

9.00—THE UMPIRE

9.01-(a) The league president shall appoint one or more umpires to officiate at each league game. The umpires shall be responsible for the conduct of the game in accordance with these official rules and for maintaining discipline and order on the playing field during the game.

(b) Each umpire is the representative of the league and of Dixie Boys Baseball, and is authorized and required to enforce all of these rules. Each umpire has authority to order a player, coach, manager or league officer to do or refrain from doing anything which affects the administration of these rules and to enforce the prescribed penalties.

(c) The umpire has the authority to “disqualify any player, coach, manager or substitute for objections to decisions or for unsportsmanlike conduct or language, and to eject such disqualified person from the playing field” or dugout. The following shall be interpreted as unsportsmanlike conduct in Dixie Boys and Majors Baseball:

1. Deliberately throwing a bat or helmet:
2. A fielder faking a tag without the ball:
3. A runner maliciously running into a fielder:
4. A fielder maliciously tagging a runner:

NOTE: Although the actions described in (2), (3) and (4), above are generally accepted in professional leagues as “good baseball,” they are not in keeping with the spirit of DIXIE BASEBALL. These acts will obviously be judgment calls by an umpire; however, he should take great care in determining the intent of a player committing one of the above acts. An umpire shall call a player out for maliciously running into a fielder. An umpire may also call a player out for other unsportsmanlike conduct; and, if such conduct occurs while play is in progress, the disqualification shall not take effect until no further action is possible in that play. The intent of this rule is to protect those players participating in the DIXIE BASEBALL PROGRAM from injury.

(c) After receiving the umpire’s report that a manager, coach or player has been disqualified, the league president shall require such manager, coach or player to explain his conduct. In the case of a player, the manager shall appear with the player as an advisor. The local league shall impose such penalty as they feel is justified.

(d) Reserved for General instructions to umpires.

9.90-The umpire shall share in the responsibility, along with opposing coaches, Dixie Officials, and the official scorer, of identifying illegal substitutions (as outlined in Rule 3.03 of this book) and preventing their occurrence.