

North Carolina Diamond Youth Baseball

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TO: 2025 Division 1 AND 2 AA STATE TOURNAMENT TEAM MANAGERS

FROM: Terry Lanning, STATE DIRECTOR

Congratulations on your team advancing to the 2025 NC Diamond Youth Division 1 and 2 AA state tournaments hosted by Lumberton Youth Baseball Association and the city of Lumberton. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions after reading this letter and reviewing your packet of information, you can call me at 910-604-1644.

You are responsible for all costs associated with travel and lodging for your team. I have included a schedule of the Pool Play so you will know when you play your first game. This schedule will be updated on our state website at dybusa.org/DYB_North_Carolina. The games will be played at Pennington Park located at 500 Hornets Road, Lumberton, NC. All playing fields have grass infields.

There will be no opening ceremonies at this tournament this year. Teams should arrive at the park ready to play at their time Saturday.

You and your coaches are to attend a dinner and credentials meeting beginning at 5 pm Friday night June 27th, at the Lumberton High School Cafeteria located at 3901 Fayetteville Road Lumberton, NC. We will eat prior to the beginning of the meeting. The meeting will last until about 7:00pm. You need to bring your tournament affidavit, birth certificates, Background Check Form, Assumption of Risk Form, a completed player/coach introduction form, and insurance policy to this meeting. Be sure your insurance policy meets the minimum requirements listed in the rule book by having your District Director initial your policy prior to coming to the tournament. We will cover information at this meeting that will be critical to you. While every coach is not required to attend, it is best if they do so.

There will be a Team Worship Service at 9:30 am on Sunday morning at Robeson Community College Auditorium located at 5160 Fayetteville Road, Lumberton N.C. The teams playing the first games in each tournament on Sunday are expected to attend. The players can wear uniforms and parents can dress casually. We encourage and expect the other teams to also attend. The service will last 35-45 minutes.

Daily admission will be \$10 for ages 13 and over. This will cover all games on each day. There is not a charge for ages 12 and under. Coaches and their spouses will be given free admission to all games. We will collect the name of each spouse at the coaches' meeting.

We will allow your team to bring in one tagged cooler with one drink per player/coach into the dugout and one cooler with towels. The host will provide water in the dugouts.

No boom boxes, walk-up music or artificial noise makers (such as cow bells) are allowed during tournament play.

One team will advance from this tournament to represent North Carolina in the DYB Division 1 or 2 AA World Series in Dunn, North Carolina, beginning July 25.

I ask that your team show good sportsmanship and make new friends while you are at the tournament. This event needs to be one in which each player, coach and parent will have fond memories for a lifetime. Good luck. I look forward to meeting you and working with you during the tournament.

NOTE: NCDYB requires the AA player-pitcher to wear a batting helmet with a face mask while on defense.