



DYBBaseball**USA**

DIAMOND YOUTH BASEBALL
THE PREMIER COMMUNITY YOUTH BASEBALL PROGRAM IN THE SOUTHEAST

DYB, Inc. 2025 Proposed Policy and Rule Changes June 25, 2024

The following proposed Policy and Rules changes will be considered by the Board of Directors of DYB, Inc. at its annual meeting beginning August 1, 2024 in Bossier City, Louisiana. Please distribute these suggested changes to all league officials.

As a democratic organization, DYB provides officials from each franchised league the opportunity to express their views and opinions through elected representatives. State and National Directors, who serve on the National Board, actively seek each league's input and advice to help them vote the convictions of the leagues they represent.

PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES

BYLAWS:

New Addition

Change to read:

Add duties of DYS State Director to the DYB, Inc. Bylaws (see attached document)

**William Wade
DYB Commissioner
Wetumpka, Alabama**

BYLAWS:

The DYB Softball board may act as the Softball Rules Committee or appoint a Softball Committee among the state softball officials

Change to read:

The DYB Softball board, or a committee appointed by it, are responsible for the following items:

- (1) Rule changes
- (2) Policy or Regulation changes that are softball specific and assigned to the softball board by the President
- (3) DYS World Series Minimum Requirement

Kent Bruxvoort
DYB President
Rogers, Arkansas

BYLAWS:

The DYB Executive Committee shall appoint a DYB Softball Board who will oversee the planning and operations of the DYS World Series. The DYB President shall serve as the Chairman of the Softball board, which will include the DYB Commissioner, any existing baseball state directors who wish to be involved in the softball program and/or appointed softball State Directors to coordinate each state's softball program.

Change to read:

The DYB Softball Board shall consist of the DYB Executive Committee members and the DYB State Director of each participating state. The DYB President shall serve as the Chairman of the DYB Softball Committee. A participating State Director may appoint a DYB Softball director to serve in their place. Each state gets one (1) vote on the board

Kent Bruxvoort
DYB President
Rogers, Arkansas

DYB Dates

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DYB Regulations

Franchise renewal date is April 1

Regular season roster submission date is May 1

Change to read:

Franchise renewal date will be March 15th

Regular season roster submission date is April 15

Tournament roster submission date is after May 15

Georgia DYB Board

THE LEAGUE

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DYB Regulations

Paragraph E

Each franchised league shall be composed of a minimum of three (3) teams and not more than nine (9) teams in the Majors, O-Zone, AAA and AA divisions and not more than eleven (11) teams in the A division (6U and 4U).

Change to read:

Each franchised league shall be composed of a minimum of three (3) teams and not more than eleven (11) teams in the Majors, O-Zone, AAA and AA divisions and not more than eleven (11) teams in the A division (6U and 4U).

Wes Skelton

Texas State Director

Marshall, Texas

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Change to read:

Each franchised league shall be composed of a minimum of three (3) teams and not more than nine (9) teams in the Majors, O-Zone, AAA and AA divisions and not more than eleven (11) teams in the A division (6U and 4U). Any league that has nine (9) or less teams will be classified as a Division 2 league. Any league that has ten (10) or more teams will be a Division 1 league. Division 1 leagues can have more than one (1) franchise in a particular age group, but they can select any player on a league roster, regardless of the franchise, to represent their league in tournament play.

Ricky Phatuos
Alabama State Director
Mathews, Alabama

OBJECTIVES OF THE GAME

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Paragraph 1.11

Article A

The “official” embroidered emblem must be used on tournament uniforms.

Change to read:

The “official” embroidered emblem issued by DYB may be used on tournament uniforms. If a team chooses to have them screenprinted, DYB may collect a fee from the team in the amount equal to the cost of purchasing the total number of patches from DYB.

Jon Barganier
Administrative President
Montgomery, Alabama

SELECTION OF PLAYERS

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DYB Regulations

Paragraph (H)

Any player has the choice to play local league and be eligible for tournament play for a league in either the boundary that he/she resides or the boundary of the league where he/she attends public or private school (excluding home schools) as of January 1st of the current school year. The player cannot go back and forth between the league of residence and the league where they attend public or private school (excluding home schools) A player that registers and is accepted by the league where he/she attends school must remain in that league until he/she reaches the age of 13. EXCEPTION – A player that opts to play in the league where he/she attends school is eligible to use the school option again in the event they move their physical address into another DYB league’s boundary.

