

**FLORIDA DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL (FDYB)
REGIONAL AND
STATE TOURNAMENT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

The requirements for hosting a FDYB Regional/State Tournament have been developed for the purpose of providing a play-off system to determine the number one team in Florida under the most rewarding and pleasant conditions possible, primarily, for the participants of the district tournament winners. While it is recognized that many side benefits will be realized for the host, parents and others, primary consideration in hosting this event should always be the welfare and concern for the participating teams. We do not wish to dictate to any host that they cannot voluntarily provide additional hospitality, which exceeds these requirements.

HOUSING

- The host team is not required to furnish housing for the teams. (This does not mean that a host cannot offer to house the teams or offer other incentives, such as a per diem, only that they are not required to do so.) Teams shall be responsible for their own housing requirements and arrangements.
- The host shall be required to contact at least three (3) local motels to obtain information on suitable and affordable lodging, including a recommended “HOST” motel. Information shall include room rates, telephone numbers, location and approximate distance from playing facilities.
- The host shall furnish suitable (Minimum AAA 3 diamond rating) lodging for the State Director or a designated representative, who is the tournament director, for the duration of the tournament.
- The host shall provide up to three (3) additional (Minimum AAA 3 diamond rating) rooms to be used by visiting DYB Officials during the tournament if so requested.
- The officials housing information required shall be sent to the State Director no later than two weeks prior to the tournament start date.
- If the tournament Director commutes (not housed) he shall be paid \$50 each travel day to offset out-of-pocket expenses.

FEEDING

- The host is not required to furnish meals for the teams. (This does not mean that a host cannot offer to feed the teams or offer incentives, such as a per diem, only that they are not required to do so.) Teams shall be responsible for their own feeding requirements and arrangements.

FACILITIES

- The field(s) will meet the requirements as set forth in the current edition of the Official Diamond Youth Baseball Rule Guide.
- It is recommended that the fields used for the Ozone State Tournaments be a minimum of 200ft.
- A press box large enough to accommodate the scorekeeper, pitch counter, announcer and State Director will be provided.
- **Scorekeepers and pitch counters shall be competent and experienced adults.**
- Covered dugouts on the fields shall be provided.
- A score board with indicated balls, strikes, out and game score will be provided and operated during all games.
- Sufficient restrooms, seating and concessions shall be provided to accommodate the anticipated crowd.
- A public address system that can be heard throughout the park shall be provided.
- The host shall have sufficient cover for the field(s) on hand, in case of rain.

TROPHIES

- Individual trophies will be given to each player and coach listed on the affidavit of the winning team and the runner-up team. In the event there should be two (2) runners-up, all three (3) teams will be awarded trophies. A team trophy will also be given to the teams as per above.
 - **CHAMPIONSHIP INDIVIDUAL 12” – 14” HIGH OR CHAMPIONSHIP RINGS**
 - **RUNNER(S) UP INDIVIDUAL 10” – 12” HIGH OR RUNNER(S) UP RINGS**
 - **CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM TROPHY 22” – 26” HIGH**
 - **RUNNER(S) UP TEAM TROPHY 20” – 24” HIGH**
- The Ozone State Tournament Team Championship Trophy shall be known as the “**BILL E WILLIAMS CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD**”

BILL E. WILLIAMS CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD
2017 “O” ZONE STATE TOURNAMENT
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- A sportsmanship award will be given in both the Ozone, AAA, Coach Pitch & T-Ball tournament. The sportsmanship award given in the Ozone State
- tournament shall be known as the “**GEORGE PITTAS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**” and shall be so stated on the plaque or trophy. **All sportsmanship awards shall be no less than 20” to 24” high.**
- A participation award shall be given to all players in the tournament to be awarded following elimination from tournament play.

- Other than the team sportsmanship award and the trophies listed above, no other awards will be given without prior approval from the state director.
- The State shall furnish all trophies and participation awards according to the state requirements and the host will reimburse the State. Price Included in new Host Fee.

PROGRAM

Optional

FINANCES

Please contact State Director for Host Fees.

OPTIONAL TEAM BANQUET

- A social gathering and feeding of all teams involved in the tournament may be provided by the host and shall be held on Friday evening prior to the tournament. This function will include (at no cost) all players and coaches listed on the affidavit, Dixie Youth Officials and their immediate families, invited guest and any others the host may wish to include. Parents and fans may attend if room permits and may be charged a fee if they wish to eat.

IF BANQUET IS PROVIDED IT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL MANAGERS, COACHES AND PLAYERS TO ATTEND. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AT HIS/HER DISCRESSION MAY SUSPEND THE TEAM MANAGER OR COACH FOR THE FIRST GAME PLAYED BY HIS OR HER TEAM.

OPENING CERMONIES

- It is mandatory for all managers, coaches and players to attend all opening ceremony and team banquet events sponsored by the host. The tournament director at his/her discretion may suspend the team manager or coach for the first game played by his or her team.

