



2023 DYB TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

TOURNAMENT CREDENTIALS MEETING

The first step in the tournament process for District Directors is the Credentials Meeting at which time all tournament affidavits and credentials will be inspected and approved. This is a most important meeting and if not carried out correctly, many problems may result and teams or players may even be disqualified.

The following guidelines are listed to assist in your preparation for this meeting:

1. Select a date, time and location that is most convenient for your leagues and notify them in writing at least seven (7) days in advance of the Tournament Credentials Meeting. Be certain that all teams within the district know the time, date and location of the Credentials Meeting. Please call each league president, if necessary, to make sure all leagues are aware that they must ATTEND this meeting to enter tournament play. If they fail to have their tournament affidavit, insurance and birth certificates inspected by the credentials committee, they cannot play. It may even be advisable to have a conference call prior to the meeting to go over the Tournament Affidavit requirements and meeting time and place. You may need to also send a mail notice of this meeting to all leagues. A combined or separate credentials meeting may be held for the Majors, "O"Zone, AAA, AA, and A age divisions. Division II teams must meet the same requirements as Division I teams.

2. You will need the following for this meeting:

A. Tournament brackets for all area, sub-district, district and state tournaments. Approved brackets are available from the Commissioner's Office or may be downloaded from the DYB website at www.dybusa.org Please note that four and five team round robins are approved for use in place of the four and five team tournament brackets.

B. DYB Rule Books to assure that all tournament teams have a copy before entering tournament play. Additional copies are available from the Commissioner's Office.

C. **TWO copies of the Tournament Team Affidavit completed online** from rostered players on the league's regular season teams printed and delivered by each league for each team. The District Director will retain **ONE** copy.

D. **TWO copies of the completed DYB Coaches Background Check Certification Form** delivered by each league for each team. The District Director will retain **ONE** copy.

3. Review tournament rules to be sure every team is aware of any differences as compared to regular season rules.
4. Go through the protest procedure for tournament play. Make sure that all teams know the correct protest procedure. Any protest not properly presented will be rejected.
5. Appoint a Credentials Committee and explain their responsibilities. This committee will be composed of three persons who will inspect and approve all tournament affidavits for each age division. **The same three names must appear on three originals all affidavits for each tournament.** This Committee may need to reconvene to approve revised Tournament Affidavits, if necessary.
6. Have all members of the Credentials Committee read **Exhibit A “Tournament Credential Committee Guidelines”** before any tournament affidavits are inspected. If they have any questions, be sure these are cleared up before the inspection process gets underway.
7. DO NOT ACCEPT ANY TOURNAMENT AFFIDAVITS UNLESS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS STATED IN FULL AND PROPERLY RECORDED ON THE AFFIDAVIT.
8. Players FIRST AND LAST name as it appears on the official proof of birth (John Jones, Jr., not Johnny Jones).
 - A. Complete physical address (NO P.O. BOX! Rt.1, Box 316, Georgetown, SC 35603, not just Georgetown, South Carolina.)
 - B. Date of Birth
 - C. Check to see that all players listed live within the geographical boundaries of the league or that an Official DYB release has been legally granted.

PRE-TOURNAMENT CREDENTIALS MEETING WITH COACHES

A pre-tournament credentials meeting should be held prior to each tournament at which the following matters should be thoroughly discussed:

- 1) Inform coaches that each player and coach should wear an official emblem of DYB on the left shoulder of their tournament uniform shirts. Either the Dixie Youth Baseball emblem or the DYB emblem may be worn on tournament uniform shirts. Each team shall be given an official tournament bracket with the scheduled game times and fields for each tournament game.
- 2) Obtain a list of home, cell and work telephone numbers for all team managers.
- 3) Explain the responsibilities and authority of the tournament chairman and the tournament director. Give the team managers phone numbers for each of these individuals.

- 4) Explain who determines if a game can be played in the event of bad weather and makes decisions about the re-scheduling of postponed or called games. No team will be required to play under unsafe conditions.
- 5) Explain the procedure for making up games in the event it becomes necessary to reschedule tournament games. All games should be played in the order shown on the official tournament bracket. NEVER CHANGE THE BRACKET AFTER IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED! Game time should only be changed in case of delays due to weather or facilities problems.
- 6) Explain the policy on admission to games. The tournament director should explain who will be entitled to passes and who will issue them. DYB officials and their families shall be admitted to all tournament games at no charge. The host tournament chairman shall issue any authorized local game passes. The tournament director should issue out-of-town passes.
- 7) Determine the home and visiting teams for each tournament game at the credentials meeting. The following is the suggested procedure for designating the home and visiting teams:
 - a) Select a manager of each game in the first round of games to call the toss of a coin. The winner of the coin toss will select his or her choice of home or visiting team.
 - b) After the first round of play designations have been determined, flip a coin for each remaining game in the tournament. If the coin lands on heads, the top of the bracket will be the home team. If the coin lands on tails, the bottom of the bracket will be the home team. Use of this procedure makes everyone (fans, coaches and officials) aware of the home team for all scheduled tournament games.
 - c) Designate which dugouts will be used by the home and visiting teams.
- 8) Review infield times and player introduction procedures. These are listed in another section of this booklet.
- 9) Pre-Game Conference - Hold pre-game conferences the first day of the tournament to thoroughly review the ground rules to be used at the playing fields used in the tournament. After the first day, pregame conferences shall not be held unless special circumstances arise that would need to be discussed with the coaches.
- 10) Explain the procedure for assigning umpires. Advise the association or group of umpires to be used for tournament games. It is recommended that the chief umpire in charge of scheduling make this presentation if possible.
- 11) Pitch Counts - Please review tournament pitch count rule in **Exhibit B** with coaches and press box personnel.

