

BY-LAWS OF DISTRICT VII OF LOUISIANA DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be District VII, Louisiana Dixie Youth Baseball.

Article II: Object

The purpose of this organization is to provide for the smooth day to day organization of youth baseball in the district, especially during tournament time.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: The membership of this organization shall be limited to franchised leagues who are in good standing with the National Headquarters of Dixie Youth Baseball.

Section 2: Each franchised league in good standing and not barred from voting shall have one vote in any matter that comes before the district.

Section 3: The annual dues, payable to the District Director, are \$25 per year payable before the first tournament date.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1: The officers of the district shall be the District Director, Assistant District Director, and Umpire-in-Chief(s).

Section 2: The District Director shall be elected in accordance with the State Constitution. The State Director shall run the election.

Section 3: The District Director shall be responsible for all financial matters in regards to the District. All dues and fees will be payable to him before the first scheduled tournament.

Section 4: The other officers shall be appointed at will by the District Director as the are needed to fulfill various duties in the District.

Article V: Meetings

Section 1: The regular meeting shall be held after the state meeting each year. The District Director shall, after consultation with the State Director, notify each league in writing at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

Section 2: The regular meeting shall alternate locations. The meeting shall be on the East side of the district on odd numbered years and on the West side on even numbered years. The District Director shall choose the meeting place and time.

Section 3: There shall be a \$50.00 penalty for any league that does not send a representative to this meeting. The fee is payable to the district.

Section 4: All matters, except those specifically noted in these by-laws, require a majority vote of those leagues present at the meeting.

Article VI: Tournaments

Section 1: The following tournaments shall be held annually in District VII: T-Ball, Pitching Machine, Minors (9 yr. old), Super 10, and Majors (12 yr. old).

Section 2: All rules for each age division shall be kept on file by the District Director and shall be made available to all leagues upon request. These rules shall be amended by a majority vote of the franchised leagues in the district. None of these rules shall be in conflict with the official Dixie Youth Rules and Regulations.

Section 3: The tournament dates shall be set by the District Director and all leagues shall be notified in writing by the District Director at least thirty (30) days before the start of the first tournament.

Section 4: The Sub-District tournament sites shall be set by the District Director based on the current tournament rotation schedule in force. The District Director shall maintain this rotation schedule, and it shall be available to all leagues.

Section 5: The District Tournaments for all age groups shall also be on a rotation schedule. The rotation shall be as follows:

T – Ball – Shall rotate west to east starting with the winner of the 2006 west sub-district, who will host the 2007 District Tournament. The winner of the east sub-district in 2007 shall host the 2008 District Tournament.

Pitching Machine – Shall rotate east to west starting with the winner of the 2008 east sub-district, who will host the 2009 District Tournament. The winner of the west sub-district in 2009 shall host the 2010 District Tournament.

Minors – Shall rotate west to east starting with the 2001 winner of the west sub-district, who shall host the 2002 District Tournament.

Super 10 – Shall rotate Central, West, and East starting with the winner of the 2006 central sub-district, who shall host the 2007 District Tournament.

Majors - Shall rotate Central, East, and West starting with the winner of the 2004 central sub-district, who shall host the 2005 District Tournament.

*** If a league hosted the District Tournament during the previous rotation, then the host of the current year's District Tournament shall be the runner-up. For example: Ville Platte hosted the Minors District Tournament in 2001. If Ville Platte was to win the Minors east sub-district in 2002, the host for the 2003 District Tournament would be the runner-up of the east sub-district.

Section 5: The District Director shall use his discretion if any of these rotations expire or if any unforeseen event occurs that will warrant the switching of tournaments for reasons of conflict.

Article VII: Fees and Finances

Section 1: The District Director shall collect \$25.00 from each franchised league annually which will be given to the Dixie Youth Baseball Scholarship Fund.

Section 2: The District Director shall collect \$100.00 from each franchised league annually, which will be split evenly by the qualifiers of the Super 10 and Majors' District Tournaments. This money is to be used by these qualifiers to defray their costs to the state tournament. All monies collected shall be split evenly between the teams selected to advance to the regional tournament.

Section 3: The District Director shall collect the following fees from leagues hosting tournaments. These fees are to defray the District Director's expenses.

- A. T-Ball and Pitching Machine: \$300.00
- B. Sub-District and District Tournaments for all other age groups: \$250.00
- C. Sub-District and District Tournaments for Pitching Machine, Super 10, and Majors: \$50.00 State Fee (Sent to State Treasurer)

Section 4: Any league not paying these fees shall lose its tournament privileges for the current year. All fees are payable to the District Director, who is responsible for forwarding mandated fees to whom they belong.

Section 5: The District Director shall maintain all funds concerning the district in a checking account at the bank of the director's choice. A financial report shall be furnished on an annual basis to any franchised league which requests the report in writing to the District Director.

Article VII: Umpires

Section 1: Umpires at all tournament games shall be certified by Dixie Youth Baseball.

Section 2: Umpires shall be assigned to tournament games by the Umpire-In-Chief or the District Director.

Section 3: Umpires calling T-Ball and Pitching Machine shall be paid \$20.00 per game.

Section 4: Umpires calling Minors, Super 10, and Majors shall be paid \$25.00 per game.

Section 5: Umpires shall be paid a flat rate of \$10.00 travel per day.

Section 6: All monies collected for umpires through dues will be kept in the District's General Account. The Umpire-In-Chief(s) shall be reimbursed from this fund by the District Director for any and all expenses that are incurred.

Article IX: Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*, shall govern the organization in all instances when they are applicable and not inconsistent with these by-laws, the by-laws of Louisiana Dixie Youth Baseball, and the By-Laws and Rules of Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc.

Article X: Amendment of By-Laws

The by-laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the current franchised leagues in the District. Amendments may be voted on at the regular meeting or by mail.