

# **North Carolina Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc.**

## **CONSTITUTION FOR NORTH CAROLINA DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL**

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### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

This organization shall be known as North Carolina Dixie Youth Baseball

### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

This organization shall provide means for the joint affiliation of all franchised Dixie Youth Baseball leagues in North Carolina and shall prescribe the rules and regulations under which these leagues shall function and be governed.

### **ARTICLE III - Membership**

All franchised Dixie Youth Baseball leagues in North Carolina shall be members of this organization and each league shall have equal voice in the transaction of business of the organization through their elected officials serving on the State Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE IV - Organization**

The franchised leagues shall be divided into districts.

### **ARTICLE V – State Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of the organization shall be.

- A. State Director
- B. Assistant State Director(s)
- C. National Directors
- D. District Directors
- E. Umpire-In-Chief (UIC)

One member of the Board of Directors shall serve as the recording secretary.

### **ARTICLE VI - DISTRICTS**

Each district of the organization shall be under the authority of the District Director, who may appoint one or more Assistant District Directors. New leagues shall be assigned to the nearest district, if possible. When redistricting is required to balance the districts, it shall be by the State Director with certification by the State Board.

### **ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS**

The State Director shall be elected for a four (4) year term. The President of Dixie Youth Baseball shall conduct the election by mail ballot by the rules outlined in the Dixie Youth Rule Guide. The State Director's term commences according to the by-laws of Dixie Youth Baseball.

- A. In the event the office of state director becomes vacant after a duly constituted

election, the Assistant State Director (if appointed) shall be the acting State Director until the position is either filled by the North Carolina National Board members or by a specially held election, whichever comes first. NOTE: If there are two Assistant State Directors, the National Board Members will decide on which one will serve as the interim.

B. The assistant state directors shall be appointed by the state director and confirmed by the State Board.

C. The State Director shall serve as the treasurer unless the duty is delegated by the State Director to one of the North Carolina National Board members.

D. The District Director shall be elected by the franchised leagues within their districts, to a one-year term. This election will be conducted by the State Director, between August 15 and November 15. Each franchised league shall be allowed one vote. Nominations will be mailed to the State Director from the local league within the district. Ballots will be mailed to the league president for vote. If only one qualified person is nominated for District Director the State Director will declare that person duly elected. The State Director shall notify the franchised leagues within that district of the person who was elected.

E. In the event a qualified person is not nominated to serve as the district director the state director shall appoint the director for the district to fill the vacancy until the next scheduled election.

F. The UIC will be appointed by the State Director and confirmed by the State Board.

#### ARTICLE VIII - LEAGUE REPRESENTATION

Only a duly authorized representative of a franchised league is allowed to vote in any matters before a district or state meeting. A duly authorized representative of a league shall be the league president or a person designated by the league that is currently active in the voting league.

#### ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

A. There shall be one or more meetings of the organization each year held at a place designated by the state director and the national directors from NC.

B. There shall be a district meeting within the district no later than forty-five (45) days after the state meeting, and shall be for the purpose of transacting any business pertinent to the district, including the formulation of plans for the district tournament.

C. The state director shall be empowered to call a State Board meeting at any

time. One such meeting shall precede the State Meeting each year.

#### ARTICLE X - TOURNAMENTS

The organization shall cause to be played each year 1) a district tournament to decide the district champion in each district in the state, and 2) a state tournament between the district representatives, including the district champion and the host to decide a state champion. Some districts may be required to play a sub-district tournament.

#### ARTICLE XI - FINANCES

A. The National Organization shall assess each franchised league a fee of fifty (50) dollars and such funds realized in this manner shall be used for the furtherance of the organization's work as prescribed by the organization. This fee is subject to change per the approval of the National Board of Directors.

B. The organization shall assess each O-Zone, Majors, AAA and AA league district tournament host a fee (see By-laws for amounts).

NOTE: Teams that enter into the state tournament that do not have a district tournament will be required to pay the district tournament fee.

#### Article XII. ETHICS COMMITTEE

A. The State Director and National Directors will comprise the Ethics Committee to address any ethics violations of any elected or appointed official in NC.

#### ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

A. The constitution shall be amended only by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of State Board Members present at the State Board meeting. Any proposed amendments shall be mailed or emailed to State Board members at least 14 days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

#### ARTICLE XIV - QUORUM

A. A quorum must be present at a State Board Meeting to conduct business. A quorum will be defined as more than one half of the existing State Board Members. Vacant positions are not counted in the number of State Board Members.

## BY-LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

### SECTION 1 - STATE DIRECTOR

- A. Be in general charge of the organization.
- B. Preside at all meetings of the organization.
- C. Prepare and distribute state bulletins to all of the leagues, district directors and National Directors from NC.
- D. Act as the administrative officer in carrying out the policies and regulations adopted by the organization.
- E. Have no vote in the transaction of the organization's business unless the votes are evenly divided, in which case he shall cast the deciding vote.
- F. Prepare and furnish an annual financial report.

### SECTION 2 - ASSISTANT STATE DIRECTORS

- A. Assist the state director as required by the state director.
- B. Perform state director's duties if state director becomes incapacitated.

### SECTION 3 – NATIONAL DIRECTORS

- A. Assist the State Director as required by the State Director.

### SECTION 4 - DISTRICT DIRECTOR

- A. Be generally in charge of the district.
- B. Preside at all district meetings.
- C. Act as the administrative officer in carrying out the policies and regulations adopted by the district.

### SECTION 5 - STATE TOURNAMENT

The state tournament shall be played at a site, or sites to be determined by the "Selection Committee" comprised State Director and the National Directors. Input will be obtained from the State Board Members.

The minimum requirements shall be determined by the State Director and ratified State Board.

The current requirements are as follows;

## **North Carolina Dixie Youth Baseball**

**Roy West, State Director**

**David Jackson, National Director**

**Terry Lanning, National Director**

**Jay Hardison, National Director**

### **Requirements for Hosting the North Carolina Dixie Youth State Tournaments Updated for 2022 tournaments**

The host for the NC DYB state tournament will be selected by the Selection Committee. The invitation to bid will be issued before June 1 of the year preceding the tournament. The deadline to notify the State Director is July 15. Once all bids are received, the Selection Committee will schedule a time to inspect the facilities and meet with bidders prior to awarding a tournament to a host. The selection will be made by November 1st. The following will be the minimum requirements for hosting the tournament. A bid should include a signature, which signifies agreement to meet the minimum requirements, and explanations of how your league will plan to, not only meet the minimum requirements, but will exceed them. Failure to address each requirement (where asked to provide information) shall be deemed the response as an incomplete bid and will not be accepted by NCDYB.

The hosts of the Ozone, Majors and AAA tournaments will pay \$8,000 to host an eight-team tournament. The fee for each additional team will be \$250 per additional team. The AA fee will be \$7,000 for eight teams and \$200 for each additional team. If any league hosts two tournaments at the same time, the additional fee will be \$4000 for an eight-team tournament and \$250 per team over eight teams. However, this fee may be adjusted, depending on a location that will require additional hotel rooms for one or more directors. The Selection Committee shall have authority to modify any of the following requirements.

\$3,500 of the fee will be paid by January 1 of the year of the tournament. This portion of the fee is non-refundable, in the event the host decides to not host the tournament. The remaining amount of the fee is to be paid before the tournament begins. Payment on the first day of the tournament is satisfactory.

NCDYB will be responsible for payment of umpires, furnishing motel rooms for DYB officials, providing trophies and awards, state championship flags and baseballs.

**2.** The host will provide 2 representatives at the state meeting in January to register guests. The state director (SD) will provide instructions and a list of pre-registered guests.

**3.** The hosts will provide playing fields that meet the minimum requirements of DYB. The Selection Committee will inspect the facilities by June 15 of the year of the tournament and the host will make changes deemed appropriate. Minimum requirements will include fields

with dirt or grass infield and a grass outfield meeting the specifications of the DYB rule book, unless otherwise approved by the Selection Committee. The field must have a scoreboard with the score posted current as runs are scored, clean rest rooms, a PA system, lights (or a back-up facility with lights acceptable to the Selection Committee), a concession stand, adequate parking near the fields and bleachers or sitting areas with a minimum seating capacity of 300 per field. The host must provide an air-conditioned room (or provide fans) for umpires to dress. In addition, there should be made available a shaded area for DYB officials to be able to sit during the games. A press box is preferable, but not required. However, if a press box is not present, a designated area will be required to serve as a press box area.