- 12) The correct procedure for filing a protest or appealing a protest is outlined in **Exhibit C “Protest and Appeal Procedures”**. You may want to copy **Exhibit C** to hand out to each manager.
- 13) Coaches Conduct: State in a firm but friendly manner what is expected from coaches. Explain what conduct is unacceptable and the consequences of not complying with these guidelines.
- 14) THE FOLLOWING RULES AND POLICIES SHOULD BE ENFORCED AT ALL TIMES:
 - a) 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.
 - b) 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.
 - c) 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 his or her team is on offense provided at least one coach remains in the dugout with the players.
 - d) 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.
 - e) ALL PLAYERS WARMING UP PITCHERS AT ANY TIME, ON OR OFF THE FIELD, ARE TO WEAR A CATCHER'S HELMET AND MASK. Coaches **WILL NOT** be allowed to warm up pitchers.

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.

- 15) At the completion of each tournament, be sure to notify the host chairman at the next level of tournament play of the identity of the winning team. Provide the necessary information to the winning team about the date, time and place of the next tournament.

EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Before any team is allowed to enter any tournament play, be sure the following equipment is available:

TEAMS

- 1) Official 2 1/4" – 2 5/8" Bats - The official identification markings must be readable and identifiable. Any alteration of the markings or any mark placed on the bats by anyone other than the manufacturer, including a sporting goods store, is not to be considered legal and the bat is to be removed from the tournament.

All 2 5/8" bats and 2 1/4" bats must meet new performance standards established by USA Baseball, the national governing body of amateur baseball in the United States. All legal bats, except one piece wood bats, must be stamped as follows:



BBCOR Bats: 2 5/8" BBCOR (-3) certified bats (which do not bear the USA Baseball mark) may be used in tournament play.

- 2) An ILLEGAL BAT is a bat that has been altered or a bat that is not approved for play because it does not meet specifications with regard to length, weight, barrel diameter, labeling or performance for the division in which it is used.

As a result, a bat that is cracked or damaged because of normal use, shall not be considered "illegal" and will not result in the batter being called out for using it, but the bat still must be removed from play because it could present an unsafe condition. This is why it is prudent that umpires check the gear before a game and have any bats that do not meet specifications, in anyway, removed from the dugout. When an illegal bat is discovered at any time, it **MUST** be removed from the game/dugout immediately. **As long as the bat is not damaged to the extent where a barrel ring can no longer fit around the barrel, the bat will still be considered legal.**

- 3) Bats should not be altered in any manner for use in any game. Alterations includes, but is not limited to: bat doctoring, rolling in a vice, hitting foreign objects other than approved balls, inner wall shaving, end-loading and any other action that is designed to change the character or performance attributes of the bat in any manner.
- 4) At least six (6) batting helmets.
- 5) At least two (2) catcher's helmets with masks and throat protectors. One will be needed for the catcher in the game and the other to warm up pitchers on the sidelines.
- 6) All male catchers must wear athletic supporters with protective cups. Instruct umpires to NEVER allow a catcher to play without the protective cup.
- 7) The umpires shall inspect all equipment in each dugout immediately prior to each game in order to prevent any potential problems with respect to the use of illegal equipment. Any illegal equipment found in the dugouts at any time before or during a game should be removed by the umpires.

TOURNAMENT HOST

- 1) Official DYB Category 1 Baseballs with the Commissioner's signature. (Wilson preferred)
- 2) Flags for base umpires except in "O"Zone play.
- 3) Equipment to maintenance fields between games.
- 4) Rosin bags for pitchers.
- 5) Properly working scoreboards, PA systems and lighting systems.

UMPIRES

- 1) Complete uniform. All are to be dressed the same.
- 2) Ball/Strike indicators.
- 3) Plate umpires protective equipment.

CONDUCT AND DRESS CODE

Every DYB tournament should be conducted in a responsible and creditable manner. All participants deserve uniform enforcement of the rules and fair and equitable treatment by all DYB officials and umpire crews. All rules as outlined in the current DYB Rule Book shall be enforced without exception.

In addition, certain levels of conduct and sportsmanship are expected by all participants in tournament play. DYB desires to maintain a proper example of appropriate behavior among teams competing for a tournament championship. Conduct which is not conducive to fair play and sportsmanship shall not be tolerated. Appearance and dress of all participants will be just as important as conduct. All players shall be required to be fully uniformed and all uniforms shall be worn properly (*including the cap bill worn forward and all jerseys tucked in to the uniform pants*). Managers and coaches are to either be uniformed as the players or at a minimum wear identical shirts and shorts/pants. During tournament play, coaches should not be allowed to wear sweatpants, wind-pants, cutoffs or jeans. No visors for player or coaches.

TOURNAMENT GAME PROCEDURES

To this point in this booklet, we have placed the emphasis on Pre-Tournament plans. There are at other items that are most important as well. These are the Official Scorekeeper, the Pitch Counter and the Public Address Announcer.

SCOREKEEPERS

1. Be in the Press Box at least thirty (30) minutes prior to each game time.
2. Maintain and have available for inspection all Tournament Affidavit forms at all times.

3. Total concentration is required on each play with final authority for hit/error. If scorekeeper maintains pitch count, prepare log for each pitcher or appoint a pitch count statistician to maintain pitch count records.
4. When the official scorekeeper has knowledge of a potential illegal substitution of a player or use of an illegal pitcher, it should be reported to the manager of the violating team. However, after a violation occurs, no one should call attention to the violation except the opposing manager.
5. Assist the PA announcer in making prompt announcements of all line-up changes.
6. Make certain both managers come to the Press Box following the game to sign pitching records. The scorekeeper should record this information carefully and maintain complete and accurate records.
7. Return affidavits to each manager when his team has been eliminated.

PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCERS

1. Be in Press Box thirty (30) minutes prior to each game time.
2. Prior to each game, obtain full roster of each team including managers and coaches. Announce names normally used by players, not names from the Affidavits. Clarify correct pronunciation of difficult names.
3. Announce only pertinent information, usually the first three batters in each half inning, the batter as he comes to the plate and runs, hits, errors at end of each half inning. NO PLAY BY PLAY announcement or activity that may distract from actual play of the game.
4. Announce the pitch count for each pitcher at the end of each half inning and when the pitcher leaves the mound for the remainder of the game.
5. **DO NOT ANNOUNCE ERRORS MADE BY INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS.**
6. Make prompt announcement of all line-up changes.
7. REMEMBER, you are only there to provide pertinent information. You are not the focal point of the game. The players should always be the center of attention.

