



**Town Creek Dixie Youth, Inc.  
Constitution, By-Laws, and Local Rules**



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**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF TOWN CREEK  
DIXIE YOUTH, INC.**

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## **1. TOWN CREEK DIXIE YOUTH VOLUNTEER**

- As a volunteer in the Town Creek Dixie Youth (TCDY) program, I promise to:
- Regard TCDY as a proud community asset for my community and help endow it with highest personal standards.
- Respect the individual boy or girl. Try to understand his/her capabilities, limitations, and problems of growing up today.
- Be exemplary in the growing movement of TCDY, ready to improve the estate of our youngsters whenever possible, and to find honest enjoyment in the creative service and teaching the program affords.
- Recognize obligations in training boys and girls and teaching lessons of fair play, discipline and teamwork.
- Keep informed in the basic understanding and knowledge of the objectives of the program.
- Cooperate in scrupulous observance of the rules and regulations on a national and local basis that are the strength of TCDY.
- Support the elected officials and directors of the TCDY program and abide by the policies and decisions made by them. I will be engaged in no unscrupulous activity, which tends to undermine the authority of those charged with the responsibility of directing this program.
- Attend regularly all official meetings and functions of the local program unless hindered by means over which I have no control, always placing the activities of the league at the highest level of importance. Unless hindered by unforeseen circumstances. I will always be present for team practices and games.
- Encourage volunteer support of parents, educators and all agencies devoted to the welfare of youth.
- Protect the Dixie Youth franchise against exploitation and use of Dixie Youth players for purposes of personal profit commercialization.

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## **2. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I – THE CORPORATION**

This corporation shall be known as “Town Creek Dixie Youth, Inc.”, hereinafter referred to as TCDY.

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### **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

The exclusive purpose of TCDY shall be educational and instructional. It shall strive to train the minds, bodies and spirits of the boys and girls of Town Creek for the purpose of developing their capabilities. It shall seek to promote that ultimate goal of all education, understanding, fair play and, sportsmanship.

In furtherance of its educational purposes TCDY shall provide supervised athletic contests and tournaments. These contests shall be held for the purpose of demonstrating to the children participating therein the value of hard work, self-discipline, self-sacrifice, extensive practice, cooperation, sportsmanship with others and enjoyment which can result there from. The supervisory members of TCDY shall at all times bear in mind that the outcome of the contests is secondary to their value in inclination constructive value and teaching understanding of self and others.

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### **ARTICLE III – Governing Body**

The supervisory members of TCDY will hereinafter be referred to as the “Board of Directors”. The Board of Directors for TCDY shall consist of 4 Officers and 9 board members with a total of no more than 13 total seats. Each seat retains the right for 1(one) vote on all issues presented to the TCDY Board of Directors. The Board of Directors must maintain no less than 5 active board members.

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### **ARTICLE IV – DIVISIONS**

TCDY will be divided into two separate divisions, Baseball and Softball. Each Division will fall under the blanket of the TCDY constitution and bylaws as set herein. Each division shall possess a franchise assigned by Dixie Youth Baseball and Dixie Softball, as set forth and according to Dixie Youth rules and regulations. Each Division will be assigned a commissioner to oversee the everyday operations with baseball and softball and act as liaisons between the TCDY Board of Directors and each division. “See commissioner duties for more information”

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## ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

The officers of TCDY shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The General Board of Directors shall consist of no more than nine (9) total seats, each seat having an equal vote on all TCDY decisions presented to the Board of Directors. Within the duties of the Board of Directors, commissioners will be assigned to the baseball and softball divisions as well as directors for Equipment Manager, Fund Raiser Director, Concession Stand Director, Web Administrator, and Scheduling Director. The officers of TCDY shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors annually. General members of the Board of Directors must be nominated by a residing member and voted in an open seat based on majority vote by the Board of Directors. Board of Director Seats, other than official offices, will be voted on annually by the Officers. Members must receive a majority vote, with the vote of the residing President acting as a tie breaker in the event of a tie.

**(a.) The President** of TCDY shall:

- Be responsible for the overall operation of Town Creek Dixie Youth Baseball and Softball;
- Act as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors;
- Preside at all meetings;
- See that the organization adheres to the rules, regulations and policies as set forth in the TCDY By-Laws and in other referenced documents;
- Assure that each officer is aware of the duties and responsibilities of their office;
- Bring all disputes and protests to the Board for consideration;
- Appoint, audit and be a standing member of all committees but shall not be a chairman of any committee, unless authorized by the Board of Directors;
- In conjunction with the Chief Umpire, Division Commissioner and Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department make the final decision concerning the playing fitness of the fields;
- Be responsible for communications between Brunswick County Parks and Recreation (except those assigned to other board members);
- Work closely with the Commissioners with regard to all post-season play, including All Stars and Post Season Tournaments;
- Be the contact with all organizations outside TCDY on matters that do not fall within the specific responsibilities of other Board members.
- Work with Brunswick County Parks and Recreation and other local leagues to comprise a game schedule agreeable to Brunswick County Parks and Recreation and each league, ensuring minimum requirements have been met with both the baseball and softball divisions.
- Provide proposed game schedules to Division Commissioners for review and final proof and provide the final draft to all necessary personnel, such as Brunswick County Parks and Recreation, Dixie baseball and softball directors, TCDY Board of Directors, TCDY commissioners, coaches, Concession Director and sponsors.
- Set up and review accounts as overseen by the Treasure. Act as signer and disperser of TCDY funds as decided by the Board of Directors.
- The president has the right to make purchases necessary to ensure timely and proper organization in all aspects of TCDY up to \$250. All amounts over \$250 (with the exception of uniform, equipment and concession orders) must be approved by quorum vote of the TCDY Board of Directors.

**(b.) The Vice President** of TCDY shall:

- Assist the President in all duties described above;
- Act as President in the absence of the President;
- Assume the role of President in the event that the President is no longer able to perform his/her duties.

**(c.) The Treasurer** of TCDY shall:

- Be required to distribute a monthly financial statement and may be called upon at any time to give an update of our financial status;
- Be responsible for maintaining fiscal integrity and assumes responsibility for all corporation finances;

- Sign checks and disburse funds as approved by the Board or as is necessary to meet the routine cost-of-business. Routine cost of business is defined as league fees, insurance, post office box rental, or any other bills that are incurred on a regular basis;
- Assist president with the disbursement of funds for major purchases such as baseballs, equipment, uniforms, etc.
- As with the President- Purchases of over \$250.00 in cost shall not be approved without a quorum of the Board.
- Oversee all fundraising activities within TCDY.

