

### 2023 ADOPTED POLICY CHANGES

#### BYLAWS

The name of this Corporation shall be DYB, INC. (The "Corporation") In addition, this change shall be made on other national publications, rule book, website and all other records, etc. Leagues will still have the option to use the Dixie name in their community if they choose. States may use DYB or Dixie Youth Baseball, an affiliate of DYB if deemed appropriate for their state program.

#### BYLAWS

Article V: Committees

Section 2. Committees (a) The following committees shall be appointed for a term of one year:

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| Finance   | Safety & Equipment  |
| Insurance | Scholarships        |
| Policy    | WS Min Requirements |
| Rules     | WS Umpires          |

#### III. TEAMS

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**CHANGE to read:** (A)Each team may consist of a maximum of 13 uniformed players whose names shall be with the League President not later than five days prior to the first regularly scheduled game of the league season. Team membership shall be within the sole discretion of each league, provided such membership shall not be in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations of DYB. **EXCEPTION:** A league with the District and State Directors approval, may allow a league to add to the 13-man roster because of age division numbers, such as a league has only two teams and they want to add two extra players to make a 14-man roster and adding these two players would not be enough to make another team.

#### IV. Selection of Players

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**DELETE** section (D) (Player Releases) in its entirety.

*(No Player Releases beginning with the 2023 season. Player Releases obtained before May 1, 2022 will continued to be honored)*

#### **IV. Selection of Players** **Page 68**

**ADD new section:** (D) Should a franchised DYB league not have enough players registered to franchise team(s) in the 12U, 10U and/or 8U divisions the State Director may grant written approval to allow a player to be eligible for league and tournament play in an adjoining league to their league of residence. The written approval must be obtained from the state director prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. This approval shall be issued on a season-by-season basis and a player must return to their league of residence for the next season unless subsequent approval is granted by the state director.

#### **IV. Selection of Players** **Page 69**

**CHANGE to read:** (G) Any player may play local league and be eligible for tournament play for a league in either the boundary where he/she resides or the boundary of the league where he/she attends public school or private school (excluding home school) as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year. The player can only transfer from school to school one (1) time and cannot go back and forth. A player that is accepted by the league where he/she goes to school becomes property of that league.

#### **V. Player/Coach Eligibility and Registration** **Page 70**

**CHANGE to read:** (F) Each league shall determine its own method for the selection of managers and coaches. All managers and coaches shall be adults of at least 18 years of age. In accordance with the Safe Sport Act (Federal Law 115-126), all managers and coaches must pass a third-party criminal background check which searches the National Criminal Database, the National Sex Offender Registry in all 50 states and state and county databases. After the initial background check, the league should run a subsequent background check at least every three years, or more often as the league deems appropriate.

#### **IV. Player/Coach Eligibility Requirements** **Page 78**

**CHANGE to read:** (C) (2) A player, replacement player, manager or coach shall not miss any of his team's scheduled games in DYB tournament play due to participation in another tournament or travel delays from participation in another tournament. **PENALTY:** Any player, or replacement player, manager or coach who violates this rule shall be ineligible to participate in this level of play and must be replaced.

**ADD new section:** (C) (3) A player, replacement player, manager or coach shall not miss the first game of each level of DYB tournament play due to travel delays from a family vacation. **PENALTY:** Any player, or replacement player, who violates this rule shall be ineligible to pitch in this level of play but may pitch in the next level of play if his team advances. Any manager or coach who violates this rule shall be suspended for the second game of the tournament.

#### **VI. Replacing Players** **Page 81**

**ADD new section:** (B) A player added to a tournament roster after the 1<sup>st</sup> game of any level of tournament play will not be eligible to pitch in that level of tournament play.

# **2023 ADOPTED RULE CHANGES**

## **1.10 Approved Bats**

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**CHANGE to read:** (d) Illegal Bat Penalty: A bat which does not meet the specifications in Rule 1.10 (a) and Rule 1.10 (b) shall be deemed an illegal bat. A batter who uses an illegal bat shall be called out and all runners shall return to the bases occupied by them at the time such batter took his position in the batter's box if protested by the opposing team manager prior to the first pitch to the next batter. The bat becomes illegal when the batter receives the first pitch during his turn at bat. He does not have to hit the ball. The batter shall be called out and any runners must return to the base they occupied prior to the first pitch to the batter. 2nd Penalty: After the first occurrence that a batter is called out for using an illegal bat, if a second batter is called out for using an illegal bat in the same game by the same team the team manager shall be ejected from the game.

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**ADD new section:** (e) The use of pine tar or any other similar adhesive substances on a bat is prohibited in all levels of DYB play. Use of these substances will result in the bat being declared illegal and the bat will be removed from play pursuant to 1.10(d).

## **3.00 Game Preliminaries**

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**DELETE** 3.03(d) (1) Local League Option #1

**DELETE** 3.03(d) (3) Local League Option #3

**CHANGE to read:** 3.03 (d) The Continuous Batting Order will be used in regular season play.

## **3.00 Game Preliminaries**

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**CHANGE to read:** 3.04 - A "courtesy runner" may be used for the pitcher or the catcher, only. The "courtesy runner" will be the last out made or, if no out has been recorded in the game, the batter in the line-up farthest away from the batter who the "courtesy runner" is being used for. This rule will apply in regular season and all 10U & 12U DYB tournament games.

## **XII. Conduct and Sportsmanship**

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**ADD new section:** (E) Slings the Bat: After one warning per game, per player for slinging the bat, the batter will be out, a dead ball called, and no runners shall advance.

## **I. Tournament Play**

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**CHANGE to read:** (5)(b) Advancing More Than One Team from Tournament Bracket - After the completion of a double elimination bracket if any two teams are tied, with the same won-loss record, the head-to-head tie-breaker will be used if the tied teams played each other during the tournament. If the head-to-head tie-breaker does not break the tie or if the two tied teams did not play each other during the tournament there must be a one game playoff to determine which team advances to the next level of play. No other tie-breakers may be used in double elimination brackets.

**III. Team Eligibility Requirements** **Page 77**

**CHANGE paragraphs (B), (C) and (E)** to reflect that “All DYB tournament team affidavits must consist of a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 12 players, a manager and the required number of coaches. All players listed on the team’s tournament roster must fulfill all offensive and defensive participation requirements.” A dropped player affidavit must be presented if a team drops from 12 to 11 players.

**IX. Player Participation Requirements** **Page 84**

**DELETE (C)** Reverting to Nine Man Batting Order

**CHANGE to read:** The Continuous Batting Order will be used during all levels of tournament play.