

Minutes to the Annual Spring Meeting held at Waverly United Methodist Church on February 4, 2023

Attending: William Wade, Commissioner; Alan Reed, State Director; Aaron Prince, Asst. State Director; National Directors Don Rudolph and James Tidwell; District 1 Director Phillip Dorris; District 2 Director Mike Neisler; District 3 Director Denise Lineberry; District 4 Director Rory Osborne; District 5 Director Marilyn Tidwell; District 7 Director David Conrad; District 8 Asst. Director Robert Puckett; and hosts Anthony Garner, Seth Owen, and Kyle Smith. Absent were Tony Brown and Matt Reed due to sickness.

Representatives from some of the leagues of District 1, District 3, District 4, District 5, and District 7 were in attendance. Angela Wynn of Sadler insurance gave a presentation regarding insurance needs and checklists. Background checks are required. JDV is a reputable place with reasonable costs for doing the background checks.

Alan opened the baseball meeting by welcoming all who attended. He reminded the leagues if they would like to host state tournaments in 2024, he needs to receive a letter or email by August 1st, 2023. The Class A and AA tournaments will go to the East Region in 2024. Districts 7 and 8 can bid on these tournaments. The AAA will go to the Middle region. Leagues from Districts 1, 4, and 5 will be eligible to bid on the AAA tournament. The Ozone tournament will go to the West region in 2024. Leagues from Districts 2 and 3 will be eligible to bid on the Ozone tournament.

Update on 2023 State Tournaments:

Class A will be hosted by Chester County beginning July 6th. Their address is 1095 East Main Street, Henderson, TN. This will be a sixteen-team tournament with twelve players on each team. The coaches' meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. (CST) on July 6th. There is no internet connection at the ballpark. The information will be posted on the website for Tennessee on DYBUSA.ORG. Mike Neisler will be the Tournament Director for this tournament.

Alan told the leagues that we plan our first Eastern Regional Class A World Series this year to be hosted by Rockwood from July 20- July 22. It will be comprised of teams from Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. Florida may decide to participate. We will be taking the top four teams from the State tournament. This could change to two teams if Florida decides to participate. Tony Brown will be the Tournament Director for this tournament.

The AA State Tournament will be hosted by Decatur County beginning July 6th. The park is located at West 9th Street, Parsons, TN. The coaches meeting will be at the Municipal building. Kyle will be the chairperson and Don Rudolph will be the Tournament Director. There will be eight Division 1 teams and twelve Division 2 teams in this tournament. There is internet access at the park. The information for this tournament will be posted on the website for Tennessee on DYBUSA.ORG.

The AAA State Tournament will be hosted by Loudon County beginning on July 13th. The park is located at 1470 Roberson Spring Road, Loudon, TN. The coaches' meeting will be at 7:00 a.m. (EST) at the Loudon High School. The Internet is not available. There will be eight Division 1 teams and fourteen Division 2 teams in this tournament. David Conrad will be the Tournament Director for this tournament. The information will be posted on the website for Tennessee on DYBUSA.ORG.

The Ozone State Tournament will be hosted by Springfield beginning on July 13th. The J. Travis Price Park is located at 4155 Wilkes Road, Springfield, TN. The coaches meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. (CST).

Information for this tournament will be posted on the website for Tennessee on DYBUSA.ORG. There will be eight Division 1 teams and fourteen Division 2 teams in this tournament. Seth Owen will be the Chairperson and Aaron Prince will be the Tournament Director.

It has been decided that due to Covid 19 each team will bring their own coolers with water and Gatorade instead of having cups in the dugouts.

To determine if your league is Division 1 or 2, if you have ten or more teams between AA and Ozone you are division 1. If you have 9 or less teams, you are division 2.

Rule Changes:

Don Rudolph went over the rule changes that were adopted this year.



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2023 Adopted Policy and Rule Changes

The following Policy and Rules changes were adopted by the DYB National Board of Directors at the annual board meetings held in Lumberton, North Carolina. Please distribute these suggested changes to all league officials.

As a democratic organization, DYB, Inc. 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 on the convictions of the leagues they represent.

2023 ADOPTED POLICY CHANGES

BYLAWS

The name of this Corporation shall be DYB, INC. (The "Corporation") In addition, this change shall be made on other national publications, rule book, website, and all other records, etc. Leagues will still have the option to use the Dixie name in their community if they choose. States may use DYB or Dixie Youth Baseball, an affiliate of DYB if deemed appropriate for their state program.

BYLAWS

Article V: Committees

Section 2. Committees (a) The following committees shall be appointed for a term of one year:

Finance	Safety & Equipment
Insurance	Scholarships
Policy	WS Min Requirements
Rules	WS Umpires

CHANGE to read: (A) Each team may consist of a maximum of 13 uniformed players whose names shall be with the League President not later than five days prior to the first regularly scheduled game of the league season. Team membership shall be within the sole discretion of each league, provided such membership shall not conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations of DYB. **EXCEPTION:** A league with the District and State Directors approval, may allow a league to add to the 13-man roster because of age division numbers, such as a league has only two teams and they want to add two extra players to make a 14-man roster and adding these two players would not be enough to make another team.

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DELETE section (D) (Player Releases) in its entirety.

(No Player Releases beginning with the 2023 season. Player Releases obtained before May 1, 2022, will continue to be honored)

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ADD new section: (D) Should a franchised DYB league not have enough players registered to franchise team(s) in the 12U, 10U and/or 8U divisions the State Director may grant written approval to allow a player to be eligible for league and tournament play in an adjoining league to their league of residence. The written approval must be obtained from the state director prior to April 1st. This approval shall be issued on a season-by-season basis and a player must return to their league of residence for the next season unless subsequent approval is granted by the state director.