**(d.) The Secretary of TCDY shall:**

- Contact all Board members and notify them of meetings;
- Record and publish the minutes of all meetings;
- Maintain an official record of all Board of Directors' meetings and activities;
- Maintain the official roster of officers and committee chairpersons;
- Help prepare coaches packets, folders and handouts and assist Commissioners with registration information and procedures;
- Assist Commissioners by providing proper forms for the team registration;
- Assist all-star coaches by providing proper forms for the credentials meeting after regular season ends;
- Be present for all meetings including drafting or drawing of regular season teams as well as all-star team selection, unless such selections are overseen by the President, Vice President or Treasurer and said positions have no stake in the selection. (Example: If the TCDY President is a coach that will be selecting players, then the President must relinquish his/her duties as president during the selection process)
- Keep track of the coach's seniority list;
- Be responsible for all official TCDY Documents.

**(e) General Board Member:**

- Should attend all Board Meetings
- Assist in decision making, assist in distribution of uniforms, equipment, fundraisers and information;
- Should be willing to dedicate the time necessary to ensure the success of our league;
- Can sign the pay sheet and pay the umpires out of the concession stand cash drawer following the last game the umpires work;
- Assist whenever and wherever necessary or asked upon by other board members.
- Assist in game preparation, such as; games start on time, game times are properly managed, proper base distance, provide baseballs from the concession, provide batting Tee when Tee-ball or Sweeties are playing, ensure all safety equipment is provided and being used, promote utilization of scoreboards and/or PA equipment and any other items needed to ensure proper game play.

**(f) The Equipment Manager of TCDY shall:**

- Be responsible for distributing equipment to each team and keeping appropriate records of distributed equipment;
- Be responsible for collecting equipment from Head Coaches of teams at the end of the season for inventorying and repair or replacement;
- Be responsible for inventorying all existing equipment for the coming year;
- Make recommendations for purchasing replacement equipment or new equipment as necessary.

**(g.) The Fundraiser Director of TCDY shall:**

- Recommend a fundraiser(s) to offset sign up fees to the Board of Directors;
- Be responsible for handling the fundraiser(s) selected by the Board of Directors;
- Plan and execute delivery and recovery of all TCDY assets during the fund raising process and keep an accountability log of said assets.
- It is recommended that the elected treasurer should be the Fundraiser Director when at all possible, with a minimum of assistant Fundraiser Director.

**(h.) The Concession Stand Director of TCDY shall:**

- Prepare concession stand work schedules. A final version should be sent to the Web Administrator for posting on the TCDY web site.
- Have authority to oversee the day-to-day operations of the concession stand;

- Work with the Baseball and Softball Commissioners in setting up the staffing schedule for the concession stand;
- Inventory equipment at the beginning and end of the season and having things repaired or replaced when necessary;
- Work closely with the treasurer for money and stock issues.
- Stock the concession stand with items to sell;
- Set prices based on cost so that a reasonable profit is made;
- Ensure a “starter” amount of change is present and accounted for prior to opening each day.
- Create a payment log for concession worker(s) and umpires, to be kept in the concession. Ensure the payment amounts are clearly marked within the log book for each line item; Example: 1 umpire for 1 game= \$40.00. 1 umpire for 2 games=\$60.00.
- Assign a TCDY Board member to be responsible for paying concession workers and umpires out of the concession profits for each day. The assigned board member should have a witness of payment that can sign the log upon removal of money from the register.

**(i.) The Baseball and Softball Commissioners:** for TCDY are responsible for the following:

- Each year, near the beginning of the season, the governing body of TCDY will appoint a Baseball and Softball commissioner through majority vote of a stated meeting of that year. A quorum vote must be obtained.
- Each commissioner must be a current member of the TCDY Board of Directors. If at any time an appointed commissioner leaves or is removed from the TCDY Board, the governing body reserves the right to enact a new commissioner on that position.
- Interested parties can request to be considered or be nominated by a fellow board member.
- Each Commissioner will be assigned to their side (Baseball/Softball)
- It is the initial duty of each Commissioner to promote fair play, sportsmanship and be able to make unbiased or non-malicious decisions.
- Each Commissioner must review and confirm current By-Laws, Dixie Youth Rules and actions of the TCDY Board of Directors that effect aspects of on the field play.
- Each Commissioner must be able to read, interpret and make rulings on TCDY By-Laws and Dixie Youth Rules during the course of the season.
- Each Commissioner will be tasked with assisting the league president in everyday operations such as field assignments for games and practice, game schedules, concession assignments, fund raisers, equipment disbursement and, assessment of managers, coaches and umpires.
- Schedule practices on fields and batting cages;
- Receive from Concessions Stand Director, concession stand work schedules and provide to the Head Coaches.
- Prepare makeup game schedules with assistance from the President send them to the Web Administrator for posting on the TCDY web site.
- Keep track of team records and league standings and send them to the Web Administrator for posting on the TCDY web site;
- Shall be the primary point of contact for all issues is their respective league;
- All questions concerning rules, violations, protests and other concerns from managers and coaches shall be forwarded to corresponding commissioner. If the question/concern involves on the field rules, violations and other concerns, the commissioner has the right and duty to make those decisions. Each incident must be brought to the attention of the league president or vice president within a timely manner.
- If a commissioner cannot make a decision based on TCDY By-Laws or Dixie Youth Rules, The commissioner will hold the item open until a quorum meeting and/or decision of the governing board can be made. Proxy votes by phone, text or email can and will be allowed. NOTE: With a board of 13 members the minimum amount required to vote is 7 (seven) to include the commissioner. If a board member is making the complaint, said board members vote will not be factored or recorded. All board members should be contacted on these issues. However, if a unanimous vote is collected up to the 7<sup>th</sup> vote, it is not necessary to contact remaining members. If at any point a unanimous vote cannot be made, the commissioner should make all attempts to contact all members of the governing body, preferably by a regular scheduled or emergency meeting.
- The TCDY Board of directors has the duty and right to review all decisions made by the commissioners and confirm or deny their actions through majority vote.
- Each Commissioner should oversee/assist each All-Star team’s selection, assist in credentials preparation, ensure managers and coaches are aware of practice tournaments and locations, official tournaments, attend credentials meetings,



locations, dates and times. The commissioner will make sure the selection of players for the all-star team coincides with TCDY By-Laws and Dixie Youth Rules.

