

2010 Rule Changes

Coaches Pitch:

A batting helmet with a face mask must be worn by the player pitcher.

When the last batter in the order comes up to bat

- a. with less than 2 outs a force play at home plate must be made to end the 1/2 inning. All runs scored prior to the force at home count
- b. with 2 outs, the 3rd out can be made at any base per standard baseball rules including the force out at home plate to end the 1/2 inning. All runs scored prior to the 3rd out count.

No new inning will start after 1 hour.

Center of the pitching circle is 46 feet from the back edge of the home plate.

All players will play All defensive outs unless injured, ill or per coaches definition unable to continue.

ALL Leagues

If a game is suspended due to bad weather, the game will be a complete game if 3 innings have been completed or if after 2 ½ innings and the game is suspended and the home team is winning the game will be considered complete.

If the game is tied after regulation time or regulation innings, International Rules will be utilized until a winner is declared.

International Rules: The International Tie-Breaker shall be put into effect once completing the last inning of the tie. The new inning shall begin with the last player to have recorded the last out in the previous inning shall go to 2nd base to start the new inning, the next official batter in the lineup will start at the plate with 1 out, 1 ball, and 1 strike and the inning will start. All of next batters will start with 1 ball and 1 strike. The game shall be played until conclusion of a winner. This rule will not apply in the Championship Games of the league tournament.

PLAYER DRAFTING RULES DIXIE BOYS LEAGUE

The wording in red is the change in the rules:

1. Returning players **may** be placed back on existing teams with a returning head coach, up to the Dixie Boys rule of eight second year players. **Coach's choice**. If a team returns more than eight players, those additional players will be placed back in the draft pool. Those players will be determined by the mutual consent of the coach and the Dixie Boys VP. Returning players from teams where the coach is not returning also will be placed back in the draft pool. All exceptions must be league approved

8. Once the draft order is established, the draft process begins with all new teams drafting 14 year old players first followed by 13 year old players **of the same ranking** until their rosters are equal in number to the existing teams rosters. At that point the teams with returning players will enter the draft process.