

TEXARKANA, TEXAS DIXIE BASEBALL, INC.

Local League Regular Season Rules
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Mission Statement

The purpose of the Texarkana, TX Dixie Baseball Association is to provide an educational supervised baseball program to foster amateur sports competition for the youth of the area and to promote the growth of physical, mental, social, and the spiritual welfare of all participants.

The Organization

- Persons serving as Board Members, Commissioners, etc. for Texarkana, Texas Dixie Baseball, Inc. are volunteers who donate a great deal of time to the organization. Even those in “paid positions” such as umpires, score keepers, and concession workers are working more from a spirit of community service than for the small compensation offered. As such, it is the intent of the Texarkana, Texas Dixie Baseball, Inc. that all players, parents of players, team managers, team assistant coaches, and others in attendance of games or other related events treat all persons associated with the organization with the respect in consideration of their service. Actions such as verbal abuse, spreading of false rumors, attacks on character, “bad mouthing” and similar inappropriate behaviors directed at persons serving the Texarkana, Texas Dixie Baseball, Inc. are subject to disciplinary actions, at the option of the Board, including removal from the ballpark for an individual game, a series of games, the remainder of a season of play, or indefinitely. All managers, coaches and parents are expected to endeavor to set a positive example for our children by showing a reasonable degree of respect for the persons working hard to make this league enjoyable for the children.
- All managers, coaches, players, friends, and parents in attendance are expected to set a positive example for our children by showing a reasonable degree of respect, sportsmanship, and good common sense towards other individuals. Any person who is involved in a physical altercation or exhibits abusive behavior towards another while on ballpark property shall be subject to disciplinary action. Depending on the severity, the league board member sanctions may include game or multiple game suspensions or removal from the league. Any future occurrence will result in permanent removal from the league. Violence towards another individual will not be tolerated. (June 2007)
- Anyone is eligible to run for a board position. We have board elections every August and a board position serves a two-year term. If you have a league age child that plays baseball, in order to serve on the Texarkana, TX Dixie Baseball board, that child must register and play in our organization. If you have multiple children then this rule applies to each child. It would be a conflict of interest for someone to serve on our board yet not have their child(ren) that play baseball register and play baseball in our organization. (September 2012)
- Prior to the commencement of any calendar year, a season calendar shall be established addressing: manager/coach application, player registration, manager/coach approval by board, draft, completion of insurance and form requirements, team insurance fee, initiation of team practice, and Terry Huggins Tournament.

REGISTRATION

- A 2 to 4 week player pre-registration period will be conducted beginning in January, prior to the season of play, to notify potential players and their families. As early as practicable in January, prior to the season of play. A 2 to 4 week formal registration period will follow. Player registration forms will be posted on our website www.txkdixie.com. Player pre-registration and formal registration will be advertised by one or more of the following mediums: (a) newspaper, (b) radio/television announcements, (c) printed school announcements and availability of registration forms at school, (d) direct mail, (e) telephone contact, (f) social media, or (g) website.
- The player registration fee is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). (November 2022) This is to be applied to expenses associated with the season of play, umpires, scorekeepers, balls, insurance, and miscellaneous expenses. A late fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) may be charged to register those players who register after the final registration event. All player fees must be received in full, with all associated registration forms, waivers, rosters and other requested information prior to the commencement of the regular season of play. Teams not fulfilling this requirement shall not be allowed to begin play and shall forfeit any games to be played until compliant with this rule.
- After completion of the registration period, the scheduled player draft shall be conducted at such place, time and date as is announced to team manager. The team manager (or his designated assistant coach, if he cannot be present) of each team and one assistant coach shall be the only representatives at the draft unless other provisions are made in advance with the board or unless other coaches of the team are members of the board. If no approved representative of the team is present, a member or designee of the board shall be assigned to draft/draw in place of same.
- After the draft has taken place, we do not refund registration fees.