The scorekeeper, pitch counter and the public address announcer are most important to the success of any tournament. Careful consideration should be given to the selection of the persons to work in each of these important positions. They can contribute greatly to a successful tournament.

PRE-GAME PRACTICE AND WARM-UP

- 1) No practice of any kind by any team, including the host, shall be allowed on the tournament playing field(s) on game days. Other nearby fields should be utilized for practice fields during

tournament play. The Tournament Director is responsible for arranging practice fields to be made available to tournament teams who require overnight stays at tournament sites.

2) Each team may have up to five minutes of infield prior to each game. You may want to increase this to seven-ten minutes for the first day only.

PLAYER INTRODUCTION

The tournament should be colorful and exciting for the players. This may be a once in a lifetime experience for many of these players and DYB wants it to be a fond memory for all participants. A proper team introduction program can add color to tournament games. It is recommended that the following procedures be used before every game in the tournament:

- 1) Always ask managers to list the player's names that they prefer to use on the official line-up (i.e. Jimmy, instead of James). This is not always the name shown on the Tournament Team Affidavit.
- 2) Introduce all members of the team following this procedure:
 - a) Introduce the visiting team, starting players, batting order and defensive position. As the starting players are announced they should run to their defensive position on the field. Outfielders should only go to the edge of the outfield grass in front of their normal position.
 - b) After introducing the starting defensive players, introduce the remaining players on the roster. As their name is called they should take a position on the foul line between first or third base facing their dugout and the stands. The manager and two coaches are then introduced and should take their position facing the dugout and stands alongside the remaining roster players.
 - c) Introduce the home team, all players, the team manager and coaches in the same manner as above. As the home team players take their defensive positions, they should acknowledge their counterpart on the visiting team in some manner (i.e. handshake, pat on back, etc.).
 - d) When introductions have been completed, both teams shall remain in position for introduction of the umpires and the invocation and the national anthem.
 - e) Introduce the plate umpire as the umpire-in-chief first. The base umpires should run to their position as they are introduced.
 - f) Invocation/National Anthem - The invocation and national anthem are to be used for the first game of each tournament session only.
 - g) After National Anthem advise the visiting team to return to their dugout at which time the umpire-in-chief will begin the game.

PRE-GAME SCHEDULE

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

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

5:45 PM - PA announcer tells visiting team to take infield. (Visiting Team is not to enter field until advised by the PA announcer.)

5:50 PM - PA announcer calls visiting team from the field if not finished and tells home team to take infield. (Home team is not to enter field until advised by the PA announcer even if the visiting team finishes early.)

5:55 PM - PA announcer calls home team from field if not finished. PA announcer introduces the visiting team. (See introduction procedure in previous section).

PA announcer introduces the home team.

PA announcer introduces the umpires.

5:58 PM - Invocation/National Anthem (With Players remaining on the field)

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

A key priority of the tournament is to keep the games on 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.

ELIMINATION

Before the first game in the tournament, all the teams are winners. After the second day some teams will be eliminated but they should still be considered winners. DO NOT LET A TEAM LEAVE A TOURNAMENT WITHOUT SOME REMARKS OF APPRECIATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT BEING MADE OVER THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM. The following is a suggested statement:

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. (name of team) _____ HAS BEEN ELIMINATED FROM FURTHER PLAY IN THIS TOURNAMENT. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE HAD A GREAT SEASON AND THESE PLAYERS ARE TRUE CHAMPIONS. WE HAVE ENJOYED HAVING (name of team) _____ IN THIS TOURNAMENT. LET'S ALL GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION HERE.

WE WISH THEM A SAFE TRIP HOME AND GREAT SUCCESS IN THEIR FUTURE PLAY IN BASEBALL AND, ESPECIALLY, AS THEY PURSUE EVEN GREATER ENDEAVORS IN LIFE".

THE CHAMPION IS _____

You have reached the point in your tournament where there is a winner. Have as much information as possible for the winner and announce this information over the public address system. A suggested format is as follows:

-Congratulations to (Name of winning team), CHAMPIONS for (Name of tournament) for _____.

Year

- (Name of champions) will play in the (Name of next tournament) at

- (Site of next tournament) on (Date and time of tournament).

- If known, give league name of team they will play.

- We wish this fine group of youngsters the best of luck and the greatest of success as they advance in DYB Tournament play.

CONCLUSION

At the conclusion of your tournament take a break. You deserve it! But before you collapse, be sure you contact the Tournament Host at the next level of play and any other appropriate officials to let them know your tournament winner, giving them the name and phone number of the winning team manager. Also, if at all possible, District Directors should arrange to accompany the team to the next level of tournament play. In most cases, this league may not have ever advanced this far before. Your support and encouragement would be invaluable to them because you are probably more aware of what will be happening at the next level of play. At this point, you should become their biggest fan and be available for any help they may need to make things easier for them.

Exhibit A

Tournament Credentials Committee Guidelines

(1)— Each league shall be entitled to enter either its local league champion or a team chosen from the entire league as its tournament team in each age division. Some states authorize two teams from each league to enter tournament play.

(2)— **Division I & II** Tournament Team Affidavits **must** consist of a minimum of eleven (11) players or a maximum of twelve (12) players, a team manager and two coaches (AA & A - three coaches) and each tournament team must begin each level of tournament play with a full roster of players and coaches.

(3) — Alternates are not recognized as part of a tournament team and their participation in any tournament team activity is not authorized by DYB, Inc.

(4)— Only players who have played in a minimum of eleven (11) of their local league games shall be eligible for tournament competition, with the exception that the state director shall be empowered to rule a player eligible, for good reason, even though the player has not played in the eleven (11) games.

(5)— All players on a Majors or “O”Zone tournament team may be 12 years of age, if desired. The maximum age for players on minor league tournament teams shall be league age ten (10) for AAA division, eight (8) for AA division and six (6) for A division. Any player of league age ten (10) and under who was registered on a major league team during the regular season shall be eligible to participate on the AAA (9-10) tournament team.