- Any new ideas by commissioners that are for the betterment of TCDY and its youth are encouraged, welcomed and must be brought before the TCDY Board for approval.

- **If at any time a commissioner violates TCDY By-Laws, Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics and/or Dixie Youth Rules during their duties as commissioner, TCDY has the right to remove and replace said person pursuant to a majority vote.**

**(j.) Web Administrator** for TCDY shall:

- Be responsible for all updates to the TCDY web site/Facebook Page.

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## ARTICLE VI – BOARD MEETINGS

a) A meeting of the Board of Directors and supervisory members shall be conducted monthly. In August of each year will be the reading of annual reports and the election of officers. Additional meetings may be called by the President, or upon request of at least three members of the Board of Directors.

b) The majority of members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting and the majority vote

of those present shall govern except when otherwise especially provided. The (maximum) number of board member will be limited to 13. Proxy votes are accepted in order to reach Quorum requirements.

c) Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings except where the same conflict with the Articles of Incorporation or the Constitution and by-laws of the corporation.

d) Any Member of the Board of Directors, who misses 3 consecutive meetings, can be removed from the Board of Directors, due to lack of participation/interest. A removal vote will be conducted as part of the new business section of the fourth consecutive meeting.

e) General meetings will take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 6:30 PM at Town Creek Park, unless otherwise determined by the President. Meetings will be posted on the TCDY Web Sites home.

f) All board members shall fill out a VOLENTEER application using form (TCDY-1).

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## ARTICLE VII – MANAGERS/COACHES

(a) The Manager/Head Coach of each team shall be selected and approved annually by the Board of Directors and will be held accountable for the conduct of the members on the field.

(b) Assistant coaches will be approved by the TCDY board annually and must meet the requirements as listed below

(c) In order to be considered for a manager's position, you must petition the TCDY Board of Directors for a position. Each petition will consist of, completion of the TCDY code of conduct, code of ethics and agreement of coaching requirements, basic demographic information to include full name, date of birth, address, social security number, contact numbers and references. The TCDY Board of Directors will then conduct a back ground criminal investigation of each candidate and said names will be added to a list of potential managers for consideration. Each managerial position will be voted on by the TCDY Board of Directors. Each managerial position will be filled with qualified candidates based on several criteria to include; seniority, past history with TCDY, coaching achievements, coaching knowledge and ability to lead youth in a positive manner.

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## ARTICLE VIII – SUSPENSION

a) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend from TCDY any member whose conduct is considered by a majority of the Board to be detrimental to the best interests of TCDY.

b) Members of the Board of Directors shall, upon evidence of the misconduct of any player in connection with the activities of the TCDY, notify the manager of the team of which the player is a member. The manager shall appear with the player's parent in the capacity of an advisor before the next scheduled game.

c) Any Member of the Board of Directors, who misses 3 consecutive meetings, may be removed from the Board of Directors, due to lack of participation/interest.

d) Any Coach (head or assistant) who is ejected from a game (regular or post season) by the umpire will serve a mandatory one game suspension, the following game, must leave the playing field area and have **NO** contact with the team and placed on 1 year probation. If any coach is ejected from two games in the same year, said coach WILL serve a

two game suspension and NOT be eligible to manage or coach All-Stars that year and will not be eligible for a coaching position the following year. If a coach is ejected from three games during the regular season, said coach will be indefinitely suspended from coaching for TCDY. It is our hope that these procedures will never have to be used, but as our league grows so does the possibility that someone will abuse the privilege of being a coach. Because our main concern is for the enjoyment and recreation of the hundreds of parents, coaches, and children who are out to enjoy team and family time together, we will not be tolerant of continued violations of the Coaches' Code of Ethics.

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## **ARTICLE IX – FINANCES**

The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of TCDY, and it shall direct all funds or be placed in a common treasury, to be disbursed in such manner as will give no individual or team a relative advantage in material.

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## **ARTICLE X – ATHLETIC CONTEST AND GROUND RULES**

The athletic contests held by the corporation shall be governed by the rules of play contained in the National Dixie Youth Baseball and Dixie Softball Rules and Regulations as voted on and approved by the National Board of Directors.

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## **ARTICLE XI - THIS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

This Constitution and by-laws, or any section thereof, may be amended or repealed by a quorum vote of the Board of Directors present at any stipulated meeting.

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## **ARTICLE XII – EARNINGS**

No part of the net earnings of TCDY shall inure to the benefit of any private member or individual within TCDY with the exception of concession stand workers and umpires, as described herein and approved by the TCDY Board of Directors.

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## **ARTICLE XIII – DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of TCDY, the Trustees of the TCDY shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the TCDY, dispose of all the assets of TCDY exclusively for the purposes of TCDY in such a manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Trustees of the corporation shall determine.

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## **ARTICLE XIV. CODE OF CONDUCT**

- a) It is the policy of Town Creek Dixie Youth, Inc. (TCDY) that no person (on or off the field), at any TCDY event, bears the right to conduct him or herself (physically or verbally) in a manner that negatively reflects on the children of our program. In the event one TCDY board member is notified, by one adult person, about any person who is in violation of this policy at any TCDY event, and the board member is in agreement that the policy has been violated, the violator will be escorted out of, and banned from the event or playing facilities, for the remainder of the day. In extreme cases, the TCDY Board of Directors may choose to ban a violator for longer durations, such as one week, one year, or for life. In these cases a representative of the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department will be consulted. NOTE: To avoid conflicts of interest, any person who participates in a game (as a coach, assistant coach, participant or bystander (if their child is playing in the game)) shall not be considered as a TCDY board member for the duration of that game.
- b) Any manager or coach involved in any action to willfully hide or cover up the abilities of a player from other teams or any prospect involved in such scheme will be ineligible for any association or participation in the Town Creek Dixie Youth Program.
- c) A spirit of Good Sportsmanship is to prevail at all times, before, during and after the game.
- d) Game participants must remain in the dugout except when at bat, on deck, or participating in the ballgame. Managers and coaches may stand in front of or next to the dugout area. No participants may leave the playing field area (outside the fences) until the completion of the game. The only exceptions to this rule will be for a child or coach to visit the restroom, or due to sickness.
- e) Only the manager will be allowed on the field to discuss a play situation with the umpire.
- f) The use of alcohol is prohibited during any interaction with the youth of TCDY.



g) The use of any tobacco product is prohibited while on the field of play

h) The use of foul language at any time in conjunction with any TCDY function is strictly forbidden.