Change to read:

Add sentences to both DYB and DYS: If a player wishes to exercise this option as stated in the DYB and DYS Regulations, the completed DYB/DYS School Verification Form must be submitted upon registration with the league where the player attends public or private school(excluding home School) as of January 1st of the current year. Should a player make the league's tournament team, a copy of this form must be included with the DYB/DYS Tournament team affidavit. (see attached document)

William Wade
DYB Commissioner
Wetumpka, Alabama

TEAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS DYB Regulations Page 25 Article IV (B)

All DYB team affidavits must consist of a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 12 players, a manager and the required number of coaches. All players listed on the team's tournament roster must fulfill all offensive and defensive requirements. A dropped player affidavit must be presented if a team drops from 12 to 11 players. Each tournament team must begin each level of tournament play with a full roster of players and coaches.

Change to Read:

All DYB team affidavits must consist of a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 12 players, a manager and the required number of coaches. A minimum of eleven (11) players listed on the team's tournament roster must fulfill all offensive and defensive requirements. Each tournament team must begin each level of tournament play with a minimum of eleven (11) players and the required number of coaches.

Wes Skelton
Texas State Director
Marshall, Texas

(4) A team shall not miss the first game of each level of DYB tournament play due to participation in another tournament for any reason. PENALTY: Any team who violates this rule shall be disqualified from DYB Tournament play immediately.

Change to read:

(4) A team shall not miss ANY game of each level of DYB tournament play due to participation in another tournament for any reason. PENALTY: Any team who violates this rule shall be disqualified from DYB Tournament play immediately. Any advancement to the next level of play will be forfeited and passed down to the next qualified team.

**Zach Bonner
Texas District Director
Hallsville, Texas**

Only those people whose birth certificate identified their gender as female are eligible

Change to read:

Only those people whose biological sex at birth is female are eligible.

**William Wade
DYB Commissioner
Wetumpka, Alabama**

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

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Paragraph 1.10

Article E

1.10 - Pine Tar - The use of pine tar or any other similar adhesive substances on bats are prohibited in all levels of play and will result in the bat being declared illegal, as the bat will be removed from play pursuant to 1:10d.

Change to read: The use of pine tar or any similar adhesive substance may be used in order to enhance the gripping of the bat.

**Zach Bonner
Texas District Director
Hallsville, Texas**

FREE SUBSTITUTION ON DEFENSE

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Paragraph 3.04

Article A

3.04 - A "courtesy runner" may be used for the pitcher or the catcher. The "courtesy runner" will be the last out made, or if no out has been recorded in the game, the farthest away from batting again from the batter who the "courtesy runner" is being used for.

Change to Read:

3.04 - A "courtesy runner" may be used for the pitcher AND the catcher. The "courtesy runner" will be the last out made, or if no out has been recorded in the game, the farthest away from batting again from the batter who the "courtesy runner" is being used for.

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Texas District Director
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Change to read:

3.04 - A "courtesy runner" may be used for the pitcher or the catcher. The "courtesy runner" will be the last out made, or if no out has been recorded in the game, the farthest away from batting again from the batter who the "courtesy runner" is being used for. Exception - if the player to be used as the "courtesy runner" happens to be the pitcher or catcher, then the last out made prior to the last out will be used as the "courtesy runner."

Zach Bonner
Texas District Director
Hallsville, Texas

SLINGING THE BAT

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Paragraph 6.10

Article C

After one warning per game, per player for slinging the bat, the batter will be called out, a dead ball called, and no runners advance.

Change to read:

After one warning, per team for slinging the bat, the next incident of a batter slinging the bat and every subsequent batter after the warning who slings the bat, will be called out, a dead ball called and no runners advance

Jon Barganier
Administrative President
Montgomery, Alabama

OFFICIAL PITCH COUNT RECORD

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Article 10

The pitch count statistician shall record all pitches, including strikes, balls, foul tips and any pitches delivered to the catcher ruled a "no pitch" by the umpire

Change to read:

The pitch count statistician shall record all pitches, including strikes, balls and foul tips. Any pitches delivered to the catcher ruled a "no pitch" by the umpire shall not be recorded in the pitch count. If approved, this should also apply to Tournament Rules on page 55.

Jesse Buchanan
Arkansas State Director
Texarkana, Arkansas

If a player listed in any batting position in a continuous order leaves the game because of an injury, illness or disqualification, this position in the batting order will be skipped for the remainder of the game without penalty. No player will be called out who is skipped by rule in the batting order.

