



DBB, Inc.



“Where the Future Stars Play Today”

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www.dbbusa.org

Benefits of Playing DBB & Majors Baseball!

DBB, Inc. programs have the following distinct advantages:

- Organization in existence since 1957
- Member organization of USA Baseball, the governing body for amateur baseball
- Leagues participate with the official “DBB program”
- Clear understanding of our role of providing service to youth through baseball
- Leadership fully attuned to the needs of 13-19 aged participants
- Focus and full attention given to the leagues and the participants
- Autonomy given to leagues to operate local program without interference
- Rules administered in accordance with the published rules of the organization
- Effective communications from the State & National organization
- Tournament host bid fees fairly negotiated between Host and program
- Officials present at all tournament games
- DBB online store available to purchase items/franchise teams
- Junior Boys Division District, State & World Series Tournament Play
- Boys Division District, State & World Series Tournament Play
- Pre-Majors Division District, State & World Series Tournament Play
- Majors Division District, State & World Series Tournament Play
- National Umpire Program provides training in conjunction with umpire registration
- 15U program World Series started in 2016. Participant opportunities always expanding
- Invitational tournaments are offered, program expanded.
- Schools have the opportunity to franchise as a team – “school-based franchise”
- New Tournament Team Franchise Opportunity created





2024 Season Information

I. Franchise Deadline: May 15th, 2024. (National & State fees- \$35.00 each)

II. League Materials: All forms available on website at www.dbbusa.org

III. Rulebooks and Media Guide: Available from Boys & Majors State Director.

IV. Scholarship Program: Eleven National Scholarships will be awarded in 2024.

V. Dixie Boys Baseball Alumni Program Available: \$25.00 annual fee to join.

VI. Age Control Date- The age control date remains April 30th for a 13-year-old entering the program. At the upper end of our age groups, a 19-year-old that had his 19th birthday after August 1, 2023 is eligible to participate. No one, that will turn age 20 before August 1, 2024 is allowed to participate in the program at any time! The age control dates are in the rulebook and on the website.

VII. 2024 World Series Information-

Junior Boys (age 13) Beaufort County, SC (July 26-31, 2024)
DBB Boys (age 13-14) Beaufort County, SC (July 26-31, 2024)
15U Division (age 15 & under) South Hill, VA (July 17-19, 2024)
Pre-Majors (age 15-17) Independence, LA (July 19-24, 2024)
Majors (age 15-19) Ozark, Alabama (July 19-24, 2024)

VIII. 2023 World Series Champions-

Junior Boys (age 13) Hattiesburg, Mississippi
DBB Boys (age 13-14) JPRD West, Louisiana
15U Division (age 15 & under) JPRD East, Louisiana
Pre-Majors (age 15-17) Southland, Louisiana
Majors (age 15-19) North Charleston, South Carolina

IX. 2024 Special Events Host: *All events will be conducted in June*
Future Stars Tournament Trail Events: (June 7-9, 2024)

***Note: Other special events will be added prior to start of 2024 season.**



WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL ALLOW US TO TELL “OUR STORY - DBB INC”

www.dixie.org/boys

DBB, Inc. was founded in 1957 at Alexandria, Louisiana. The mission of the program is to provide a recreational outlet for as many participants (age 13-19) as possible. The program currently operates in eleven southeastern states and attracts over 16,000 players.

DBB, Inc. is governed by a Board of Directors and is comprised of Executive Officers as well as elected State Officials. Board members (currently twenty-one) are responsible for determining program policies and rules. The Commissioner/CEO is responsible for managing the day to day affairs of the organization.

Leagues must comply with a basic set of rules and regulations as found in the rule book. The rules that appear in the DBB book are specific rules adopted by the Board of Directors. All other rules are found in the official playing rules of the National High School Federation. The DBB Commissioner/CEO is responsible for interpretation and rule enforcement.

League play is emphasized in the DBB organization. Franchises/local leagues are given a great deal of autonomy in determining the specifics that will meet the community/school needs. The administrative functions that are necessary to successfully operate a local league are supported by a District & State Director.

