



The goal for the 15U division (league age: 15 and under program) is to enhance and supplement the existing programs of Dixie Boys Baseball. In order for the objective to be met, criteria must be established for teams and leagues desiring to franchise in this new division.

Category #1 – Individual Team Participation in 15U Division

If a team desires to franchise in the 15U division they will submit a franchise form and make payment of \$120.00 (*a two team minimum payment required by policy*). Each franchise is entitled to a tournament privilege in one of the following levels of play: a district, state, zone or regional. The level of play is solely dependent on the total number of teams that franchise as 15U and the locale. In 2014, the regional tournament will once again be recognized as the final event of the season. A minimal entry fee will be used to defray some of the tournament costs. *Any player participating in 15U tournament play is allowed (based on age) to dual participate with either the Dixie Boys or Dixie Pre/Majors program offered in the local community. The player is also allowed to participate with other youth organizations unless his team is actively participating in any Dixie tournament play!

Franchise Identified as: 15U- _____ (new franchise # issued)

Category #2 – Limited League Based Participation in 15U Division

While the original intent was not to have league based participation in 15U, it is recognized that some leagues might opt to offer league play for 15U in order to attract much greater participation or to allow more youth opportunities to play that would not otherwise exist! Due to the numerous requests, league-based participation will be allowed as long as it does not diminish the opportunities that would be available for the traditional age Dixie Boys participants. The organization firmly believes that the vast majority of youth age 12, 13 and 14 are better suited for participation on a scaled down baseball diamond. A league based 15U program that includes any participants younger than 15 year olds should first seek to provide opportunities for youth to participate in the appropriate league of Dixie Boys Baseball. Furthermore all participants under the league age of 15 should be included in local league play and then considered for tournament participation in either Jr. Boys or Dixie Boys. Point of Emphasis: *A 15U franchised program can easily provide additional opportunities by dual franchising any youth that are league age 14 & under, as active participants of a Dixie Boys league.* This is allowed as part of dual participation.

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Category #3 – Single School Based Participation in 15U Division

It is permissible for a school based franchise to be established. **Any** student/athlete that competed with his school in the current calendar year (2014) is eligible to participate in 15U division play as long as his 16th birthday will not be reached by April 30, 2014.

Franchise Identified as: 15U- _____ (new school based franchise # issued)