

2020 DIXIE OPEN PLAYING RULES

USA BASEBALL APPROVED BATS ONLY - NO 2 3/4" BATS ALLOWED

Pitching Rules – 9/10 & 11/12 total of 6 innings in the tournament.

Pitching Rules in 13/14 total of 7 innings in the tournament.

TIME LIMITS - NO new inning will start after the following --T-BALL - 60 min

Coach Pitch – 1 hr 15 min, 9-12 – 1 hr 30 min and 13-14 – 1 hr 45 min.

T-Ball and Coach Pitch Player Pitcher may wear a batter helmet with face mask or just a face mask with out a helmet. All ages when batting the face mask is optional.

1. Tournament Entry Fees: \$200
2. Gate Admission: One Day Tournament \$7.00 Two Day Tournament \$5.00 per day
3. Individual rings will be awarded to each player on the Champion and Runner Up teams in each age group.
4. 12 & under and 10 & under games will be 6 innings or one hour-thirty minutes time limit.
5. 8 & under games will be 5 innings or one hour-fifteen minutes time limit. The Batter will be allowed five 5 pitches or 3 strikes.
6. 6 & under T-Ball will be 5 innings or one hour time limit. The batter will be allowed 3 swings to hit a fair ball.
7. 13/14 Age group will be 7 innings or one hour forty five minutes.
8. Championship Games will be played to completion, with the run rule in effect.
9. Pitching regulations: 9-12 is 6 innings per tournament and 13-14 is 7 innings per tournament.
10. Each team is responsible for providing game balls for the tournament. Tournament host will not be responsible for replacing or returning of these balls.
11. **Each team manager is required to check in with the Tournament Director (or his/her designate) before his first game. The following is the information that needs to be turned in, before your first game, at the ticket booth at the front gate:**
 - a. **Tournament Entry Fee.**
 - b. **Proof of Insurance Certificate.**
 - c. **ROSTER must have - Player Name, Local League Name player is playing in, Local League Team Name, Date of Birth.**
12. Each team must have the necessary birth records to prove each player's playing age. If a players' age is questioned and a coach cannot provide a birth record, then the player in question will not be allowed to continue playing in the tournament.
13. There will be a 15 run rule after 3innings and a 10 run rule after 4 innings in all games.
14. ALL OTHER PLAYING RULES WILL COME FROM THE Current DIXIE YOUTH RULE BOOK.
15. Tournament classifications are as follows: Age 12 & under, O-Zone, Age 10 & under, Age 8 & under, Age 6 & under. All tournaments will not offer each playing group; however all playing groups will have some tournaments to participate in.
16. T-Ball and Coach Pitch will change sides after the batting team has scored 7 runs, even if there are not three outs.
17. Tournaments will be rotated between participating Leagues. The District Directors will set a meeting date and each league will choose a tournament date and rotate between the leagues present. The Dixie Open Tournament schedule will be determined at this meeting and other leagues shall not host a Tournament that conflicts with the Dixie Open Schedule.

18. Rule Clarification: The players you play with on Saturday are the players you will play with on Sunday. If for any reason you will not have enough players on Sunday, you must clear the replacement with the Tournament Director on Saturday. The Tournament Director will need the following information to rule on a replacement player:

- a. Name of player that cannot play on Sunday.
- b. Reason he cannot play
- c. Parent name and phone number of the player that will not play on Sunday
- d. Name of Replacement Player
- e. League Name and League Team Name he plays on.
- f. Name of coach of the Replacement Player
- g. Phone number of coach of the replacement player

If you have enough players to play on Sunday you will not be allowed to add a player on Sunday. The Tournament Director will make the final decision if the replacement player is allowed to play on Sunday. If this information is not given to the Tournament Director on Saturday the replacement player Will Not be allowed to play on Sunday.

19. Batting order may be declared at the beginning of the game. The coach may choose to bat his entire line up during the game or he may choose to bat the roster then revert back to the first nine players listed in the batting order. This must be declared at the start of the game and the batting cannot change during that game. The two teams playing may use different batting orders. This rule is for the 11/12 and 9/10 only, the 7/8 and 5/6 will bat the entire roster during all games. In 13/14 the coach may choose to bat 9 or bat the lineup, this must be declared at the beginning of the game and cannot be changed during the game. The two teams playing may use different type batting orders.

The contact for each tournament host is listed on the Tournament schedules. The tournament rotation may change from the sites listed; however they will be played in the general area. If tournaments max out, additional sites for that weekend may be provided. GOOD LUCK!