

Louisiana Dixie Youth District VII Minor League Tournament Rules – 2010

Section I

- A) All rules and regulations as set forth in the Official Dixie Youth Baseball Rule Guide for the current year will be binding. This will include Sub-District and District tournaments of District VII of Louisiana for Minor Leagues.
- B) Only eight (8) and nine (9) year old players are eligible to participate in Minor League tournaments in District VII of Louisiana. A child or player **may not** participate in both the Minor League and Major All-Star tournaments of this District. Also a child may not participate in the Minor League tournament and the Pitching Machine Tournament.
- C) A Minor League must be franchised with Dixie Youth Baseball to be eligible to participate in the Minor League Sub-District and District tournaments.

Section II

- A) 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 Chairman or District Director.
- B) 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.
- C) All Sub-District and District Tournaments of District VII shall be on a rotating basis among the franchised Leagues of District VII.
- D) All Minor League Sub-District and District Tournaments shall begin play on the date set by the District Director at the first District Meeting of each year.
- E) Two (2) Certified Umpires shall be used at all Sub-District and District Tournament games. All umpires shall be paid \$35.00 each per game plus travel. The District Director or District Umpire-in-Chief will assign the umpires for each tournament.
- F) Teams shall bat all 12 players the first time through the order. After the 12th player has batted, the batting order will be set to the first 9 players and the remaining 3 may be used as substitutes or pinch runners. See DYB Rule Book – Tournament Rules – Section IX Player Participation Requirement. Teams have the option of batting all 12 the entire game – This must be stated to the Umpire in Chief and the Official Scorekeeper prior to the start of the game and cannot be changed during the game.
- G) All players must play on defense for at least 2 innings (six total outs). Penalty for violation: Forfeiture of the game by the offending team.

H) There shall be a fifteen (15) run rule in effect after the 3rd 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.

I) All Tournament Hosts shall charge an admission fee to all games. The district has set this fee as follows:

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| Adults | \$5.00 |
| 13-18 | \$2.00 |
| 12 & Under | Free |

Section III

A) All baseballs used in Tournament play must be Dixie Youth approved, with the Commissioner's stamp on the ball.

B) All bats must meet Dixie Youth Approval as provided by the Dixie Youth Rules.

C) The Pitching Rubber will be 43 feet from the plate.

D) Tournament Pitching Rules:

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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. A pitcher who pitches in three or more innings on the same day shall be subject to the 36-hour rest rule as stated in (4) below.
- 4) A pitcher in a Sub-District or District Tournament in Minor League play must have 36 hours rest after pitching three (3) or more innings in a tournament game. Furthermore the pitcher shall also skip a game before being allowed to return to the mound. 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.