



Athens Dixie Youth Baseball By-Laws



Athens Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. Constitution, By-Laws, and Local Rules



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1 ATHENS DIXIE YOUTH VOLUNTEER

As a volunteer in the Athens Dixie Youth Baseball program, I promise to:

Regard Dixie Youth Baseball as a proud community asset for my community and help endow it with highest personal standards.

Respect the individual boy or girl. Try to understand his capabilities, limitations, and problems of growing up today.

Be exemplary in the growing movement of Dixie Youth, ready to improve the estate of our youngsters whenever possible, and to find honest enjoyment in the creative service and teaching the program affords.

Recognize obligations in training boys and girls and teaching lesson of fair play, discipline and teamwork.

Keep informed in the basic understanding and knowledge of the objectives of the program.

Cooperate in scrupulous observance of the rules and regulations on a national and local basis that are the strength of Dixie Youth.

Support the elected officials and directors of the Athens Dixie Youth program and abide by the policies and decisions made by them. I will be engaged in no unscrupulous activity, which tends to undermine the authority of those charged with the responsibility of directing this program.

Attend regularly all official meetings and functions of the local program unless hindered by means over which I have no control, always placing the activities of the league at the highest level of importance. Unless hindered by unforeseen circumstances. I will always be present for team practices and games.

Encourage volunteer support of parents, educators and all agencies devoted to the welfare of youth.

Protect the Dixie Youth franchise against exploitation and use of Dixie Youth players for purposes of personal profit commercialization.



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2 CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – THE CORPORATION

- (a) This corporation shall be known as “Athens Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc.”

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

- (a) The exclusive purpose of this corporation shall be educational. It shall strive to train the minds, bodies and spirits of the boys and girls of Athens for the purpose of developing their capabilities. It shall seek to promote that ultimate goal of all education; **understanding**.
- (b) In furtherance of its educational purposes the corporation shall provide supervised athletic contests and tournament. These contests shall be held for the purpose of demonstrating to the children participating therein the value of hard work, self-discipline, self-sacrifice, extensive practice, cooperation with others and enjoyment which can result there from. The supervisory members of the cooperation shall at all times bear in mind that the outcome of the contests is secondary to their value in inclination constructive value and teaching understanding of self and others.



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ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

- (a) The supervisory members of the corporation shall be the officers (Board of Directors), the manager of each spring athletic team participating in the educational program of the corporation, and a representative of the Athens Park and Recreation Department. The officers of the corporation shall be elected by a majority vote of the supervisory members.
- (b) Any child meeting the age and residence requirements published and/or adopted by Dixie Youth Baseball Association shall be eligible to become a participating member of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV - DIVISIONS

The athletic teams participating in the educational program of the corporation shall be divided into three divisions, designated American, National and Central, the respective compositions of which shall hereafter be determined by the initial directors of the corporation as designated in the Articles Of Incorporation. Each division shall possess a franchise from the Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. PO Box 1965, Decatur, AL. 35602-1965.

ARTICLE V – GOVERNED AND SUPERVISED BY

The corporation shall be governed and supervised by the Board of Directors. The supervisory members of the corporation shall select the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

- (a) The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chief Umpire, Equipment Manager, Team Mom/Fund Raiser Director, Concession Stand Director, Web Administrator, Scheduling Director, League Director and Assistant Director for each age division of the corporation, each of whom shall



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supervise the activities of all of the three divisions of the corporation as described in Article IV herein, and Directors at large. The officers shall be selected by the supervisory members of the corporation as here in above defined. The officers shall each serve for one year and shall be eligible for re-election.

(b) The President of ADYB shall:

- Be responsible for the overall operation of Athens Dixie Youth Baseball;
- Act as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors;
- Preside at all meetings;
- See that the organization adheres to the rules, regulations and policies as set forth in the ADYB By-Laws and in other referenced documents;
- Assure that each officer is aware of the duties and responsibilities of their office;
- Bring all disputes and protests to the Board for consideration;
- Appoint, audit and be a standing member of all committees but shall not be a chairman of any committee;
- In conjunction with the Chief Umpire and Athens Parks and Recreation Department make the final decision concerning the playing fitness of the fields;
- Be responsible for communications between Athens Park and Recreation (except those assigned to other board members);
- Work closely with the League Directors with regard to all post-season play, including All Stars and Post Season Tournaments;
- Be the contact with all organizations outside Athens Dixie Baseball on matters that do not fall within the specific responsibilities of other Board members.

(c) The Vice President of ADYB shall:

- Assist the President in all duties described above;
- Act as President in the absence of the President;
- Assume the role of President in the event that the President is no longer able to perform his/her duties.

(d) The Treasurer of ADYB shall:

- Be required to distribute a monthly financial statement and may be called upon at any time to give an update of our financial status;
- Be responsible for maintaining fiscal integrity and assumes responsibility for all corporation finances;
- Sign checks and disburse funds as approved by the Board or as is necessary to meet the routine cost-of-business. Routine cost of business is defined as league fees,



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- insurance, post office box rental, or any other bills that are incurred on a regular basis;
- Disburse funds for major purchases such as baseballs, equipment, appliances etc. Purchases of over \$150.00 in cost shall not be approved without a quorum of the Board.
- (e) The Secretary of ADYB shall:
- Contact all Board members and notify them of meetings;
 - Record and publish the minutes of all meetings;
 - Maintain an official record of all Board of Directors' meetings and activities;
 - Maintain the official roster of officers and committee chairpersons;
 - Help prepare coaches packets, folders and handouts and assist League Directors with registration information and procedures;
 - Assist League Directors by providing proper forms for the team registration;
 - Assist all-star coaches by providing proper forms for the credentials meeting after regular season ends;
 - Be present for all meetings including drafting or drawing of regular season teams as well as all-star team selection;
 - Keep track of the coach's seniority list;
 - Be responsible for all official ADYB Documents.
- (f) The Chief Umpire of ADYB shall:
- Be ADYB's liaison with the umpire's association being used. He shall be responsible for making sure the umpire's association knows the game (including makeup games) schedule and the number of umpires required for each game;
 - In conjunction with the President and Athens Parks and Recreation Department make the final decision concerning the playing fitness of the fields;
 - Review with the Board of Directors umpire assignments with the Board of Directors having right of refusal;
 - Communicate local league rules to umpire's association.
- (g) The Equipment Manager of ADYB shall:
- Be responsible for distributing equipment to each team and keeping appropriate records of distributed equipment;
 - Be responsible for collecting equipment from Head Coaches of teams at the end of the season for inventorying and repair or replacement;
 - Be responsible for inventorying all existing equipment for the coming year;



