

## North Carolina Diamond Youth Baseball

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**TO: 2025 Division 1 and D2 STATE TOURNAMENT TEAM MANAGERS**

**FROM: Terry Lanning, STATE DIRECTOR**

Congratulations on your team advancing to the 2025 NC Diamond Youth Division 1 or 2 Ozone or AAA D1 state tournaments hosted by Gastonia Dixie Youth Baseball Association and the city of Gastonia. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions after reading this letter and reviewing your packet of information, you can call me at 910-604-1644.

You are responsible for all costs associated with travel and lodging for your team. I have included a bracket of the tournaments so you will know when you play your first game. This bracket will be updated on our state website at [dybusa.org](http://dybusa.org) then choose North Carolina. The games will be played at Martha Rivers Park 1515 Neal Hawkins Rd, Gastonia NC 28056. All playing fields have grass infields.

There will be no opening ceremonies at this tournament this year. Teams should arrive at the park ready to play at their time Saturday.

Tug Deason is the Tournament Chairperson and will be in charge of everything going on throughout the park. David Jackson (National Director and Vice-President of DYB 910-580-6581) is the Tournament Director for Ozone while Tug Deason (National Director 980-522-6769) will be in charge of AAA. They will be in charge of everything taking place on the fields. So, you will be in good hands this week.

You and your coaches are to attend a dinner and credentials meeting beginning at 4:30pm for Ozone D1 and D2 and 6 pm for AAA, Friday night July 11<sup>th</sup>, at Rankion Lake Park 1750 Rankin Lake Rd Gastonia. We will eat at 6:15. The meeting will last until about 8:00pm. You need to bring your tournament affidavit, birth certificates, Background Check Form, Assumption of Risk Form, a completed player/coach introduction form, and insurance policy to this meeting. **Be sure your insurance policy meets the minimum requirements listed in the rule book by having your District Director initial your policy prior to coming to the tournament.** We will cover information at this meeting that will be critical to you. While every coach is not required to attend, it is best if they do so.

There will be a Team Worship Service at 9:30am on Sunday morning at Sims Legion Park located at 1201 Martin Luther King Hwy Gastonia. The teams playing the first games in each tournament on Sunday are expected to attend. The players can wear uniforms and parents can dress casually. We encourage and expect the other teams to also attend. The service will last 35-45 minutes.

Daily admission will be \$10 for ages 13 and over. This will cover all games on each day. There is not a charge for ages 12 and under. Coaches and their spouses will be given free admission to all games. We will collect the name of each spouse at the coaches' meeting.

We will allow your team to bring in one tagged cooler with one drink per player/coach into the dugout and one cooler with towels. The host will provide water in the dugouts.

No boom boxes, walk-up music or artificial noise makers (such as cow bells) are allowed during tournament play.

No animals are allowed in the park. There will be an area set up for inflatables for kids to play on during the first two days.

One team will advance from each tournament to represent North Carolina in the DYB Division 1 or 2 Ozone or AAA World Series in Lexington, SC. The Division 1 and 2 World Series will begin August 1.

I ask that your team show good sportsmanship and make new friends while you are at the tournament. This event needs

to be one in which each player, coach and parent will have fond memories for a lifetime. Good luck. I look forward to meeting you and working with you during the tournament.