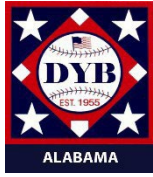




10U AAA Minors & 12U Ozone State Tournament Team Packet





Alabama DYB Inc.,



Participants and Guests,

Greetings,

On behalf of the Alabama State Director and your local District Directors of Alabama DYB, WELCOME to Dothan, Alabama for the 2024 Alabama DI 10U AAA & 12U Ozone State Tournaments.

I congratulate and welcome each of the participating teams to the Alabama DI State Tournaments. No matter the outcome of the games this week, everyone who has come this far is a winner.

Thanks to the support of the City of Dothan, Mayor Mark Saliba, the Dothan City Council, Scott Bowers, and Joe Sanders with Dothan National League, Jyssica Curenton and her staff from Dothan Leisure Services, the citizens of Dothan, we are pleased to be back in Dothan. The City of Dothan has spent countless hours planning and preparing for this event, to ensure that this week's activities will create memories that will last a lifetime. DYB salutes the dedicated employees whose hard work will make this week's event a success.

Enjoy the games and let the players do the same. Win or lose, be proud of their accomplishments, and always remember that **good sportsmanship** is the most important part of the game! The State Champions will earn the right to represent Alabama in the 2024 DI World Series in Bossier City, LA August 2-7, but we can all leave Dothan, Alabama as **WINNERS!**

Best of Luck,

Ricky Phaturos

Alabama State Director

Where Every Child Matters

& Where Kid Plays





The City of

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MARK SALIBA

MAYOR

mayor@dothan.org

Welcome to Dothan!

What a joy it is to welcome you to our great city for the *Alabama Diamond Youth Baseball 2024 Ozone 12U & AAA State Tournament!* Dothan is truly a special place, and we hope you will take advantage of all it has to offer – great restaurants, friendly people, and a variety of activities.

Dothan is a cultural city that embraces its heritage while also welcoming new ideas, businesses, and families to share in our tradition as well as contribute to our bright future. Proclaimed as the “Peanut Capital of the World,” Dothan serves as the center for recreation, business, industry, agriculture, healthcare, and retail trade. Dothan’s growth potential, charm, and southern hospitality have made it one of the best places to live, work, and play.

I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard and dedicated countless hours to make this tournament a huge success for Dothan.

Thank you for visiting Dothan, and we hope you will come back and visit us again. I hope you enjoy the tournament and best of luck to each team!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Saliba".

Mark Saliba
Mayor



Dear Diamond Youth Baseball Players, Parents, and Fans,

Welcome to Dothan! Congratulations on qualifying for your state tournament. We are honored to host the Diamond Youth Baseball Division I AAA and Ozone State Tournaments this year at the Diamond Youth Complex in Westgate Park. Whether you are visiting for the first time or returning, we hope your time in our city is a wonderful experience.

Dothan offers a wealth of recreational activities for everyone to enjoy. Within Westgate Park, you can experience the fun at Water World Water Park, the extensive 20-court Westgate Tennis Center, an exhilarating BMX track, and a beautiful 3.3-mile walking and biking trail that circles the park. We hope you take advantage of these facilities and make the most of your visit when you're not on the baseball field.

Our commitment to excellence in hospitality and sports is at the heart of what we do. Should you need any assistance while in Dothan, please reach out to us at 334.615.3700. For more information on our parks and services, visit our website at www.dothanleisureservices.org, or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Wishing the best of luck to all players, coaches, umpires, and Diamond Youth Baseball officials as you compete in the state tournament. We are honored to have you here in Dothan and hope you have a wonderful stay.

Sincerely,

Jyssica N Curenton

Jyssica Curenton
Athletics Manager
Dothan Leisure Services





Welcome to the 2024 Alabama DYB DI Ozone and AAA All-Star State Tournament hosted by the Dothan National League. We are excited you are here and hope that this week is memorable for all participants and their families.

Dothan National League is a volunteer organization committed to providing the youth of our ward with an opportunity to play baseball from T-ball through Ozone. Board Members work throughout the year to make that happen. You may see some around the park this week. They will be identified as they will be wearing shirts with a "DN" logo. If they can help you with anything this week, please ask.

While baseball will be our focus, we are going to create a different experience for Opening Ceremonies. Instead of lining up teams in south Alabama on a July afternoon, we thought we would introduce each team at Dothan's Most Exciting Beach, Water World. After the quick introduction, everyone can swim, eat, and fellowship. Hopefully, this will be as fun as we hope it will be.

Good luck to your team this week and welcome to Dothan.

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Scott Bowers

Dothan National President

2024 ALABAMA DYB DI 10U AAA MINORS & 12U OZONE STATE TOURNAMENT

HOSTED BY THE CITY OF DOTHAN – DOTHAN NATIONAL - DYB DISTRICT 6

Alabama State Director - **Ricky Phatuos** – (334) 224-8027 aldyb.rp@gmail.com

12U Ozone Tournament Director – **Jeff Speed** – Deputy State Director (334) 796-1172
recdirector@cityofashford.com

10U AAA Minors Tournament Director – **Randy Phatuos** – District 5 Director (334) 220-4021 jrphats@aol.com

Email the Tournament Roster & Skills Contest Form to the appropriate Tournament Director before Monday, July 8th, 2024.