(6)— Any player chosen for a major tournament team may only participate on that team and will not be eligible for participation on any other sanctioned tournament team. Under no circumstances can a player be listed on more than one Dixie Youth sanctioned tournament team during the same year.

(7)— Only managers, assistant managers or coaches during the regular league season shall be eligible to manage or coach a tournament team, and they shall be registered on their regular season team player rosters as filed with the district and state directors. The state director shall be empowered to grant exceptions to this rule.

(8)— Sub-district, district and state directors and members of the National Board of Directors shall not be eligible to manage or coach a tournament team.

(9) Each league shall certify that all of its managers and coaches have had background checks.

Tournament Player Affidavit

(1)—DYB Tournament Affidavit forms must be completed on-line by each league. Each DYB Tournament Affidavit must have the correct birth record name (FIRST & LAST NAME ONLY) and the birthdate of each player. An incomplete affidavit may cause a team to be disqualified from tournament play. These affidavit forms shall be completed for each tournament team and **TWO copies** shall be delivered to the District Director at the District Credentials Meeting prior to the first tournament game. Each tournament team manager shall have one original of this tournament affidavit, properly completed, at all tournament games. The District Director will retain ONE copy of this form.

(2)—Prior to the District Credentials Meeting, the league president of each league shall check all birth records of players whose names appear on the tournament affidavit.

(3)—Credentials Committee—In addition to the tournament affidavit each team manager shall have **birth certificates for all players on the roster**, a **Waiver of Liability/Medical Release form signed by the parent/guardian of each player** whose name appears on the affidavit and an acceptable digital photograph of the team in uniform (including the team manager and only the required number of coaches). Included in each tournament team's credentials will be TWO copies of the completed **DYB Background Check Certification/Waiver of Liability form signed by the league official and all coaches on the team. The District Director will retain ONE copy of this form.** The affidavit, background certification, medical release form and the birth records shall be publicly inspected and approved by a credentials committee composed of three members, one of whom may be the tournament director, and this public inspection shall be at least one week (seven days) prior to the first sub district or district game. All teams shall be notified of the credentials meeting by the district director or the tournament director at least one week prior to the inspection. This requirement shall be for sub-district and district play only.

(4)—Teams failing to be present at the district credentials meeting with the player affidavit, birth records and medical release form shall forfeit their right to compete in tournament play. Teams shall have a birth record and medical release form at this meeting for each player listed on the player affidavit. In the event a team does not have a birth record for a player at this meeting, the player for whom there is no birth record shall be ineligible to play in the sub-district or district tournament.

(5)—The state or district director shall be empowered, however, to make exceptions to the seven-day inspection rule for hardship cases. A player whose birth record is not accepted by the credentials committee at the inspection meeting shall have the opportunity of submitting another birth record to the committee on the evening prior to the first tournament game at a time and place set by the tournament director. Player affidavits may be corrected for spelling, typographical errors, nicknames, etc. at either of the two meetings of the credentials committee. Players whose birth records are not accepted by the credentials committee at either of the two meetings shall be ineligible for all games in the sub-district and district tournaments. There shall be no appeal. A team using a player not approved by the credentials committee shall be disqualified from the tournament play.

(6)—Where separate district credentials meetings are held for each division's sub-district tournament, the credentials committee shall inspect the player affidavits and birth records of all the tournament teams in the respective division at the same time. There shall be a credentials meeting for each division in the district. All credentials meetings within a district may be held at the same time.

(7)—The state director or tournament director shall set the date and time for the inspection of the tournament team affidavits and birth records for teams competing in state tournaments, and this time shall be at least three hours prior to the first game of the tournament. Teams not complying with this rule shall be subject to disqualification from tournament play.

(8)—With the exception of the host team, the actual birth certificates may not be inspected at the DYB World Series. Instead, each state director may sign the player affidavit of his state's representative team in the DYB World Series signifying that he or his representative has personally inspected the birth records of the players and found them to be in order. The player affidavit and birth records of the host team shall be inspected by the National Board of Directors. No protest shall be allowed at the DYB World Series on the basis of eligibility because of age unless the protest is substantiated by actual evidence accepted by the Board of Directors as proof of an age violation.

(9)—DYB directs all tournament directors and credentials committee members to accept one of the following as proof of age:

- (a) Birth certificate issued by a government agency which has a raised or affixed seal and is accepted as legal proof of age.
- (b) Hospital certificate issued at birth.
- (c) Baptismal certificate issued within six years after birth which shows actual date of birth. **NOTE:** A photo static copy of one of the above certificates, which has a statement on the document stating that it is an exact and true copy of the original, signed by the parent or legal guardian may be accepted.
- (d) DYB, Inc., Certification of Birth Record properly completed, inspected, signed and stamped by a DYB district, state or national director or the Commissioner.

(10) — Adopted children going by a name other than that which appears on the birth record shall furnish an affidavit of the adoption or name change and a copy of the affidavit shall be attached to the birth record. Players not legally adopted but using a name other than that which appears on the birth record shall be eligible provided a notarized statement of this fact is made before a probate judge or clerk of court or their equivalent and the statement is attached to the birth record with the signature and seal of the probate or clerk of court.

(12) — All protests based on the ineligibility of a player, other than age, shall be filed with the appropriate DYB official prior to the conclusion of the first tournament game played by that player. **Penalty:** Immediate removal of the player. No protest of an age violation shall be allowed after the inspection by the credentials committee without absolute proof of fraud. The burden of proof shall be upon the protesting party. In the event proof of fraud is found and accepted by the credentials committee or on a protest, Rule XI, Section (H)(3), will apply.

(13) — Players who are unable to furnish an approved birth record shall be entitled to mail other documents of proof of age to the Commissioner, who shall be empowered to issue a certificate in lieu of an actual birth record.

(14) — Players, managers and coaches listed on a tournament team affidavit SHALL NOT participate on any other baseball teams nor participate as a team in any non-DYB tournament during the time their team is participating in a DYB sanctioned tournament. Dual participation is not allowed during this period and all players, managers and coaches listed on a tournament team affidavit must cease participation on any other teams at the same time they are participating in a DYB tournament.

