## **Diamond Youth Baseball & Softball Newsletter**





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MLB PITCH, HIT & RUN - Major League Baseball® Pitch Hit & Run is a FREE event that provides boys and girls -- ages 7 to 14 -- an opportunity to showcase their baseball and softball skills, while earning a chance to attend and perform during the MLB® World Series!

> For more information visit mlb.com/pitch-hit-and-run

## 2025 Franchise Renewals -

REMINDER - To avoid a \$50 Late Fee, leagues must submit their 2025 Franchise Renewal by APRIL 1st. Franchise renewal information can be found on our websites at dybusa.org & dysusa.org.

We are pleased to announce **PLAY SAFELY** that PlaySafelySports® is the



Official Youth Sports Injury Recognition & Prevention Provider of DYB, Inc.®.

Together we can keep children safe, playing and growing stronger in baseball and softball.

PlaySafelySports® can help strengthen Diamond Youth Baseball & Softball's safety practices and protect our athletes through science-based injury prevention and detection courses and national certification designed to protect athletes ages 14 and under.

The Medical Advisory Board at Play Safely developed a comprehensive, evidence-based and peer-reviewed training course. It's the resource that every parent and coach needs to keep our young athletes in the game.

# For more information please visit: playsafelysports.com

### Remembering...

Ms. Phyllis Johnson served the youth of Virginia as the DYB State Director beginning in 2019.



Phyllis Johnson

Phyllis was also very active in her community. She was the backbone of Scottsville DYB, Scottsville Youth Softball and Scottsville Youth Basketball. Her tireless effort, love and support of these organizations will forever be remembered and appreciated. She touched and changed the lives of countless kids, ensuring that no one was left out and everyone had a bountiful supply of candy from the concession stand. Phyllis was also a Lifetime Member of the Scottsville Rescue Squad, where she served as President; and was the Scottsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary President.

Phyllis passed away on her birthday, September 4, 2021.

## **BACKGROUND CHECKS**

All leagues shall conduct, at a minimum, a third-party criminal background check which searches the National Criminal Database and the National Sex Offender Registry on all managers & coaches, umpires and others officials in our league who have close contact with minor athletes.

Each League must certify to DYB/DYS that all managers and coaches on its tournament teams which advance to tournament play including district, state and the DYB/DYS World Series have passed the criminal background checks.

DYB, Inc. has partnered with JD Palatine ("JDP") to offer leagues an affordable option to obtain background checks.