Schedule Wednesday, July 10, 2024

8:30 am Managers Credentials and Tournament Operation Meeting

Westgate Recreation Center, 501 Recreation Rd, Dothan, AL 36303

10:30 am Pool Games Begins (10U AAA – Fields 2 & 4) (12U Ozone Fields 1 & 3)

3:30 pm Skills Contest (10U AAA – Fields 2 & 4) (12U Ozone Fields 1 & 3)

Players can wear shorts and their team jersey

5:30-7:30 pm Opening Ceremonies

Water World, 401 Recreation Rd, Dothan, AL 36303

DAILY ADMISSION FEE

FREE – 5-year-olds and below

\$5 – 6-year-olds to 12-year-olds

\$10 – 13-year-olds & Up

***The State Champions will advance to the World Series in Bossier City, LA
August 2-7, 2024***

“IMPORTANT!”

Contact Information Sheet

YOU MUST FILL THIS OUT AND SEND IT IN IMMEDIATELY!

Without question, one of the most important things in preparing for a tournament is communication between the Head Coach and the Tournament Host City. We cannot stress how important it is to fill this page out AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Please complete this form and TAKE A CLEAR PICTURE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE AND TEXT IT TO: 12U Ozone 334-796-1172 IMMEDIATELY! TO: 10U AAA 334-220-4021 IMMEDIATELY!

We also request that you email this form to 12U Ozone recdirector@cityofashford.com
10U AAA Minors jrphats@aol.com

WITHOUT FAIL, YOU MUST GET THIS TO US ASAP, ALONG WITH YOUR TEAM ROSTER!

Your District: _____

TEAM CITY / NAME: _____

Head Coach Name: _____

Head Coach Cell Phone: _____

Head Coach E-Mail _____

YOU MUST ALSO EMAIL US YOUR TEAM ROSTER!

The hotel team is staying at (if known): _____ Commuting? _____

If the Head Coach wishes for a Team Mom or another individual to be the point of contact, please list this below, but we still need the above information as well.

Other Name: _____

Cell phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please direct any other questions to recdirector@cityofashford.com for 12U Ozone.

Please direct any questions to jrphats@aol.com for 10U AAA Minors.

THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SENT ASAP!

2024 DYB 10U & 12U State Tournament Roster Form

Please send in this Tournament Roster Form as soon as possible but no later than Monday, July 10.

Email the 12U Ozone to recdirector@cityofashford.com (Jeff Speed)

Email the 10U AAA Minors to jrphats@aol.com (Randy Phatuross)

Bring this completed copy with you to the Credentials Meeting.

List all players Numerically:

TEAM NAME: _____	10U	12U
Player Name	Jersey Number	Birth Date
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____
11. _____	_____	_____
12. _____	_____	_____

Coaching Staff - Please list the Manager and three assistant coaches

Manager - _____	_____	_____
Coach - _____	_____	_____
Coach - _____	_____	_____

Skills Contest Form

(Please fill this form out by typing in the information)

Every player must participate in at least one event. Teams must provide their pitchers for the Home Run and Bunting contest. Home Run Derby is 10 pitches or 90 seconds, whichever comes first. It is not 10 swings but 10 pitches. Each team that wins an event will receive medallions and the overall team winner will receive a team trophy.

Team: _____ AAA Ozone

1. Around The Horn (Accuracy and Speed)

1. Catcher _____ Jersey # _____

2. Third Baseman _____ Jersey # _____

3. Shortstop _____ Jersey # _____

4. Second Baseman _____ Jersey # _____

5. First Baseman _____ Jersey # _____

2. Around The Bases (Speed Skill) Each team will have two teams of two.

1. _____ Jersey # _____ _____ Jersey # _____

2. _____ Jersey # _____ _____ Jersey # _____

3. Catcher's Pop Time _____ Jersey # _____

4. Bunting

1. _____ Jersey # _____

2. _____ Jersey # _____

5. Home Run Derby _____ Jersey # _____

VISIT DOTHAN



THE FOLLOWING RULES AND POLICIES SHOULD BE ENFORCED AT ALL TIMES:

These rules are a part of tournament play. Please enforce these procedures at all levels of play to ensure uniformity and consistency at all tournaments. Uniform enforcement of these guidelines will help avoid problems as teams advance to the next level of play.

THE DRESS CODE FOR ALL COACHES IN TOURNAMENT PLAY

In all sub-district, district, and state-level tournaments, the following is the dress code for all coaches. Coaches may wear a full baseball uniform matching their teams.

Coaches may wear color khaki type shorts or pants (no cutoffs shorts, gym shorts, polyester shorts, cargo shorts/pants, blue jeans, sweatpants, or wind pants).