EXCEPTION: Any player who is eligible to be named a replacement player on a tournament team roster shall not be subject to this rule until he is approved as a replacement player on a tournament team roster. PENALTY: Any player, manager or coach who violates the above rule shall be removed from their DYB tournament team roster immediately.

- (B) A player added to a tournament roster after the 1st game of any level of tournament play will not be eligible to pitch in that level of tournament play.

VII. 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 1st 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. **EXCEPTION:** A pitcher who is replaced in the batting order by a substitute runner or substitute batter may return to the mound to pitch provided no other pitcher on the same team has thrown a pitch and all other requirements of the substitution rules are enforced.
- (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 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 base-runner 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 base-runner 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;

NOTE 2: State Option – States may use condensed double-header tournament brackets with modified pitch count restrictions approved by the National Board.

(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 carryover, 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 manager or any umpire. However, the 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 XII(G).** NOTE: If the pitcher reached his pitch count daily maximum on a previous batter, the pitcher must be removed immediately upon discovery.

Exhibit C

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 which applies to the 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12 age divisions during any tournament game or between games if permitted by 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 which clearly 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 XI(D) above, the Umpire-In Chief shall refer any protest to the Tournament Director who may interview the umpires or the team managers before making a 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.



Credentials Check List for Local Leagues and Coaches

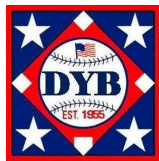
The local league president should provide a copy of this check list to each tournament team coach along with the parental waiver/medical release form, the Coach Background Certification, proof of insurance, and birth certificates to bring to the District Credentials Meeting.

League and Team Responsibilities

- ❑ All tournament teams must attend the District Credentials meeting at a time/place set by the District Director.
- ❑ The TOURNAMENT TEAM ELIGIBILITY AFFIDAVIT shall be completed online through the league's Manage Teams page. Leagues can access their Manage Teams Page by going to the **ONLINE ROSTERS** tab on the DYB website and clicking on the **Roster Login Screen** link.
- ❑ All information on the Tournament Affidavit/Roster must be provided from the information submitted on the regular season rosters in the online DYB Roster database host by SportsSignUp (formerly SI Play).
- ❑ Players must be selected from the players listed on the League Rosters submitted online which are due May 1.
- ❑ **Player's first and last names must be listed exactly like it is on the legal birth document.** First and Last names only, **middle names are not required**, no initials, no nick names, and no adopted names unless there is documentation of a legal name change
- ❑ The President of each league or League Official must check all birth records of players, print three copies of the Tournament Affidavit/Roster for each team from the online database and sign each copy of the Affidavit certifying that all information on the Tournament Affidavit is correct. (**Coach-Original, Copies – League and DD**).
- ❑ Must have 3 coaches (no more) listed on the AAA, Majors and "O"ZONE tournament team affidavits.
- ❑ Must have 4 coaches (no more) listed on the T-Ball and 6U & 8U AA Coach Pitch tournament team affidavits.
- ❑ Copies of birth certificates must have a statement printed on the copy that states ***"this is an exact and true copy of the original certificate"***. **The statement must be signed by the parent or legal guardian. This statement cannot be on a separate page that is stapled to the birth certificate. Note: The statement signed by the parent on the birth certificate does not have to be notarized.**
- ❑ A parental waiver/medical release form for each team with the parent or legal guardian's signature next to the player's name. The parental waiver/medical release form can be downloaded from the DYB website at www.dybusa.org. The parental waiver/medical release form is titled "ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR MINOR PARTICIPANTS & MEDICAL RELEASE".
- ❑ There must be proof of Accident and Liability Insurance. The policy coverage must be:
 - ~~Excess Accident-team must be covered with Excess Accident policy with a Medical Limit of at least \$50,000.~~
 - **General Liability-team must be covered by a General Liability Policy with an "each occurrence" limit of at least 1,000,000 combined single limits for "bodily injury" and "property damage". If the team does not purchase its General Liability Insurance from Sadler, it is required that its insurance certificate name DYB, Inc. as an "additional insured", and have the tournament insurance check list completed and signed by their insurance agent.**
- ❑ Each team must have a Background Check Certification/Waiver of Liability and Indemnification form signed by all the team coaches and a copy to be retained by the league.
- ❑ The tournament affidavit/roster, parental waiver/medical release form, coaches background check certification form, insurance and the birth records will be publicly inspected and approved by a credentials committee composed of three members.
- ❑ These documents should be put into a three-ring binder with the birth certificates inserted in order of the names listed on the Tournament Team Affidavit to be presented to the Credentials Committee.
- ❑ **The league should maintain a copy of the following documents in the league records for 7 years (17 years if a serious injury occurs during the season)**
 - (1) **Tournament Affidavit;**
 - (2) **Parental Waiver/Medical Release: "ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR MINOR PARTICIPANTS & MEDICAL RELEASE";**
 - (3) **Coaches Background Check Certification; and**
 - (4) **Proof of Insurance for the current season.**

INSURANCE AGENT CHECKLIST
(Not For Use With Endorsed DYB / Sadler Insurance Plan)

**DYB TOURNAMENT TEAM Insurance
Requirements Checklist**



**Verification of Minimum Insurance Standards For
Sanctioned DYB TOURNAMENT TEAMS**

**When Either Accident or General Liability Insurance Are Not
Purchased Through the DYB Endorsed Insurance Plan**

All teams participating in officially sanctioned and other approved DYB tournament play must provide evidence of Accident and General Liability insurance that meets certain minimum standards as outlined in current edition of the Official Rules and Regulations of DYB.

TO BE COMPLETED BY INSURANCE AGENT

As a pre-condition of participation in DYB sanctioned tournament play, the Tournament Teams listed below is requesting analysis of the Accident and General Liability policies that are provided through your insurance agency to verify compliance with minimum insurance standards per DYB Rules & Regulations.