COACH SELECTION/ TEAM ASSIGNMENT

- Anyone that wants to volunteer to manage or coach a team through Texarkana, TX Dixie Youth & Ranger Baseball will need to fill out a coach's application during the registration process. All prospective coaches to our program must pass a background check in order to volunteer in our program as a coach. Coach's application will be at each registration location. You may also get a coach's application via our website at www.txkdixie.com. In the coach's application, you will list the age group that you want to coach or manage a team as well as list a little information about your coaching experience. On the coach's application, you have the opportunity to make a request to coach a particular team, but the board and each commissioner will ultimately make the decision of selecting coaches and the assignment of teams.
- Efforts shall be made to schedule approval of team managers and coaches as early as possible in the calendar year, but minimally 1 week before the player draw. Only the board may approve assignment of a team to potential manager; e.g., past team managers are not authorized to assign or "give" a team to another potential manager, although they may recommend a manager to the board. One team manager of record and up to three team coaches of record may be associated with a team, provided there are no "manager of record" or "coaches of record" who are not actively engaged in team practices and team games, and also with understanding that All-Star coaching staff is limited to three. Before making application to become a team manager or assistant coach, the person making the application should be prepared to demonstrate past baseball playing and/or coaching experience and the ability to be present for the majority of practices and games.
- In regards to the selection process of the Texarkana, TX Dixie Baseball board in approving coaches, first preference will always be given to returning team managers from the previous year, assistant coaches of record from the previous year to that team, and third coaches that coached in our organization the previous year in any age group as well as any past previous years. Obviously, complaints, issues, and problems with team managers as well as assistant coaches will be taken into account in the selection process as well.

TRYOUTS

- Texarkana, TX Dixie Baseball holds a tryout the Saturday before the week of the drafts, or on the same day of the draft if applicable. This tryout is mandatory for players that are not considered as "protected players". We will have separate tryouts for each age group where the coaches will get to see the players hit, field, throw, and run. The coaches will also get to watch the players' interaction with others as well as their attitudes. All players that register on time will be allowed to play in our league, the tryout simply gives the coaches an opportunity to evaluate each of the players for the upcoming draft.
- Any player that does not show up to the tryout that is not considered "protected player" will not be allowed to be drafted by a coach. Instead, these players will go into a blind draw to be pulled from by the coaches.
- We will not have tryouts for t-ball.

- Information in regards to the tryout will be handed out during each registration. This information will include the location of tryouts as well as the times for each specific age group.

PLAYER DRAFT

- The Texarkana, TX Dixie Baseball league will redraft the league each year. There will be no more “returning players”. (December 2022)
- Teams will consist of no more than 12-13 players and no fewer than 11 players, with 13 being preferred in t-ball and 8u, and 12 being preferred in all other divisions.
- Players that do not attend the Texarkana Dixie tryouts who are not “protected or automatic players” will be placed in a blind draw for coaches to pick from. If for some reason the tryouts are cancelled then all players will be available to be drafted.
- There should be no more than nine teams in a division in DYB/Ranger baseball.
- A limit of 4 and only four “protected or automatic players” may be automatically placed on a team by the manager according to local league rules. (February 2023) Managers must complete an automatic form with signatures from the protected player’s parent/guardian before the draft to be protected. Upon board request, managers will submit automatic forms before the draft begins.
- A manager or coach’s child(ren) must be used as an automatic.
- Draft order will be determined by a blind draw before the draft begins after all automatic forms have been turned in and verified. Divisions will be based on odd/even draft order. Odd will be North, even will be South. T-ball divisions will follow a 1,2,3,4 method for divisions. 1 - North, 2 - South, 3 - East, 4 - West. There will be NO trading of divisions. (February 2023)
- Brothers/sisters will be placed on the same team, unless parent requests separate teams. For brother/sister rule to apply, the board must have birth certificate or marriage license proof of the relationship. Brothers/sisters taken in the draft will count for 2 rounds of picks. Brother/Sister rule does not apply for automatic players, a form must be used for each player. (February 2023)
- Draft will be a “snake” style. (ex. 1-10, 10-1, 1-10, etc.) (February 2023)
- In an effort to level teams out, at the end of round 2, teams with less automatics will be allowed a “catch-up” round. Snake draft order will still be in effect. (February 2023)
- At the start of round 3, all teams should have the same number of picks. Round 3 will begin with draft pick number 1. Exception: If a team has more due to Brother/Sister rule, they will miss their 3rd round pick. (February 2023)
- After the draft, players are not allowed to switch or trade teams without board approval. (March 2022)
- Players that sign up after the draft will be placed on a team by the commissioner/board on an as needed basis, taking into consideration several factors, including roster size and the order of the draft.
- Any player not placed on a team will be refunded their registration money.