**\*Completion of Form TCDY-1 (Coaches Code of Conduct) shall be completed prior to any TCDY event by all volunteers\***

### **COACHES MISBEHAVIOR POLICY**

(a) The primary description of acceptable behavior for coaches is given in the Coaches' Ethics Statement distributed to all coaches at the beginning of the year. Generally, we have few or no problems with coaches behaving in a manner contradictory to that described in the Code of Ethics. However, occasionally a situation does arise where the behavior of a coach becomes unacceptable. This policy is intended to describe the procedure that the Town Creek Dixie Youth Board of Directors will follow to address such instances. An occurrence of misbehavior must be documented before the Board will address the matter.

(b) Documentation consists of one of two forms: 1) a Board member personally witnesses the misbehavior and brings the matter before the Board, or 2) an eyewitness has observed the misbehavior and submits a written complaint to a Board member within 1 week of the misbehavior.

(c) Within 3 days of having received the documentation of the incident, the board will appoint a Review Committee made up of the President, the Vice President, and the Commissioners to which the offending coach belongs. The Review Committee will interview those filing the complaint, seek to interview others present who witnessed the behavior, and interview the coach and or coaches whose actions are in question. The Review Committee may determine that the event was not a serious violation of the behavior code, or that circumstances dictate that the event be ignored. If such is the case, the matter will be dropped and all participating parties will be notified.

(d) The Review Committee may determine that the violation was serious and calls for punitive action by the Board. The first step in such action is for the Board to issue a letter of warning to the coach indicating the Board's disapproval of the indicated behavior, and to advise the coach that he or she is being placed on probation for the remainder of the season. The warning letter will also advise the coach that subsequent occurrences will result in further disciplinary action including but not limited to the suspension of the coach from a part of or all of the remaining season. The letter will be signed by the three members of the Review Committee and delivered to the offending coach for his acknowledgment and signature. A copy will be given to the coach, and the Commissioners from the Review Committee will present the action and a copy of the letter to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Those filing the complaint will also be notified of the actions taken by the Board.

(e) In the event that the Review Committee finds the first offense to be serious enough to warrant a punitive action greater than a warning, the Review Committee shall call an emergency meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss the situation. At that meeting the Review Committee will present their evidence and recommendation for punitive action up to and including immediate suspension. Upon a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the total number of board members, that coach shall be reprimanded as recommended and suffers all consequences as determined by the Board of Directors.

(f) If a coach behaves in such a manner as to create a second event of misbehavior during his or her probationary period the Board will react to implement further disciplinary action. The Review Committee will investigate the incident and report its findings and recommendation to the Board. The Review Committee will recommend suspending the coach for any or all of the remainder of the season. Written notification of the suspension will be presented to the offending coach.

(g) If it is necessary that the coach be suspended for the remainder of the season the Board will appoint a replacement coach and the Review Committee will meet with the parents and players of the team to advise them of the Board's actions.

(h) Any coach that is suspended for the year will not be allowed to take a coaching position the following year.

(i) Any Coach (head or assistant) who is ejected from a game (regular or post season) by the umpire will serve a mandatory one game suspension, the following game and placed on 1 year probation. If any coach is ejected from two games in the same year, said coach WILL serve a two game suspension and NOT be eligible to manage or coach All-Stars that year and will not be eligible for a coaching position the following year. If a coach is ejected from three games during the regular season, said coach will be indefinitely suspended from coaching for TCDY. It is our hope that these procedures will never have to be used, but as our league grows so does the possibility that someone will abuse the privilege of being a coach. Because our main concern is for the enjoyment and recreation of the hundreds of parents, coaches, and children who are out to enjoy team and family time together, we will not be tolerant of continued violations of the Coaches' Code of Ethics.

### **COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS**

➤ I hereby pledge to live up to my certification as a Coach by following the Coaches' Code of Ethics:

- I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will promise to review and practice basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

### ***PLAYER MISBEHAVIOR POLICY***

- (a) Town Creek Dixie Youth Baseball seeks to encourage good sportsmanship, fair play, and team spirit among all of its players. Because TCDY is about working with 4-12 year old children, occasional lapses in the behavior of the players are to be expected. However, repeated misbehavior, which violates the basic spirit that TCDY and its players are striving for, will not be tolerated. Examples of such misbehavior include, but are not limited to, repeated verbal abuse of teammates, coaches, spectators, or opponents, repeated use of profanity, aggression toward any other players, particularly physical aggression, and repeated refusal to cooperate with coaches or league officials, including umpires.
- (b) Any such behavior when observed by a TCDY Board member or reported in writing by a TCDY coach, parent, or spectator, will result in a review of the incident by a committee consisting of the League President, Vice-President and the Commissioners in which the player participates. The committee for player misbehavior review can recommend to the Board the action to be taken. For a valid first infraction, a warning will be issued to the player (and sent to his/her parents). Further actions may be recommended to the Board as deemed appropriate. All actions will be Board-approved. If the player is involved in further incidents, automatic suspension for a set number of games is a likely recommendation by the committee. After any suspension, a player-parent-Board conference is required before the player can resume play. If the player is allowed to continue to participate after suspension, and misbehavior continues beyond this, the Board will be free to suspend the player for the remainder of the year with no refund of registration fee. Any suspension will result in disqualifying the player for All-Star nomination.
- (c) It is the intent of TCDY to create an atmosphere where all player participants can have fun, learn baseball, and most of all develop the attitudes and good behavior associated with sportsmanship, fair play, and teamsmanship.