**4.** The host will publish a souvenir program meeting the minimum specifications as directed by the SD. NCDYB will use up to six pages at no charge. In addition, pages will be provided for team pictures and district directors. The program should include the official playing bracket. The remainder of the program will be comprised of letters and information from the host, and ads. The program should not be sold for more than \$6.00. Ad prices are to be determined by the host.

**5.** The host will provide a cook out for all of the teams on the evening preceding the first game. The host will be responsible for feeding players, coaches, and DYB officials. The host should advise the parents of local restaurants so they can eat while the players eat. The host is allowed to feed the parents if the host so desires. The cook out should begin about 6pm. The usual menu would consist of hotdogs and hamburgers, but it can be anything that that age players like to eat, such as pizza, hamburgers, hotdogs. The coaches and officials will eat first so they can go to the pre-tournament meeting while the players eat, unless the coaches are fed at the coach's meeting.

**6.** The host will provide an air-conditioned meeting room that can seat 60 or more persons for the pre-tournament meeting. This meeting will begin about 5:00pm. Please indicate the location of the building in your bid response.

**7.** The host will provide an opening ceremony to begin no later than 8pm. It should last about 1 hour and 15 minutes. You should allow about 25 minutes for introductions and speeches, including those by DYB officials and local officials. Each player and coach will be introduced individually, unless otherwise approved by the State Director. The host is to provide some form of entertainment or speaker. This can include music by a band, dancing by local dance schools or a public speaker. All entertainment and speakers must be approved by the SD. A drawing for prizes can be offered, but it is not required. Souvenir gifts can be given, but it is not required.

**8.** The host will provide a scorekeeper, an announcer, and a scoreboard operator. The official scorekeeper is not to perform any other function while keeping score. The official score book is to be delivered to the SD following the tournament. The announcer is to promote Dixie Youth Baseball as directed by the SD via written promotions. The

announcers and scorekeepers are to meet with the state director prior to the beginning of the tournament to go over the requirements. No person under the age of 16 will be allowed in the press box or designated press box area.

**9.** The host shall designate one person to serve as the tournament Chairperson. This is the person the SD will correspond with throughout the year.

**10.** The SD will be the tournament director and will have final authority in all matters. The SD may delegate supervisory responsibilities in his absence.

**11.** The maximum admission charge for AAA, O-Zone and Majors is \$10 per day for ages 13 and over. Ages 12 and under are to be admitted without charge. The maximum admission charge for the AA will be \$12 per day for ages 13 and over for the first two days and \$10 for ages 13 and over for the remainder of the tournament. The host shall provide up to two passes per manager and coach. If a manager or coach does not have a spouse or adult partner, only one pass will be given to that manager or coach. The host is to allow re-entry into the park and must provide and is responsible for providing a system allowing re-retry. NOTE:

**12.** The host should sell souvenir items, primarily DYB items. All items must be approved by the SD. The host is to have a photographer to take and sell action photos throughout the tournament.

**13.** The host should promote the tournament through newspapers, radio, etc. The host shall advise the SD if the local station will carry any games on the radio and if other stations can buy airtime.

**14.** The host should provide for a DYB exclusive worship service on Sunday morning. The host should plan a 45-minute service at an air-conditioned facility with seating for at least 250 to begin around 10:00am.

An invocation will be given before each game. In addition, the national anthem will be sung or played before each game.

**15.** The host will be allowed to keep all gate receipts, sponsorship money, concession sales, program sales, and souvenir sales.

**16.** The host shall collect home run balls, which will be presented to the batter by a DYB official following the game. The same shall be for a pitcher who pitches a no-hitter.

**17.** Practice fields should be made available to all teams participating in the tournament. The host shall provide a schedule at the coaches meeting prior to the tournament.

**18.** The host shall prepare a bracket board and place it where all fans can see it following

a game. The brackets should be updated at the end of each game.

**19.** The host shall provide in the bid state director a list of motels in the area, the approximate rates, whether the motel has a pool, and the distance from the playing field. The host should attempt to get a special rate for DYB teams and guests. In addition, the host shall provide to the state director a list of special attractions of the area. This information should be included in this bid.