GATE FEES & PASSES

- It is recommended that a gate fee be charged to help offset the cost of the tournament.
- Beginning 2018 season maximum State tournament gate fee \$10 day or a \$30 tournament pass. 6u free.
- Regional Tournament Gate fee \$10 a day 6u free. There will be no Regional Tournament Passes for duration of tournament.
- A minimum of three (3) passes will be issued to each team for coaches. Four (4) passes for CP & T-Ball. Players will be admitted free of charge. Any other passes shall be at the discretion of the host.
- All DYB & DYS Officials and their immediate families, all Officials of Dixie Boys, Dixie Majors and Dixie Softball will be admitted free by showing their Official badges.
- The host will charge an extra \$1 gate fee on the first two (2) days of the Regional and State Tournament proceeds to be donated to the Diamond Youth Baseball Scholarship fund. Tournament passes sold will also include an additional \$2 per pass. This donation will be provided to the tournament director on the second day of tournament play.

UMPIRES

- AAA & Ozone Tournaments are required to have a minimum of two (2) qualified umpires per game and if possible, a minimum of three (3) umpires per championship game. All umpires for

the State Tournament will be FLORIDA DYB CERTIFIED selected by the **Host And State** and approved by the State UIC or his/her designee and the State UIC shall recommend the approval by the State Director or a designated representative. The fees will be paid by the host. Umpires must have passed a Level 2 background Check.

- The AA & T-Ball State Tournaments are required to have a minimum of two (2) qualified umpires per game and if possible, a minimum of three (3) qualified umpires for the championship game. All umpires for the State Tournament will be selected by the **Host** and STATE and approved by the State UIC or his/her designee and the State UIC shall recommend the approval by the State Director or a designated representative. The fees will be paid by the host.
- The fee paid shall be \$50 T-Ball. \$75 Coach Pitch. AAA, Ozone per game, per umpire.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A birthday cake or cupcakes will be presented to each player having a birthday at the end of the game. If the team does not play that day the cake will be presented prior to the start of the last game of the day.
- A list of local churches and restaurants will be provided to each team. The list should also include local points of interest that may be visited by out-of-town teams and fans.
- Information shall be given to each team with directions to obtain emergency medical aid along with a list of names and telephone numbers of local league officials as well as any local Dixie Youth officials that can be contacted for information.
- Players hitting a homerun shall be given the homerun ball and a pitcher who pitches a complete no-hit ballgame shall be given the game ball.

OTHER (not required by host)

- The state organization shall give the winner Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to help defray expenses to the World Series.
- A state championship flag and state championship T-shirts shall be presented to the winners by the state organization.
- Teams participating in the State Tournament will be required to present a flag representing their team/league to the host to be displayed at the tournament until elimination from tournament play.
(Flag dimensions to be 4' x 6' and include the DYB emblem minimum 18" x 18" the layout must be approved by the State Director)
- Flags can be used year to year and for other divisions of play if desired.
- For lightning, heat exposure and other weather safety all District and State Tournaments at a minimum will follow current DYB policy.

OFFER TO HOST

- A letter of intent to present an Offer to Host a state tournament shall be sent to the State Director and be received NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
- A sealed copy of the Offer to Host shall be given to the State Director prior to the presentation to the leagues at the State Meeting. Offers to Host shall be opened in the presence of the leagues in attendance and no additions shall be made once presentations begin.
- Each league presenting Offer to Host shall be given a maximum of Fifteen (15) minutes to make a presentation.
- 1/2 of host fee due within 2 weeks of Tournament Award remaining 1/2 due May 15th for Regional Tournament and June 1st for State Tournament.

- For state tournament hosting purposes, the state shall be divided into two (2) regions. Regions are defined as follows: Region 1 – Districts 2, 3, 4, 5 Region 2 – Districts 6, 7, 8, 9,10
- Beginning in the year 2002, Region 1 will host the Majors and Region 2 will host the AAA. Each year thereafter, the tournaments will alternate in the regions.
- If no offer to host is received from the regional area by January 15, the State Director shall notify all District Directors that no offer to host has been received and ask that all leagues be notified of such. The offer to host will then be open to all regions and any league may present a sealed Offer to Host from the floor at the State Meeting. In the event an Offer to Host is not received at the State Meeting, the State Director shall have the authority to seek a host and award the tournament, with the approval of the advisory board.

UNIFORMS

- State tournament champions shall be responsible for acquiring uniforms to be worn during play at the World Series.
- Uniforms worn by Florida teams in the World Series must be the team colors of the Tampa Rays or the Miami Marlins. And must be approved by the state director prior to team placing order.
- Any team refusing to abide by this uniform rule shall not be allowed to participate in the World Series.
- Managers and coaches are to either be uniformed as the players or at a minimum wear identical polo shirt or a matching team Jersey and matching golf shorts and a cap. **NO CUTOFFS OR JEAN SHORTS OR CARGO WILL BE ALLOWED.**
- The State Director shall make the final decision on compliance with this requirement

(These State Tournament Minimum Requirements were adopted at the Advisory Board Meeting in November 2024 and are in force during the 2025 season.)

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