COACHES

- If, after having been approved as a team manager or coach, it becomes impossible for that individual to be present for the majority of practices and games, said team manager or coach is expected to voluntarily remove themselves from such position by resigning. If it is determined by the board that a team manager or coach has had ample opportunity to voluntarily resign under such conditions and does not, said person shall be removed from the position and banned from game attendance for the remainder of the season of play, with this intended to discourage abuse of such positions.
- Practice restrictions: Any Sunday or Wednesday practice must be considered voluntary. There will be no penalty assessed to a player for not attending said practices on those days.
- Any time a player quits, moves or leaves the team for any reason, the team manager and/or assistant coaches are responsible for “immediately” informing their commissioner. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action. Any team manager or assistant coach found to have coerced or harassed a player into dropping from a team shall be barred from participation in Texarkana Dixie Baseball, indefinitely.
- No player is to be added to a team roster without approval of the board. Failure to comply with this rule could mean forfeit of all league games in which the player participated.
- Coaches have an opportunity at the coaches meeting, at the draft, and shortly thereafter to inform their commissioner of dates that conflict for them with games for their team, and the board will attempt to not schedule games for that team on that particular date. However, once the schedule is posted changes will only be made in extreme circumstances. There are many activities that go on outside of Dixie baseball, and the board understands that.
- All managers and coaches will wear baseball caps and uniform shirts of like kind to players. Coaches, just as players, should wear their hat the right way, facing forward, at all times on the field and during the game. There will be only one manager and two coaches inside the area of play at any time. One coach will remain in the dugout with players at all times. In case of an absence of a coach, a player wearing a batting helmet will be permitted out on the field to coach the baselines. (December 2021)
- Team managers shall provide to the scorekeeper and the team manager of the opposing team a player roster consisting of player’s full name, position and number, 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time. This player roster should be printed and legible. Subject to Dixie rules, changes may be made to this player roster if players expected to play do not show or if unforeseen difficulties require such changes. Notification of these changes should be provided to scorekeeper and the team manager of the opposing team as soon as possible.
- All team managers are asked to hustle the players on and off the field so as to complete games in the allotted time.
- All players, team managers, assistant coaches, etc., must remain in the dugout, on the benches or in the prescribed areas of the field of play throughout the game except for reporting player changes or in case of an emergency.
- There will be no bat boys or girls allowed during regular season or tournament play.

- A protest may be filed anytime during the game or within 15 minutes after a game has been completed. A \$75 cash filing fee must be given to the commissioner or board member at the time of the protest. If one is not present at the time of the protest, the fee should be given to the concession stand manager and commissioner or board member must be notified. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld. Only situations involving a ruling may be protested, not a call based on judgment.
- If the team manager, either of the assistant coaches, any player, or spectator is ejected from a game, the penalty for such shall also include prohibition from participating in the next successively scheduled game, as well. The person suspended must not be in the ballpark during the game that he has been suspended. Continued instances requiring ejection will result in permanent removal of the violator, whether team manager, assistant coach, player, or spectator. (May 2007)

Umpires

- All umpires involved in calling Texarkana Dixie Youth & Ranger games are to be approved by the board of directors.
- All umpires that wish to call games in the Texarkana, TX Dixie Baseball league should attend an annual umpire clinic sponsored by Texarkana Dixie Baseball.
- No umpire may be scheduled to umpire in an age division in which they have immediate family – child, parent, grandparent, brother, sister. (July 2010)
- There will be no arguing with the umpires. To ensure proper conduct in the presence of children, there will be no arguing, swearing, unfounded accusations or recriminations, juvenile attitudes or any conduct unbecoming of a manager, coach, player, or spectator. Any such incident will result in one warning, after which the penalty for such continuing infraction shall be ejection from the game. (May 2007). If the person ejected does not leave immediately, 911 will be called, an officer will be sent to the ballfield to handle the problem, and charges shall be pursued on the individual by the organization.
- Threatening or endangering behavior directed toward a player is considered a very serious offense. Examples of this offense include any player intentionally throwing equipment in the direction of or physically contacting (hitting) another player, hurdling or jumping over a fielder trying to make a tag, use of threatening language toward another player, and similar acts. The umpire is the judge of the intent and seriousness of any such perceived behavior and if he feels such is warranted, may eject the offender from the game.