Shorts must be button-style front with zipper and front pockets. Shorts cannot extend below the knees or more than one inch above the top of the kneecap.

All coaches must be dressed alike - all in shorts, all in long pants, or all in uniforms.

Coaches' shirts may match the uniform of their team or be collared polo-type shirts with the DYB Patch on the left sleeve. An American Flag patch on the right sleeve is acceptable for players as well as coaches. Shirts are to be always tucked in.

Coaches may wear either tennis shoes or coaches' shoes.

Coaches must wear baseball caps matching their teams while on the field. (No Visors allowed)

Pullover warm-ups may be worn in place of a jersey or shirt but must have the DYB patch sewn on the left sleeve.

All Coaches should attend the pre-tournament coaches meeting in their Coaching attire.

Any Coaches who do not meet these standards will not be allowed to participate until the standards are met.

The tournament director and the State Director will have the final authority on all decisions.

Manager/Coach Conduct

Any coach who is ejected from the playing field for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be suspended from participating in their team's next game in the tournament. The removed coach cannot be temporarily replaced, and, in their absence, this situation will allow one adult base coach.

A second ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct in the same tournament by the same coach will result in that person no longer being allowed to participate in the tournament and must be permanently replaced.

NOTE: A coach removed because of the actions of another person can return to the next game.

A manager or coach is not to leave the dugout unless he has requested and been granted a time-out to confer with a player or umpire on the field. Coaches may leave the dugout to serve as a base coach while their team is on offense provided at least one coach remains in the dugout with the players.

Dress Code for Players

Players may wear no jewelry during games. EXCEPTION – Medical or Religious tags or medallions may be worn if secured by tape.

Players' uniforms must be identical with no duplicate numbers.

Players must be dressed in full uniforms for Opening ceremonies and games. (Hats, belts, shirts, pants, leggings, shoes, patches).

No metal cleats or metal shoes of any kind on players and coaches.

Game Administrative Matters

The Tournament Director, Tournament Staff, and Umpires will strictly enforce the provisions below.

No tobacco products will be allowed anywhere within the playing field. PENALTY: Possible removal from the game. NO SMOKING, TOBACCO IN ANY FORM, OR VAPING shall be allowed on the field or in the dugouts at any time during a game. Managers and coaches shall not be allowed to leave the field during the game to vape or use tobacco.

No personal cell phones or other personal electronic communication equipment, excluding those carried by on-duty medical or security personnel or required to be "on call" by their profession, are allowed on the playing field or in the dugouts during all

local league and tournament games. EXCEPTION: Electronic devices may be used to keep pitch counts and line-ups if they are not used to communicate outside the dugout via text, email, or voice. Penalty: Removal of the device from the dugout.

Only three (3) coaches are allowed to interact with the team while the team is on the playing field. The time frame generally is forty-five (45) minutes before the game starts. No other person(s) will be involved with coaching or assisting players while on the playing field.

If someone outside the playing field attempts to direct the team and/or coaches in any manner, following a warning to the team manager, subsequent violations may result in the removal of the manager for the remainder of the game and the violator from the ballpark for the remainder of the game.

NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE PLAYING FIELD AREAS EXCEPT PLAYERS, MANAGERS, COACHES, AND UMPIRES.

Only 12 players maximum and 3 coaches will be permitted in the dugout. No batboys or scorers will be allowed on the playing field at any time during the game. Press and photographers must remain in designated areas approved by the Tournament Director, however, at no time will this area be on the playing field.

All coaches will always be inside the dugout on defense and at least one (1) coach in the dugout on offense.

Anything that can be done by a player is to be done by a player, such as warming up pitchers or other players. No adult, at any time, on or off the field, shall warm up a pitcher. A coach or manager will be allowed to observe as a pitcher is warming up before the game and, if he obtains permission from the umpire-in-chief, between innings during the game.

[ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE BY A PLAYER IS TO BE DONE BY A PLAYER INCLUDING BAT BOY]

Safety Guidelines

All base runners must be in contact with their base when the pitcher is ready to pitch, and the catcher is in the catcher's box in a squatting position ready to receive the ball. (10U)

A player must SLIDE OR ATTEMPT TO AVOID a defensive player who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag.

Player Participation Requirements

All offensive and defensive substitutions must be reported to the official scorer. The official scorebook kept by the official scorer is the only record that will be used to determine if the defensive requirements have been met.

OFFENSE PARTICIPATION

Every available player on a team must be listed in the starting line-up in the order they will bat, and their defensive positions must be shown, with the players not starting on defense listed and announced as "designated hitters".

If a player arrives after the start of the game, the late player will be added to the bottom of the lineup.

If a batter becomes injured or ill and in the opinion of the U.I.C. cannot continue, that batter will be replaced by the next batter who will assume the removed player's count.

If a base runner becomes injured or ill and in the opinion of the U.I.C. cannot continue, that runner will be replaced by the preceding teammate in the batting order that is available and not already on base.