### ***PARENTS MISBEHAVIOR POLICY***

- (a) The primary description of acceptable behavior for parents is given in the Code of Conduct that is handed out to all parents at time of registration. Generally we have few or no problems with parents misbehaving in a manner contradictory to that which is described in the Code of Ethics. However, occasionally a situation does arise where the behavior of a parent becomes unacceptable. This policy is intended to describe the procedure that Town Creek Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc will follow to address such instances. It is not the intent of this policy to try and define every instance that might be described as constituting parental misbehavior. We will however make mention of certain types of known behavior that we have experienced in the past and will use these examples to illustrate unacceptable parental behavior.
- (b) Such examples are, but not limited to, the following. Boisterous taunting of an umpire, coach, league official, or player in a negative manner, the use of profanity or vulgar language, embarrassing negative remarks aimed at your own child while he/she is playing a game, the use of Alcoholic beverages while at any TCDY event, threatening or aggressive remarks towards umpires, coaches, league officials, or fans, physical confrontations with umpires, coaches, league officials, or fans, failure to remove yourself from the field after you have been ejected from the field, failure to remove yourself from event venue after you have been ejected from the event venue.
- (c) Parents please understand that any such behavior as listed above will be dealt with by the Association in the following manner.
1. You will first be addressed by your coach and asked politely to calm down.
  2. If you should persist then you will be warned by the umpire officiating the game to control your behavior.
  3. If you continue to present a problem you will be ejected from the game and the game will not resume until you have left the event venue.
  4. If you fail to leave the event venue a league official will be summoned to escort you away.

5. If you fail to do so and refuse to calm down the local law enforcement will be called to arrest you and take you from the event venue.

(d) It is our hope that we do not have to initiate any of the above steps necessary to control parental behavior. It is the intent of the Town Creek Dixie Youth, Inc to create a family atmosphere for the enjoyment and recreation of hundreds of parents, coaches, and players who are out to enjoy team and family time together. We hope to provide the basis for all players to have fun, learn the game of baseball, and most of all develop the attitudes and good behavior associated with sportsmanship, fair play, and teamwork. We are asking you as parents to help us reach our goal. Please lead by example and remember that hundreds of small eyes and ears are looking and listening to everything you say and do.

## **ARTICLE XV. MANAGER AND COACH SELECTION (Regular Season)**

1. The Board of Directors will approve managers and coaches annually based on a quorum vote. To aid in approving managers and coaches, all prospective managers and coaches shall complete the volunteer application (TCDY-2), Coaches Code of Ethics and Coaches Code of Conduct and Coaches Agreement forms (TCDY-2). A prospective manager or coach will be denied a position if they intentionally provides false information. Violations of the code of conduct, code of ethics, volunteer application or agreement may result in disciplinary actions.

2. Those not selected to serve as managers and/or coaches may request a session with the Board to review the selection process.

3. A seniority system shall be established and followed in awarding the position of team manager to qualified and approved applicants. The person with the greatest amount of seniority will have his choice of available manager positions and available team name within the league. Seniority shall be determined by the total number of consecutive years of official service, (i.e. Head Coach, Board Member, or Assistant Coach, with Head Coach and Board Member counting more towards seniority than assistant coach), including District, State or National office. In case of equal seniority, the league's director shall have a coin toss to assign manager positions.

4. Each team will be allowed one (1) manager and (2) coaches (except for 5-6 and 7-8 age group) who can act in any official capacity for the team. An additional coach that is designated at the beginning of the season can be added to the roster to fill-in in the absence of one of the official coaches. If a coach is removed from a game, that coaching vacancy cannot be filled during game, unless the replacing coach is a member of the TCDY Board of Directors.

5. Should a manager vacancy occur during the season, the Commissioners should appoint a new manager with approval by the Board of Directors. The new manager will be for that year only. The vacancy will be filled by normal seniority before the next season.

6. If a manager is awarded a team he will devote as much time as possible to the coaching of that team. If it is the feeling of League officials that the manager is not devoting ample time to the task, he will be terminated (subject to the approval of the Board of Directors). The Board of Directors can only administer this penalty.

(a) In order for a manager to devote as much time to a team as possible a manager will only be allowed to be a manager (head coach) of one (1) team during a season.

(b) A manager (head coach) may be an assistant coach on another team in another age group.

## **Article XVI. Registration**

1. Registration fee is \$40.00 per child. This fee applies to all age groups. NOTE: Registration fees will be set each year by the governing body, keeping the costs as low as possible.

2. Refunds of the registration fee will only be granted when requested:

a. Prior to a player being selected in the draft and placed on a team.

b. After being placed on a team a medical reason arises that prevents a player from participating. This situation would require a written statement from a doctor. In this case all applicable expenses (uniform, insurance, etc) would be deducted from the registration fee before a refund is given.

3. Each year TCDY will hypothesize a total number of teams in each age bracket based on the previous year attendance, players moving up and new player averages. Each team will have no more than 12 players assigned per team. After the total number of hypothesized teams has been filled with no more than 12 players per team, a waiting list will be established.

4. Players placed on the waiting list will be on a first come first serve basis. Every attempt will be made to ensure each registered player be placed on a team. Players remaining on the waiting list will receive a full refund and placed on a calling list in case of dropout or injury.

5. NO RELEASES will be granted unless a player is registered and not placed on a team roster after the draft process is complete and rosters are finalized

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## **ARTICLE XVII. PLAYER DRAFT SELECTION**

### **General:**

1. Each year the Player Draft Selection System (PDS), will be reviewed and approved by the presiding Board of Directors and must be approved on a quorum vote. Proxy votes will not be allowed for this vote. Once the board has voted on and approved the PDS, the PDS will remain final and in place for the remainder of that year.
2. A draft will be conducted each year for each age group, excluding Tee-Ball and Sweeties, unless there are enough players for two Sweeties teams.
3. The PDS will be coordinated by the league president and operated by the Baseball and Softball Commissioners.
4. If at any time a member of the TCDY Board of Directors, acts as a parent or coach in any age division, said board member is recused from their duties as a board member during the draft process and a replacement board member is assigned during the session.
5. During the draft selection, no person, other than the division managers, coaches and assigned TCDY representatives can be involved with or privy to discussions involving player selection.
6. All players registered, excluding those on placement waiting lists, must be assigned to a team upon the completion of the draft process.
7. Each team will be represented by no less than the assigned team manager during tryouts and draft. All team coaches are encouraged to participate.
8. Each year's draft process will be cataloged within these bylaws and remain until the following year.