LOCAL LEAGUE RULES

- DYB, Inc. and Ranger Youth Baseball rules shall guide all actions of the league unless supplemented/replaced by the local league rules.
- Facemasks on helmets while batting and running bases is optional in all age groups. This means that it is up to the parents of each player to determine if you want your child to wear a facemask or not. (February 2016)
- Big barrel bats of 2 5/8 are allowed in league play in all age groups. (January 2024)
- During play, a courtesy runner may be used for the existing catcher at any time regardless of outs. “Existing” meaning two things: first, that the catcher caught the previous inning and second, that the catcher is catching the following innings as well. The runner will be the first preceding batter in the batting order available. This will not count as his time in the game.
- The home team will sit on the third base side of the field.
- Texarkana Dixie requires the minimum number of players to play as 10 players in t-ball and 8u, and 9 players in all other divisions. However, in order to keep forfeits down to a minimum during league play, the board has approved for teams to be able to play with one less than the minimum without a forfeit being declared. Therefore, t-ball and 8u can play with a minimum of 9 players, and 10u, 12u, and 14u can play with a minimum of 8 players. However, if you play with 9 players in t-ball and 8u, or 8 players in 10u, 12u, or 14u, then you will take an out for the last spot in the batting order each time that position comes up.
- If a team does not have the required number of players to field a team at game time the team is allowed a maximum of fifteen minutes after the scheduled game time to take the field or a forfeit will be declared by the umpire.
- When intentionally walking a batter, a pitcher does not have to throw a pitch to the batter. The pitcher or coach can simply inform the umpire that they want to intentionally walk the batter.
- All catchers must use a catcher’s mitt starting in 10u and beyond.
- Players warming up a pitcher must use a facemask if in a squatted position. (December 2021)
- At no point during any age of DYB or Ranger baseball is it okay to run over a catcher, or any other defender. Catchers are not supposed to block the plate, but in the event that they do, it is never okay to run over a catcher. A runner must make an attempt to avoid a runner or tag, or the runner must slide at all times - no exceptions. If a player runs over a catcher, then the player will be declared out, regardless of whether the catcher dropped the ball. If the umpire feels that the runner showed any intent to try and hurt the catcher when running over the catcher - such as a fore arm, then the runner will also be ejected from the game. According to our rules, any ejection also results in a one game suspension.

- For player age groups in which local rules require defensive play for all players, it should be understood that the scorekeeper is the official record keeper and thus it is imperative that the scorekeeper be made aware of all player substitutions by authorized team personnel coming to the score box and reporting same. During play, only the team manager or assistant coaches may come to the score box whether making an inquiry or announcing substitutions.
- If a team manager is unable to meet a requirement for defensive play by all players in a given game, the commissioner for that league shall determine whether any penalty should be applied for such infraction; (e.g., team manager prevented from participation in the next scheduled game or similar). Should a second offense of this nature occur, the commissioner shall prevent the team manager from participation in the next scheduled game. Any further offenses of this nature may result in removal of the team manager from further participation or attendance of games for the remainder of the season. These actions may be appealed to the board.
- Should a player become ill or be injured, the batting order will move up with the next batter in his place. The ill or injured batter will not be allowed to return to the ballgame once he has missed a turn at bat.
- No extra innings during league play. If a game is tied after time has expired and the home team has gotten their last bat, then the game will end in a tie. (April 2021) We will not play any extra innings during league play, primarily due to the fact that we play the majority of our games on school nights and we simply do not need to keep our players at the field any longer than absolutely necessary.
- A mercy rule of 15 after 3, 10 after 4 will be in effect for five or six inning regulation games (12u and below). A mercy rule of 15 after 4, 10 after 5 will be in effect for seven inning regulation games (14U). (June 2007 and October 2007). If a team is mathematically unable to comeback in the game (tball, 8u, 10u, and 12U) the game will be called at the time limit. (March 2008)
- No team will play more than three games per week, unless rain outs require special consideration to complete the season of play and the number of games required by DYB/Ranger in a season.
- In those divisions that play inter-league games with other leagues, only the local league record will count towards determining the league champion. (October 2007)
- In the event of a tie between two or more teams at the end of the regular season, the head-to-head record will be the first tiebreaker to determine the league champion. If a champion cannot be determined in this manner then the commissioner will set a date for a single elimination playoff between the team or teams. A coin will be flipped to determine the home team and any byes necessary. (October 2007)
- Head first slides are allowed in all age groups as long as the player does not have a full-face mask on their helmet. (February 2021)
- There will be NO music played inside the complex during league games or league sponsored tournaments. (i.e., walk up music, music between innings, etc.) (March 2023)