Change to read:

Add to section 4 - If a player listed in any batting position in a continuous order leaves the game because of an injury, illness or disqualification, attending church service or has an excused emergency or family death, this position in the batting order will be skipped for the remainder of the game without penalty. An OUT shall be recorded for each player, each time at bat, who is absent from the game for any reason not excused for the above stated reasons.

Bill Sanders
Texas National Director
Paris, Texas

Paul McCulloch
South Carolina State Director
Manning, South Carolina

NEW RULE

Change to read: Intentional walks are allowed, but must be done in the fashion of actual pitch-out sequence between the pitcher and the catcher. Four (4) pitch outs should be performed before the batter can advance to first base. All base runners are allowed to advance to the next base should a passed ball or wild pitch take place. All play will remain live. There will be a limitation of one (1) intentional walk per team, per game and will rest the next game played.

Jonathan Soles
Wolfpack Optimist President
Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina

(B) Offensive Participation Requirements – Continuous Batting Order

(2) At the start of the game, all available players on each tournament team’s roster will be listed in the starting offensive batting lineup and will bat in this order continuously throughout the game.

(3) If a player arrives after the continuous batting order has been submitted to the scorer, the player will be added to the end of the lineup. Players who arrive late shall be substituted for the next batter in the lineup when they enter a game late and have them bat immediately, only if the late player can mathematically have a plate appearance. If this is the case, then the substitute player will skip his at bat once and will go in the last position in the batting order for the remainder of the game. If a player arrives after the fifth inning has begun, he shall not participate in the game.

Change to read:

(2) At the start of the game, all players on each tournament team’s roster will be listed in the starting offensive batting lineup and will bat in this order continuously throughout the game. an OUT will be recorded for a player, each time at bat, who is absent from a game and is not injured, ill, disqualified, attending a church service or has an excused emergency or family death.

(3) DELETE PARAGRAPH 3 IN IT’S ENTIRETY.

**Wes Skelton
Texas State Director
Marshall, Texas**

(3) The scorer shall notify the team manager and umpire of any player who has not met this requirement at the completion of the fourth inning of play. The tournament director shall notify the umpire to direct such manager to insert in the team’s defensive fifth inning any such player(s) who have not met the defensive participation requirement.

(1) If the manager refuses to insert the players into the defensive lineup during a game after being notified by the official score or a DYS official that a player or players on that team have not met the defensive requirements, these players shall be inserted into the lineup by the tournament director and the team manager shall be removed from the team immediately and disqualified for the remainder of the tournament season. NOTE: These penalties shall apply to both teams, even if the last half of the sixth inning is not required. The only exceptions

shall be when the game is considered a regulation game, but is not completed in six innings or five and one-half innings with the home team leading or because of the 10 or 15 run rules, or when a team concedes before all available players have participated.

Change to read:

Delete (D) (3)

**William Wade
DYB Commissioner
Wetumpka, Alabama**

AA PLAYING RULES

DYB TOURNAMENT RULES

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AA and A Divisions

No team shall be required to play more than three (3) games on the same day during the same tournament and no team shall be required to play as many as three (3) games on the same day twice during the same tournament, except to play an “if necessary” game to determine the tournament champion. A team playing three (3) games on the same day shall have at least one and one half (1 ½) hours rest between games. In the case of an “If necessary” game to determine a tournament champion, there shall be at least one (1) hour rest between games.

Change to read:

Delete the following: A team playing three (3) games on the same day shall have at least 1 ½ hours rest between games. In the case of an “if necessary” game to determine a tournament champion, there shall be at least one (1) hour rest between games.

**Jesse Buchanan
Arkansas State Director
Texarkana, Arkansas**

COACH PITCHER

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Article D

Section 4

If the coach pitcher is hit by a batted ball, it is a dead ball and will be a no pitch.

Change to read:

If the coach pitch is hit by a batted ball, it is a dead ball and the batter will be awarded first base. All other runners will advance if forced.

Kyle Bolling

Alabama Asst. District Director

Wetumpka, Alabama

TOURNAMENT PLAY

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Article A

Section 8

All Division 1 and 2 tournament teams must begin each level of tournament play with a full roster of players and coaches

Change to read:

All Division 1 and 2 tournament teams must begin each level of tournament play with a minimum of eleven (11) players or a maximum of twelve (12) players available for each tournament game.

Wes Skelton

Texas State Director

Marshall, Texas

GENERAL PLAYING RULES

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Article G

NEW RULE

Add to read:

No runner shall leave the base until the ball is hit. Runner shall be warned on the first offense and called out on the second offense.

Caleb Bidy

Jefferson DYB Vice-president

Jefferson, Texas