



Tennessee Dixie Youth State Meeting 2019 Spring General Meeting



Minutes to State Meeting at Montgomery Bell on 02/16/2019

Attending: Vann Saltz, DYB National Secretary; Alan Reed, TN State Director; Tony Brown, Don Rudolph and Richard Clark, National Directors; Aaron Prince, Asst. State Director; District 1 Director Phillip Dorris and Asst. Director Billy Draper; District 2 Director Mike Neisler; District 3 Director Janice Harris and Asst. Director Taylor Harris; District 4 Director Rory Osborne; District 5 Director James Tidwell and Asst. Director George Lankford; District 6 Director Cindy Church; District 7 Director David Conrad; District 8 Asst. Director Chase Clem; Guest Host from Summertown, Fairview and Sweetwater, League Representatives

Alan Reed opened the meeting by introducing the District Directors who introduced league representatives in attendance for their district.

District 1 league representatives attending were Springfield, Portland, and Ashland City.

District 2 had no league attendees.

District 3 had Summertown representatives.

District 4 league representatives attending were Greenbrier and Charlotte Park.

District 5 league representatives attending were Centerville, Dickson, Fairview, Hickman, and Humphreys.

District 6 had no league attendees.

District 7 had Sweetwater representatives.

District 8 had no league attendees.

Representatives from Dyersburg and Madison South were in attendance.

Don Rudolph talked about the National restructuring. In 2020, William Wade will become DYB Commissioner and Wes Skelton will be the Treasurer.

Don told the leagues that the rule books will be good for two years and the rules will not change unless it is for safety reasons. He went over all the new rule changes for this year.

Rules

Rule 1.10 (b) deals with Approved Bats. Bats must be stamped with USA Baseball mark that signifies the bat meets the required standards. Standards for 2 5/8" bats are clarified.

Rule 1.16 The catcher must wear a catcher's mitt (not a first-baseman's mitt or fielder's glove).

Rule 1.17(b) Softball equipment is not to be used except for the fielder's mask which is permissible for players in all age groups. The player pitcher in Class A and AA must continue to wear the full helmet.



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Rule 3.04 After all players have batted, a player not listed in the top nine batters may be used as a Courtesy runner for a pitcher or catcher. Courtesy runners are not permitted for other playing positions.

Rule 8.07 Deals with pitching limitations. A pitcher can pitch in two games in the same day provided they pitched 30 or less cumulative pitches in the previous game.

Regulation II D removes the 25,000-population requirement.

Regulation IV (D) changes the wording on player releases “shall be received by April 1st or before the first league game of the releasing league, whichever is earlier.”

Tournament Rule I(C) (5)

- (a) Two runners-up – If three teams remain with one loss and all have played the same number of games in double elimination, there will be two runners-up.
- (b) Advancing more than one team from tournament bracket – Any two tied teams with the same won-loss record after completion of a double elimination bracket must play a one game playoff to determine which team advances. Tennessee voted to use the head-to-head tie breaker.

Don put the motion on the floor to change the exception to read “a head-to-head tie breaker will be used”. Janice Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tournament rule VIII – tournament games. State Option is a 2 -hour time limit for all games. Tennessee chose to not use the State Option.

Tournament Rule XI(D) deals with the fake bunt. The rule adds “A second occurrence will result in the player being called out.”

Tournament Rule XV. Bunting is not allowed in Class AA play. This rule adds a penalty.

Note added to all tournament brackets:

NOTE: Advancing More Than One Team from Tournament Bracket – Any two tied teams with the same won-loss record after completion of this double elimination bracket must play a one game playoff to determine which team advances where more than one team advances to the next level of tournament play. EXCEPTION: The head-to-head tie-breaker may be used in lieu of a playoff game if the teams have played each other during the tournament. No other tie-breakers may be used.

Alan told the leagues that this will be the last year for the Machine Pitch Class AA World Series. Our second-place state tournament team will represent Tennessee again this year.

Division 1 and Division 2 has passed through the National board. It will be based on the number of teams participating in the league. If you have nine or less, you will be Division 2. If you have ten or more than ten teams, you will be Division 1. Alan asked each league to give input on the state tournament structure for 2020 by reporting to their District Director. Each district will have leagues in Division 1 and Division 2. Tennessee does not plan to send teams to



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the Division 2 World Series in 2019. We will send two teams to the Division 1 World Series this year as we have in the past.

Class A- Our state champion team will participate in an Invitational World Series at Brookhaven, MS this year. It will start July 18th for opening ceremonies with the games playing the 19-21. Teams are encouraged to wear their team uniforms.