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- Make recommendations for purchasing replacement equipment or new equipment as necessary;
 - Be in charge of purchasing and providing baseballs for the season, but should seek board approval for such expenditures.
- (h) The Team Mom/Fundraiser Director of ADYB shall:
- Recommend a fundraiser(s) to offset sign up fees to the Board of Directors;
 - Be responsible for handling the fundraiser(s) selected by the Board of Directors;
 - Be responsible for setting up the baseball pictures for the league and work with the Scheduling Director in setting up the team picture schedule;
 - Be responsible for getting the uniform sizes from players during registration or tryout day;
 - Be responsible for holding a meeting of all the team mothers after the draft to explain the fundraiser(s), pictures, concession stand duties, etc.
 - Be responsible for ordering trophies for the regular season champions and runner-ups in each league (American or National). The trophies for each age group should be designated as age group league “Champion” or “Runner Up” (e.g. 9/10 American League Champion or 9/10 American League Runner Up). The champions’ trophies should be larger than the runner-ups’ trophies. All age group League Directors should select the same style trophies for all age groups;
 - Be responsible for ordering a plaque for the post-season tournament champion and a medal for the post season tournament runner up. All age group League Directors should select the same style plaques and medals for all age groups.
- (i) The Concession Stand Director of ADYB shall:
- Have authority over the day-to-day operations of the concession stand;
 - Work with the Scheduling Director in setting up the staffing schedule for the concession stand;
 - Inventory equipment at the beginning and end of the baseball season and having things repaired or replaced when necessary;
 - Stock the concession stand with items to sell;
 - Set prices based on cost so that a reasonable profit is made;
- (j) The League Directors (5/6, 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12) for ADYB are responsible for the following:
- The first duty of a League Director is to be present at sign-ups. The board generally schedules sign-ups every year during the final week of registration. The



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- Secretary will give you explicit instructions and will have all the material that you need to register players.
- After all sign-ups are completed, the players for each age group are counted and the number of teams is determined. Following that, there should be a Board meeting to select Head Coaches. Those interested in being a Head Coach must have followed the application process.
 - Once Head Coaches are selected, League Directors will call each one of them to notify them of the times set up for player tryouts and the drafting of teams.
 - League Directors shall conduct a draft for teams in their respective age groups. Please refer to Athens Dixie Youth Baseball By-Laws for details on draft procedures. Immediately after the draft has been completed the Head Coaches should sign up for practice times based on the schedule set up by the Scheduling Director. All Head Coaches should have an equal opportunity to sign up for practices.
 - League Directors should review the regular season game and concession stand work schedule that has been prepared by the Scheduling Director for any conflicts.
 - The League Director is responsible for notifying the Head Coach when a game is being postponed.
 - The League Director is responsible for notifying the Head Coach when a game that has been postponed is being rescheduled (date/time).
 - After league play is concluded, all-stars will be chosen in all age groups except 5/6. The ADYB By-Laws define the selection process for choosing all stars. The League Director shall notify the Secretary and the President when the meeting to select All Stars is set. The League Director will provide each All Star coach with paperwork that they need in order to comply with Dixie Baseball rules on tournament play. All paperwork on each All Star player must be in proper order by the time of the Credentials meeting. Paperwork includes: Certification of Birth Form or Birth Certificate, Tournament Team Affidavit, Parental Authorization and Medical Release Form and a Certificate of Insurance;
 - Shall be the primary point of contact for all issues in their respective league;
 - Shall make sure their assistant director is in charge in the event of his/her absence and make sure that the coaches are notified of this.
- (k) The Assistant League Directors for ADYB are responsible for the following:
- Assisting the League Directors in all of their duties;
 - Act as League Director in the League Director's absence;
 - Perform other duties as needed by the director;
 - Assume the role of director in the event that the director is no longer able to perform his/her duties.



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- (l) The Scheduling Director for ADYB shall:
- Prepare sign up sheets for practices on fields and batting cages;
 - Prepare team picture schedules in conjunction with the Team Mom;
 - Prepare game, daily director, and concession stand work schedules. A Draft version of the schedule should be sent to the League Directors and other Board member for review before being sent to the Head Coaches. After approval by the League Directors and other Board members a second draft should be sent to the Head Coaches for review. After period of time has been allowed for revisions a final version should be sent to the Web Administrator for posting on the ADYB web site.
 - Prepare makeup game schedules with assistance from the President and League Directors and send them to the Web Administrator for posting on the ADYB web site.
 - Keep track of team records and league standings and send them to the Web Administrator for posting on the ADYB web site;
 - Prepare post season tournament brackets;
 - Update the post season tournament brackets and send them to the Web Administrator for posting on the ADYB web site;
- (m) The Web Administrator for ADYB shall:
- Be responsible for all updates to the ADYB web site.
- (n) All Board Members for ADYB:
- Should attend Board Meetings if at all possible;
 - Should be willing to dedicate the time necessary to ensure the success of our league;
 - Can sign the pay sheet and pay the umpires out of the concession stand cash drawer following the last game the umpires work;
 - Should alternate being Daily Director. These duties include but are not limited to:
 - Opening duties:
 - Unlocking doors and gates;
 - Plugging in the scoreboards for all fields in the South Pod;
 - Turning on the sound system;
 - Ensure that the concession stand is ready business.



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- Closing duties:
 - Unplugging the scoreboards for all fields in the South Pod;
 - Turning off the sound system;
 - Make sure that all game equipment (pitching machines, tees, etc) have been put up (this is the coaches responsibility but we need to make sure they are not left out to be damaged);
 - Turning off the field lights;
 - Ensure that the concession stand is adequately stocked for the next days games;
 - Make sure all doors are closed and locked and that the gates are locked;
 - Count the money from the concession stand and set up the cash boxes for the next night;

ARTICLE VII – BOARD MEETINGS

- (a) A meeting of the Board of Directors and supervisory members shall be conducted in July of each year with the reading of reports and the election of officers. Additional meetings may be called by the President, or upon request of at least three members of the Board of Directors.
- (b) The majority of members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting and the majority vote of those present shall govern except when otherwise especially provided.
- (c) Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings except where the same conflict with the Articles of Incorporation or the Constitution and by-laws of the corporation.
- (d) Notice of general meetings must be given two weeks in advance and published in the local newspaper or posted on the ADYB Web Sites home page.

ARTICLE VIII – MANAGERS/COACHES

Managers of the competitive teams shall be selected and approved annually by the Board of Directors and will be held accountable for the conduct of the members on the field.



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ARTICLE IX - SUSPENSION

- (a) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend from the corporation any member whose conduct is considered by a majority of the Board to be detrimental to the best interests of the Corporation.
- (b) Members of the Board of Directors shall, upon evidence of the misconduct of any player in connection with the activities of the corporation, notify the manager of the team of which the player is a member. The manager shall appear with the player's parent in the capacity of an advisor before the next scheduled game.
- (c) Any Member of the Board of Directors, who misses 3 consecutive meetings, will be removed from the Board of Directors, due to lack of participation/interest.
- (d) Any Coach (head or assistant) who is ejected from a game (regular or post season) by the umpire will serve a mandatory one game suspension, outside the baseball complex or is to operate the scoreboard and announce players of their following scheduled game."

ARTICLE X - FINANCES

- (a) The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the corporation, and it shall direct all funds or be placed in a common treasury, to be disbursed in such manner as will give no individual or team a relative advantage in material.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall disallow the contribution of funds to individuals or teams and solicit the same for the common treasury of the corporation. The above regulation is to discourage favor among teams and to endeavor to equalize the educational benefits of the corporation.

ARTICLE XI – ATHLETIC CONTEST AND GROUND RULES



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- (a) The athletic contests held by the corporation shall be governed by the rules of play contained in the National Federation Rule Book, except where the same rules conflict with organizational and playing rules promulgated by Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc., PO Box 1965, Decatur, Al. 35602- 1965.
- (b) Ground rules not in conflict with the rules prescribed in Article XI (a) herein applicable to athletic contests held by the corporation may be adopted by the Board of Directors meeting to be held not less than one month prior to the first scheduled athletic contest of the season.