When the name of an ill, injured, or ejected batter no longer in the game comes up in the batting order, that player will be skipped without penalty.

Except for the pitcher, any player may enter the game on defense in any defensive position as many times as deemed necessary by the team manager.

DEFENSIVE PARTICIPATION

Each team manager is responsible for playing each player on the tournament team roster six (6) outs defensively, (3 consecutive outs in 2 different innings) unless the game has been shortened by the run rule.

Defensive substitutions can only be made at the beginning of each team's defensive half inning unless to replace an injured, ill, or ejected player or during a pitching change.

The scorer shall notify the team manager and umpire of any player who has not met the defensive participation requirement after the Third inning has been completed. The Tournament Director or DYB personnel shall notify the umpire to direct such manager to insert such player(s) in the team's defensive fourth inning that have not met the defensive participation requirement.

PENALTY – shall be disqualification of the team manager for the remainder of that game and the next game played by his team in the tournament.

EXCEPTION – If the team manager refuses to insert such player(s) into the defensive lineup after being notified by the Tournament Director or DYB Personnel, that team manager will be immediately disqualified for the remainder of the current tournament season.

NOTE – This penalty shall apply to both teams, even if the last half of the fifth inning is not required. The only exceptions shall be when a game is considered a regulation game but is not completed in five (5) innings (4 ½ if the home team is leading, run rule, or when a team concedes before all available players have participated).

Conduct and Sportsmanship

Members of a team shall not ride, kid, heckle, poke fun at, or in any other manner do anything that in the opinion of the umpire distracts the opposing team. A player shall not throw a bat, helmet, or other equipment in anger or disgust.

The penalty for violation of this rule shall be the removal of the guilty player from the game for the remainder of the game.

The penalty for violation of this rule by a manager or coach shall be his removal from the game and the dugout for the remainder of the game.

The use of any alcoholic beverage or tobacco product (including e-cigarettes) within the confines of the playing field, dugout, or bench by any manager, coach, player, umpire, or league official is prohibited.

The penalty for violation of this rule shall be the removal of the guilty manager, coach, player, umpire, or official from the game and the dugout.

Local leagues and tournament hosts have the authority, as permitted by local and state law, to remove or ban from the league's playing facilities any spectator who is flagrantly displaying unsportsmanlike conduct, profanity, or who threatens physical harm to umpires, players, managers, coaches or league officials. This authority extends to all scheduled regular season games or tournament games played at its playing facilities.

Tournament directors, at their discretion, may allow the use of noisemakers. However, spectators may not use noisemakers to distract the pitcher's delivery of the pitch to the batter. Any such action will be deemed unsportsmanlike conduct and will not be permitted by the umpire. The tournament director may request the tournament host, as permitted by local and state law, to remove from the tournament playing facilities any spectator who fails to discontinue the use of noisemakers after the umpire-in-chief announces their use is prohibited for the remainder of the game.

Slinging the Bat - After one warning per game, per player for slinging the bat, the batter will be out, a dead ball called, and no runners advance.

Base Runner

If a runner leaves the base before the pitch reaches the plate, the base umpire shall drop a signal flag to indicate the violation at the time it occurs.

PENALTY: The defensive team shall have the privilege of nullifying any portion of the play that occurred after the violation.

EXCEPTION: Penalty does not apply when: the batter hits a ground rule double; all runners will advance two bases without liability to be put out.

The batter hits a fly ball over the outfield fence in fair territory (homerun); all runners will be allowed to score.

The batter is hit by the pitch. All runners advance one base if forced to advance.

PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

(THESE RULES COMPLETELY REPLACE THE REGULAR SEASON PROTEST RULES.)

XI. Protests & Protest Appeals

Only the team manager or the acting team manager shall be entitled to file a protest relating to any rule or regulation that applies to the 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12 age divisions during any tournament game or between games if permitted by the rule.

- (A) Protests shall be made only on a misinterpretation of a rule published in the current edition of the "Official Rules & Regulations of DYB® Inc.", including but not limited to, provisions for the ineligibility of a player or players, an illegal substitution, an illegal pitcher or failure to comply with the participation requirement. — A protest that requires an umpire's judgment shall not be accepted by the tournament director.
- (B) All protests of rule violations, except protests of an ineligible player, an illegal pitcher, or failure to comply with the participation requirement, must be made to the umpire-in-chief immediately after the occurrence of the violation and before another pitched ball is thrown to a batter. The umpire-in-chief shall discuss any disputed ruling with any umpire involved in the play and/or may consult with umpires not involved in the play to determine if the ruling, in their opinion, was in accordance with DYB® Inc. Rules and Regulations.
- (C) The umpire-in-chief shall explain the disputed rule to each team manager and specify whether the ruling decision will stand or be reversed. If either team manager does not agree with the umpire's explanation of the ruling, the umpire-in-chief shall

refer the protest to the tournament director. NOTE: Either manager has the right to put his team in the dugout and refuse to continue play if the umpire-in-chief does not refer any protest to the tournament director.