PITCHING

- The board has determined, from a local league rule perspective, that DYB pitching rules have two central purposes: (a) physical protection of the pitcher/player; and (b) fair and equitable requirements for play. Because of concerns regarding the first stated purpose and the potential for abuse based strictly on Dixie Rules and penalties for violation of same in this regard, the board has adopted the following additional local league rule: “Should it be determined that a pitcher has pitched more than the maximum number of pitches per game/week allowed under DYB rules in games played in the Texarkana, Texas Dixie Baseball, Inc. organization (Youth, Boys or Majors, as applicable), the offending team shall be penalized by: (1) automatic forfeiture of the game in which the maximum number of innings per game/week for the pitcher in question was exceeded; and (2) automatic suspension of the offending team manager from participating in any capacity for the next two consecutive games. Further, it should be noted that any such occurrence shall be taken into consideration by the Board when determining manager/coach positions for end of season All-Star team participation.”
- For purposes of league play, the official scorebook will serve as the pitching affidavit. Pitching affidavits will be required to be signed by the official scorekeeper, umpire, and respective team manager after each game. Failure to sign said scorebook after a game is an acknowledgement that the official scorekeeper’s record of the game is accurate.
- The DYB and Ranger Baseball rulebook has pitch count guidelines for the maximum number of pitches that pitchers can pitch in each age group, as well as rest rules to go with pitch counts. Please see below:
 - 10u the maximum number of pitches allowed is 75 pitches in a game or day.
 - 12u the maximum number of pitches allowed is 85 pitches in a game or day.
 - 14u the maximum number of pitches allowed is 95 pitches in a game or day.
 - For 10u and 12u, a pitcher can pitch in 2 or more games in the same day, as long as the pitcher does not throw more than 30 pitches in the first game.
 - For 14u, a pitcher can pitch in 2 or more games in the same day, as long as the pitcher does not throw more than 45 pitches in the first game.
- Pitchers in 10u and 12u must abide by the following rest rules. Rest begins when the pitcher leaves the mound.
 - 1-30 pitches no rest
 - 31-45 pitches one full day of rest
 - 46-65 pitches two full days of rest
 - 66+ pitches 3 full days of rest
- Pitchers in 14u must abide by the following rest rules. Rest begins when the pitcher leaves that mound.
 - 1-45 pitches no rest
 - 46-75 pitches 30 hours rest
 - 76+ pitches 40 hours rest

RAIN OUTS

- Team managers, assistant coaches, or other parties are not to call inquiring about rained out games, as the team manager will be notified as soon as possible by the commissioner of that age group in the event of an official rain out. Rainouts will also be posted on the local Dixie website, www.txkdixie.com and our Texarkana, TX Dixie Facebook page.
- Once play has begun, a “rain out” may only be declared at home plate by the umpire, in consultation with members of the board.
- Rained out games will be made up as soon as possible to prevent a backlog of make-up games. Teams will play makeup games as scheduled. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit.
- All rained out games will be made up in the same order as rained out if possible.

EJECTIONS

- All managers, coaches, players, friends, and parents in attendance are expected to set a positive example for our children by showing a reasonable degree of respect, sportsmanship, and good common sense towards other individuals. Any person who is involved in a physical altercation or exhibits abusive behavior towards another while on ballpark property shall be subject to disciplinary action.
- Depending on the severity, the league board member sanctions may include game or multiple game suspensions or removal from the league. Any future occurrence will result in permanent removal from the league. Violence towards another individual will not be tolerated. (June 2007)
- There will be no arguing with the umpires. To ensure proper conduct in the presence of children, there will be no arguing, swearing, unfounded accusations or recriminations, juvenile attitudes or any conduct unbefitting of a manager, coach, player, or spectator. Any such incident will result in one warning, after which the penalty for such continuing infraction shall be ejection from the game. (May 2007). If the person ejected does not leave immediately, 911 will be called, an officer will be sent to the ballfield to handle the problem, and charges shall be pursued on the individual by the organization.
- If the team manager, either of the assistant coaches, any player or spectator is ejected from a game, the penalty for such shall also include prohibition from participating in the next successively scheduled game, as well. The person suspended must not be in the ballpark during the game that he has been suspended. Continued instances requiring ejection will result in permanent removal of the violator, whether team manager, assistant coach, player or spectator. (May 2007)

ALL STARS

- All-Stars - coaching staff. Selection of managers and assistant coaches for All-Star play is a privilege and honor which is not guaranteed by simply being the manager of a team which wins first place in a given division. The board is the final authority for such selection and this determination will be made based on the board's perception of individuals as relates to the degree of leadership, good sportsmanship, and support of the organization given by those considered for this honor.
- All-Stars - players. Selection to play as an All-Star is a privilege and honor given to players voted as such by team managers within a given division. In order to be eligible for All-Star play, a player must have attended at least 50% of practices and games played by the player's team. Beyond this requirement, selection of players for All-Star play shall be accomplished in the manner set forth by the board. Once all-star recipients have been notified, accepted and announced to general public, and a player quits for any reason other than injury or circumstances approved by the Board, that player shall be ineligible from all future all-star team consideration for the remainder of their playing time in the league or until the Board votes otherwise. (May 2011)
- The selection process is:
 - At the conclusion of the season, an all-star selection meeting shall be scheduled by the commissioner of each division/league.
 - Each team shall be represented by its manager or his/her designee.
 - Before attending this meeting, it is expected that the manager will have contacted all of the players off his/her team to determine their interest/availability in representing the league in All-Star competition.
 - After determining the commitment of the players, each manager in the division will list the players in the division that he/she feels are most deserving of representing the league on the player roster. (June 2007)
 - The commissioner shall tabulate the sealed ballots and announce the top seven (7) vote getters. (May 2011)
 - The manager of the All-Star team will then fill out the team roster by selecting three (3) players in the division who received at least one vote during the voting process and two (2) players of his/her choice from the remaining players in the division. If there were no other players who received at least one vote to select the three (3) players, then he/she may fill out the team roster from the remaining players in the division as he/she sees fit. (May 2011)
 - After completing the roster, this process should be repeated to select the sub-age group team.
 - While understanding the desire of both teams to be competitive, the emphasis should be placed on the older of the teams (e.g., 11-12 yr old compared to the 11 yr old only) since this team has an opportunity to advance beyond state competition.

