



**FLORIDA DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL
STATE TOURNAMENT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
(T-Ball, AA, AAA, Ozone, Majors)**

The requirements for hosting a Florida Dixie Youth State Tournament have been developed for the purpose of providing a play-off system to determine the number one team in Florida (both Major Ozone, AAA, AA & T-Ball) under the most rewarding and pleasant conditions possible, primarily, for the participants of the district tournament winners. While it is recognized that many side benefits will be realized for the host, parents and others, primary consideration in hosting this event should always be the welfare and concern for the participating teams. We do not wish to dictate to any host that they cannot voluntarily provide additional hospitalities, which exceed these requirements.

HOUSING

- The host team is not required to furnish housing for the teams. (This does not mean that a host cannot offer to house the teams or offer other incentives, such as a per diem, only that they are not required to do so.) Teams shall be responsible for their own housing requirements and arrangements.
- The host shall be required to contact at least three (3) local motels in order to obtain information on suitable and affordable lodging, including a recommended “HOST” motel. Information shall include room rates, telephone numbers, location and approximate distance from playing facilities.
- The host shall furnish suitable (Minimum AAA 3 diamond rating) lodging for the State Director or a designated representative, who is the tournament director, for the duration of the tournament.
- The host shall provide up to three (3) additional (Minimum AAA 3 diamond rating) rooms to be used by visiting Dixie Youth Officials during the tournament if so requested.
- The housing information required shall be sent to all District, State and National Directors in Florida no later than two weeks prior to the tournament start date.

FEEDING

- The host is not required to furnish meals for the teams. (This does not mean that a host cannot offer to feed the teams or offer incentives, such as a per diem, only that they are not required to do so.) Teams shall be responsible for their own feeding requirements and arrangements. (EXCEPTION: Friday Night Banquet)

FACILITIES

- The field(s) will meet the requirements as set forth in the current edition of the Official Dixie Youth Rule Guide.
- It is recommended that the fields used for the Ozone and Majors State Tournaments be a minimum of 200ft.
- A press box large enough to accommodate the scorekeeper, announcer and State Director will be provided.
- Scorekeepers and announcers shall be competent and experienced adults.
- Covered dugouts on the field shall be provided.
- A score board with indicated balls, strikes, out and game score will be provided and operated during all games.
- Sufficient restrooms, seating and concessions shall be provided to accommodate the anticipated crowd.
- At least one telephone with long distance collect calling capabilities must be available to the public.
- A public address system that can be heard throughout the park shall be provided.
- Host shall have sufficient cover for the field(s) on hand, in case of rain

TROPHIES

- Individual trophies will be given each player and coach listed on the affidavit of the winning team and the runner-up team. In the event there should be two (2) runners-up, all three (3) teams will be awarded trophies. A team trophy will also be given to the teams as per above.
 - **CHAMPIONSHIP INDIVIDUAL 12” – 14” HIGH**
 - **RUNNER(S) UP INDIVIDUAL 10” – 12” HIGH**
 - **CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM 22” – 26” HIGH**
 - **RUNNER(S) UP TEAM 20” – 24” HIGH**
- The Major Tournament Team Championship Trophy shall be known as the “**CHARLES KIRKLAND CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD**”

CHARLES KIRKLAND CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD
2017 MAJORS STATE TOURNAMENT
HOST EAST LAKELAND, FLORIDA
- The Ozone Tournament Team Championship Trophy shall be known as the “**BILL E WILLIAMS CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD**”

BILL E. WILLIAMS CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD
2017 “O” ZONE STATE TOURNAMENT
HOST MARIANNA, FLORIDA

- A sportsmanship award will be given in both the Major, Ozone, Minor, Machine Pitch & T-Ball tournament. The sportsmanship award given in the MAJOR tournament shall be known as the **“GEORGE PITTAS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD”** and shall be so stated on the plaque or trophy. **All sportsmanship awards shall be no less than 20” to 24” high.**
- A participation award shall be given to all players to be awarded following elimination from tournament play.
- Other than the team sportsmanship award and the trophies listed above, no other awards will be given without prior approval from the state director.
- The State shall furnish all trophies and participation awards according to the state requirements and the host will reimburse the State prior to June 1.

PROGRAM

- A souvenir program will be furnished which will include a picture of all of the teams participating in the tournament (if available), a list of past winners, a copy of the tournament bracket, a letter from the State Director, and any other material as may be required by the State Director. All other material used in the program must meet Dixie Youth Baseball standards.

FINANCES

- Beginning in 2017 a fee of two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,750.00) will be paid to the state organization by the league that is awarded the tournament. Twelve hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250.00) will be paid to the State Director at the state meeting. The balance must be deposited with the State Director no later than June 1. Beginning in 2017 Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) of this fee will be presented by the state to the DYB national scholarship fund.
- The State Director or a designated representative shall be the tournament director and the host shall pay such person Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) per day for meals.

OPTIONAL TEAM BANQUET

- A social gathering and feeding of all teams involved in the tournament may be provided by the host and shall be held on Friday evening prior to the tournament. This function will include (at no cost) all players and coaches listed on the affidavit, Dixie Youth Officials and their immediate families, invited guest and any others the host may wish to include. Parents and fans may attend if room permits and may be charged a fee if they wish to eat.
IF BANQUET IS PROVIDED IT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL MANAGERS, COACHES AND PLAYERS TO ATTEND. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AT HIS/HER DISCRESSION MAY SUSPEND THE TEAM MANAGER OR COACH FOR THE FIRST GAME PLAYED BY HIS OR HER TEAM.