- (D) AFTER THE COMPLETION OF A GAME THERE SHALL BE NO PROTEST REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A PROTEST ON ELIGIBILITY AS PRESCRIBED BY TOURNAMENT RULE XI (H) OR THE FAILURE OF A TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL TO FOLLOW PROPER PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING PROTEST APPEALS. NOTE: A game shall not be considered as complete until opposing managers have an opportunity to make a protest on a game-ending play or failure to comply with the participation requirement. Fifteen minutes shall be considered sufficient time for the fulfillment of this rule.
- (E) When the official scorer or other officials have knowledge of a potential illegal substitution of a player or use of an illegal pitcher, they should advise the manager of the violating team. However, after the violation occurs, no one shall call attention to the violation except the opposing manager.
- (F) ILLEGAL PITCHER—If an illegal pitcher enters the game, or becomes illegal after entering the game, this is a continuing violation and may be protested at any time during its continuation prior to the completion of the game. **PENALTY:** If protested during the game, the illegal pitcher shall be removed from the mound and the offended team shall have the choice of replaying the game from the point where the illegal pitcher entered the game to pitch or became illegal after entering the game or continue from the point where the illegal pitcher is removed from the game. If, in the opinion of the tournament director, the violation was intentional, the tournament team manager shall be disqualified from further tournament play.

DYB PROTEST APPEAL PROCEDURE

If either of the team managers does not agree with the Tournament Director's decision, an appeal may be made to the State Director before the next pitch is thrown to a batter.

(J)—PROTEST APPEAL PROCEDURES

- (1) Appeals of protest decisions in AA, AAA, Majors, or "O" Zone tournament games may be carried to the Tournament Director, the State Director, and up to the Commissioner if so desired but play may not resume until a decision is accepted by both managers or the appeal process is exhausted. Failure to get a final decision through proper appeals before the next pitch is thrown to a batter or before a play is made on a runner will forfeit the right for any further appeal by either team manager.
- (2) As provided in Tournament Rule IV(D), the Umpire-In Chief shall refer any protest to the Tournament Director who may interview the umpires or the team managers before making his decision. After the Tournament Director renders a decision, either manager can request an appeal to the State Director.

- (3) The Tournament Director **ONLY** shall be permitted to call the State Director. The State Director may interview the Tournament Director, the umpires, or the team managers before making a decision. After the State Director renders his decision, either manager can request the State Director to appeal to the Commissioner.
- (4) The Commissioner of DYB® shall be called **ONLY** by the State Director for a FINAL DECISION on any appeal of a State Director's decision. The Commissioner may reserve the right to speak with the Tournament Director, any umpire in the game, or any team manager before making his decision. The Commissioner's decision will be communicated only to the State Director who will inform the Tournament Director.
- (5) After a ruling by the Commissioner of DYB®, no further appeals can be made, and play must continue immediately.
- (6) No appeal shall be accepted by any Tournament Director or State Director or by the Commissioner in tournament competition on the grounds of a violation of local league rules during regular season play.
- (7) There shall be no appeal of any protest occurring during an A (T-Ball) Division tournament beyond the District Director unless otherwise provided in an individual state's constitution and bylaws.
- (8) Appeals will be allowed only if presented exactly according to the above procedures. Team managers may only request an appeal. Managers cannot present appeals directly to these officials. All officials will be available to receive protest appeals during the tournament season.

DYB TOURNAMENT RULES

(TOURNAMENT PLAY ONLY)

All official playing rules and regulations used during regular season play shall be in effect during sanctioned tournament play unless otherwise stated in the tournament rules below. No National, State, or District Director or any appointed assistant directors shall be permitted to waive any DYB tournament rule.

I. Tournament Pitching Rules

These tournament pitching rules completely replace the pitching restrictions used in regular season play. Protecting youth pitcher's arms is extremely important and the following pitching restrictions and mandatory pitcher rest requirements are designed to minimize or prevent serious arm injuries to youth players.

Pitcher Substitutions/Restrictions

- (A) All players on the tournament team roster may pitch in any tournament (bracket or pool play) game.
- (B) A player must be added to the tournament roster prior to the first game of any level of tournament play to be eligible to pitch. All pitchers shall be eligible at the beginning of each level of tournament play provided they have had the required number of hours of rest as noted below since their last tournament game in the previous tournament.

(C) Pitchers shall be governed by the substitution provisions of Rule 3.03(c), Rule 3.05(a) & (b) and Rule 3.08(1) during tournament play. A pitcher may not return to the mound as a pitcher during the same game.

(D) A pitcher removed from the game or line-up for a substitute may remain in the game in another defensive position provided all other provisions of the substitution rules. Exception: A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of the game. Any player who has played the position of catcher in four or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch in that game.

(E) A player who is brought in to pitch from another position without the benefit of sideline warmup shall be permitted ten (10) warmup pitches or two (2) minutes.