Name of Tournament Team:

League To Which Tournament Team Belongs:

Name of Insurance Agency:

Name of Insurance Agent Completing This Form:

Phone Number of Insurance Agent: ()

Date This Form Completed:

Signature of Insurance Agent Verifying Coverage:

Minimum Standards

Please Check Appropriate Box

<u>Accident Insurance</u>	<u>Meets Standards</u>	<u>Does Not Meet Standards</u>
* Named Insured – The Insured organization is listed under the name of the individual Tournament Team or the name of the League to represented by the team.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Effective And Expiration Dates must encompass the length of the entire tournament.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Medical Limit – Must be at least \$50,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>General Liability</u>	<u>Meets Standards</u>	<u>Does Not Meet Standards</u>
* Named Insured – The Insured organization is listed under the name of the individual Tournament Team or the name of the League represented by the Tournament team.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Effective And Expiration Dates must encompass the length of the entire tournament.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Each Occurrence Limit – The Each Occurrence Limit must be at least \$1,000,000.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Athletic Participants Exclusion – The policy does <u>not</u> have an Athletic Participants (or similar) exclusion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Claims Made Coverage – The policy does <u>not</u> provide claims made coverage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Additional Insured - DYB, Inc. is listed as an “Additional Insured.”	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO LEAGUES ABOUT INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS IN DYB RULEBOOK

DYB Tournament Rules, II Financial Responsibility - Page 76-77, (D) Tournament Host And Team Insurance For Sanctioned Tournaments requires that all teams participating in sanctioned and other approved DYB tournament play must provide evidence of Accident and General Liability insurance that meets certain minimum standards as follows:

- (1) **Excess Accident** – The Tournament Host and each tournament team must be covered by an Excess Accident policy under their respective organizations’ name with a medical limit of at least \$50,000. For teams, it is not acceptable for each parent to provide individual evidence of health insurance for his or her child. For the tournament host, coverage must be provided for all umpires, scorekeepers, employees and volunteers; and
- (2) **General Liability** – The Tournament Host and each tournament team must be covered by a General Liability policy under their respective organizations’ names with an “each occurrence” limit of at least \$1,000,000 combined single limits for “bodily injury” and “property damage”. Such policy may not provide “claims made” coverage and may not have exclusion for lawsuits arising out of injuries to athletic participants. If the tournament host or team does not purchase its General Liability insurance through the approved DYB, Inc. insurance program (see rule book advertisement), it is required that the General Liability policy name DYB, Inc. as and “additional insured”.

DYB recommends that leagues purchase their Accident and General Liability insurance from the endorsed DYB program through Sadler Sports Insurance. The endorsed DYB program automatically meets all minimum insurance requirements and as a result does not need to be closely scrutinized by the tournament credentials committee.

However, if both Accident and General Liability are not purchased through the endorsed DYB program:

- 1) The league should request that their insurance agent complete the checklist on the reverse side of this page to verify compliance with the minimum standards. If 100% of standards are not met, the tournament credentials committee will not accept the insurance for entry into the DYB sanctioned or approved tournament.
- 2) This completed and signed checklist should be presented to the tournament credentials committee with evidence of Accident and General Liability insurance to expedite their review.

William Wade, Commissioner

DYB, Inc.

Sub District, District, Area, Regional, State, and World Series Tournaments Minor Waiver/Release

ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR MINOR PARTICIPANTS & MEDICAL RELEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING ON NEXT PAGE

IN CONSIDERATION OF my child/ward, being allowed to participate in any way in the DYB, Inc. Sub District, District, Area, Regional, State, or World Series Tournaments, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury to my child/ward from the activities involved in these programs is significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. The risk of possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,
3. For myself, spouse, and child/ward, I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my child/ward's participation; and,
4. I willingly agree to comply with the program's stated and customary terms and conditions for participation including risk of injury and protection against infectious diseases. If I observe any unusual significant hazard or concern in my child/ward's readiness for participation and/or in the program itself, I will remove my child/ward from the participation and bring such attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
5. **Medical Release** - I grant permission to managing and/or coaching personnel or other league representatives or tournament officials to authorize and obtain medical care and treatment from any licensed physician, hospital or medical clinic, including major surgery, deemed necessary by a duly licensed physician should my child become ill or injured while participating in tournament activities away from home, or at other times when neither parent/guardian is available to grant authorization for emergency treatment. This authorization includes the administration of first aid and transportation to and from a medical treatment facility. In addition, I will list any allergies or illnesses for which my child is being treated by medical doctor in the space provided next to my signature.
6. I, for myself, my spouse, my child/ward, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS DYB, Inc.; DYB State and District Affiliates; my local team and league; tournament host; their respective directors, officers, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property incident to my child/ward's involvement or participation in these programs, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
7. I, for myself, my spouse, my child/ward, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS all the above Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my child's/ward involvement or participation in these programs, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
8. I, the parent/guardian, assert that I have explained to my child/ward: the risks of the activity, his/her responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations, and that my child/ward understands this agreement.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Date: _____ League Name: _____ Franchise# _____

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (Under Age 18) SIGNING BELOW:

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver of liability, assumption of risk and indemnification agreement and medical release to my child/ward including the risks of injury and/or possible exposure to and illness from infectious disease through his presence and participation and including his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases. Furthermore, my child/ward understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. Further, I fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

Player's Name	Parent's Signature	Note: You may provide the following information on a separate sheet of paper if you have any privacy concerns.	
		Allergies (Drugs or other)	Illnesses Under MD Care
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11			
12.			

**Only Use Section Below for Replacement Players
(If Any)**

a.			
b.			
c.			
d.			

Note: The league shall maintain this signed release for a period 7 years, and in the event that a player has been involved in a serious injury, 17 years.



DYB, Inc.

Background Check Certification Infectious Disease/Injury-Waiver of Liability/Indemnification

Two signed copies of this completed form **MUST** be submitted at the District Credentials meeting along with two copies of the Tournament Team Eligibility Affidavit for each of the league's tournament teams. The second copy of these forms will be retained by the District Director.

