Dear League Official/Coaches:

We are very excited to announce that we have 21 teams that are confirmed as participating in the inaugural World Series for the 15U age division of Dixie Boys Baseball. Due to the large number of teams, we have developed a format based on pool play into single elimination bracket play. We will crown a World Series winner on Sunday following the championship game slated for 2:00 PM Eagle Stadium.

In an effort to assist everyone, I am providing some information with more materials to follow on Thursday of this week. We recognize that everyone needs to make travel arrangements based on schedule!

## **Thursday & Friday Play Highlights:**

Playing facilities are located at Eagle Stadium (11 games) and Steagall Park (2 games) in Ozark, Alabama. The second playing facility is at Wallace Community College (8 games) located in Dothan, Alabama. Travel distance between the two facilities is relatively short on Hwy 231.

Eagle Stadium Wallace Community College Steagall Park

368 Martin Street 1141 Wallace Drive Peacock & Faust Drive Ozark, Alabama 36360 Dothan, Alabama 36303 Ozark, Alabama 36360

We recognize that everyone wants to play at the latest time possible; however, there was no way to schedule everyone with a later start. We purposely divided teams from each state program into different pools. The goal was for no one to play a team in pool play that they had met in their 15U state tournaments.

- Seven pools were created with three teams in each pool! Pools A –B –C D E F- G
- Two of the Alabama teams will play two games on the Opening Day.
- Effort was made to rotate the bracket in order for a team to play at both Eagle & Wallace College.
- We recognize that some teams located housing in Ozark; while others are lodged in Dothan.
- All games have a two hour time limit. A new inning starts when the last out is recorded!
- Run rules are found in the official rules of Dixie Boys Baseball.
- Official patches of Dixie Boys Baseball must be worn. All players must be in full uniform with numbers.

Important: The top two teams in each pool: (Pools A -B - C - D - E - F - G) will advance to bracket play. The single elimination bracket (14 teams) is seeded based on either a first place pool finish or runner-up finish.

<u>Tiebreakers in pool play are as follows: (Top two teams advance)</u>

Fewest runs allowed (cumulative total of two games played)

Most runs scores (cumulative total of two games – not to exceed 12 runs per game – max. 24)

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## **Saturday Play Highlights:**

Bracket play (14 teams) is seeded with each pool champion playing a runner-up from another pool. Two pool champions received a bye based on pre-tournament draw!

- Effort was made to rotate the bracket in order for teams to play at both Eagle & Wallace College.
- All games have a two hour time limit. A new inning starts when the last out is recorded!

## **Sunday Play – Championship Day:**

- Team championship trophy and finalist (2<sup>nd</sup> place) trophy to be presented. Medals to top two teams.
- Sportsmanship award to be presented by tournament officials.

The tournament directors reserve the right to amend the bracket if inclement weather should occur.