(F) Any player warming up a pitcher on the mound, in a bullpen, or elsewhere shall wear a catcher's mask with helmet and throat protector even if the mask has a manufactured extension at the bottom of the mask. A batting helmet cannot be used to warm up a pitcher.

Pitch Count Limitations

(G) There are no limitations on the number of innings a pitcher may pitch in a tournament (bracket or pool play) game subject to the following pitch count limitations:

(1) A League Age 10 and under pitcher shall not throw more than 75 pitches in the same game or on the same day. Exception: If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely, is put out, or a third out is made on a baserunner to end the half-inning.

(2) A League Age 11 or 12 pitcher shall not throw more than 85 pitches in the same game or on the same day. Exception: If the pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count limit while facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until the batter reaches base safely, is put out, or a third out is made on a baserunner to end the half-inning.

(3) All pitchers must adhere to the following pitch count rest requirements before pitching in another tournament game:

Tournament Pitching Rest Requirements

Required Rest	No Rest	36 Hours	48 Hours
Total Pitches	1-40	41-65	66+

NOTE 1: These pitching rest requirements are based on the number of pitches a player throws in a calendar day. If for any reason, a game ends after midnight, the pitches thrown in the game will be charged to the previous day. The pitcher begins his rest requirement when he leaves the mound in a game and his total cumulative pitch count for the calendar day exceeds 40 pitches. In games suspended by darkness, weather, or other causes and resumed the following calendar day, the pitcher of record at the time the game was halted may continue to the extent of his/her eligibility, provided he delivered 40 or less pitches.

(4) **SUSPENDED GAMES** - In a game suspended by darkness, weather, or other causes and resumed on a following calendar day, the pitcher of record at the time the game was suspended may continue to pitch provided he/she had delivered 40 or less pitches on the calendar day the game was suspended. If the pitcher is eligible to return to the mound when the game is resumed, the

pitcher's game pitch count limit will carry over, but the daily pitch count limit will be reset to zero.

(5) A pitcher shall be allowed to pitch in two or more games on the same calendar day provided he/she does not throw more than 40 cumulative pitches in the previous game or games on the same calendar day.

(6) These pitch count limitations will also apply to all games played to determine a district, state, or World Series tournament host team or to determine any runner-up teams advancing to the next level of tournament play.

Official Pitch Count Record

(H) The Tournament Director must designate the scorekeeper or another game official as the official pitch count statistician for each game. The pitch count statistician shall record all pitches including strikes, balls, foul tips, and any pitches delivered to the catcher ruled a "no pitch" by the umpire. The official pitch count statistician's pitch count is the official pitch count and cannot be protested.

(I) The pitch count statistician must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either the manager or any umpire. **However, each manager has the ultimate responsibility for knowing his pitcher's pitch count at all times and when his/her pitcher must be removed to meet the rest requirements above.**

(J) The official pitch count statistician shall inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game, as noted above. The umpire-in-chief will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed after the current batter reaches base safely or is put out. However, the failure by the pitch count statistician to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in-chief to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible.

(K) Protests of an Illegal Pitcher and Penalty shall be handled pursuant to Tournament Rule IV(G).

NOTE: If the pitcher reached his pitch count daily maximum on a previous batter, the pitcher must be removed immediately upon discovery

II. Tournament Games

(A) All tournament games shall be played to a conclusion regardless of the score or the inning unless the team behind wishes to concede. **State Option:** A state may establish a time limit for all games in tournament pool play and bracket play except for the championship game(s). (NOTE) When a suspended game is resumed play shall begin from the actual point of termination. **EXCEPTIONS:**

(B) **15 RUN RULE** - A game shall be considered a regulation game when a team is ahead by fifteen (15) runs after both teams have batted three times or more and all players on both teams have batted at least once, or in the case of the home team when it is leading at least two times. Pitchers shall only be charged for innings actually pitched.

©10 RUN RULE - A game shall be considered a regulation game when a team is ahead by ten (10) runs after both teams have batted four times, or in the case of the home team when it is leading, three times. Pitchers shall only be charged for innings actually pitched.

NOTE 1: THE VISITING TEAM WILL BE DECLARED THE WINNER OF A GAME UNDER THE RULE PROVISIONS ONLY IF THE HOME TEAM HAS HAD AN EQUAL NUMBER OF TIMES AT BAT **and all players on both teams have batted at least once.**

NOTE 2: If the umpire fails to terminate the game when a ten (10) or fifteen (15) run rule should be invoked, the run rule exceptions shall not apply if the team which has a ten (10) or fifteen (15) run rule advantage continues to play until there is no longer a ten (10) or fifteen (15) run difference in the score.

(D) STATE OPTION: A state organization may adopt a rule in the 12U and 10U divisions to allow a team to score a maximum of ten (10) runs per half inning, except in the sixth inning, in District and /or state tournament play. After the sixth inning, the ten-run (10) per half-inning rule is in force for the remainder of the game.