ARTICLE XII - THIS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

This Constitution and by-laws, or any section thereof, may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at any stipulated meeting; provided that written notice of such proposed changes over the signature of the Secretary shall be made available to each member of the Board of Directors at least (7) days prior to the meeting at which such proposed change shall be submitted to vote.

ARTICLE XIII - EARNINGS

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private member or individual with exception of Treasurer (\$500) and Concession Stand Manager (\$800).

ARTICLE XIV - PROPAGANDA

The Corporation shall promulgate no propaganda to the purpose of influencing legislation; nor carry on any activities for such purpose; nor shall it participate or intervene in any way whatsoever in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.



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ARTICLE XV - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Trustees of the corporation shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such a manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Trustees of the corporation shall determine.



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3 LOCAL LEAGUE RULES

These rules are supplemental to the rules listed in the current National Dixie Youth Baseball Rule Guide, and are to replace all previously adopted local rules governing operation of the Athens Dixie Youth Program.

ARTICLE XVI. CODE OF CONDUCT

1. It is the policy of Athens Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc (ADYB) that no person (on or off the field), at any ADYB event, bears the right to conduct him or herself (physically or verbally) in a manner that negatively reflects on the children of our program.

In the event one ADYB board member is notified, by one adult person, about any person who is in violation of this policy at any ADYB event, and the board member is in agreement that the policy has been violated, the violator will be escorted out of, and banned from the event or playing facilities, for the remainder of the day.

In extreme cases, the ADYB Board of Directors may choose to ban a violator for longer durations, such as one week, one year, or for life. In these cases a representative of the Athens Parks and Recreation Department will be consulted.

NOTE: To avoid conflicts of interest, any person who participates in a game (as a coach, assistant coach, participant or bystander (if their child is playing in the game)) shall not be considered an ADYB board member for the duration of that game.

2. Any manager or coach involved in any action to willfully hide or cover up the abilities of a player from other teams or any prospect involved in such scheme will be ineligible for any association or participation in the Athens Dixie Youth Program.
3. A spirit of Good Sportsmanship is to prevail at all times, before, during and after the game.
4. Game participants must remain in the dugout except when at bat, on deck, or participating in the ballgame. Managers and coaches may stand in front of or next to the dugout area. No participants may leave the playing field area (outside the fences)



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until the completion of the game. The only exceptions to this rule will be for a child or coach to visit the restroom, or due to sickness.

5. Only one manager or coach at a time will be allowed on the field to discuss a play situation with umpire.

COACHES MISBEHAVIOR POLICY

The primary description of acceptable behavior for coaches is given in the Coaches' Ethics Statement distributed to all coaches at the beginning of the year. Generally, we have few or no problems with coaches behaving in a manner contradictory to that described in the Code of Ethics. However, occasionally a situation does arise where the behavior of a coach becomes unacceptable. This policy is intended to describe the procedure that the Athens Dixie Youth Board of Directors will follow to address such instances.

An occurrence of misbehavior must be documented before the Board will address the matter. Documentation consists of one of two forms: 1) a Board member personally witnesses the misbehavior and brings the matter before the Board, or 2) an eyewitness has observed the misbehavior and submits a written complaint to a Board member within 1 week of the misbehavior. Within 3 days of having received the documentation of the incident, the Board will appoint a Review Committee made up of the President, the Vice President, and the League Director to which the offending coach belongs. The Review Committee will interview those filing the complaint, seek to interview others present who witnessed the behavior, and interview the coach and or coaches whose actions are in question.

The Review Committee may determine that the event was not a serious violation of the behavior code, or that circumstances dictate that the event be ignored. If such is the case, the matter will be dropped and all participating parties will be notified.

The Review Committee may determine that the violation was serious and calls for punitive action by the Board. The first step in such action is for the Board to issue a letter of warning to the coach indicating the Board's disapproval of the indicated behavior, and to advise the coach that he or she is being placed on probation for the remainder of the season. The warning letter will also advise the coach that subsequent occurrences will result in further disciplinary action including but not limited to the suspension of the coach from a part of or all of the remaining season. The letter will be signed by the three members of the Review Committee and delivered to the offending coach for his acknowledgment and signature. A copy will be given to the coach, and the League Director from the Review Committee will present the action and a copy of the letter to the



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Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Those filing the complaint will also be notified of the actions taken by the Board.

In the event that the Review Committee finds the first offense to be serious enough to warrant a punitive action greater than a warning, the Review Committee shall call an emergency meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss the situation. At that meeting the Review Committee will present their evidence and recommendation for punitive action up to and including immediate suspension. Upon a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the total number of board members, that coach shall be reprimanded as recommended and suffers all consequences as determined by the Board of Directors.

If a coach behaves in such a manner as to create a second event of misbehavior during his or her probationary period the Board will react to implement further disciplinary action. The Review Committee will investigate the incident and report its findings and recommendation to the Board. The Review Committee will recommend suspending the coach for any or all of the remainder of the season. Written notification of the suspension will be presented to the offending coach. If it is necessary that the coach be suspended for the remainder of the season the Board will appoint a replacement coach and the Review Committee will meet with the parents and players of the team to advise them of the Board's actions.

Any coach that is suspended for the year will not be allowed to take a head coaching position the following year.

Note: Any Coach (head or assistant) who is ejected from a game (regular or post season) by the umpire will serve a mandatory one game suspension, the following game.

It is our hope that these procedures will never have to be used, but as our league grows so does the possibility that someone will abuse the privilege of being a coach. Because our main concern is for the enjoyment and recreation of the hundreds of parents, coaches, and children who are out to enjoy team and family time together, we will not be tolerant of continued violations of the Coaches' Code of Ethics.



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COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS

I hereby pledge to live up to my certification as a Coach by following the Coaches' Code of Ethics:

- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.



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PLAYER MISBEHAVIOR POLICY

Athens Dixie Youth Baseball seeks to encourage good sportsmanship, fair play, and team spirit among all of its players. Because ADYB is about working with 5-12 year old children, occasional lapses in the behavior of the players are to be expected. However, repeated misbehavior, which violates the basic spirit that ADYB and its players are striving for, will not be tolerated. Examples of such misbehavior include, but are not limited to, repeated verbal abuse of teammates, coaches, spectators, or opponents, repeated use of profanity, aggression toward any other players, particularly physical aggression, and repeated refusal to cooperate with coaches or league officials, including umpires.

Any such behavior when observed by an ADYB Board member or reported in writing by an ADYB coach, parent, or spectator, will result in a review of the incident by a committee consisting of the League President, Vice-President and the League Director in which the player participates. The committee for player misbehavior review can recommend to the Board the action to be taken. For a valid first infraction, a warning will be issued to the player (and sent to his/her parents). Further actions may be recommended to the Board as deemed appropriate. All actions will be Board-approved. If the player is involved in further incidents, automatic suspension for a set number of games is a likely recommendation by the committee. After any suspension, a player-parent-Board conference is required before the player can resume play. If the player is allowed to continue to participate after suspension, and misbehavior continues beyond this, the Board will be free to suspend the player for the remainder of the year with no refund of registration fee. Any suspension will result in disqualifying the player for All-Star nomination.

