

# *Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc.*



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National Board Members,

I hope you and your families are doing well.

I wanted to take a moment and further update you on the status of the 2020 Dixie Youth Baseball season.

Our country is currently dealing with a historic pandemic – COVID-19. The federal government is continuing to work closely with state, local, tribal, and territorial partners, as well as public health partners, to respond to this situation. We strongly encouraged all of our officials and leagues to stay in contact with their local governments and health departments for news about this rapidly evolving situation. Previously we recommended to our leagues that they delay/suspend all activities until further notice. The duration and severity of each pandemic phase can vary depending on the characteristics of the virus and the public health response. **Compliance with social distancing guidelines is critical at this time.**

Youth baseball has never experienced anything like this. This season will be vastly different than any other season in our previous 64 seasons. Dixie Youth Baseball is hopeful that we are able to play baseball in 2020. We are monitoring the situation and working on possible scenarios to play baseball this season. The #1 priority of Dixie Youth Baseball is to offer regular season play, which offers the greatest opportunity for all of our children to participate in the great American game of baseball.

The goal of Dixie Youth Baseball is to get players back on the playing fields in their local league program as soon as it is safe to do so and begin tournament play at some time in July with district winners participating in state tournaments and state champions advancing to the DYB World Series. The 2020 Division I and Division II DYB World Series are still scheduled to be played this summer in Laurel, Mississippi.

Thanks for all that you do in support of our youth. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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William Wade  
Commissioner