

CREWE-BURKEVILLE DIXIE YOUTH LEAGUE BASEBALL BY-LAWS

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- I. The league shall be known as the Crewe-Burkeville Dixie Youth League.
- II. There shall be no local league rules or by-laws in conflict with the intent, aims, purposes and rules of the national Dixie Youth Baseball Organization or the Crewe Burkeville Youth Recreation Association. All by-laws shall be reviewed by the baseball committee annually and approved by the CBYRA board of directors.
- III. Property and business of the league shall be managed by the Crewe-Burkeville Youth Recreation Association Board of Directors. The Baseball committee shall submit a budget for approval annually to the board of directors with expenses above and beyond this budget approved by the board according to current financial policy. Fundraising shall be coordinated with the board and other leagues.
- IV. The Baseball Committee shall consist of up to 7 members with League Officers consisting of a Commissioner, Vice-Commissioner and Player Agent. The Commissioner shall be elected by the Board of Directors by majority vote. The Commissioner shall be given authority by the Baseball Committee to conduct all business necessary to the operation of the Baseball Program. All other league officers shall be selected by the Commissioner. Their respective duties shall be as follows:
 - A. COMMISSIONER:
 1. Primary responsibility is to direct the Dixie Youth Baseball program. The Commissioner shall encourage all officials, managers, coaches, players and fans to exhibit good sportsmanship and to help build a program that will result in obedient, patriotic and God-fearing children.
 2. Shall preside at all meetings of the Crewe-Burkeville Dixie Youth League.
 3. Shall ensure that all Dixie Youth League and CBYRA rules and regulations are followed.
 4. Acts as ultimate arbitrator in any dispute or protest concerning rules and regulations.
 5. Shall conduct one or more meetings prior to the start of league play to review by-laws, coaching techniques, rules and regulations with managers and coaches.

6. Shall represent the local league at District and State meetings as well as other functions relating to Dixie Youth Baseball.
7. Shall prepare the yearly baseball game schedule in coordination with the softball program.
8. Shall appoint all other personnel to assure proper operation of a successful league such as umpires, scorekeepers, etc.
9. Commissioner or representative of the Commissioner shall be present at all regular season league games and as voting board member, to all CBYRA stated or called meetings. The commissioner and the baseball committee shall agree to a second voting representative of the CBYRA board of directors.

B. VICE-COMMISSIONER:

1. Shall assist the Commissioner in the discharge of his duties and in the absence of the Commissioner shall assume the duties of the Commissioner.
2. Is responsible, with the Commissioner and Player Agent, in seeing that each major and minor league team has at least eleven (11) players through the sixth regular scheduled game, regardless of games not played or completed due to inclement weather conditions, by moving players from the minor league to the major league. A full roster shall be determined by the number of sign-ups obtained during the registration period.
3. Is responsible for assisting the Commissioner in investigating the reasons for dropping a player by a team manager or the resignation of a player from a team roster.

C. PLAYER AGENT:

1. Shall see that all teams have equal opportunity in the selection of players.

V. Player Selections:

- A. In an effort to ensure that teams are as “fair” as possible, all division players will be chosen via a *blind-draw* system. Basically, each player will be chosen without knowledge of that individual’s name beforehand.
- B. The Baseball Committee will schedule player evaluations. All new participants must attend the evaluations if at all possible. If unable to attend, the participant must notify the Committee with a valid reason. If a secondary evaluation day is required, the Committee will notify the Coaches / Assistants. Returning players are encouraged to attend though not required.
 1. A Committee Official will oversee the evaluation.

