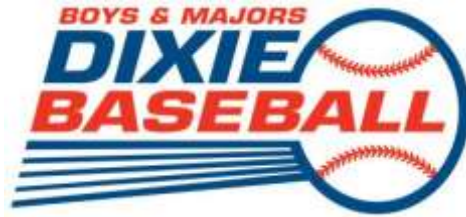


APPROVED RULE CHANGES FOR: 2016-17



JANUARY 1, 2016
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER



15U Division will include World Series play beginning with the 2016 season.



-EQUIPMENT-

[\(Current rules found on page 21\)](#)

1:10 D Bats with a 2 5/8 inch barrel are required for play. Bats must meet approved bat performance standards. Reasoning: **This removes the language related to bats with a 2 1/2 inch barrel.**

1:11 Managers and coaches must wear matching jersey with or without a number. It is permissible for a coach to wear a coaching shell as long as the matching jersey is underneath the shell. Reasoning: **Clarifies the uniform rule for managers and coaches.**

[\(Current rule found on page 22\)](#)

1:90 Any catcher's helmet or helmet and mask combination shall have full ear protection (dual ear flaps). Reasoning: **to clarify requirement for catcher's helmet.**

-OBJECTIVES OF THE GAME- (REGULAR SEASON & TOURNAMENT RULES):

✦ All mentions of the word "free" were deleted from the substitution rules for clarification purposes.

[\(Current rule found on page 23\)](#)

✦ Clarification of existing rules: Players listed in the official starting lineup are ineligible to serve as courtesy runners. Any substitute that is replaced by a starter (substitution rule) can either assume or resume the opportunity to serve as a courtesy runner.

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Note: Information above is only an abbreviated version of the significant rule changes as approved by the Board of Directors. Please refer to the Official Rulebook for complete details related to all Dixie Boys Baseball rules, including editorial changes.