It is the intent of ADYB to create an atmosphere where all player participants can have fun, learn baseball, and most of all develop the attitudes and good behavior associated with sportsmanship, fair play, and teamsmanship.



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PARENTS MISBEHAVIOR POLICY

The primary description of acceptable behavior for parents is given in the Code of Conduct that is handed out to all parents at time of registration. Generally we have few or no problems with parents misbehaving in a manner contradictory to that which is described in the Code of Ethics. However, occasionally a situation does arise where the behavior of a parent becomes unacceptable. This policy is intended to describe the procedure that Athens Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc will follow to address such instances.

It is not the intent of this policy to try and define every instance that might be described as constituting parental misbehavior. We will however make mention of certain types of known behavior that we have experienced in the past and will use these examples to illustrate unacceptable parental behavior. Such examples are, but not limited to, the following.

- Boisterous taunting of an umpire, coach, league official, or player in a negative manner
- The use of profanity or vulgar language
- Embarrassing negative remarks aimed at your own child while he/she is playing a game
- The use of Alcoholic beverages while at the Sportsplex
- Threatening or aggressive remarks towards umpires, coaches, league officials, or fans
- Physical confrontations with umpires, coaches, league officials, or fans
- Failure to remove yourself from the field after you have been ejected from the field
- Failure to remove yourself from the Sportsplex after you have been ejected from the Sportsplex

Parents please understand that any such behavior as listed above will be dealt with by the Association in the following manner.

You will first be addressed by your coach and asked politely to calm down. If you should persist then you will be warned by the umpire officiating the game to control your behavior. If you continue to present a problem you will be ejected from the game and the game will not resume until you have left the Sportsplex. If you fail to leave the Sportsplex a league official will be summoned to escort you away. If you fail to do so and refuse to calm down the **Athens Police Department** will be called to arrest you and take you from the Sportsplex.



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It is our hope that we do not have to initiate any of the above steps necessary to control parental behavior. It is the intent of the Athens Dixie Youth, Inc to create a family atmosphere for the enjoyment and recreation of hundreds of parents, coaches, and players who are out to enjoy team and family time together. We hope to provide the basis for all players to have fun, learn the game of baseball, and most of all develop the attitudes and good behavior associated with sportsmanship, fair play, and teamwork. We are asking you as parents to help us reach our goal. Please lead by example and remember that hundreds of small eyes and ears are looking and listening to everything you say and do.



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ARTICLE XVII. MANAGER AND COACH SELECTION

1. The Board of Directors will approve managers and coaches annually. To aid in approving managers and coaches, all prospective managers and coaches shall complete the coach's application. A prospective manager or coach will be denied a position if they intentionally provides false information.
2. The Director of each league will submit applications of recommended managers and coaches to the Board of Directors prior to the beginning of the player draft of league involved. It is the responsibility of the Board members to raise any concerns or issues with respect to a candidate at that point. The Board of Directors has the option, with respect to the selection of a prospective manager, to request an interview with any recommended candidate to address any significant concerns. A majority of the Board members shall be required to request an interview.
 - At the final selection meeting, the Board has the option after an interview, with respect to the selection of a prospective manager, to overrule the interviewed selection. A majority shall be required to overrule the League Director's selection.
 - In the event that the board overrules the League Director's selection, the board shall vote on the prospective manager with the next highest ranking.
 - By the day following the manager's selection meeting, the League Director shall contact all selected managers and those not selected. Those not selected to serve as managers may request a session with the Board to review the selection process.
3. A seniority system shall be established and followed in awarding the position of team manager to qualified applicants (subject to criteria above). The person with the greatest amount of seniority will have his choice of available manager positions and available team name within the league, subject to paragraph 1., of this section. Seniority shall be determined by the total number of consecutive years of official service, (i.e. Head Coach, Board Member, or Assistant Coach, with Head Coach and Board Member counting more towards seniority than assistant coach), including District, State or National office. In case of equal seniority, the league's director shall have a coin toss to assign manager positions.



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4. Each team will be allowed one (1) manager and (2) coaches (except for 5-6 and 7-8 age group) who can act in any official capacity for the team. An additional coach that is designated at the beginning of the season can be added to the roster to fill-in in the absence of one of the official coaches. If a coach is removed from a game, that coaching vacancy cannot be filled during game.
5. Should a manager vacancy occur during the season, the League Director would appoint a new manager with approval by the Board of Directors. The new manager will be for that year only. The vacancy will be filled by normal seniority before the next season.
6. If a manager is awarded a team he will devote as much time as possible to the coaching of that team. If it is the feeling of League officials that the manager is not devoting ample time to the task, he will be terminated (subject to the approval of the Board of Directors). The Board of Directors can only administer this penalty.
 - a) In order for a manager to devote as much time to a team as possible a manager will only be allowed to be a manager (head coach) of one (1) team during a season.
 - b) A manager (head coach) may be an assistant coach on another team in another age group.

ARTICLE XVIII. PLAYER DRAFT SELECTION

1. All player vacancies will be filled by draft, which will be under the direction of the League Director.
2. The draft shall be conducted in the following manner:
 - a) The managers will draft players in order, and the order of the draft is to be determined by drawing. A round will consist of one draft per manager. Each drawing will be used for two rounds, with the first round in the ascending order and the second round in descending order. For example, with 10 teams, the drafting order will be 1, 2...10, 10, 9...1 and this will constitute two rounds.
 - b) All players shall be ranked at (or prior to) the tryouts by each league director, board members (not having a child in that league) or any representative that the league director deems necessary. Rankings will be on a scale of 1 through X with X being the lowest ranking, where X is the number of registered kids divided by the number of coaches, rounded down. Each coach will be given the rankings 1 hour prior to



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- the draft to assist them in player selection. Managers are not required to use this list except in the case of protected players.
- c) Protected players must be selected in the round in which they are ranked. Protected players will consist of the manager's children or grandchildren and one (1) assistant coach's children or grandchildren.
 - d) Players not attending tryouts will be ranked by the league director, if possible. If the ranking cannot be determined, the player will be placed in the draft using a random method of selection.
 - e) The Board of Directors reserves the right to change player rankings.
 - f) Any manager, group of managers or coaches, who conspire or fix or attempt to fix the draft selection, will be banned from the Athens Dixie Youth Baseball Program.
3. A new draft will be conducted each year for each age group. Only the team manager (or delegated manager) may participate in the draft.
 4. Dixie Youth Baseball rules will apply to players on the waiting list. Only players moving into the area after the sign up period will be placed on the waiting list. A player may be added to a team roster from the waiting list only after a player has been released from the roster, per item 5 and 6 of these rules and only by the league director.
 5. Any player refusing to play on a team for which he is drafted shall be ineligible for participating anywhere in the Athens Dixie Youth Baseball program for the current season.
 6. Once a player is drafted and placed on a team roster, only the league director may release the child from the roster. A player may be dropped from the roster for the following reasons:
 - a) Moving out of area
 - b) Sickness or injury
 - c) Lack of discipline (derogatory remarks, dissension, lack of respect for coaches or players, etc.) These incidents must be communicated to the league director, as they occur to provide opportunity to correct the problem (s). Coaches must have written documentation of each incident.
 - d) Suspension from the league may result for the reasons covered in these rules.
 7. Parents have the option to strike one manager prior to the draft.



