

## 2019 Baseball Tournament Rules

1. Any rules not found in these tournament rules shall be referred back to 2019 Local League Rules, Dixie Youth Baseball Rules, and MLB Rules in that order.
2. Each team shall bat the roster.
3. Each player must play three (3) consecutive outs on defense.
4. All substitutions must be announced by the manager to the official scorekeeper (This includes pitchers). However, failure to do so cannot result in a forfeit.
5. Only coaches and players are allowed in the dugout. 8U = 4 Coaches; 10U, 12U, 14U = 3 Coaches.
6. A coin flip prior to each game will determine home/guests. The team on the top of the bracket will take the third base dugout.
7. A judgment call **cannot** be protested.
8. All protests must be resolved **BEFORE** the next pitch.
9. Decisions regarding protests will be decided by the tournament committee, and that decision will be final. Appeal of the committee's decision will not be allowed.
10. Stalling of any kind is prohibited. The first offense will result in a warning by the umpire. Any further violation will result in an immediate ejection of the manager.
11. Intentionally distracting the pitcher, batter, or the defensive players will not be tolerated. This includes yelling at base runners to intentionally distract the pitcher.
12. Managers must sign official scorebook and official pitching affidavit at the conclusion of each game.
13. There will only be **one minute or eight (8) warm up pitches allowed between innings**. Any team meetings that take place between innings will count toward your warm-up time.
14. Any ejection of a parent, coach, or manager will result in removal from playing area as well as removal from the park. Ejections may result in further disciplinary action, per review by the tournament committee.
15. Any ejection of coach or player will result in an automatic next game suspension, subject to review of the committee.
16. In the event there is a double header, there will be a thirty (30) minute break between games.
17. **Once you have been eliminated from the tournament, please make sure you return your equipment to the coordinator before you leave the park.** Also, please make sure you have removed any of your personal gloves, equipment, etc. from the bag prior to turning it in.

### Pitching Rules

1. A pitcher is considered to have entered the game when he has been announced by the manager to the official scorekeeper or once he has taken the mound to warm up. Once a pitcher has entered the game he **MUST** pitch to at least 1 batter.
2. Coaches are allowed 1 timeout on defense per pitcher per inning; this means a coach may call timeout while on defense once in an inning without penalty, but on the second timeout, with the same pitcher on the mound, the pitcher must be removed from the mound. Once a new pitcher has entered the game the timeouts will reset. Any visit by a coach to his team while the team is warming up before an inning will count as a timeout.
3. Balks will be called as a DEAD BALL.
4. When a player/pitcher takes any part of the mound **WITHOUT** the ball in an attempt to deceive a runner (hidden ball trick) the play will be called a balk.

5. Maximum Pitch Count Per Day League Age:
  - a. Ages 13 – 14: 95 pitches per day (maximum per day)
  - b. Ages 11-12: 85 pitches per day (maximum per day)
  - c. Ages 9-10: 75 pitches per day (maximum per day)
    - i. Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed above for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. that batter reaches base; 2. That batter is put out; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning.
6. Rest Requirements
  - a. 10U and 12U refer to page 92 of Dixie Youth rule book.
  - b. 14U refer to page 38 of the Dixie Boys rule book.
7. A player may not pitch in more than one game in a day.
8. Failure to remove a pitcher who has reached his/her maximum number of pitches required by league age or use of an ineligible pitcher is basis for protest. Violation protested before the umpires leave the playing field, shall result in forfeiture of game once reviewed by the umpires, league coordinators.
9. Pitch Count Affidavits will be completed and signed by the managers of both teams after each game.

**REFER TO DIXIE TOURNAMENT PITCHING RULES.**