(E) Majors, "O" Zone, and AAA Divisions - No team shall be required to play more than two (2) games on the same day during the same tournament and no team shall be required to play as many as two (2) games on the same day more than twice during the same tournament, except to play an "if necessary" game to determine the tournament champion. A team playing two (2) games on the same day shall have at least two (2) hours of rest between games. In the case of an "if necessary" game to determine a tournament champion there shall be at least one (1) hour rest between games.

AA and A Divisions - No team shall be required to play more than three (3) games on the same day during the same tournament and no team shall be required to play as many as three (3) games on the same day more than twice during the same tournament, except to play an "if necessary" game to determine the tournament champion. A team playing three (3) games on the same day shall have at least one and one half (1 1/2) hours rest between games. In the case of an "if necessary" game to determine a tournament champion there shall be at least one (1) hour rest between games.

(F) The Commissioner shall be empowered to waive any tournament rule deemed necessary to ensure the completion of any tournament where there have been delays caused by inclement weather or other reasons.

(G) Only baseballs stamped "Official DYB Baseball" and bearing the Commissioner's signature shall be used in any tournament. The Commissioner will announce manufacturers of approved balls.

III. Player Participation Requirements

(A) Every available player on a team's tournament roster must meet the offensive and defensive requirements specified in paragraphs (B) - (D) below:

(B) Offensive Participation Requirements – Continuous Batting Order

- (1) The continuous batting order will be used during all levels of tournament play.
- (2) At the start of the game, all available players on each tournament team's roster will be listed in the starting offensive batting lineup and bat in this order continuously throughout the game.
- (3) If a player arrives after the continuous batting order has been submitted to the scorer, the player must be added to the end of the continuous batting order. Players who arrive late shall be substituted for the next batter in the lineup when they enter a game late and have them bat immediately only if the late player cannot mathematically have a plate appearance. If this is the case, then the substituted player will skip his at-bat once and the substitute player will go to the last position in the batting order for the remainder of the game. If a player arrives after the fifth inning has begun, he SHALL NOT participate in the game.
- (4) If a player listed in any batting position in a continuous batting lineup leaves the game because of an injury, illness or disqualification, this position in the batting lineup will be

skipped for the remainder of the game without penalty. No player will be called “out” who is skipped by rule in the batting lineup.

- (5) If the player is injured while at bat, the next batter will assume his count. EXCEPTION: If the player is a base runner, the player in the batting lineup who was last putout will become a substitute runner for the player who has left the game due to an injury and the substitute runner shall not change his position in the batting line-up.

(C) player removed because of injury or illness may return to the game, if eligible.

(D) Defensive Participation Requirement

At the start of the game, all available players on each tournament team roster will be listed in the starting offensive batting lineup and the defensive starters shall be designated on the team lineup card. Any defensive player, including the pitcher, may be listed in any order on the starting offensive batting lineup.

- (1) Each player must play on defense six outs (three consecutive outs in two different innings) in any game played by his/her team. PENALTY - The team manager shall be disqualified for the remainder of the game and the next game played by his team in the tournament or series. **Exception:** If the manager refuses to insert players into the defensive lineup during a game after being notified by the official scorer or a DYB official that a player or players on the team have not met the participation requirement, these players shall be inserted in the game by the tournament director and the team manager shall be removed from the team immediately and disqualified for the remainder of the current tournament season. NOTE: These penalties shall apply to both teams, even if the last half of the sixth inning is not required. The only exceptions shall be when the game is considered a regulation game but is not completed in six innings (five and one-half innings with the Home Team leading) because of the 10 or 15-run rule, or when a team concedes before all available players have participated.

- (2) Each scorer shall indicate in the official scorebook in which inning (or innings) a player met the defensive participation requirement.

- (3) The scorer shall notify the team manager and umpire of any player who has not met this requirement after the fourth inning of play. The tournament director shall notify the umpire to direct such manager to insert in the team's defensive fifth inning any such player(s) who have not met the defensive participation requirement.

(4) FREE SUBSTITUTION ON DEFENSE! (Tournament Play Only)

- a. Except for the pitcher in Majors, “O” Zone, and AAA Division play, any player may enter the game on defense in any defensive position as many times as deemed necessary by the team manager.
- b. Players may enter the game on defense only at the beginning of each team's defensive inning unless the defensive player enters the game to replace an injured, ill, or ejected player or enters the game during a pitching change.
- c. The public-address announcer shall maintain a scorecard for defensive changes. It is recommended that all changes be announced over the public address system.

Game Preliminaries

The Tournament Director will determine the fitness of the playing field before the start of each game.

The Tournament Director will determine if any games need to be delayed or rescheduled.

Field assignments will not be changed except by the Tournament Director due to weather, field maintenance, and/or emergencies.

Game times will not be changed to begin earlier than scheduled except in causes of weather or emergencies.

After the game begins, the UIC will determine when conditions merit a delay in play.