### **Team Placement:**

1. A returning team from the previous year and in the same age bracket may remain together with 3 or more returning, age appropriate, players if the manager remains the same. If the manager withdraws from the division or moves to a different age division, the previous years remaining players will enter the draft pool and must attend tryout sessions as described herein. Any Assistant coach taking over a previous year's team as the Manager **MUST** keep said team together, unless there are less than 3 returning players. Switching managers in order to redraft a new team is not permitted.
2. A new Manager/team in any age bracket is allowed to start with a manager and (1) one coach. If the approved and assigned manager and coach have children who are players in their age bracket, those players will be assigned to the new teams roster and the team will begin with no more than 2 players. If one or more of the coaches has multiple siblings those players will be assigned to the team prior to the draft.
3. New teams will be assigned based on a majority vote by the TCDY Board of Directors. Seniority, past accomplishments, references and reputation will play a role in the selection process.
4. After the draft is complete the manager may select additional coaches with no more than 3 in 10 and up divisions and no more than 4 in 8u divisions. Coaches must be requested by the manager and all coaches must meet all requirements for coaching as set forth herein.

### **Player Placement:**

1. Players registering with TCDY to play baseball or softball and assigned to a previous team remaining in the previous year's age division, can declare to remain on the same team. Said player can also, upon registration, request to go into draft pool within the same age group or elect to try out for an older age bracket. Players dropping from a team roster in order to try out for an older age bracket will be placed in age appropriate draft pool if not selected in the older age bracket.
2. Players are allowed and encouraged to play up in higher age brackets to enhance skills, knowledge and ability. No player, unless authorized by TCDY, can play down in age brackets. Example: any player, regardless of age, with mental or physical disabilities will be placed in age brackets most comparable to the child's need and safety.
3. Dixie Youth Baseball rules will apply to players on the waiting list. Only players moving into the area after the sign up period will be placed on the waiting list. A player may be added to a team roster from the waiting list only after a player has been released from the roster, per item 5 and 6 of these rules and only by the league director.
4. Any player refusing to play on a team for which he is drafted shall be ineligible for participating anywhere in the Town Creek Dixie Youth Baseball program for the current season.
5. Once a player is drafted and placed on a team roster, only the TCDY president may release the child from the roster. A player may be dropped from the roster for the following reasons:
  - a. Moving out of area



- b. Sickness or injury
  - c. Lack of discipline (derogatory remarks, dissension, lack of respect for coaches or players, etc.) These incidents must be communicated to the league director, as they occur to provide opportunity to correct the problem (s). Coaches must have written documentation of each incident.
  - d. Suspension from the league may result for the reasons covered in these rules.
6. Due to the confidential nature of the player draft, only team managers, the Board of Directors and assistant coaches will be allowed in the draft.
7. At the end of the draft, each manager will be allowed to trade one player with another manager. Commissioners must approve all trades. **All rosters are final one hour after draft is complete.**
8. Parents may suggest in writing for players to be placed on the same team. In the case of siblings, these requests will be honored. Other hardships or extenuating circumstances will be at the discretion of TCDY.

## **ARTICLE XVIII. AGE LIMITS**

Any candidate who will attain the age of four (4) years of age before June 1<sup>st</sup> and who will not attain the age of thirteen (13) before May 1<sup>st</sup> (BASEBALL) and January 1<sup>st</sup> (SOFTBALL) shall be eligible for participation in the Town Creek program providing he/she meets all other requirements.

A player may begin play at 3 years old as long as the child turns 4 before the completion of season.

Candidates must play in their respective age group as governed by Dixie Youth Inc. Players may play up in their next respective age group, but may not play in a lower age group.

## **ARTICLE XIX. REGISTRATION AND TRYOUTS**

- a) The dates for registration, tryouts are to be set by the Board of Directors.
- b) All coaches will attend tryouts and assist in the events. Events will consist of activities to test each player's ability in catching, fielding, pitching, catcher's position, batting and base running.
- c) Tryouts will last no longer than 2 hours per age division. At the conclusion, coaches will have no more than 15 minutes to confer with coaches and then begin the draft process.
- d) Players remaining on the same team and in the same division as the previous year are automatically placed on that team during registration and are not required to attend tryouts.
- e) All players not assigned to a team from the previous year must attend tryouts.
- f) Registered players at league age 10 must attend and tryout for Majors or Ponytails. Once tryouts are complete, all the Majors or Ponytails coaches will vote on the 10 year old players first, deciding if the said players can compete safely in the older age bracket. A majority vote will apply, with the residing board member acting as the tie breaker. All confirmed 10 year olds will enter the Majors or Ponytails draft pool and deferred players must attend the Minors or Angel's tryout session.
- g) Registered players at league age 8 must attend and tryout for Minors or Angels. Once tryouts are complete, all the Minors or Angels coaches will vote on the 8 year old players first, deciding if the said players can compete safely in the older age bracket. A majority vote will apply, with the residing board member acting as the tie breaker. All confirmed 8 year olds will enter the Minors or Angels draft pool and deferred players must attend the Coach Pitch or Darlings tryout session.
- h) Registered players at league age 6 must attend and tryout for Coach Pitch or Darlings. Once tryouts are complete, all the Coach Pitch or Darlings coaches will vote on the 6 year old players first, deciding if the said players can compete safely in the older age bracket. A majority vote will apply, with the residing board member acting as the tie breaker. All confirmed 6 year olds will enter the Coach Pitch or Darlings draft pool and deferred players will be assigned a team in the Tee-Ball or Sweeties Division.
- i) If a registered player, already assigned to a previous year team, has reached the age of trying out for an older age division, said player can remain on the previous year team and previous year division. If the player chooses to tryout in the older age division and is deferred, said player can remain on the previous year's team without entering the age appropriate draft pool.
- j) All prospects participating in tryouts will not leave the field until dismissed by officials in charge of tryouts.

## **ARTICLE XX. AWARDS and RECOGNITION**

- 1. Each year TCDY will purchase participation trophy's for each registered player completing one half of their scheduled games.

2. Additionally, depending on each year's budget, TCDY may purchase awards for the following:

a) Individual awards for each manager, coach and participant on league championship teams in all age groups.