OPENING CEREMONIES

- It is mandatory for all managers, coaches and players to attend all opening ceremony and team banquet events sponsored by the host. The tournament director at his/her discession may suspend the team manager or coach for the first game played by his or her team.

GATE FEES & PASSES

- It is recommended that a gate fee be charged to help offset the cost of the tournament.
- **Beginning 2018 season maximum tournament gate fee \$7 day or a \$25 tournament pass. 10u free.**

- A minimum of three (3) passes will be issued to each team for coaches. Players will be admitted free of charge. Any other passes shall be at the discretion of the host.
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- All Dixie Youth Officials and their immediate families, all Officials of Dixie Boys, Dixie Majors and Dixie Softball will be admitted free by showing their Official badges.
- The host will charge an extra \$1 gate fee on the first day of the State Tournament proceeds to be donated to the Dixie Youth Scholarship fund. Tournament passes sold will also include an additional \$1. This donation will be provided to the tournament director on the second day of tournament play.

UMPIRES

- AAA, Ozone & Majors Tournaments are required to have a minimum of three (3) qualified umpires per game. All umpires for the State Tournament will be selected by the State UIC or his/her designee and shall be approved by the State Director or a designated representative. The fees will be paid by the host.
- The AA & T-Ball State Tournaments are required to have a minimum of two (2) qualified umpires per game and a minimum of three (3) qualified umpires for the championship game. All umpires for the State Tournament will be selected by the State UIC or his/her designee and shall be approved by the State Director or a designated representative. The fees will be paid by the host.
- Umpires officiating in District & State Tournament play shall hold a current Certification through Florida Dixie Youth Baseball. The fee paid shall be no less than \$35 A, AA and \$40 Majors, Ozone per game.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A birthday cake will be presented to each player having a birthday during the tournament. The cake will be presented immediately prior to the start of the game of the team on which the player is a member. If the team does not play that day the cake will be presented prior to the start of the last game of the day.
- A list of local churches and restaurants will be provided to each team. The list should also include local points of interest that may be visited by out of town teams and fans.
- Information shall be given to each team with directions to obtain emergency medical aid along with a list of names and telephone numbers of local league officials as well as any local Dixie Youth officials that can be contacted for information.
- Players hitting a homerun shall be given the homerun ball and a pitcher who pitches a complete no hit ballgame shall be given the game ball.

OTHER (not required by host)

- The state organization shall give the winner Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to help defray expenses to the World Series. Excluding T-Ball
- A state championship flag and state championship T-shirts shall be presented to the winners by the state organization.
- Teams participating in the State Tournament will be required to present a flag representing their team/league to the host to be displayed at the tournament until elimination from tournament play.
(Flag dimensions to be 4' x 6' and include the DYB emblem minimum 18" x 18" the layout must be approved by the State Director)

- Flags can be used year to year and for other divisions of play if desired.
- The state organization shall pay five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to each State Champion (Major & AAA) towards the purchase of uniforms to be worn in the World Series.
- For lighting safety all State Tournaments will use at a minimum.
 - 0-3 miles 30 minute game delay
 - 5-8 miles 20 minute game delay

OFFER TO HOST

- A letter of intent to present an Offer to Host a state tournament shall be sent to the State Director and be received **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.**
- A sealed copy of the Offer to Host shall be given to the State Director prior to the presentation to the leagues at the State Meeting. Offers to Host shall be opened in the presence of the leagues in attendance and no additions shall be made once presentations begin.
- Each league presenting Offer to Host shall be given a maximum of Fifteen (15) minutes to make a presentation.
- For state tournament hosting purposes, the state shall be divided into two (2) regions. Regions are defined as follows: Region 1 – Districts 2, 3, 4, 5 Region 2 – Districts 6, 7, 8, 9,10
- Beginning in the year 2002, Region 1 will host the Majors and Region 2 will host the AAA. Each year thereafter, the tournaments will alternate in the regions.
- If no offer to host is received from the regional area by January 15, the State Director shall notify all District Directors that no offer to host has been received and ask that all leagues be notified of such. The offer to host will then be open to all regions and any league may present a sealed Offer to Host from the floor at the State Meeting. In the event an Offer to Host is not received at the State Meeting, the State Director shall have the authority to seek a host and award the tournament, with the approval of the advisory board.

UNIFORMS

- State tournament champions shall be responsible for acquiring uniforms to be worn during play at the World Series.
- Uniforms worn by Florida teams in the World Series must be the team colors of the Tampa Rays or the Miami Marlins. And must be approved by the state director prior to team placing order.
- Any team refusing to abide by this uniform rule shall not be allowed to participate in the World Series.
- Managers and coaches are to either be uniformed as the players or at a minimum wear identical polo shirts or a matching team Jersey and matching golf shorts and a cap. **NO CUTOFFS OR JEAN SHORTS OR CARGO WILL BE ALLOWED.**
- The State Director shall make the final decision on compliance with this requirement

(These additions in red to the State Tournament Minimum Requirements were adopted at the State Meeting in January 2016 and are in force during the 2016 season.)