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8. Due to the confidential nature of the player rankings, only team managers, the Board of Directors and assistants to the league director will be allowed in the draft. Confidential information is provided to the managers to assist them in the draft, and must be returned to league director at the end of the draft.
9. At the end of the draft, each manager will be allowed to trade one player with another manager. League director must approve all trades.
10. Parents may suggest in writing for players to be placed on the same team. In the case of siblings, these requests will be honored if possible. Other hardships or extenuating circumstances will be at the discretion of the league director. These players will be selected in the round corresponding to their rankings if possible.

ARTICLE XIX. AGE LIMITS

1. Any candidate who will attain the age of five (5) years of age before December 31 and who will not attain the age of thirteen (13) before May 1 shall be eligible for participation in the Athens program providing he meets all other requirements.
2. Candidates must play in their respective age group as governed by Dixie Youth Inc. Players may play up in their next respective age group, but may not play in a lower age group.

ARTICLE XX. REGISTRATION AND TRYOUTS

1. The dates for registration, tryouts, and draft are to be set by the Board of Directors.
2. All players candidates, except five (5) and (6) year olds, must attend scheduled tryouts and all managers must attend or be present at all tryouts.
3. All prospects participating in tryouts will not leave the field until dismissed by officials in charge of tryouts.
4. Registration fee is \$60.00 per child. This fee applies to all age groups.
5. Refunds of the registration fee will only be granted when requested:



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- a. Prior to a player being selected in the draft and placed on a team
- b. After being placed on a team a medical reason arises that prevents a player from participating. This situation would require a written statement from a doctor. In this case all applicable expenses (uniform, insurance, etc) would be deducted from the registration fee before a refund is given.



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ARTICLE XXI. AWARDS

1. The league will purchase awards for the following:
 - a) Individual awards for each manager, coach and participant on league championship team in all age groups. No more than two coaches' award per team. Awards will be presented at the last tournament game or as soon as possible thereafter.
 - b) Individual all star awards for the manager, two coaches and the team players

ARTICLE XXII. SCHEDULES, TIME LIMITS & MAKE-UP GAMES

1. The Board of Directors will be responsible for preparing practice and regular season schedules.
2. All games played (regular, makes-up, or exhibition) must be approved by the League Director and must fall within all regular season rules.
3. A team leading by ten (10) or more runs after four (4) full innings (3 1/2 innings if the home team is leading) shall be declared the winner.
4. Games called because of rain or other reason before they become regulation games shall be resumed from the point of termination.
5. All games shall be played to completion unless the (10) run rule is enforced.
6. Make-up games are to be made up on the earliest possible date as determined by the President, League Director, and the Scheduling Director. They shall be scheduled in the same order as originally scheduled unless the President, League Director, and the Scheduling Director approve special arrangements. Make-up game start times will be set by the President, League Director, and Scheduling Director.
7. Time Limit
 - 5&6 ages group - one hour



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- 7&8 ages group - one hour and thirty minutes
- 9&10 ages group - one hour and thirty minutes
- 11&12 age group - one hour and forty- five minutes

Note: Post season tournament games will have the time limit expanded by an additional 15 minutes. In the final championship game, there will be no time limit.

ARTICLE XXIII. UMPIRES

1. The Chief Umpire shall be ADYB's liaison with the umpire's association being used. He shall be responsible for making sure the umpire's association knows the game (including makeup games) schedule and the number of umpires required for each game.
2. The umpires will be paid the following fees:
 - \$30.00 per game for 11&12 league
 - \$27.50 per game for 9&10 league
 - \$25.00 per game for 7/8 league
 - \$20.00 per game for 5/6 league

NOTE: Two umpires assigned for all leagues. For no time limit games an additional \$5.00 per game will be paid to the umpires from the Limestone Youth Baseball Umpires Association.
3. The Chief Umpire and League President and PARD (Parks and Recreation Department) will make the final decision concerning the playing fitness of the fields.
4. The Chief Umpire will review with the Board of Directors umpire assignments and the Board Directors will have right of refusal.
5. No umpire may call a game behind the plate in which his/her child participates. Except in cases of emergency.
6. If the event an umpire does not show up for a game, a member of the Board of Directors may substitute or appoint someone to umpire.



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ARTICLE XXIV. PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION OF ALL STARS

1. The League President and the League Director shall call a meeting after or near the regular season and before the end of the final local tournament game with team managers for the purpose of selecting All Stars. Selection shall be made as follows:
 - a) Only twelve (12) players per division per league shall be chosen for All Stars, with no alternates.
 - b) Each manager can nominate players from his team or any team in the division.
 - c) From the nominated list of players a written list of twelve (12) players in the division that he/she feels should be considered for the All Star team will be submitted as the first ballot. Each time a player's name appears on a ballot constitutes a vote that player.
 - d) All players receiving unanimous votes at this time shall be placed on the All Star team. If ten (10) players are not selected on the first secret ballot, another ballot will be taken to fill the team roster.
 - e) If after three (3) ballots, ten (10) players have not been unanimously selected, another ballot shall be taken, and the player(s) receiving the most votes will be added to the team. In the event of a tie for the remaining team positions, additional ballots will be taken, using those players that tied for positions. After repeated tied ballots it shall be at the discretion of the League Director to cast the tie-breaking vote.
 - f) After ten (10) players have been selected by secret ballot, the All Star manager may select from the list of nominated players two (2) of his choice to fill the two (2) remaining positions.
 - g) The names of the remaining players that were nominated for All Star selection shall be placed in a "Pool" from which All Stars replacements will be made. Should a replacement be needed the All Star manager with the assistance of the League President and/or League Director will select the player from this "Pool".



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- h) Any manager, group of managers or coaches, who conspire or fix or attempt to fix the All Star selection, will be banned from the Athens Dixie Youth Baseball Program.
 2. Selection of All Star Manager and Coaches
 - a) The regular season manager of the team with best won-lost record in each division of each league will be the All Star Manager.
 - b) The All Star team manager will select his first assistant, from among the managers or coaches in the league. This will be the official team coach to be officially reported to Dixie Youth Baseball.
 - c) The All Star team manager may select his second assistant from among any of the remaining managers, coaches or eligible volunteers of the league.
 3. Up to one half (1/2) the cost of the All Star player's uniform is to be covered by the league. The player's parent(s) or legal guardian must provide the remaining cost.