Date _____

LEAGUE NAME: _____

FRANCHISE # Y- _____

Background Checks:

- Pursuant to Federal Public Law 115-126 – Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 (“Safe Sport Act”) our league has formally adopted and implemented the DYB Child Protection Plan or a similar comprehensive program.
- Our league has conducted third-party criminal background checks which, at a minimum, search the National Criminal Database and the National Sex Offender Registry in all 50 states on all managers and coaches of our all-star teams which participate in DYB tournament play (including sub-district, district and state tournaments and the DYB World Series). We have disqualified any manager or coach whose background check revealed a conviction for, guilty plea, no contest plea, or admission to any crime involving a minor. Furthermore, we have disqualified any other manager or coach for other offenses which fall under our disqualification criteria and for which an exception was not granted through our formal appeals process.
- Documentation of the successful passing of criminal background checks as described above for all managers and coaches is immediately available upon request.

League Official

Official's Name (Printed)

Position

ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR MANAGERS/COACHES

IN CONSIDERATION OF my participation as a manager or coach of a team in the DYB, Inc. Sub District, District, Area, Regional, State, or World Series Tournaments, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury to me from the activities involved in these programs is significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. The risk of possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,
3. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
4. I willingly agree to comply with the program's stated and customary terms and conditions for participation including risk of injury and protection against infectious diseases; and,
5. I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS DYB, Inc.; DYB State and District Affiliates; my local team and league; tournament host; their respective directors, officers, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event (“Releasees”), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property incident to my participation in these programs, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
6. I HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS all the above Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my participation in these programs, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Manager

Coach

Coach

Coach* *(For T-Ball and Coach Pitch 4th Coach Only)

Revised 05/2023

DYB, INC.

TOURNAMENT PLAYER REPLACEMENT AFFIDAVIT

This is to certify that _____
Full Name of Player

a member of the _____ League, #Y _____ City _____ State _____

Tournament team will be unable to participate in the 2023 DYB tournament program because:

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Address _____

Telephone _____

LEAGUE CERTIFICATION

Following an investigation of the above, I hereby approve the replacement of _____
Name of Player Being Replaced

By _____ Mailing Address _____
Full Name of New Player

Date of birth _____ League _____ Season Team _____

I hereby certify that the date of birth of _____ is correct and has been substantiated by birth
New Player

certificate, Hospital Record or National Headquarters Statement in lieu thereof. I further certify that the player listed above resides within the League's boundaries as set forth in the 2023 Dixie Youth Baseball Rules for local leagues, and has played in at least 9 scheduled games in his league in accordance with the 2023 TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS.

Signature _____
League President or Representative as registered with Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. for Current Season

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Name of League _____ Telephone _____

COMMISSIONER, STATE DIRECTOR OR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

I have inspected the birth certificate of _____ and it is in my opinion acceptable according to the rules of DYB Inc. Replacement as requested above is hereby approved.

Signature _____ District _____

Address _____

The original replacement form must be attached to the white copy of the 2023 Tournament Affidavit.



DYB, INC.
TOURNAMENT COACH REPLACEMENT AFFIDAVIT

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT _____, a coach in the _____ League, # Y-_____ of a []6U []8U []10U []12U tournament team will be unable to continue participation in the 20____ DYB tournament season for the following reason:

I hereby approve the replacement of _____ by a new coach,
(Name of coach being replaced)

Name _____

Address _____, City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

I hereby certify that the new coach is an adult representing our DYB franchised league.

Signature _____
(League President or League Representative as registered with Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc)

ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR REPLACEMENT COACH

In consideration of my participation as a manager or coach of a team in the DYB Sub District, District, Area, Regional, State, or World Series Tournaments, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury to me from the activities involved in these programs is significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. The risk of possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,
3. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
4. I willingly agree to comply with the program's stated and customary terms and conditions for participation including risk of injury and protection against infectious diseases; and,
5. I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS DYB Inc.; DYB State and District Affiliates; my local team and league; tournament host; their respective directors, officers, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property incident to my participation in these programs, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
6. I HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS all the above Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my participation in these programs, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Signature of new coach: _____ Date: _____

COMMISSIONER, STATE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

_____ is in my opinion an acceptable coach according to the DYB Rules and Regulations. Replacement as requested above is hereby approved: Signature _____

Date: _____ Title _____

The original replacement form will be retained by the District Director. A copy of this form must be attached to the original Tournament Team Affidavit.



DROPPED PLAYER AFFIDAVIT

LEAGUE CERTIFICATION

League _____ Franchise # Y- _____

Following investigation I, _____
(League President – Please print)

hereby approve the removal of _____
(Player's Name – Please print)

due to _____
(Reason – Please print)

from our 2023 _____ Tournament Team Roster.
(AAA, Majors or "O"Zone – Please print)

Having no other players available in our league to replace this player we have no other choice but to drop the 12th player from our tournament team roster. We understand that we must continue in DYB tournament play with 11 players.

X _____ Date _____
Signature of League President or Representative as registered with DYB, Inc. for the current season.

COMMISSIONER, STATE DIRECTOR OR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

I have reviewed this situation and it is in my opinion acceptable according to the rules of DYB, Inc.

Removal of the 12th player as requested above is hereby approved.

Signature _____ Title _____

Address _____

The original of this form must be attached to the 2023 DYB Tournament Affidavit.



Credentials Check List for DYB Officials

Each participating DYB Tournament Team will bring the following documents to the District Credentials Meeting - completed Parental Waiver/Medical Release Form, copies of Birth Certificates, Proof of Excess Accident & Liability Insurance, completed Tournament Team Affidavit (2 copies) and completed Tournament Coaches Certification Form (2 copies).

