

Diamond News

Diamond Youth Baseball & Softball Newsletter



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2024 DYB Scholarships -

REMINDER – DYB awards 100 \$2,000 college scholarships annually. The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is **MARCH 1ST**. The application can be found on our website at **dybusa.org**.



Diamond Youth Softball



DYB launched the **NEW Diamond Youth Softball™ (DYS)** for the 2024 season to give DYB affiliated leagues a softball option for their girls ages 6-18. The addition of this **NEW** softball program to the DYB umbrella will provide a unified program for leagues through a single organization for all of their softball and baseball needs.

Visit the DYS website at softball@dysusa.org or contact your state or district officials for more information.

DYB was established as a "fun" program for youth with emphasis on FAIR PLAY, HONESTY, SPORTSMANSHIP and PATRIOTISM. It is a training ground for youngsters. An organization rule provides that everyone play a minimum of one inning per game, regardless of playing ability. A child who is introduced to competition through a properly supervised baseball program is better prepared to face a life of competition.

Differing from most similar organizations, DYB, Inc. is not operated by paid professionals. DYB is an ALL-VOLUNTEER program from the local level to the national level. We feel that this approach put's what is best for the children above all else.

The foundation of our program is rooted in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go and, when he is old, he will not depart from it ". Through congenial fellowship and positive adult role models we have given tens of thousands of youngsters the platform to grow into our "**Leaders of Tomorrow**".

MLB PITCH, HIT & RUN - Major League Baseball® Pitch Hit & Run is a **FREE** event that provides boys and girls -- ages 7 to 14 -- an opportunity to showcase their baseball and softball skills, while earning a chance to attend and perform during the MLB® World Series!

For more information visit - mlb.com/pitch-hit-and-run



AROUND THE DIAMOND...

2024 Diamond State Meeting Schedule

February 3 – School District Admin Building – Texarkana, Arkansas

February 3 – Holiday Inn – Lake City, Florida

February 4 – The Reserve – Longview, Texas

February 10 – Bossier Public Service Complex – Bossier City, Louisiana

February 10 – Dickson High School – Dickson, Tennessee

February 17 – Bedford Moose Lodge – Bedford, Virginia

Contact your state director for information on your 2024 Diamond State Meeting.

Visit us on the web at dybusa.org & dysusa.org

Director Spotlight...

Jim Quigley



Mr. Quigley represented Louisiana as a member of the DYB National Board from 1966-2012 and served as the Executive Director of Dixie Baseball, Inc. from 2005-2012.

Jim and his wife Rosalie make their home in Covington, Louisiana.



Jim will celebrate his 100th birthday on February 16th!

Happy Birthday Jim!

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When DYB, Inc. decided to launch a girls softball program, the DYB National Board of Directors felt it would be beneficial for the baseball and softball programs to be branded under one name.

The National Board of Directors authorized a corporate name change to DYB, Inc. and decided to brand our baseball and softball programs, Diamond Youth Baseball and Diamond Youth Softball, respectfully.

It was important to the board to keep the "DYB" acronym used that we have used for many years to promote the program. The "Diamond" brand fits that criteria.

We will continue to use our familiar DYB logo for the baseball program. The Diamond Youth Softball logo will be similar to our baseball logo using the DYS logo.

BACKGROUND CHECKS -

All leagues shall conduct, at a minimum, a third-party criminal background check which searches the National Criminal Database and the National Sex Offender Registry on all managers & coaches, umpires and others officials in our league who have close contact with minor athletes.

Each League must certify to DYB/DYS that all managers and coaches on its tournament teams which advance to tournament play including district, state and the DYB/DYS World Series have passed the criminal background checks.

DYB has partnered with JD Palatine ("JDP") to offer leagues an affordable option to obtain background checks.

For more information contact JDP at jdp.com/dyb/