- The t-ball all-star teams will consist of 12 players with the following general breakdown:
 - 1st place team 5 players
 - 2nd place team 3 players
 - 3rd place team 2 players
 - 4th place team 2 players
- The manager of each team will select the representatives from his/her team and contact the all-star manager.
- All Star uniforms should represent the league appropriately but should also be reasonably priced for the benefit of both parents and the league. All-Star uniforms must represent Texarkana, TX. Traditional colors are listed but the manager of the team may choose any color combination as long as it does not conflict with the other Texarkana teams. North-Blue; South-Red; East- Orange; West-Green.

Age Group Specific Rules - T-Ball

- Only players ages 4-6 can participate in t-ball.
- Games are 5 innings or a 60-minute time limit.
- A maximum of 5 runs may be scored per inning. There is no continuation rule.
- Bases are 60 feet apart. Pitching mound is 46 feet from home plate.
- A team must have a minimum of 9 players in t-ball or it is a forfeited game. If a team plays with 9 players, then the 10th spot in the line-up will be an out each time that position comes up.
- A pitcher's circle will be drawn 46 feet from home plate and between the foul lines.
- A fair ball will be a ball that passes this line (off the dirt) and is inside the foul line regardless whether the ball or tee was hit by the batter. **Exception: If in the umpire's judgment the batter was "lining up his bat" and not swinging, the umpire will declare a foul ball.
- A ball that does not travel past the line will be a foul ball.
- The tee is placed directly on home plate. The coach should remove the tee from home plate after the ball is put in play. But if this does not occur, if a runner steps on the tee when it is directly on the plate, he is safe.
- The coach may assist the batter to adjust the tee. Coaches should not touch or move players in the batter's box.
- All bats must say "T-ball" on them and have a USA stamp, maximum barrel is 2 5/8.
- All batters and base runners must wear a helmet - no exceptions. (February 2016)
- The player playing the position of pitcher must have on a facemask while playing defense. The facemask can be a softball pullover facemask or a batting helmet with a facemask. (February 2016)
- We use the level 5 baseball. (February 2016)
- The coach should not place the ball on the tee and should hold the players bat until the umpire notifies the player that he is ready.
- Batters are not permitted to bunt or swing easy at the ball.
- The Batter is out after 3 strikes. Foul balls count as strikes, but the batter cannot strike out on a fouled ball. (October 2018)
- Slinging of the bat is not permitted. One warning is given to the batter per game (not at bat). The second time the batter slings the bat, the umpire will call the batter out.

- All players will bat in the same batting order and play defense in every inning in the game. Players that arrive late may be added to the end of the lineup. Players that do not show up may be scratched from the lineup. Changes should be reported to the umpire and the official scorekeeper. Players that show up but do not bat in their spot in the batting order will be considered to be out.
- There is no catcher. There is a maximum of five infielders. All other players will be in the outfield grass.
- A player is not allowed to hurdle or jump over a defender at any time.
- An arch will be drawn between the foul lines and the pitching rubber. All players must be behind this line.
- A ball thrown outside the foul line while attempting to get the runner at first base or third base is a dead ball and the runners may only advance to the base to which they are going at the time the ball crosses the foul line.
- The umpire will call time when the ball is in the infield and the lead runner has stopped.
- Two defensive coach can go on the field and set up their team. When the play begins, they must be at least three feet behind their team. Defensive coaches cannot touch players. Defensive coaches should never go into the infield area while ball is in play. Penalty is advancement of the base runner one base. Defensive coaches should take care not to confuse the base runner.
- Offensive coaches may be at home, first and 3rd base. Other coaches must remain in the dugout. Offensive coaches cannot touch players. Penalty is the touched base runner is out.
- When the ball is hit to the third base side of the pitcher's mound, it may not be run to first base. When the ball is hit to the first base side of the pitcher's mound, it may not be run to third base.
- Since there are no walks in t-ball, there can be no intentional walks in this league.
- The t-ball all-star teams will consist of 12 players with the following general breakdown:
 - 1st place team 5 players
 - 2nd place team 3 players
 - 3rd place team 2 players
 - 4th place team 2 players
- In the event a team is not able to provide the said number of players, the commissioner will decide how to proceed.
- The manager of each team will select the representatives from his/her team and contact the All-Star manager.