Admission Increase

Admission has been uniformly set for all tournaments this year. It will \$8 per day for adults and \$5 per day for children 5-12. \$1 of this amount will go to the National Scholarship on the first day and \$1 of this amount will go to the State Scholarship fund for the other days. We would like to be able to give scholarships to the District participants again. We need to encourage our children to apply for scholarships.

State Tournaments

Class A State tournament will be held in Summertown. The opening ceremonies will begin at 5 p.m. at the Summertown Elementary School gymnasium on Wednesday, July 3rd. The coaches meeting will follow at 7 p.m. at the Summertown Elementary School cafeteria. Fireworks are planned for 9 p.m. There will be two pool play games on Thursday and one on Friday morning. Bracket play will begin later Friday. Shirts will be available for sale.

Class AA State tournament will be held in Chester County. The coaches meeting will be July 4th at 9 a.m. at the City Hall in Henderson. The opening ceremonies will follow at 10:30 at the park. The High School will be available in case of rain. Games will start at noon. Shirts will be available for pre-order by June 30th.

Class AAA State tournament will be held in Sweetwater. This is Eastern time. The coaches meeting will be on July 11th at 9:30 a.m. Eastern time at Brown Intermediate School. Opening ceremonies will follow at 11:30 at the Sweetwater Youth Football field.

The Ozone State tournament will be held in Fairview. The coaches meeting will be on July 11th at 9:30 a.m. at the Fairview High School. The opening ceremonies will follow at 11:00 at the High School football field. Games will begin at 1:00 p.m.

New Law

Van Saltz relayed to the leagues some details for the new law. It will affect youth sports and background checks will be required for all. This is Senate Bill 534 also known as the Safe Sports Act and it starts in 2019. DYB plans to put a checklist on their website for the leagues. When a team brings their credential package, proof of the background check will be required as part of the credentials.

Umpire Applications

If anyone is interested in umpiring at the World Series, they need to print an application from the website and return the completed application to Alan Reed



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Important Dates

Alan had a handout for important dates. He encouraged all league representatives to read the important dates, so they know when everything is due. He had several helpful handouts. Among the handouts was a patch order form. If the leagues order the patches by March 31, the cost will be \$1.25 each. After March 31, the cost will increase to \$2.00.

Don Rudolph is up for election this year. He currently has no opponents.

Billy Draper has agreed to be our social media and website coordinator.

Alan talked briefly about player releases. If you have players in your league who do not live in your boundaries, they will need to have a player release, or they will not be eligible for tournament participation. Once a player is released, they are to remain in the new league. The league releasing the player must sign the player release and the parent sign and return the form to Alan. If the league representative signs it, he will also sign it.

Alan assigned Dyersburg and Madison South to District 2 for now until we see if other leagues will come back into Dixie Youth.

Door prizes were awarded.

Brackets Drawn

Class A Pool Play

Pool 1	Pool 2	Pool 3	Pool 4
A – 6 C	A—7C	A—4C	A—8C
B—8 R	B—5R	B—6R	B—4R
C—3C	C—1C	C—2C	C—5C
D—1R	D—2R	D—7R	D—3R (host)

Class AA Pool Play

Pool 1	Pool 2	Pool 3	Pool 4
A – 2 C	A—7C	A—3C	A—8C
B—8 R	B—3R	B—7R	B—5R
C—4C	C—6C	C—5C	C—1C
D—6R	D—4R	D—1R	D—2R (host)



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AAA

Team A- District 1 Champ
Team B- District 6 Runner Up
Team C- District 8 Champ
Team D- District 4 Runner Up
Team E- District 6 Champ
Team F- District 8 Runner Up
Team G- District 4 Champ
Team H- District 3 Runner Up
Team I- District 7 Champ
Team J- District 5 Runner Up
Team K- District 2 Champ
Team L- District 7 Runner Up (Host) (7:00)
Team M- District 3 Champ (5:00)
Team N- District 2 Runner Up
Team O- District 5 Champ
Team P- District 1 Runner Up

Ozone

Team A- District 1 Champ
Team B- District 4 Runner Up
Team C- District 8 Champ
Team D- District 5 Runner Up (Host) (7:00)
Team E- District 7 Champ
Team F- District 6 Runner Up
Team G- District 5 Champ
Team H- District 3 Runner Up
Team I- District 6 Champ
Team J- District 2 Runner Up
Team K- District 2 Champ
Team L- District 8 Runner Up
Team M- District 4 Champ
Team N- District 7 Runner Up (1:00)
Team O- District 3 Champ
Team P- District 1 Runner Up

Richard Clark put the motion on the floor to adjourn the meeting. Aaron Prince seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.