ARTICLE XXV. TOURNAMENTS

1. There will be a double elimination tournament for the 7-8 age league, 9-10 age league and 11-12 age league to determine city champions for each league. This tournament will be played by tournament rules governed by the National Association. Teams in the tournaments will be seeded with overall league records determining pairing (subject to criteria below). The Board of Directors reserves the right to change or alter the above due to time limits.
 - a) Higher seeded teams will be the home team. In the case of equal seeding the tiebreakers will be: (1) head-to-head, (2) overall record, and (3) coin toss.
 - b) For leagues having 8 or more teams tournament seeding will be determined based on regular season standings within a division (American & National). Higher seeded teams in one division will play lower seeded teams from the other division.
 - c) For leagues having 7 or fewer teams, tournament seeds will be based on overall league records. The team with the best overall record will be the first seed; second best overall record will be the second seed, etc. If there is a tie in regular league competition between two teams within a league, the tiebreaker will be determined next by



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- 1) Head to head record and then
- 2) Coin Toss.
- 3) In the event there are more than two teams involved the tiebreaker the tiebreaker will be determined by:
 - a) Head to Head record (combined between all teams involved and then
 - b) Coin Toss
2. There will be a single elimination tournament for the 5/6 age league to determine the city champions. This tournament will be played by rules indicated in the Local T-Ball League rules. Parings will be determined based on the criteria identified above.
3. All Star teams representing the leagues will participate in sanctioned Dixie Youth tournaments.
4. The Board of Directors will make decisions regarding possible bids and bid amount for hosting any Dixie Youth events.
5. Any team representing the program in any tournament more than fifty (50) miles from Athens will be provided a minimum of \$50.00 per day in expense money for meals for participants. For distances less than fifty (50) miles a minimum of \$1.00 per team member will be provided. The President and League Director may approve a higher amount.
6. The distance will be from city limits to city limits.

ARTICLE XXVI. GENERAL RULES

These General Rules apply to all Athens Dixie Youth Leagues. All rules in this section are in addition to the Standard Dixie Youth Inc. rules.

1. If an official team function is held which involves the team and parents as a group, all players and parents must be invited to participate.
2. No bat person is allowed other than a team member.
3. Each batter, runner and on deck batter will be required to wear an approved helmet while on the playing field. If the helmet is removed, the first offense: the umpire will warn the team. The second and subsequent offenses in the same game, the team shall be charged with a team out.



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4. A facemask must be attached to all helmets worn by participants.
5. All players shall be listed in the batting order and bat in turn. Each child must play a minimum of 6 defensive outs in the field. The only exception shall be when the game is considered a regulation game but is shortened by reason of curfew, or acts of God, or when a team concedes before all available players have participated. See paragraph 3:03 (d) Local League Option 3 of the National Dixie Youth rulebook.
6. The visiting team will be responsible for furnishing an adult to operate the scoreboard. No one under the age of sixteen (16) years of age will be allowed in the press box. Failure to provide the scoreboard operator will result in forfeiture of the game.
7. Division Champions will be determined by best overall record, not including games with “non-Athens DYB teams”. If there is a tie in regular league competition between two or more teams within a division (National or American), the tiebreaker will be determined next by: 1) Head to Head Record, 2) Division Record, then 3) Coin Toss.
8. Play-up-Rule: A Manager/Coach may drop down to next lower league to get extra player/players to fulfill nine (9) player roster rules. If original number (9) player arrives to play the substitute player must leave the playing field immediately. Managers/Coaches must take the responsibility for their team’s roster and instances that call for substitute players. Substitute players will not be allowed to play on any given night before their regularly scheduled game, but may be used after their regularly scheduled game ends. This rule does not apply to T-Ball.
9. When a player becomes sick, is injured, or must leave the game for any reason and cannot take their turn in the batting order, his position in the batting order will be eliminated until such time as he is able to continue in the game. This will NOT constitute an out UNLESS there are fewer than 9 batters.
10. Any Player arriving after the beginning of the game shall be added to the bottom of the batting order.
11. Minimum number of players required to start or finish a game in any age group except 5/6 is eight (8). There is no minimum in 5/6.



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LOCAL T-BALL RULES

The following rules apply only to the T-Ball League.

Items in bold only apply to post-season play only. During post-season play (the Athens T-Ball Tournament), at least one official umpire will be on the field to call the plays.

1. A regulation game will be five (5) innings. Games will have a one (1) hour time limit. No new inning shall start after the one (1) hour time limit. **No new inning shall start after one (1) hour, 15 minutes in post season play, except for final championship game, where there is no time limit.**
2. Three (3) innings constitute a complete game in case of rain, or two-and-a-half (2 1/2) innings if the home team is ahead. A team leading by ten (10) or more runs after four (4) full innings (3 1/2 innings if the home team is leading) shall be declared the winner.
3. No game shall continue more than five (5) innings. If the score is tied at the end of five (5) innings, the game shall be declared a tie game. **Except during post-season play.**
4. After three (3) outs, all players have batted, or when five (5) runs are scored (only during the first two innings), the teams must change sides. No child shall bat more than once in the same inning.
5. The maximum allowed coaches on the field shall be as follows:

OFFENSE

- 1 - For First Base
- 1 - For Third Base
- 1 - Assisting Batter at Home

DEFENSE

- 1 in infield
- 1 in right field
- 1 in left field

6. The home team of the first game will be responsible for obtaining one of the league batting tees from storage, and the home team from the last game will be responsible for putting the batting tee back in storage after the last game.
7. The ball shall not be pitched, but hit off a tee located directly on top of and in



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line with home plate.

8. A league furnished T-ball baseball or equivalent shall be used in all local and tournament play.
9. It is the responsibility of the assisting coach to move the Tee and Bat out of play when a runner is coming home without interfering with the catcher or runner.
10. Each batter will be out after three (3) strikes. Strikes include any attempt to hit a fair ball, in which the ball is hit foul, the tee is hit (and ball is foul), or the ball is missed.
11. Any ball that is hit from the tee must advance to a point on or beyond the restraining line. This restraining line will be clearly marked with white dust from a location ten (10) feet from the point of home plate down the first base foul line, across the playing field (in an arc) to a location ten (10) feet from the point of home plate down the third base foul line. Any ball stopping within the restraining area will be played as if it were a foul ball. Any ball stopping on the restraining area will be played as if it were a fair ball.
12. Runners will be allowed to advance a maximum of one (1) base at their own risk on a ball thrown outside the foul lines.
13. Players are not allowed to steal or lead off bases.
14. Any runner who deliberately attempts to cause a collision, which endangers either party, shall be called out. For a second infraction in the same game, the runner shall be called out and ejected from the game.
15. The runner is out when the base coach at first base, or third base, touches or holds the runner, physically assisting that runner in returning to or leaving base.
16. Each team will field all players, with the six (6) standard infielders. All others (outfielders) must remain beyond the run lanes (in the grass) when the ball is not in play. The catcher must wear protective head gear, and the assisting coach at home must remain between the batting Tee and the catcher when the batter is attempting to hit. If a team has less than 9 players the catcher is optional.



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17. The pitcher must maintain at least one foot in the circle until the ball is in play.
18. When the baseball is in the infield, in the possession of a fielder and the lead runner has stopped running, the ball becomes dead. The ball will also become dead when any player in the circle has control of the ball and purposely halts play. Any advancing runners, when the ball becomes dead, will advance to, or return to, the closest base, using the halfway marks as guide.
19. For any interference call against a fielder, which is deliberate and endangers either party, the fielder shall receive a warning. For a second infraction in the same game by the same player, the fielder shall be ejected from the game.
20. Players cannot intentionally roll the ball (underhand) to get the runner out. The runner will be declared safe in this case.
21. All infielders must remain behind the edge of the infield grass while the batter is batting (i.e. in the dirt between 1st and 2nd bases or 2nd and 3rd bases).
22. There is no minimum number of players required to play a game.
23. There is no infield fly rule.
24. The first baseman is the only player that can make an out on a runner advancing to 1st base (by either tagging the runner or the base).
25. Once a player is placed in a position during an inning that player cannot change positions with another player. The umpires can allow a player to be replaced by another player due to an injury or illness.
26. Coaches may NOT physically adjust the batter while in the batter's box. Coaches may ONLY give verbal instructions to the batter.