2. All Coaches, including potential new coaches and assistants, should attend the evaluation. A list of all participants will be provided by the committee to the Coaches / Assistants.
 3. Coaches will grade each *new* player based on basic skills of throwing, catching, fielding, batting, and running.
 4. Coaches will turn in their respective evaluations at the end of the evaluation.
- C. A list of returning players will be provided to all Coaches / Assistants for their evaluation. The evaluation of each player will be based on their respective positions, being pitcher, catcher and fielder. It is important to do as fair and impartial evaluation as possible.
1. Each Coach / Assistant will have the opportunity to grade all players listed. Each player will have Pitcher, Catcher, Fielder, beside his / her name, age and pertinent information.
 2. The grade for each position / category will be graded (1 through 3 with 3 being highest score), based on known positions played by the individual being graded. If the Coach / Assistant have no grade for the returning player, then each category should be left blank.
- D. After player evaluation and grading by the Coaches and Assistants, the Committee will review the evaluations as well as the evaluations conducted by the Committee. The Committee will finalize each player's averaged score by position / category.
- E. Players will then be divided into categories based on the final determined grading by the Committee. The intent is to ensure that each team has a least one "3" pitcher, catcher, etc.
- F. Player selection will be conducted in a round-robin blind draw. Drawing would be category / position based, whereby Pitchers would be chosen, followed by Catchers, and finally Fielders. Coaches would draw the players via folded slips of paper in a hat. Rotation of Coaches picking order would be done via the round-robin principle.
- G. Coaches who have a child participating will have the option of trading for their child, if they did not pick said child during the blind-draw selection. The player to be traded must be of like category and grade. Assistant coaches do not have the option of trading for their child, which is why it is recommended to wait until after team selections are finalized to determine assistants.
- H. Siblings can be moved to same team, with higher graded child's team being the home team. Meaning sibling with lower grade goes to the team with sibling with higher grade. Sibling trade will be at same category / grade as with Coaches child trade.
- I. At the end of the baseball season, each Coach / Assistant will be given a new list of all players in the system during the season. Coaches / Assistants will be asked to do a final evaluation as conducted at the beginning of the season.

- VI. If a player resigns from a team without a valid reason as determined by the League, he / she shall be ineligible for participation in Dixie Youth League for the remainder of the season. The following season, the resigning player will play for the same team or must move to the next league if selected. The parents of the resigning player shall be made aware of this by-law by the Commissioner.
- VII. The maximum number of players / people allowed in a dugout during the playing of a regularly scheduled game shall be fifteen (15) players and three (3) coaches.
- VIII. The playing season shall consist of at least fifteen (15) games (twelve in the minor league) per team and the team that concludes the season with the best record shall be champion. In the event of a tie at season's end, a single game playoff shall determine the champion. The Commissioner shall determine the game date as not to place any team at a disadvantage. If three (3) teams are tied, a bye will be drawn.
- IX. Only league issued uniforms (team hats, team shirts and socks) shall be worn by players. White baseball pants (purchased by parents) shall be worn by players.
- X. At the start of all Minor and Major League Games all available players on each Team's Rosters will be listed in the starting offensive batting lineup and bat in this order. If a player is injured he may return to the lineup. If a player is removed no out is recorded – the next batter bats.
- XI. Player Substitution Pool – Rules and Regulations:
 - A. When a manager determines in advance that he cannot field a minimum of nine (9) players for a specific game, a player from the appropriate player substitution pool will be available to him for that game.
 - B. A substitution pool comprised of players from official Minor League rosters will be established for the use of Major League team managers.
 - C. A substitution pool comprised of players from Instructional League rosters will be established for the use of all Minor League team managers.
 - D. The pool will be maintained so that there is no conflict with a substitution player's original game schedule.
 - E. All regular players of the team must start the game. The only time a player pool substitute shall start a game is if the team has less than nine (9) players present at game time.
 - F. All players present for the game (regular or player pool substitute), shall be listed in the batting lineup and play 6 outs in the field.
 - G. Regular players on the team must play as many or more innings than the player substitute pool players.
 - H. Player substitution pool players must be outfitted in an Official Dixie League uniform. They are allowed to wear their current team uniform if the team in the need of a substitute pool player does not have an extra uniform.