Age Specific Rules - 8U

- Games are 6 innings or a 1 hour and 15 minute time limit. (October 2007)
- The playing field shall have 60 foot bases and the pitcher's rubber is 46 feet from home plate.
- 8U play shall be conducted as coach pitch. (October 2018)
- Batters will receive 5 pitches. (March 12, 2009)
- Batters may strike out if they either swing and miss at three pitched balls or do not swing at the last available pitch. If the batter foul tips this pitch, he may continue batting. (October 2007)
- Since there are no walks in 8U coach pitch, there can be no intentional walks in this league.
- Offense/Defense shall exchange positions after 7 runs have been scored or three outs are made, whichever comes first. There is no continuation rule in effect. (October 2007)
- A team must have a minimum of 9 players in 8u or it is a forfeited game. If a team plays with 9 players, then the 10th spot in the line-up will be an out each time that position comes up.
- All players in attendance will be listed in the batting order. The complete batting order must be continuously followed throughout the game unless an ill or injured batter causes this to not be possible.
- All players must play a minimum of six defensive outs in a regulation game.
- A player is not allowed to hurdle or jump over a defender at any time.
- Runners must remain on the base until the ball is batted by the hitter. There are no steals. (October 2007)
- Catchers are not required to wear a catcher's mitt.
- The player playing the position of pitcher must have on a facemask while playing defense. The facemask can be a softball pullover facemask or a batting helmet with a facemask as long as a baseball will not fit through the mask. (February 2020)
- Face masks on helmets are optional. (February 2016)
- All metal or composite bats must have a USA stamp. Bat barrels are a maximum of 2 5/8 in diameter. Wooden bats that are one piece wood are legal and do not need a stamp. There are no restrictions in regards to weight or length.
- Per new DYB rules, coaches are allowed only 1 defensive timeout and 3 offensive timeouts total per inning.

Age Group Specific Rules - 10U

- Games are 6 innings or a 1 hour and 20 minute time limit. (February 2024)
- The playing field shall have 60 foot bases and the pitcher's rubber is 46 feet from home plate.
- Offense/Defense shall exchange positions after 7 runs have been scored or three outs are made, whichever comes first. No continuation.
- A team must have a minimum of 8 players in 10u or it is a forfeited game. If a team plays with 8 players, then the 9th spot in the line-up will be an out each time that position comes up.
- All players in attendance will be listed in the batting order. The complete batting order must be continuously followed throughout the game unless an ill or injured batter causes this to not be possible.
- All players must play a minimum of six defensive outs in a regulation game.
- A player is not allowed to hurdle or jump over a defender at any time.
- Players must remain on the base until the ball crosses home plate.
- Catchers must use a catcher's mitt.
- Face masks on helmets is optional. (February 2016)
- All metal or composite bats must have a USA stamp. Bat barrels are a maximum of 2 5/8 in diameter. Wooden bats that are one piece wood are legal and do not need a stamp. There are no restrictions in regards to weight or length.
- Per new DYB rules, coaches are allowed 3 offensive timeouts total per inning. On defense, coaches must change pitchers on the 2nd mound visit in an inning.
- In 10u, the maximum number of pitches allowed is 75 pitches in a game or day, finish the batter.
- A pitcher can pitch in 2 or more games in the same day, as long as the pitcher does not throw more than 30 pitches in the first game.
- Pitchers in 10u must abide by the following rest rules. Rest begins when the player leaves the mound.
 - 1-30 pitches no rest
 - 31-45 pitches one full day of rest
 - 46-65 pitches two full days of rest
 - 66+ pitches 3 full days of rest