No more than two coaches' award per team. Awards will be presented at the last tournament game or as soon as possible thereafter.

b) Individual all-star awards for the manager, two coaches and the team players.

c) Special awards for longevity in the Dixie Youth Program and recognition for special assistance to the league.

## **ARTICLE XXI. SCHEDULES, TIME LIMITS&MAKE-UP GAMES**

1. The Board of Directors will be responsible for preparing practice and regular season schedules.

2. All games played (regular, makes-up, or exhibition) must be approved by the league President, conferred by the commissioners, and fall within all regular season rules. All games will be played as scheduled.

3. Game completion will be deemed based on the rules and regulations as set forth within the National Dixie Youth Rules and Regulations.

4. Games called because of rain or other reason before they become regulation games shall be resumed from the point of termination.

5. Make-up games are to be made up on the earliest possible date as determined by the President and Commissioners. They shall be scheduled in the same order as originally scheduled unless the President and Commissioners approve special arrangements. Make-up game start times will be set by the President and Commissioners.

7. Time Limit:

- T-BALL/SWEETIES - one hour
- COACH PITCH/MACHINE PITCH/DARLINGS - one hour and thirty minutes
- MINORS/ANGELS - one hour and thirty minutes
- MAJORS/PONYTAILS - one hour and forty- five minutes
- Softball times may change based upon each years' local league options

## **ARTICLE XXII. UMPIRES**

1. The Chief Umpire shall be TCDY's liaison with the umpire's association being used. He shall be responsible for making sure the umpire's association knows the game (including makeup games) schedule and the number of umpires required for each game. Umpires will provide their own equipment and be prepared to call the game.

2. The Baseball and Softball Commissioners shall act as Chief Umpires for their respective Divisions.

3. The umpires will be paid the following fees: \$40.00 per single game, \$30.00 per game when umpiring 2 or more games

4. The League President and PARD (Parks and Recreation Department) will make the final decision concerning the playing fitness of the fields.

5. No umpire may call a game behind the plate in which his/her child participates. Except in cases of emergency.

6. If in the event an umpire does not show up for a game, a member of the Board of Directors may substitute or appoint someone to umpire.

## **ARTICLE XXIII. PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION OF ALL STARS**

### ***Player selection:***

1. The league president and division commissioners will oversee the all-star player selection in each age group.

2. Players can be selected for all-stars after the completion of 2/3 of the regular season games have been completed. At this point all manager will be notified and will have one week to prepare and produce a 12 player list off all age eligible players they believe should be on all-stars to the commissioner. Each team will produce a list of prospective players. The commissioner will then compile the names and all players receiving unanimous votes will be placed on the team. All other players will be decided by the assigned manager in each age bracket.

3. All age eligible players, regardless of division played, will be eligible for selection.

4. A 1 hour all-star tryout session may be held at the request of the assigned manager in order to complete team selections

5. A manager withholding their all-star selections maliciously will have their selection recommendations revoked.

6. No all-star team is final until the completion of the regular season.

7. A manager or coach is allowed to hold skills evaluations with all-star potential players no earlier than 2/3 of the regular season schedule completion. At no time will skills evaluations interfere with regular season games or practices.



***Selection of All Star Manager and Coaches :***

1. Starting at the coaches meeting and extending through the first week of regular season games all approved certified managers and coaches are eligible for being selected for All Star teams.
2. The winning Division manager in each age group will be assigned as the manager for the all-star team in their age bracket. The manager has the right to select his/her assistant coaches. Any winning manager has the right to defer the assisting coaching position; however the decision will then be up to the manager. The division Champion will be decided by games played between TCDY teams only.

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## **ARTICLE XXIV. GENERAL RULES**

These General Rules apply to all Town Creek Dixie Youth Leagues. All rules in this section are in addition to the Standard Dixie Youth Inc. rules.

1. If an official team function is held which involves the team and parents as a group, all players and parents must be invited to participate.
2. No bat person is allowed other than a team member.
3. Each batter, runner and on deck batter will be required to wear an approved helmet while on the playing field. Refer to DYB/DYS rules and regulations for penalty
4. A facemask must be attached to all helmets worn by participants.
5. All players shall be listed in the batting order and bat in turn. Each child must play a minimum of 3 consecutive defensive outs in the field for baseball and 6 for softball. The only exception shall be when the game is considered a regulation game but is shortened by reason of curfew, or acts of God, or when a team concedes before all available players have participated.
6. if available, the visiting team will be responsible for furnishing an adult to operate the scoreboard. No one under the age of sixteen (16) years of age will be allowed in the press box.
7. Division Champions will be determined by best overall record, not including games with "non-Town Creek teams". If there is a tie in regular league competition between two or more teams within a division, a championship game and or tournament will be scheduled. All championship games will be played with no time limit and until completion.
8. Play-up-Rule: A Manager/Coach may drop down to next lower league to get extra player/players to fulfill nine (9) player roster rules. If original number (9) player arrives to play the substitute player must leave the playing field immediately. Managers/Coaches must take the responsibility for their team's roster and instances that call for substitute players. Substitute players will not be allowed to play on any given night before their regularly scheduled game, but may be used after their regularly scheduled game ends. This rule does not apply to T-Ball.
9. When a player becomes sick, is injured, or must leave the game for any reason and cannot take their turn in the batting order, his position in the batting order will be eliminated until such time as he is able to continue in the game. This will NOT constitute an out UNLESS there are fewer than 9 batters.
10. Any Player arriving after the beginning of the game shall be added to the bottom of the batting order.
11. Minimum number of players required to start or finish a game in any age group except 5/6 is eight (8). There is no minimum in 5/6.
12. For Minors and Majors- All rostered players will bat through completely in the initial lineup. Then at coaches discretion will drop to the top nine after the completion of the first round of at bats. All remaining players will then become offensive subs and can be placed anywhere in the batting lineup once. Each sub can only sub in once, in one position. A starter or player in the top nine can only reenter the game once.

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## **LOCAL T-BALL RULES**

The following rules apply only to the T-Ball League.

### **OFFENSE:**

1. Each team will bat a continuous lineup with all available players.

2. Each team will bat ALL batters and then switch to defense.
3. Score will **NOT** be kept to determine a winner.
4. All players called out on the bases will be removed from the bases.
5. When the last batter makes a hit, the bases will be cleared by all runners running the bases.

