



2010-11 APPROVED RULE CHANGES

-THE PLAYING FIELD-

OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

1.04DB—The playing field shall be laid out according to the instructions below, supplemented by Diagrams and legends available from the Commissioner's Office and the Dixie website.

(a) Baselines shall be eighty feet (80').

(b) The distance from the front side of the pitching slab to the point of home plate shall be fifty-four feet.

• **1:04DB: LOCAL LEAGUE OPTION: THE PLAYING FIELD. The field shall be laid out according to the official playing rules of Major League Baseball.**

-EQUIPMENT-

OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

• 1:10- Bats must be manufactured meeting specifications as determined by Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc.

NOTE: Should changes be made to the current bat standards an addendum to the rules will be issued by the Commissioner of Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc.

-EQUIPMENT-

OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

• **1:92 - Jewelry shall not be worn except for religious or medical medals. A religious medal must be taped and worn under the uniform. A medical alert must be taped and may be visible.**

-EQUIPMENT-

OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

• **1:93- It is recommended that adult base coaches wear a protective helmet, with or without ear flaps.**

NOTE: Should language in the Major League Rule Book require a protective helmet, Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc. would adhere by making this a rule requirement.

-GAME PRELIMINARIES-

OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

• **3:04- LOCAL LEAGUE ONLY: PARTICIPATION/ SUBSTITUTION CLAUSE:** Every boy present shall play six (6) outs and complete a turn at bat. Penalty for violation shall be determined by local leagues. **Once a batting order is established either the starter or his substitute/s will occupy the established position in the batting order. *Under this rule both the starter and the substitute/s may re-enter the game.**

-THE PITCHER-

OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

• **8:00—LOCAL LEAGUE ONLY: THE PITCHER**

• 8:01— (Regular Season Only) Players on a regular season team may pitch in any game during the regular season subject to the following limitations. (30/40 HOUR RULE). **Note: *An innings rule is added. For the purpose of satisfying the requirement of Rule 8:90 (Regular Season Only) the throwing of one pitch in any inning constitutes having pitched a complete inning.**

• **8.90—A pitcher shall not be allowed to pitch in more than eight (8) innings in any one calendar week.**

(a) Players on a regular season team may pitch in any game during the regular season subject to the following limitations.

(b) **DB:** A pitcher shall not throw more than 95 pitches in the same game or on the same day.

DM: A pitcher shall not throw more than 105 pitches in the same game or on the same day.

Exception: If the pitcher reaches the pitch count limit while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely or is put out.



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(c) A pitcher after throwing more than 60 pitches in one game or on the same day shall have a minimum of forty (40) hours rest before becoming eligible to pitch in another game. The rest period begins when pitcher leaves the mound.

(d) A pitcher after having thrown more than 30 but less than 61 pitches in the same game or on the same day shall have a minimum of thirty (30) hours rest before becoming eligible to pitch in another game. The rest period shall begin when pitcher leaves the mound.

- 8.91—A pitcher is charged with the number of pitches hurled **as well as the innings pitched in a specific calendar week**, regardless of whether they are local league games, the resumption of suspended games, exhibition games, or games ruled “no contest” due to being called. **A calendar week is from 12:01 a.m. Monday to 12:00 midnight the following Sunday.**

- 8.92—If a game is interrupted for any reason before becoming official, and is suspended, the same pitcher may continue when play is resumed, provided he is eligible by the rest rule **and has not used up his total allotted innings per calendar week**. League official should consider the (30/40) hour rest period when rescheduling the completion of a suspended game.

NOTE: Innings pitched in the suspended and resumed portions of a suspended game shall not be added in order to disqualify a player from pitching.

- 8.93—**Entering the ball game as a pitcher shall constitute having pitched one inning.**

NOTE: Local league pitching rules 8:94 through 8:99 remain the same and are found in the official rules.



**2010-11 APPROVED RULE CHANGES
(TOURNAMENT SECTION)**

-TEAMS-

TOURNAMENT RULES

- 0.21DM Dixie Majors and Pre-Majors tournament rosters may include up to **eighteen (18)** players of eligible league age. After the tournament begins, a player may be replaced for a legitimate reason only. The team’s league president must send letter for approval showing why the player was replaced, to the State Director with a copy to the District Director. A copy of this letter must accompany the team’s credentials throughout play. Only **eighteen (18)** players, and three (3) coaches, shall be permitted on the field or bench. Only two (2) coaches shall be allowed on the playing field at any time during the game. (Under this rule no mascots, animals or human, will be permitted on the field or bench.)

-TEAM ELIGIBILITY-

TOURNAMENT RULES

- 12.11DM Only **18** players, one manager, and two coaches will be permitted on the field or bench.