

DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL, INC.
2008-09 APPROVED RULE CHANGES

- The rules appearing in the rule book are specific rules adopted by the Board. For all other rules refer to the official playing rules of Major League Baseball as found in their latest edition.

-TEAMS-

THE LEAGUE AND LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

- 0:02 A league shall be composed of not less than two (2) teams or more than **(10)** teams depending upon the conditions within a particular community.
- 0:22 It is recommended that no team have on its roster more than eight (8) players of league age, fourteen (14) years, unless approved by the District or State Director.

-LEGAL PLAYERS-

THE LEAGUE AND LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

- **DM:** A college age player may participate in a league outside of his/her original league boundary with the following stipulation. A player currently enrolled in college must provide proof of enrollment. The physical address of the college, not a post office box, will be used to determine the player's legal address. If a program isn't offered, a player can participate under the regulations as found in Rule 0:35.

-SELECTION OF PLAYERS-

THE LEAGUE AND LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

- 0:43 No player, under any circumstances, shall be permitted to play on another amateur team once the Dixie Boys/Majors tournament play begins. **Clarification of Commissioner: A team is considered as having entered Dixie Boys/Majors tournament play at the time of the first pitch of the tournament in which the team first participates. (I.e. district, regional, zone, state, World Series). Prior to any player or team participating in any play outside of Dixie Boys Baseball it is advisable to first consult with the appropriate Dixie Boys/Majors State Director. Failure to adhere to the rule will result in a player or a team being declared ineligible for further tournament participation.**

-THE PLAYING FIELD-

OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

- **1:10 DM** A bat shall not weigh more than three ounces less than the length of the bat.

-GAME PRELIMINARIES-

OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

- 6:10 (League & Tournament Play). A hitter may be (not mandatory) designated for any one starting player (not just pitchers) and all subsequent substitutes for that player in the game. A starting defensive player cannot be listed as the designated hitter in the starting lineup. A designated hitter for said player shall be selected prior to the start of the game, and his/her name shall be included on the lineup card presented to the official scorer. Failure to declare a designated hitter prior to the game precludes the use of the designated hitter in that game. If a pinch hitter or pinch runner for the designated hitter is used, that player becomes the new designated hitter. The player who was the designated hitter may re-enter as the designated hitter under the re-entry rule. A designated hitter and the player for whom he is batting are locked into the batting order. No multiple substitutions may be made that will alter the batting rotation. The role of the designated hitter is terminated for the remainder of the game when:
 - (a) **the defensive player, or any previous defensive player for whom the designated hitter batted, subsequently bats, pinch-hits or pinch-runs for the designated hitter; or**
 - (b) **the designated hitter or any previous designated hitter assumes a defensive position.**

-THE PITCHER-

OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

- 8:01 **(Regular Season Only.)**The following pitching regulations apply only for regular season play. The following rules will apply. **(30/40 Hour Rule)**
 - (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.
 - (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.

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(TOURNAMENT SECTION)

-TEAMS- (TOURNAMENT PLAY)

TOURNAMENT RULES

- 0:24 A copy of the tournament team affidavit shall be sent to the Commissioners' mailing address immediately following approval by the Credentials Committee.
- 0:25 Any protest involving player eligibility must be made at the Credentials meeting.

-SELECTION OF PLAYER AND COACHES- (TOURNAMENT PLAY)

TOURNAMENT RULES

- 0:46 Tournament team players who will appear in tournament competition may not be announced prior to the conclusion of local league play.
- 0:47 No tournament team may begin practice prior to the conclusion of local league play.
- 0.50 Failure of any franchised team to Host or advance in Dixie tournament play, after entering tournament play and/or securing the right to Host or advance could result in revocation of franchise rights and/or payment to reimburse any expenses incurred as the result of the leagues failure to adhere to this rule.

-STARTING AND ENDING THE GAME- (TOURNAMENT PLAY)

TOURNAMENT RULES

- 4:20 All protest based on the ineligibility of a player shall be filed with the tournament director at the Credentials Committee meeting. Upon discovery, the Tournament Director has the authority at any time to remove an ineligible player. All actions occurring up to the point of discovery will be deemed legal. If, in the opinion of the tournament director; there is any willful violation of eligibility rules, and for good cause shown the tournament director will disqualify the team from further tournament play.

-THE PITCHER-

TOURNAMENT RULES

- (TOURNAMENT PLAY) The following pitching regulations apply to tournament play only. Rules 8.90 is repealed and the following rules will apply.
- **8:90 DB** All players on the tournament team are eligible to pitch subject to pitch count limitations. A pitcher shall not throw more than **95** pitches in the same game or 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.
- **8:90 DM** All players on the tournament team are eligible to pitch subject to pitch count limitations. A pitcher shall not throw more than **105** pitches in the same game or 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.
- 8:91 Pitches thrown in one tournament will affect the status of a pitcher in a succeeding tournament only if proper time (30/40) has not elapsed. Specifically, if a pitcher hurls in excess of the pitch limitation, he must have either (30/40) hours of rest before he is eligible to pitch again, even if the next game is another tournament.
- 8:92 Wording change to not conflict with the number of pitches thrown.
- 8:93 Tournament pitching eligibility affidavit will include number of pitches thrown.
- 8:94 **PITCH COUNT RESTRICTIONS - (30/40 Hour Rest Rules)**
 - (a) A pitcher after having thrown more than 45 pitches but less than 76 pitches in the same game shall have a minimum of thirty (30) hours rest before becoming eligible to pitch in another game. A pitcher having thrown in excess of 75 pitches in a game is subject to forty (40) hours rest period. The rest period begins when the pitcher leaves the mound.
 - (b) A pitcher may pitch in two games on the same day provided he throws less that 46 pitches in the first game and does not throw more than total pitches as allowed (8.90) A pitcher who throws more than 45 pitches but less than 76 pitches is subject to a 30 hour rest rule.
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-LEAGUE PLAYERS- (TOURNAMENT RULES)

TOURNAMENT RULES

- 13:10 Tournament players must:
 - (3) No player, under any circumstances, shall be permitted to play on another amateur team once the Dixie Boys/Majors tournament play begins. **Clarification of Commissioner:** A team is considered as having entered Dixie Boys/Majors tournament play at the time of the first pitch of the tournament in which the team first participates. (i.e. district, regional, zone, state, World Series). Prior to any player or team participating in any play outside of Dixie Boys Baseball it is advisable to first consult with the appropriate Dixie Boys/Majors State Director. Failure to adhere to the rule will result in a player or a team being declared ineligible for further tournament participation.