**20.** The host shall decorate the fields with an adequate amount of red, white, and blue ribbons, flags, banners, etc. in order to make the facility appear to be a championship series.

**21.** The host should provide for adequate law enforcement coverage and medical emergency coverage at each game.

**22.** The host should provide a list of qualified umpires to the State Director. The host is required to provide enough umpires (approved by the Umpire in Chief for NC) for 2 umpires per game with umpires not calling more than 2 games per day in the AAA/Majors/Ozone tournaments and 3 games per day in the AA tournament, unless otherwise approved by the SD. If the host cannot provide enough local umpires living within 50 miles of the tournament site, which results in motel rooms having to be provided by NCDYB, the host is to reimburse the cost of the motel rooms to NCDYB. An exception shall be granted for any out-of-town umpire that NCDYB requires to call in the tournament.

**23.** The host shall provide ice, water, towels and cups to the teams for each game. A team will be allowed to bring one cooler into the dugout with one drink per player/coach.

**24.** The UIC or Tournament Director will hold a meeting with all umpires prior to the tournament. Any umpire not attending the meeting is subject to being removed from the tournament.

While these requirements attempt to cover everything, any omission deemed necessary by the SD shall be added upon discovery and will become a part of these requirements.

It is **required** that all prospective bidders attend one of the state tournaments to evaluate aspects of the tournament and meet the hosts and tournament director.

The number of volunteers involved and the enthusiasm will be important factors in the decision to award a tournament to a league.

Please sign below if you wish to be considered as a tournament host and return to Roy West, State Director by June 30.



Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_  
League Name

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
League Officer

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By-laws continued:

#### SECTION 6 - DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

- A. Site and date shall be determined by the District Director.
- B. Each host will pay NCDYB a per team fee of \$140 to be distributed as follows:
  - 1) \$30 per team to the District Director,
  - 2) \$60 per team to the Scholarship Fund (the State Organization may add to this).
  - 3) \$50 per team to NCDYB.

Note: Leagues not participating in District Tournaments shall be required to pay \$140 each to NCDYB to be distributed on the same basis as above.

#### SECTION 7 - STATE UMPIRE-IN –CHIEF DUTIES

- a. Organizes State Dixie Youth Baseball Umpires Association.
- b. Serves on the State Board and attends State Annual Meeting.
- c. Provides written and verbal communications as needed and provides rule interpretation to those under his/her jurisdiction. (Final decision on rule interpretation will be given by Commissioner of Dixie Youth Baseball Inc.).
- d. Disseminates information received from the Dixie Youth Baseball Inc. to all District U.I.C. under his/her jurisdiction.
- e. The State U.I.C. will conduct and coordinate a clinic for all District U.I.C. in his/her state. The clinic should be broken down into (3) sessions; one (1) – Classroom, two (2) – Field Mechanics, three (3) – Exam.
- f. The State U.I.C. will keep a register of all umpires as well as sending a copy of his/her

register to District U.I.C., District Directors and State Director upon request. The State U.I.C. shall keep copies for three (3) consecutive years (for tournament qualifications) for his/her record.

- g. The State U.I.C. along with State Director will select Umpires for all the State Tournaments and will also, help select State Umpires that will be submitted to umpire in the Dixie Youth Baseball World Series.
- h. Submits any rule changes that he/she feels would be beneficial.
- i. The State U.I.C. will furnish a list of certified umpires to all District/State Director by June 15 of each year.
- j. Shall define umpire exam, mail out, receive and grade Umpires Certification Exam, and shall apply fees as deemed necessary for the Umpires Certification Exam.
- k. Always promotes Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. at all times.
- l. Perform any other duties requested by the State Director.
- m. The UIC shall be appointed by the State Director and confirmed by the State Board.

#### SECTION 8 - AMENDMENTS

- A. Amendments to these bylaws shall be made by a majority vote of the State Board in attendance, , at a duly called meeting of the State Board. Any offered amendments shall be emailed or mailed to the State Board Members at least 14 days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

SECTION 9 – Changes made by the State Board shall cause automatic changes in the By-Laws, effective January 5,2019 and thereafter.