The Athens Dixie Youth T-Ball Director, the Athens Dixie Youth President, and the Athens Dixie Youth Chief Umpire will handle all disputes.

LOCAL MACHINE PITCH



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The following rules apply only to the Machine Pitch League.

1. Each team will field all players, with the six (6) standard infielders. All others (outfielders) must remain beyond the run lanes (in the grass) when the ball is not in play.
2. Ten (10) run rule per inning, 3 out rule per inning, or Bat-Around rule per inning will be in effect (whichever is achieved first).
3. No new inning will start after 1 hour and 30 minutes. **No new inning shall start after one (1) hour, 45 minutes in post season play, except for final championship game, where there is no time limit.**
4. Six (6) innings constitute a complete game. In case of rain, three (3) innings will constitute a complete game or two-and-a-half (2 1/2) innings if the home team is ahead. A team leading by ten (10) or more runs after four (4) full innings (3 1/2 innings if the home team is leading) shall be declared the winner.
5. The home team from the first game will be responsible for obtaining one of the league pitching machines from storage, and the home team from the last game will be responsible for putting the pitching machine back in storage after the game.
6. The pitching machine will be set at 40 MPH at 41 feet from the front edge of home plate. Each batter will get a maximum of five (5) pitches. Strikeouts will count. Foul balls on the fifth pitch and consecutive pitches will keep the batter alive.
7. During a game, the coach operating the pitching machine can instruct the batter on position within the batters box. The operator must do all instruction from within the circle.
8. The coach operating the pitching machine may not instruct players during a live ball (i.e. base coaching). He/she is to also make every effort to get out of the way of a thrown ball (i.e. ducking as to not obstruct a player's throw to a particular base). Failure to adhere to either will be an automatic out after the first warning per the umpire's judgment.
9. No Bunting will be allowed in this age group.



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10. Runners cannot advance on pitch from machine to catcher, cannot advance on the return throw from the catcher to the pitcher and cannot steal.
11. Pitching position must be occupied with player being 8' parallel to the pitching machine (left or right).
12. A ball hit by the batter and stopping under the pitching machine or hitting the pitching machine is a dead ball. The batter is awarded first base and all runners advance one base. Coaches, extension cords, and plug-in box are considered part of the pitching machine.
13. The umpire calls time when play (in his judgment) has been stopped; at that time all play is ended and each runner will return to last base legally.
14. A thrown ball that hits the pitching machine is still a live ball. Runners will advance at their own risk.
15. A batter hit by a pitch is NOT awarded first base.
16. Four (4) pitches will be allowed between innings to set the machine.
17. The catcher must wear protective gear and is required to play in the normal catchers' position behind the plate.
18. There is no infield fly rule.

The Athens Dixie Youth 7/8 Director, the Athens Dixie Youth President, and the Athens Dixie Youth Chief Umpire will handle all disputes.



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LOCAL KID PITCH

The following rules apply to both kid Pitch Leagues.

1. At the end of each game, each head coach is to sign both scorebooks' record of the game, to certify that pitching stats (innings per pitcher) for the game are true and correct. This information will be used during a protest to verify that a team is in accordance with rule 8.07 (regular season), or Tournament Rule VII (post season) of Dixie Youth Official Rules and Regulations.
2. Age group 9&10 will play ten (10) players, with four (4) players in the outfield. Age group 11&12 must play nine (9) players on the field.

ARTICLE XXVII. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Whereas, the Dixie Youth Baseball Board of Directors has traditionally consisted of parents of players in DYB, umpires, spouses of umpires, coaches and spouses of coaches; potential cases of conflict of interest within the DYB Board of Directors cannot be completely eliminated. Therefore, the 1996 DYB Board of Directors recommends to the DYB to modify the by-laws of DYB to address potential conflicts of interest within the Board of Directors should they arise

1. Umpires and spouses of umpires may not vote on issues regarding the umpires, including pay, scheduling, and approval of umpires or removal of umpires.
2. Representatives on the Board of Directors may not serve as a league director for an age group where they are coaching, their spouse is coaching or their child is participating.
3. Board members may not vote on issues that may provide advantage or disadvantage to a team that includes their child, a team they are coaching or a team their spouse is coaching.
4. A Board member's vote may be canceled due to conflict of interest by:
 - a) Majority vote of the Board of Directors as described in item (5)



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- b) Majority vote of coaches and parents at a DYB coaches and parents meeting as described in item (6)
5. Procedure for addressing conflicts of interest within the Board of Directors by the Board of Directors:
- a) Members with potential conflicts of interest as described in items 1,2 and 3 above will abstain from vote.
 - b) Members with potential conflicts of interest as described in items 1,2 and 3 above who do not abstain from vote may have their vote canceled by majority vote of the remainder of the Board of Directors (members in question may not vote on the cancellation of their vote by the Board).
6. Procedure for addressing conflicts interest within the Board of Directors by the coaches and parents of players in DYB.
- a) Minutes will be taken of all Board of Directors meetings. Coaches and parents of players in DYB may request from the DYB Secretary a record of the vote on specific issues for a specific Board member.
 - b) Concerns about conflicts of interest may be addressed in writing to the Board of Directors, where they will be brought to a vote of the Board of Directors.
 - c) Coaches and parents of players in DYB may protest conflicts of interest decisions by the Board of Directors under the following procedure:
 - 1) The protester will submit the protest in writing with a \$20.00 protest fee to the DYB Board of Directors.
 - 2) If the Board does not reverse the prior decision based on the protest, the Board will call a meeting of the coaches and parents of DYB and present the concern to the coaches and parents for vote.
 - 3) If the decision by the Board is reversed by the coaches and parents of DYB by majority vote, the \$20.00 protest fee will be returned to the protester.
 - 4) If the decision of the Board is upheld by the coaches and parents of DYB by majority vote, the protest fee will be donated to treasury of DYB.



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ARTICLE XXVIII. OPERATION OF CONCESSION STAND

1. Concession Stand at the Athens Sportsplex will be operated on a year round basis by the Athens Dixie Youth Baseball League.
2. Concession Stand Director will report to the Board of Directors on the operation of the concession stand. Any person hired to operate the concession stand will be recommended by the Concession Stand Director and must be approved by a majority vote of the board.
3. All proceeds, after expenses, from the operation of the concession stand will be used to benefit the Athens Dixie Youth Baseball League. The Concession Stand Director will be responsible for reporting to the League Treasurer all earnings on a weekly basis. A separate concession checking accounts will be used to pay operating expenses. Profits will be transferred to the League's General Account on a regular basis to be used for League operations.
4. Financial Reports will be provided to the City of Athens, Parks and Recreation Director on a regular basis as required by the P&R Director. All correspondence between the ADYB and the City of Athens, concerning the Concession Stand, should be directed through the ADYB Concession Stand Director and the City of Athens Parks and Recreation Director.
5. Any contract made for products and services for the Concession Stand must have the approval of the Athens Dixie Youth Board of Directors and the City of Athens Parks and Recreation Director.
6. All efforts should be made by the Concession Stand Director to avoid having inventory left over at the end of the season or end of season tournament.
7. Parents will be responsible for helping the league operate the concession stand. Each team will provide, as scheduled, with no pay, at least 5 people to work appointed times throughout the regular season and during tournaments. Work schedules will be provided to each team through the ADYB website and at the team mom meeting. Team Moms may schedule concession workers for their team on behalf of the head coach, however, the head coach will be solely responsible for making sure that parents show up at their appointed times. All efforts will be made by the league to schedule teams to work times on the same nights, before or after, their team plays. This may exclude some tournament games, however.