League Responsibilities

- ❑ All tournament teams must attend the District Credentials meeting at a time/place set by the District Director.
- ❑ The TOURNAMENT TEAM ELIGIBILITY AFFIDAVIT shall be completed online through the league's Manage Teams page. Leagues can access their Manage Teams Page by going to the **ONLINE ROSTERS** tab on the DYB website.
- ❑ All information on the Tournament Affidavit/Roster must be provided from the information submitted on the regular season rosters in the on-line DYB Rostering System.
- ❑ Players must be selected from the players listed on the League Rosters submitted on-line which are due May 1.
- ❑ **Player's first and last names must be listed exactly like it is on the legal birth document.** First and Last names only, **middle names are not required**, no initials, no nick names, and no adopted names unless there is documentation of a legal name change
- ❑ The President of each league or League Official must check all birth records of players, print **TWO** copies of the Tournament Affidavit/Roster for each team from the on-line database and sign each copy of the Affidavit certifying that all information on the Tournament Affidavit is correct. (**Coach-Original, Copy-District Director**).
- ❑ Must have 3 coaches (no more) listed on the AAA, Majors and "O"ZONE tournament team affidavits.
- ❑ Must have 4 coaches (no more) listed on the T-Ball and 6U & 8U AA Coach Pitch tournament team affidavits.
- ❑ Copies of birth certificates must have a statement printed on the copy that states ***"this is an exact and true copy of the original certificate"***. **The statement must be signed by the parent or legal guardian. This statement cannot be on a separate page that is stapled to the birth certificate. Note: The statement signed by the parent on the birth certificate does not have to be notarized.**
- ❑ A parental waiver/medical release form for each team with the parent or legal guardian's signature next to the player's name. The parental waiver/medical release form can be downloaded from the DYB website at www.dybusa.org. The parental waiver/medical release form is titled "ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT FOR MINOR PARTICIPANTS & MEDICAL RELEASE".
- ❑ Each team MUST provide proof of insurance as follows -
 - *Excess Accident-team must be covered with an Excess Accident policy with medical limit of at least \$50,000.*
 - *General Liability-team must be covered by a General Liability Policy with an "each occurrence" limit of at least 1,000,000 combined single limits for "bodily injury" and "property damage". If the team does not purchase its General Liability Insurance from Sadler, it is required that its insurance certificate name DYB, Inc. as an "additional insured", and have the tournament insurance check list completed and signed by their insurance agent.*
- ❑ Each team must provide **TWO** copies of the completed DYB Background Check Certification/Waiver of Liability and Indemnification form signed by all the team coaches. **ONE** copy is to be retained by the league and **ONE** copy to be retained by the District Director.
- ❑ The tournament affidavit/roster, parental waiver/medical release form, coaches background check certification form, insurance and the birth records will be publicly inspected and approved by a credentials committee composed of three members.
- ❑ These documents should be put into a three-ring binder with the birth certificates inserted in order of the names listed on the Tournament Team Affidavit to be presented to the Credentials Committee.
- ❑ **The District Director should maintain a copy of the following documents in the district records for at least 7 years (or longer if a serious injury occurs during post-season play)**
 - (1) **Tournament Affidavit.**
 - (2) **Completed Coaches Background Check Certification.**



Office of the Commissioner

April 28, 2023

State Directors,

Please note DYB Tournament Rule III. Team Eligibility Requirements (B) & (D) -

(B) All DYB tournament team affidavits must consist of a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 12 players, and manager and the required number of coaches. All players listed on the team's tournament team roster must fulfill all offensive and defensive participation requirements. A dropped player affidavit must be presented if a team drops from 12 to 11 players. Alternates are not recognized as part of a tournament team. NOTE: Non-sanctioned tournaments not supervised by DYB District, State or National officials cannot use the DYB Tournament Team Eligibility Affidavit to qualify teams.

(D) Each tournament team is required to have a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 12 players, and manager and the required number of coaches present at each tournament game except that any unfilled player vacancy or a player's absence may be approved by the tournament director for justifiable reasons except for participation in other tournaments or family vacations which are covered under Tournament Rule IV(C). The tournament director may suspend a team manager from participating in any game where a player vacancy or absence cannot be justified. The tournament director may require a team to replace a player whose continued participation on the team is in doubt.

The rule governing the number of players on a tournament team roster does not give a team the option to show up to any tournament game with either 11 or 12 players. The choice to place 11 or 12 players on a tournament team roster is a **league decision** and the team is required to have their full tournament team roster of players at each game. Example: a league opts to place 11 players on their tournament team roster and that team has player(s) absent for a game, the manager may be suspended for that game if the tournament director does not feel that the absence is justified. Likewise, if a league opts to place 12 players on their tournament team roster, and that team has player(s) absent for a game, the manager may be suspended for that game if the tournament director does not feel that the absence is justified.

Please reference DYB Tournament Rule IV. Player/Coach Eligibility Requirements (C) for absences related to participation in other tournaments or family vacations.

William Wade, Commissioner

III. Team Eligibility Requirements

(A) Each league shall be entitled to enter either its local league champion or a team chosen from the entire league as its tournament team in each age division.

(B) All DYB tournament team affidavits must consist of a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 12 players, and manager and the required number of coaches. All players listed on the team's tournament team roster must fulfill all offensive and defensive participation requirements. A dropped player affidavit must be presented if a team drops from 12 to 11 players. Each tournament team must begin each level of tournament play with a full roster of coaches and players. **Alternates are not recognized as part of a tournament team. NOTE:** Non-sanctioned tournaments not supervised by DYB District, State or National officials cannot use the DYB Tournament Team Eligibility Affidavit to qualify teams.

(C) All tournament teams participating in the Majors, "O"Zone, AAA, or AA state tournaments shall be required to deliver an acceptable digital group photo image of the team in uniform (including the team manager and only the required number of coaches) to the State Director prior to the beginning of state tournament play..

(D) Each tournament team is required to have a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 12 players, and manager and the required number of coaches present at each tournament game except that any unfilled player vacancy or a player's absence may be approved by the tournament director for justifiable reasons except for participation in other tournaments or family vacations which are covered under Tournament Rule IV(C). The tournament director may suspend a team manager from participating in any game where a player vacancy or absence cannot be justified. The tournament director may require a team to replace a player whose continued participation on the team is in doubt.

(E) Participating teams shall completely and accurately complete by the deadline all forms furnished them. Teams failing to comply with this rule may not be eligible for tournament participation and may lose their next opportunity to host a tournament.