

**2010 Minors State Tournament  
Alexandria, LA**

**FRIDAY July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 PM Credentials Meeting – Location: The Baymont Inn & Suites, 2301 North MacArthur Dr.**

- If you do not have a credentials meeting in your district for 9 year olds. Please double check with your District Director to make sure you have everything in order before you leave.
- We will go over the rules for this tournament at this time.
- There will be 4 pools of 4 teams. Pool play will be Friday and Saturday.
- Two-way ties will be broken by head-to-head match-up.
- Three-way ties will be broken by who allowed the fewest runs (1<sup>st</sup> against the teams you are tied with, 2<sup>nd</sup> in all games played) if 2 teams are still tied it will go back to head to head. Playing it out is not an option considering the tight time frame and the pitching restrictions
- Finals – The winners of each pool will play a single elimination bracket. Winners of the brackets A and C will play on Field 1 at 1:00 PM. Winners of rackets on B and D will play on Field 3 at 1:00 PM. The 2 winners will play for the championship on Field 1. This game is scheduled for 3:00 PM; however both winners will be allowed at least a 30-minute break.
  
- **Pool Play Rd. 1**
  - **5:30 PM Game 1 (All 4 Fields)**
  - **7:30 PM Game 2 (All 4 Fields)**

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- **Pool Play Rd. 2**
  - **11:00 AM Game 3 (All 4 Fields)**
  - **1:00 PM Game 4 (All 4 Fields)**
  
- **Pool Play Rd. 3**
  - **4:00 PM Game 5 (All 4 Fields)**
  - **6:00 PM Game 6 (All 4 Fields)**

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- **1:00 PM Semi-Finals (Fields 2 & 3)**
- **3:00 PM Final (Field 3)**

**Dress Code**

- Teams shall wear the accepted standard of All-Star uniforms.
- Teams should have an extra uniform due to the “blood rule”. This can be a player’s regular season uniform. It does not have to match the all-star uniforms. It may be a different color or have the same number as a player on the same team.
- Coaches are required to wear baseball pants or slacks in Dixie Youth. However I do permit coaches to wear shorts during sub-district and district play in District VII. Shorts will be allowed at this tournament using the following guidelines:
  - Shorts shall be approximately knee length. Same type and color. If khaki shorts are worn they must be the same shade. No cargo style shorts.
  - Must be Dress type or Baseball type with belt.

- All coaches must match. For example, if 2 coaches are wearing baseball shorts and the other 2 coaches do not want to wear shorts, they must wear baseball pants that match the shorts. Same goes for the dress type, shorts and long pants must be the same color. If you show up for your first game wearing mis-matched shorts or pants you can expect to be sent to the store to get this corrected!
- Coach's shirts must be tucked in.

## Tournament Rules

- 1) A Minor League Tournament Team must have a roster of twelve (12) players. A team may play a game with less than 12 players only after receiving permission from the Tournament Director.
- 2) Tournament Teams must have a Manager and two (2) Coaches. Two Coaches (or players) will be allowed to coach baselines. All rules that pertain to coaching baselines shall be followed. There **must** be one adult coach in the dugout at all times during the game.
- 3) Teams have the option to bat all 12 the first time through the order and then revert to the top 9 and the other 3 then become subs or bat the roster the entire game.
- 4) All players must play on defense for at least 1 inning (3 consecutive outs). Penalty for violation: Forfeiture of the game by the offending team. The team Manager is responsible for reporting substitutes. If substitutes have not played at least one inning by the end of four (4) complete innings of play, the tournament director shall have the authority to put the substitutes in the game to avoid a forfeit situation.
- 5) There shall be a fifteen (15) run rule in effect after the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning or after two and ½ innings if the home team is ahead. Also a ten run rule shall be in effect after 4 innings or 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead. Pitchers shall be charged only for the actual amount of innings pitched.
- 6) All baseballs used in Tournament play must be Dixie Youth approved, with the Commissioner's stamp on the ball.
- 7) All bats must meet Dixie Youth Approval as provided by the Dixie Youth Rule Book.
- 8) Batting Helmets must meet Dixie Youth Approval as provided by the Dixie Youth Rule Book. Helmets with snaps for chin straps MUST have a chin strap. You will NOT be allowed to use a helmet with snaps without a chin strap.
- 9) The Pitching Rubber will be 43 feet from the plate.
- 10) Tournament Pitching Rules:
  - A) A pitcher shall pitch only eleven (11) innings in the same tournament. For the purpose of this rule, any combination of innings adding to 11 shall be permitted.
  - B) Since the game will be played for five (5) innings, a pitcher will be limited to five (5) innings in any one game. Exception: A pitcher, who has pitched in five consecutive innings in the same game, may pitch in a sixth consecutive inning. In the event he pitches six consecutive innings, this inning is charged against the eleven allotted him for the tournament.
  - C) A pitcher may pitch in two games in the same day provided he does not pitch more than two innings in the first game and does not pitch more than a total of five innings in the games on the same day.
  - D) A pitcher in a Dixie Youth Tournament must have 36 hours rest after pitching four (4) or more innings in a tournament game. Furthermore if a pitcher pitches three (3) or more innings in one day he shall also skip a game before being allowed to return to the mound. A bye does not count as a game for the consecutive game rule. No one person or group of people will be allowed to make a so-called "gentlemen's

agreement" concerning this rule. If a team is in violation of the rule, tournament officials shall stop the game and the manager(s) shall be disciplined according to their intent in this matter.

- E) Double-Header Games Only: A pitcher may pitch 2 innings in the first game and 2 innings in the second game (on the same day) and be eligible to pitch the following day. If a pitcher pitches 3 or 4 innings in either the first or second game he is subject to the restrictions in (D).

The following situations apply to this tournament:

1. A pitcher throws 3 innings on Friday night; he will not be eligible to pitch until the 2<sup>nd</sup> game on Saturday.
2. A pitcher may pitch 2 innings in both games Saturday and remain eligible to pitch on Sunday with no restrictions except for the total of 11 innings in the tournament.
  - a. He throws 2 innings in Game 1, 2, and 3. He has 5 innings left.
    - i. He may pitch 5 in the semi-final or 2 in the semi-final and 3 in the final.
    - ii. If he pitches 3 innings in the semi-final, he cannot pitch in the final.
3. If a pitcher throws 2 innings in the first game Saturday and 3 innings in the 2<sup>nd</sup> game on Saturday, he is ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.
4. A pitcher throws 3 innings Saturday morning; he will not be eligible to pitch until the semi-final on Sunday.
5. A pitcher throws 3 innings Saturday night; he will not be eligible to pitch until the finals on Sunday. He cannot have pitched more than 1 inning in the 1<sup>st</sup> game on Saturday!
6. A pitcher throws 4 or more innings Friday night, he will not be eligible to pitch until the Sunday semi-finals. If a pitcher throws 4 or more innings in either game Saturday, he is ineligible to pitch for the remainder of the tournament.

I will be checking the pitching affidavits after each game. I will let you know if a pitcher is ineligible before the game is played. If you have any questions concerning pitcher eligibility contact me on my cell. 337-348-9338