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8. Concession stand time slots indicate on the schedule that workers opening will appear 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled game and they will work until the next shift arrives. The next shift will appear IMMEDIATELY following their game and remain to fulfill concession duties.
9. For any team that fails to work their scheduled time slot, or fails to complete the assigned duties as outlined on the concession stand operating and closing sheet, the head coach may be suspended from coaching for one scheduled game or another penalty to be determined by a review committee. Penalties may vary depending upon the severity of the offence and the circumstances surrounding the failure.
 - a. The committee will comprise of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Concession Stand Director, and League Director of the offending team.
 - b. Process to be followed for reporting a team for review begins by reporting the tardiness or failure to show up to work the assigned slot to the board members on duty for that period. The board member will then contact the League President and Concession Stand Director. If in the opinion of the President and the Concession Stand Director, a team has been negligent or the concession stand has not opened for business by the beginning of the first slotted game, then the offending coach will be brought before the review committee for their penalty which may consist of, but not limited to the following: a suspension, a forfeit, or a fine.
10. No person under the age of 14 (fourteen) years old will be allowed into the concession stand. No one under the age of 16 (sixteen) years old will be allowed to handle the concession stand funds.
11. All parents will adhere to the operational rules established by the Concession Stand Manager. Any disputes regarding the operation of the Concession Stand, or otherwise, must be brought, in writing, before the Board of Directors.



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ARTICLE XXIX. FALL BASEBALL

A Fall Ball Program will be developed and run by a sub group of individuals, selected by the Board of Directors each year.

1. Emphasis **will** be on individual player development – not team development. Skills development should be the coach's first priority.
2. Program will be instructional and progressively competitive as the season goes on.
3. 3 Leagues

Any candidate who will attain the age of six (6) years of age before December 31 and who has not attained the age of twelve (12) before May 1 shall be eligible for participation in the Fall Baseball program providing he or she meets all other requirements.

- Machine Pitch – designed for those who will be playing in the 7/8 league in Spring
 - 9/10 Kid Pitch – designed for those who will be playing in the 9/10 league in Spring
 - 11/12 Kid Pitch – designed for those who will be playing in the 11/12 league in Spring
4. Planning for the Program shall begin no sooner than May.
 5. Scores and Outs may be kept at the discretion of the two teams playing.
 6. Season duration is expected to be between August and October.
 7. Post-season, single elimination tournament.
 8. Dues are payable to coach at first team meeting/practice. Coaches use 2/3 of the money to buy team shirts and caps the other 1/3 goes to the league for equip, balls, umps, etc.



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9. Parents of teams will be expected to help run the concession stand. Any team, who does not show up to work the concession stand when scheduled, will be eliminated from the tournament.
10. Umpires will be used behind the plate for Kid Pitch Leagues. Coaches will call bases (first and third) in all leagues. The 'benefit of doubt', during close calls, should be given to the defensive team.
11. Teams will be formed using the following procedures:
 - The head coach and assistants may protect up to 5 players maximum per team (including, but not limited to their children), prior to draft day.
 - Head coaches will draft from an age group based pool, of all other registered players.
 - No Trading will be allowed.
12. Late registration will be allowed to even number of players on each team. After all teams have the same number of players, late registration will be closed. The League Director will place late registration participants on teams, accordingly
13. Score Boards shall not be used during regular season, and team records will not be recorded or acknowledged.



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4 DOCUMENT REVISION HISTORY

Revision History

Rev.	Date	Revised by	Description	Reason
01	10/22/03	Greg Turner	Updated Document Format	To ease readability
02	11/20/03	Greg Turner	Changed officers A.VI (a)	For 2004 Season – Approved by BoD
			Changed A.VII (a) from September to July	For 2004 Season – Approved by BoD
			Added A.IX(c)	For 2004 Season – Approved by BoD
			Revised A.XVII to include coin toss	For 2004 Season – Approved by BoD
			Added A. XXIV (2)	For 2004 Season – Approved by BoD
			Updated A. XXIII – umpire pay	For 2004 Season – Approved by BoD
			Revised all Local Rules – A.XXVI – General Rules, changed to T-Ball (instead of Coach Pitch), and Eliminated stopping the play in machine pitch with circle.	For 2004 Season – Approved by BoD
			Revised A. XXVIII (7) and (8)	For 2004 Season – Approved by BoD
			Added A. XXVIV – Fall Baseball	For 2004 Season – Approved by BoD
2.1	2/4/2004	Greg Turner	Added Jr. Umpire Information for T-Ball.	Approved by Board to eliminate conflicts between coaches.
2.2	12/15/2004	Greg Turner/Neal Cantrell	Changed various minor rules for 2005 season. Mostly Code of Conduct and T-Ball rules.	Reviewed and Approved by Board on 12/15/2004.
2.3	5/15/2005	Greg Turner/Kelly Kelsoe	9/10 Kid Pitch rule about bunting removed.	DYB 2005 Rules changes.
2.4	5/18/2005	Greg Turner	Fall Ball Changes	Fall Ball By-Laws were based on 2003 season and were out of date.
2.5	9/27/2005	Neal Cantrell	Changes for 2006	Changes for 2006
2.6	3/12/2006	Neal Cantrell	Updated minimum number of players and 11/12 umpire fees	Local league option for minimum number of players. New O-Zone rules for 11/12.
2.7	4/19/06	Neal Cantrell	Updates Article XVIII	Clarify concession stand duties.
2.8	6/1/2006	Neal Cantrell	Updated Fall Ball information	Per ADYB Board vote



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3.0	10/2/2006	Neal Cantrell	Coach may only head coach one team. Head coach may protect one additional coach/player.	Changes for 2007
3.1	1/10/07	Neal Cantrell	Refund Policy, T-Ball Rules (defensive coaches allowed on field, 3 rd strike foul is not out, infield positioning, no changing of infield position during inning, no physical assisting batters), 7/8 Rules (4 warm up pitches between innings, catcher must squat)	Changes for 2007
3.2	3/26/2007	Neal Cantrell	Updated umpire pay rates and number of all stars	LYUA and DYB changes
3.3	February 2008	Greg Turner	Article IX – c) board member missing three consecutive board meetings will be removed from the board; d) Coaches who are ejected, will serve one game suspension. Article XXII – Game time limit will be expanded by 15 minutes in tournament games, excluding Championship game (no time limit). Machine Pitch Rules – Circle and half/way marks removed.	Approved by BOD in January 08 to improve board member attendance, and coach’s conduct. Approved By BOD in February 08.
3.4	April 2009	Robert Kornemann	T-ball rule section 11 was removed and sections renumber accordingly. Section D was reworded adding penalties for coaches being ejected from ball games.	Approved by BOD in January 09 to change T-ball rule on page 35 removing section 11. Add wording to Section D page 13.