Age Group Specific Rules - 12U

- The DYB “Extended Base Program” or “Open Base” Program is in effect.
- Games are 6 innings or a 1 hour and 30 minute time limit.
- The playing field shall have 70 foot bases and the pitcher’s mound is 50 feet from home plate.
- A team must have a minimum of 8 players in 12u or it is a forfeited game. If a team plays with 8 players, then the 9th spot in the line-up will be an out each time that position comes up.
- All players in attendance will be listed on the batting order and the complete batting order must be continuously followed throughout the game unless an ill or injured batter causes this to not be possible.
- All players must play a minimum of six defensive outs in a regulation game.
- A player is not allowed to hurdle or jump over a defender at any time.
- Catchers must use a catcher’s mitt.
- Face masks on helmets is optional. (January 2014)
- All metal or composite bats must have a USA stamp. Bat barrels are a maximum of 2 5/8 in diameter. Wooden bats that are one piece wood are legal and do not need a stamp. There are no restrictions in regards to weight or length.
- With a runner on 3rd base attempting to steal home on the pitch, the batter MUST bunt or take the pitch. (DYB 2022)
- Per new DYB rules, coaches are allowed 3 offensive timeouts total per inning. On defense, coaches must change pitchers on the 2nd mound visit in an inning.
- To align with new DYB tournament play rules, offense/defense shall exchange positions after 10 runs have been scored or three outs are made, whichever comes first. No continuation. (February 2024)
- In 12u, the maximum number of pitches allowed is 85 pitches in a game or day, finish the batter.
- A pitcher can pitch in 2 or more games in the same day, as long as the pitcher does not throw more than 30 pitches in the first game.
- Pitchers in 12u must abide by the following rest rules. Rest begins once the player leaves the mound.
 - 1-30 pitches no rest
 - 31-45 pitches one full day of rest
 - 46-65 pitches two full days of rest
 - 66+ pitches 3 full days of rest

Age Group Specific Rules - 14U

- 14U Ranger League will follow the DYB Majors rules with the exception of a few local league rules and rules listed in the Ranger Rule Document. Rules document can be found at www.rangeryouth.com/forms
- Games are 7 innings or a 1 hour and 45 minute time limit.
- The playing field shall have 80 foot bases and the pitcher's mound is 54 feet from home plate.
- A team must have a minimum of 8 players in 14u or it is a forfeited game. If a team plays with 8 players, then the 9th spot in the line-up will be an out each time that position comes up.
- All players in attendance will be listed on the batting order and the complete batting order must be continuously followed throughout the game unless an ill or injured batter causes this to not be possible.
- All players must play a minimum of six defensive outs in a regulation game. (March 2007)
- Metal cleats and head first slides are allowed in the 14u Ranger Division.
- Batters and base runners shall wear helmets that carry the NOCSAE Stamp of approval. Face guards and chin straps are optional.
- Catchers must wear gear that satisfies the requirements set forth by the UIL for high school league play. There are three options that coaches can utilize to be in compliance.
 - Wear a chest protector that has the NOCSAE stamp of approval.
 - Wear a body protector (compression shirt with heart guard built into the shirt) that protects the heart and meets NOCSAE performance standards. This shirt will be worn under the traditional chest protector.
 - Wear a chest pad that protects the heart and meets the NOCSAE performance standard. The chest pad will fit on top of the traditional chest protector.
- A player is not allowed to hurdle or jump over a defender at any time- this is a HUGE issue with metal cleats being allowed.
- The barrel of all aluminum, metal alloy, composite, multi-piece wood bats or single-piece wood bats shall not exceed 2 5/8 inches in diameter nor exceed 34 inches in length. All non-wood bats and multi-piece wood bats must be stamped with the USA Baseball mark signifying that the bat meets the bat performance standard established by USA Baseball. Solid wood bats made from a single piece of wood do not require the USA Baseball mark but must meet the specifications listed above. Bats used in UIL high school league play must be stamped with the BBCOR stamp and not be on the list of bats that have been banned from UIL play.
- USA stamped bats can be -9 to -5 for league play during the regular season. During the District Tournament and the State Tournament, the size of the allowed bat will be changed to -5 bats that are USA stamped. There will be no change in restrictions on BBCOR bats that are used during the regular season.
- In 14u, the maximum number of pitches allowed is 95 pitches in a game or day, finish the batter.
- A pitcher can pitch in 2 games in the same day, as long as the pitcher does not throw more than 45 pitches in the first game and does not throw more than 95 in both games.
- Pitchers in 14u must abide by the following rest rules. Rest begins once a player leaves the mound.
 - 1-45 pitches no rest.
 - 46-75 pitches 30 hours rest
 - 76+ pitches 40 hours rest

Texarkana, Texas Dixie Tournaments

Tournaments rules vary from tournament to tournament depending on the format, number of teams, length of tournament, etc. Therefore, each tournament will be treated differently and is subject to its own rules. The tournament director will provide a set of tournament rules for each tournament. Time limits are subject to each specific tournament.

Terry Huggins Memorial Tournament

Each year the Texarkana, TX Dixie league will conduct a tournament in memory of Terry Huggins. This will be a league only tournament held before the regular season begins.

Rob Buck Wood Bat Tournament

This tournament is open to all teams. 2 Wood bats will be provided.

Kevin Guy Pre All-Star Tournament

This tournament is open to All-Star teams and travel teams, as space allows. It is to get ready for the all-star season.