

## 2024 South Carolina 8U State Championship Information Sheet

Congratulations on earning the right to participate in the South Carolina Diamond Youth Softball State Tournament. Hopefully this event will be the highlight of your summer and one that will be remembered for years to come. We are sure that there are questions in the minds of the players, coaches, parents and your supporters. The purpose of this information packet is to try and answer those questions in advance and remove as much of the anxiety as possible, and hopefully contribute to a smoother tournament.

Each team and/or their league will be responsible for paying for the costs of their teams lodging, food and other costs incurred by the team during their stay at the South Carolina State Tournament. For this tournament you will find information about hotels in the area.

8 OAKS PARK 6610 HIGHMARKET ST., GEORGETOWN, SC 29440

**Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>** 4:00pm Managers meeting (It is **mandatory that each team manager attend this meeting**)

**Howard School Multi Purpose Room 500 South Kaminski St., Georgetown SC 29440**

**Friday July 5<sup>th</sup>** 6:00pm Opening ceremonies and team banquet (**It is mandatory that all team members and coaches attend the opening ceremonies dressed in complete uniforms**)

**8 Oaks Park**

**Required Paperwork:** At the Managers Meeting each team manager **must** have the following paperwork to submit -

1. Tournament Affidavit;
2. Birth Certificate or Certification of Birth documentation for each player in order of the affidavit;
3. Medical Release Form signed by each player's parent or legal guardian;
4. Proof of Insurance.
5. Coaches Code of Ethics signed by each coach
6. Coach Background Check Certification

**Note:** No team will be allowed to participate in a South Carolina Diamond Youth Baseball State Tournament if they do not have an Excess Accident policy with a Medical Limit of at least \$50,000 and a General Liability policy with an each occurrence limit of at least \$1,000,000 combined single limits for bodily injury and property damage. If the policy is not purchased from Sadler, Inc. it is required that the team's General Liability policy name Diamond Youth Baseball, Inc. as an additional insured. Please take a few minutes before you leave home to come to the State Tournament to make sure all of your paperwork is in proper order. Doing so in advance may alleviate problems and/or delays at the meeting.

**Dress Code for Players and Coaches for Opening Ceremonies and Games**

**Players** - must be dressed in full uniforms (belts, shirts, pants, leggings, shoes, DYS patch attached to their left sleeve or left chest if sleeveless).

**Managers and coaches** - must be dressed alike in long pants or shorts matching the players with similar matching shirts or jerseys with DYS patch attached on their left sleeve. No cutoffs, blue jeans, sweat pants or wind pants.

### **Tournament Play**

The theme for the week's play is **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**. The bottom line is that we are here to watch our children play a game, so please enjoy the games for what they are and let the participants do the same. Good sportsmanship is expected and required from all in attendance. Since rain is always a possibility, there may be times when games have to be delayed or rescheduled. Hopefully the weather will be favorable but should it not cooperate every reasonable effort will be made to complete the South Carolina State Tournament on time. The Tournament Director has the authority to waive rules and make exceptions to get the tournament completed. In the event your game is cancelled or rescheduled, make sure you get the word from your District Director or the Tournament Director.

### **Time to Play Ball!**

You have turned in your line-up, both teams have taken their infield warm-up and we are ready to announce the players and coaches. We will announce the players and coaches prior to the beginning of every game. When they are announced the players will go to their defensive position on the field, coaches to their respective base line. With all of the players and coaches in position the Umpires will be announced. If it is the first game of the day we will have the Invocation and the National Anthem. The players and coaches will be asked to shake hands and play ball.

The continuous batting order will be used in the tournament and we will play all games to conclusion unless the run rule(s) prevails or. Please remember that it is a kid's game and only players with a catcher's helmet and mask are allowed to warm up pitchers. If a relief pitcher is being warmed up inside the fence while a game is in progress, the player-catcher must have on a catcher's helmet and mask, NOT A BATTERS HELMET, and another player with a helmet and glove must be stationed facing the field of play to protect those warming up from a foul ball.

With good planning the tournament should progress without any major problems. There will be questions as the week progresses but there will be DYS officials and the members of the Host Committee on-hand to provide answers. As mentioned earlier, your District Director is a good source of information, so use them as your first line of communication. Each player and coach participating in the South Carolina State Tournament will receive a medallion and the State Champion and runner up teams will also receive medallions and a team trophy in honor of their accomplishment.

All of the South Carolina State Tournaments will be played using double elimination brackets.