During the game, the UIC will consult with the Tournament Director before postponing the game.

The Tournament Director will request the umpires to stop any game where lighting may be a threat to participants in the game.

WEATHER PROCEDURES

The ALDYB Weather Procedures are our minimum acceptable procedures to deal with the weather at our tournament sites. A local tournament host may have stronger policies in place but in no instance can they be less than listed herein.

LIGHTNING

When lightning is detected within 8 miles of the facility, play will be suspended.

No place outside is safe if lightning is in the vicinity. Partially enclosed areas like picnic shelters and dugouts are not safe.

All players, coaches, spectators, officials, etc. will be directed by the public address system to clear the park and go to their vehicles until the lightning threat has ended.

On-field activities will resume after 30 minutes of no detected lightning strikes within an 8-mile radius of the facility.

At any time during the 30-minute delay, subsequent lightning strikes occurring within a 6-mile radius of the facility will restart the 30-minute clock before any on-field activities may be resumed.

TORNADO WATCHES/WARNINGS

A tornado watch is issued by the National Weather Service when weather conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms that can produce tornadoes.

A tornado watch does not mean that severe weather is occurring, only that atmospheric conditions have created a significant **risk** for it.

If severe weather does occur, a tornado warning would then be issued.

No activities will occur at the tournament site as long as that location is under a Tornado Watch/Warning.

HEAT

On any day that the local forecast calls for a Heat Index at or above 105°F, there will be a mandatory Heat Break of no less than 5 minutes at the end of every 2 innings of play in every game on that day of tournament play.

This mandatory break should be used to hydrate and rest the participants.

No on-field activities will occur during this time.

Playing Field Ceremonies

Pre-game and Introductions

Each team will receive five minutes of infield warm-ups before each game beginning with the visiting team, weather permitting. There will be no warm-ups allowed for pool games.

Warm-ups will begin approximately 20 minutes before the scheduled game time.

After the team warm-ups, they must return to their dugout and remain inside while the other team is taking their five minutes of infield.

Before the team introductions begin both team managers and the umpires will meet at home plate for the pre-game conference. At that time each team manager will provide the plate umpire with a copy of their Official Line-Up Card.

The visiting team will be announced first. When the players are announced, they will run to their defensive positions without their gloves. If a player is not assigned a defensive position, they will line up along their respective baseline along with the manager and coaches.

The process will be repeated for the home team except those players will carry their gloves to their respective defensive positions. If a player is not assigned a defensive position, they will line up along their respective baseline along with the manager and coaches.

With all the players and coaches in their positions, the Umpires will be announced. The field Umpires will be announced first followed by the plate umpire.

The first game of each day will have the Invocation and National Anthem. The players will be asked to shake hands and "Play Ball".

Elimination Ceremonies

After an elimination game, both teams will be asked to line up on their respective baselines.

Officials from the Host Committee and the DYB staff will then present medallions to the team that has been eliminated from further play in the State Tournament.

PRE-GAME SCHEDULE

(Assuming a Game Time of 6:00 PM):

5:30 PM - Both teams' starting lineups and tournament affidavits shall be turned into the scorekeeper.

5:40 PM - PA announcer tells visiting team to take infield. (The Visiting Team is not to enter the field until advised by the PA announcer.)

5:45 PM - PA announcer calls the visiting team from the field if not finished and tells the home team to take infield. (The home team is not allowed to enter the field until advised by the PA announcer even if the visiting team finishes early.)

5:50 PM – PA announcer calls the home team from the field if not finished.

Plate Meeting with Umpires and Managers. Line-ups from both teams are given to the Plate Umpire.

PA announcer introduces the visiting team. (See the introduction procedure in the previous section).

The PA announcer introduces the home team. The PA announcer introduces the umpires.

5:55 PM - Invocation/National Anthem (With Players remaining on the field)

6:00 PM Umpire-In-Chief begins the game.

A key priority of the tournament is to keep the games on the schedule. In the event of rain, it may become necessary to cancel infield practice. If you do not allow infield for the first game of the day, it is recommended that no infield be allowed for the remainder of the day's games.

For the convenience of out-of-town fans and radio broadcasts, no game should start earlier than its regularly scheduled starting time even if any earlier game is completed early.

HEALTH & SAFETY TIPS

As we all know, the weather in our area is hot and humid. Players are at high risk for heat-related illness during this time. Some prevention tips are:

1. Identify susceptible players.
2. Acclimate players to the weather through planned workouts to start; and of short durations gradually increasing in length and intensity.
3. Generous free intake of fluids before, during, and after practice and games. Fluid breaks should be every ½ hour during practice. Cold water is absorbed quickly. Sports drinks may be used also, diluted with water is best.
4. Diet: FLUID REPLACEMENT IS MOST IMPORTANT IN PREVENTIONS OF HEAT ILLNESS.

Electrolyte replacements such as bananas for potassium, potato chips for salt, fruits, and vegetables should be included in the diet. **DO NOT USE SALT TABLETS.**