#### DEFENSE

1. All players will be placed in the field on defense.
2. There will be no more than 6 players are allowed in the infield during game play, 1 for each defensive position. The player pitcher must stand on the left or right of the 45' pitcher's mound. All other players will be positioned in the outfield no closer than the grass line.
3. Dead Ball time outs will be called when the ball is in the infield and the lead runner has stopped.
4. Coaches are allowed to stand in the field and assist the players with direction only. Touching a player will not be allowed.

#### GENERAL

1. Games will be limited to 1 hour.
2. REMINDER: These rules are to instill instruction and fun game play for the kids. Learning at an early age is very important for their development. Each team should be treated as a winner. Negative enforcement will not be tolerated.
3. ABOVE ALL-HAVE FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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### **AA Coach Pitch**

- Games are limited to 1 hr 30 minutes, no inning will begin after 1 hr 30, with a drop dead time of 1 hr 45 minutes.
- 7 run limit per inning.
- Runners will be held to one base on an overthrow. Every throw made by the defense will constitute the runner being able, at his/her own risk, to move up one base. Example: Batter hits ball and runs to first, defense has an overthrow at first. The runner can advance only to second base unless a defensive player attempts another throw to second on the same runner. If the ball is overthrown at second the runner can advance to third. If no attempt to run is made, the umpire will call timeout and end the play.
- All other National Coach Pitch rules will be followed.

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### **AAA MINORS & MAJORS**

The following rules apply to both kid Pitch Leagues.

- a) Age group 9&10 will play ten (10) players, with four (4) players in the outfield. All games are limited to 1 hr 30 minutes, no inning will begin after 1hr 30min with a drop dead time of 1 hr 45 minutes.
- b) Age group 11&12 must play nine (9) players on the field. All games are limited to 1 hr 45 minutes, no inning will begin after 1hr 45min with a drop dead time of 2 hours.
- c) Games tied at the completion regulation time, will be extended one inning. If the game remains tied at the completion of the extra inning, said game will be considered a draw between the two teams.

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### **ARTICLE XXV. OPERATION OF CONCESSION STAND**

1. The Concession Stand at the Town Creek Park will be operated on a year round basis by Town Creek Dixie Youth.
2. Concession Stand Director will report to the Board of Directors on the operation of the concession stand. Any person hired to operate the concession stand will be recommended by the Concession Stand Director and must be approved by a majority vote of the board.

3. All proceeds, after expenses, from the operation of the concession stand will be used to benefit the Town Creek Dixie Youth Baseball/Softball League. The Concession Stand Director will be responsible for reporting to the League Treasurer all earnings on a WEEKLY basis. A separate concession ledger will be used to account for all operating expenses. Profits will be deposited into the League's General Account on a regular basis to be used for League operations.
4. Starter cash; \$200.00 (in various bills and change) will be kept in the cash box for startup of the days operations. At the end of the night, all cash will be accounted for and all profits, minus Umpire fees will be placed in a provided envelope. The envelope will be signed by the umpires receiving their pay for the night and signed by the person in charge of concessions indicating amount included for night. The envelope will be sealed and placed back in the cash box for depositing.
5. Financial Reports will be provided to the Treasure of TCDY on a regular basis as required.
6. Any contract made for products and services for the Concession Stand must have the approval of the Town Creek Dixie Youth Board of Directors.
7. All efforts should be made by the Concession Stand Director to avoid having inventory left over at the end of the season or end of season tournament.
8. Parents will be responsible for helping the league operate the concession stand. Each team will provide, as scheduled, with no pay, people to work appointed times throughout the regular season and during tournaments. Work schedules will be provided to each team through the TCDY website any team mom meetings. Team Moms may schedule concession workers for their team on behalf of the head coach, however, the head coach will be solely responsible for making sure that parents show up at their appointed times. All efforts will be made by the league to schedule teams to work times on the same nights, before or after, their team plays. This may exclude some tournament games, however.
9. Concession stand time slots indicate on the schedule that workers opening will appear 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled game and they will work until the next shift arrives. The next shift will appear IMMEDIATELY following their game and remain to fulfill concession duties.
10. For any team that fails to work their scheduled time slot, or fails to complete the assigned duties as outlined on the concession stand operating and closing sheet, the head coach may be suspended from coaching for one scheduled game or another penalty to be determined by a review committee. Penalties may vary depending upon the severity of the offense and the circumstances surrounding the failure.
  - a. The committee will comprise of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Concession Stand Director, and Commissioners of the offending team.
  - b. Process to be followed for reporting a team for review begins by reporting the tardiness or failure to show up to work the assigned slot to the board members on duty for that period. The board member will then contact the League President and Concession Stand Director. If in the opinion of the President and the Concession Stand Director, a team has been negligent or the concession stand has not opened for business by the beginning of the first slotted game, then the offending coach will be brought before the review committee for their penalty which may consist of, but not limited to the following: a suspension, a forfeit, or a fine.
11. No person under the age of 14 (fourteen) years old will be allowed into the concession stand or allowed to handle/work the concession stand funds.
12. All parents will adhere to the operational rules established by the Concession Stand Manager. Any disputes regarding the operation of the Concession Stand, or otherwise, must be brought, in writing, before the Board of Directors.

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## **ARTICLE XXVI. FALL BASEBALL**

A Fall Ball Program **MAY** be developed and run by a sub group of individuals, selected by the Board of Directors each year.

1. Emphasis **will be** on individual player development – not team development. Skills development should be the coach's first priority.
2. Program will be instructional and progressively competitive as the season goes on.
3. Planning for the Program shall begin no sooner than July.
4. Registration dates and rates will be set by the Fall Ball committee
5. Parents of teams will be expected to help run the concession stand. Any team, who does not show up to work the concession stand when scheduled, will be eliminated from the tournament.

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## **ARTICLE XXVII. Team Parent**

1. Each Team shall elect a volunteer to be "**TEAM PARENT**". The team parent will assist the Manager with communications with the parents on all matters concerning the team. The Team parent will have direct access to the TCDY board. They shall work closely with the Head coach, Fundraiser, Concession Stand, and Uniform managers.

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## Signed and agreed upon by:

**President:**

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**Vice President:**

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**Secretary:**

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**Treasure:**

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**Board Member:**

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