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CHANGE to read: (G) Any player may play local league and be eligible for tournament play for a league in either the boundary where he/she resides or the boundary of the league where he/she attends public school or private school (excluding home school) as of January 1st of the current school year. The player can only transfer from school to school one (1) time and cannot go back and forth. A player that is accepted by the league where he/she goes to school becomes property of that league.

V. Player/Coach Eligibility and Registration **Page 70**

CHANGE to read: (F) Each league shall determine its own method for the selection of managers and coaches. All managers and coaches shall be adults of at least 18 years of age. In accordance with the Safe Sport Act (Federal Law 115-126), all managers and coaches must pass a third-party criminal background check which searches the National Criminal Database, the National Sex Offender Registry in all fifty states and state and county databases. After the initial background check, the league should run a subsequent background check at least every three years, or more often as the league deems appropriate.

IV. Player/Coach Eligibility Requirements Page 78

CHANGE to read: (C) (2) A player, replacement player, manager or coach shall not miss any of his team's scheduled games in DYB tournament play due to participation in another tournament or travel delays from participation in another tournament. **PENALTY:** Any player, or replacement player, manager or coach who violates this rule shall be ineligible to participate in this level of play and must be replaced.

ADD new section: (C) (3) A player, replacement player, manager or coach shall not miss the first game of each level of DYB tournament play due to travel delays from a family vacation. **PENALTY:** Any player, or replacement player, who violates this rule shall be ineligible to pitch in this level of play but may pitch in the next level of play if his team advances. Any manager or coach who violates this rule shall be suspended for the second game of the tournament.

VI. Replacing Players Page 81

ADD new section: (B) A player added to a tournament roster after the first game of any level of tournament play will not be eligible to pitch in that level of tournament play.

Page 71, Selecting Managers and Coaches. They need to be at least 18 years old to get background checks.

All teams in AA, AAA or Ozone have the option of eleven or twelve players. If they have twelve and drop a player, they will need a drop player certificate.

All teams will use a continuous batting order in season and tournament play.

The courtesy runner can be used for the pitcher or catcher and has to be the player who made the last out or the batter farthest in the lineup.

Conditional releases will be on a case by case basis and used if a league is not able to field a team. The players can be released to play in an adjoining league for one year.

If anyone has a suggested rule change, it must be submitted by June 1st so it can be voted on at the national board meeting at the world series.

The World Series for AA will be hosted by Hattiesburg, MS (Division 1 and Division 2)

The Division 2 World Series for AAA- Ozone will be hosted by Ruston, LA July 27, 2023

The Division 1 World Series will be hosted by Ruston, LA August 4-9, 2023.

The state board will be providing all awards for state tournaments and will bill the host so that all awards are the same for all tournaments. If you are hosting tournaments, please be sure to submit your hosting fees as soon as possible.

Also, scholarship fees are due to the state board before August 1st because they must be turned into DYB National. The penalty for late submission is you are not eligible to host for two years.

Buddy Forrest of the Humphreys County League put the motion on the floor to adjourn the meeting. Charlotte Park seconded the motion.

Class A at Chester County 16 Teams 4 pools of 4 teams:

Pool 1-District 1 Champ; District 5 Runner up; District 2 Champ; Division 8 Runner up

Pool 2 - District 5 Champ; District 2 Runner up; TBD; District 4 Runner up

Pool 3 - District 8 Champ; District 1 Runner up; District 7 Champ; District 3 Runner up

Pool 4- District 4 Champ; District 7 Runner up; District 3 Champ; Host-Chester Co.

AA at Decatur County

Division 1

Pool 1 District 7 Champ; District 2 Champ; District 1 Champ; District 3 Champ

Pool 2 District 5 Champ; District 4 Champ; District 8 Champ; Host-Decatur County

Division 2

Pool 1 - District 7; #5 TBD; District 4 C

Pool 2 - #2 TBD; #4 TBD; District 5 C

Pool 3- #1 TBD; District 2 C; District 8

Pool 4 - District 3 C; #3 TBD; District 1 C

AAA

Division 1

A) District 8; B) District 4; C) District 1; 1(2) TBD; D) District 3; E) District 5; F) District 7; G) District 2

Division 2

A) Dist. 8 Champ; B) Host; C) Dist. 2 Champ; D) Dist. 8 Runner Up; E) Dist. 1 Champ; F) Dist. 3 Runner Up; G) Dist. 4 Champ; H) Dist. 2 Runner Up; I) Dist. 7 Champ; J) Dist. 1 Runner Up; K) Dist. 5 Champ;

L) Dist. 4 Runner Up; M) Dist. 3 Champ; N) Dist. 5 Runner Up

Ozone

Division 1

A) Dist. 3; B) Dist. 8; C) Dist. 5; D)Dist. 7; E) Dist. 4; F) Dist. 2; G) Host H) TBD

Division 2

A) Dist. 4 Champ; B)Dist 3 Runner U; C) Dist. 8 Champ; D) Dist. 7 Runner Up; E) Dist. 7 Champ;

F) Dist. 8 Runner Up; G) Dist. 5 Champ; H) Dist. 4 Runner Up; I) Dist. 1 Champ; J) Dist. 2 Runner Up

K) Dist. 2 Champ; L) Dist. 1 Runner Up; M) Dist. 3 Champ; N) Dist. 5 Runner Up