- I. Pool players will not be allowed to pitch and must play in the outfield.
- J. The use of the player substitution pool does not affect a player's eligibility for Dixie Youth Baseball tournament competition. (Refer to Official Rules & Regulations, Tournament Rules, Section IV).
- XII. A team failing to field at least eight (8) players within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game. If a player is injured and removed from the game, a team can play with (7) players.
- XIII. The Crewe-Burkeville Dixie Youth Minor and Major League shall honor the ten (10) run slaughter rule. The game shall be complete when a team is ahead by ten (10) runs after both teams have batted four (4) times or in the case of the home team when it is leading, three (3) times. Pitchers shall be charged for innings actually pitched.
- XIV. In the minor league, if either team goes ahead by ten (10) runs in the fifth inning, the game is over immediately.
- XV. No in-field warm-ups before games.
- XVI. Minor league shall use the nine (9) batter rule. When the ninth (9th) batter takes his position in the batter's box the official scorekeeper will put two (2) outs on the scoreboard (if there are not already two outs) and the inning played as though there are two (2) outs. If the ninth (9th) batter walks, he goes and touches first base. Any base runners advance one base if forced to do so. Then the inning is over.
- XVII. Minor league games shall be restricted to five (5) innings or a 1 hour 45 minute limit. If due to inclement weather the game is called after three (3) innings, or two and one-half (2 ½) innings provided the home team is ahead, it shall be a complete game. If the game is called before the preceding requirements it shall be continued from the exact point from which it is suspended.
- XVIII. All minor and major league players must play six (6) outs in the field provided the game goes six (6) complete innings (Major League) and five (5) complete innings (Minor League). The Dixie Youth Baseball Participation Rule applies in all other games. The penalty for not complying with the stated rule will be forfeiture of the games
- XIX. Major league games will have a two (2) hour time limit. Major league games suspended due to inclement weather shall be continued from the exact point of suspension provided that four (4) innings have not been played (three and one-half (3 ½) innings when home team is ahead).
- XX. In case of a player's sickness, injury or disciplinary action, the press box and opposing manager shall be notified prior to the beginning of the games. Extenuating circumstances during the game will be handled by the Commissioner.
- XXI. A major and minor league All-Star team consisting of twelve (12) players each, shall be selected at season's end in the following manner:
 - A. Each manager of a team shall submit a list of ten (10) ball players of their choice at an All-Star selection meeting.

- B. The ten (10) players receiving the most votes shall be automatic to the All-Star team.
 - C. The two (2) remaining players and two (2) alternates shall be selected by the All-Star manager and his / her two (2) assistant coaches.
- XXII. The All-Star Manager shall be the manager of the team that finished in first place in the regular season standings. In the event that a manager does not wish to assume his / her position, the manager of the second place team in the standings will be the manager of the All-Stars. The All-Star Manager will select his or her two (2) assistant coaches from the remaining coaches on the team rosters.
- XXIII. All previous year's managers desiring to continue managing shall have their names submitted to the Crewe-Burkeville Youth Recreation Association Board of Directors for approval. The Commissioner shall express his / her views regarding each manager. In the event that a manager does not wish to assume his / her position, then his assistant shall be given a "courtesy call" to see if he / she are interested in the manager's position if the Commissioner feels that the assistant is qualified.
- XXIV. The David Wooten sportsmanship award will be presented to the player on each minor and major league team displaying the best sportsmanship. This award will be presented annually for the next 15 years, beginning in 1997.
- XXV. A home run trophy will be presented to the minor league and major league player who hits the most over-the-fence home runs during the season.
- XXVI. Effective 2007, Coach of the Year awards will no longer be presented.
- XXVII. Any problems rising with Dixie Youth League Program shall be handled as follows:
- A. Player or parent with a problem shall notify the team manager; if not resolved, then the matter shall be brought before the Commissioner and the Baseball Committee; if not resolved satisfactorily by the Commissioner and the Baseball Committee, then the Crewe-Burkeville Youth Recreation Association Board of Directors shall act on the matter in the best interest of the party or parties involved.