

## **DIXIE BOYS REGULATIONS**

All games will observe a ninety (90) minute time limit. No new inning may begin after the 85-minute mark.

A team may play with a minimum of eight (8) players. A team failing to place eight (8) players on the field within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled game time as timed by the head umpire or anytime during the course of the contest shall forfeit the game. The ninth batter will be counted as an out when it is his/her turn at bat. The ninth player may be added to the line-up at any time during the contest but must enter as the ninth batter in the batting order. If a player leaves the game and no legal substitute is available, the player will be counted as an out when it is their turn at bat.

All players present for the game shall be listed in the batting lineup. Coaches may decide to play with a continuous batting order the entire game or revert back to a 9-player batting lineup after the first time through. This must be declared at the start of the game.

Run Rule: the game shall become a regulation game when a team is ahead by ten (10) runs after both teams have batted four (4) times, or in the case that the home team is leading, three (3) times.

Tie Games: If the game is tied when the time limit expires, the game will be declared a tie during the regular season. During postseason play the game will continue and the "International Tie-Breaker Rule" will apply. Each team starts the inning with the player who completed the last official at bat as a base runner on second base and with one (1) out.

Umpires have the authority to clear each field five minutes (5) prior to the game starting time. Infield for either team will not be granted.

## **BATS/EQUIPMENT**

All bats must have a USA Baseball stamp or be BBCOR certified to be approved for play.

Helmets must be worn by any offensive player on the playing field. Chin straps must be worn if snaps are provided on the helmet. Face guards are optional.

All catchers must wear full protective equipment during game play (including throat protectors, no matter what style mask is being used).

Two (2) piece style helmets are not allowed.

Metal cleats are allowed during local league play.

Any questions during the game must come from the head coach. The head coach must call time out and be granted time out, then go to the umpire that made the call.

Make sure that all jewelry is removed. The first warning is at the plate.

Absolutely no slinging the bat. This is unsportsmanlike conduct. The first time is a warning. The umpire has the authority to eject the player or call the player out on the second and any offense thereafter.

\*Note- Slinging of the bat will be the sole judgment of the umpire\*

A courtesy runner must be used for the catcher when there are two outs. The courtesy runner is the last batted out or any player not currently in the line-up.