While emphasis is on league play there is; however, district tournaments, state tournaments and a World Series event for leagues wishing to participate after the close of the regular season. DBB, Inc. has a rich tradition of offering quality events that capture the true essence of competitive play. The organization takes great pride in offering “premier events”, providing a memorable experience for everyone.

DBB, Inc. each year also offers additional opportunities for teams. The Future Stars Tournament Trail brings together top DBB baseball participants. The eleven southern states that comprise the DBB region (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia) all have the opportunity to expand their programs to include invitational tournaments. A wood bat invitational tournament is held each June for the 15U and the Pre-Majors age group.

In 2023, a World Series will once again be held for the 15U Division. Sterlington, Louisiana will host the 15U Division World Series: July 19-21. State tournament sites for 2023 are yet to be determined!

On July 21st the four traditional divisions will start play. World Series events in the DBB divisions will be held in Opelika, Alabama (Jr. Boys) and South Hill, Virginia (Boys). Sterlington, Louisiana (Pre-Majors) and North Charleston, South Carolina (Majors) will host the Majors division World Series events. The program offers numerous opportunities for sponsors to partner with DBB.

LOCAL LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

- The league is the smallest unit of organization and is governed by the local program.
 - a. A league franchise can be granted for a league from two to ten teams.
 - b. The State Director is empowered to grant one team leagues based on circumstances.

SIMPLE STEPS REQUIRED TO BECOMING A FRANCHISED DBB LEAGUE.

- The league makes application for franchise to the Commissioner. The league would form based on policies as found in the DBB rulebook. Information is found on our website: www.dbbusa.org.
- The franchise obtains the approval of the appropriate DBB State & District officials.

BOUNDARIES

- The League would submit maps showing boundaries of the league.
- The League would meet all boundary requirements.

TEAMS

- League rosters can include up to 16 players in Boys and 18 players for 15U and Majors Baseball. Playing roster deadline is before the first game is played!
- Franchise deadline: May 15th. National Franchise Fee is \$30.00 per team along with \$30.00 State Fee. \$5.00 admin fee. A fee of \$130.00/ 2 team min. required for franchises. Online payment is available.

LEGAL PLAYERS

- **Age Control date April 30th. (AGE CONTROL CHART AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE)**
 - a. Boys - (age 13-14) Any eligible player whose thirteenth birthday falls **before** May 1st of the current year and any player whose fifteenth birthday falls on or after May 1 of the current year shall be eligible to compete and complete the current Boys season. The local league has the option of allowing a 12-year-old (league age control) to participate in DBB Boys Baseball.
 - b. 15U Program (15 & below) Any player whose sixteenth birthday falls **after** May 1st of current year shall be eligible to participate- Players are also allowed to dual participate with either Boys or Majors
 - c. Majors- (age 15-19) Any player whose fifteenth birthday falls **before** May 1st of current year and any player whose nineteenth birthday falls on or after August 1 of the previous calendar year is eligible to compete and complete current Majors Baseball season. Pre-Majors play is offered for age 15-17.
 - d. *Any player who plays baseball for his school and whose fourteenth birthday falls before May 1st of the current year is eligible to compete in and complete the Pre/Majors season.*

SELECTION OF PLAYERS

- Players may participate in other amateur baseball programs, subject to League approval. No league player; under any circumstances, shall be permitted to play on another amateur team during his teams' actual tournament play.
- The League may choose to select a Junior Boys (age 13) tournament team and/or a Boys (age 13-14) tournament team. In the Majors division; a league may choose to select a Pre-Majors (age 15-16-17) tournament team and/or a Majors (age15-19) tournament team.

OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

- The League will agree to follow the basic playing rules of the organization.
- The League understands that league play as well as tournament play requires the use of DBB certified umpires. DBB offers a National Umpire Program.

TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

JURISDICTIONAL CONTROL

- The League would align and franchise as part of a state program. As such the league would be considered as a part of a district, region or zone of the state program
- Oversight and jurisdictional control of play would be the responsibility of the appropriate District Director & State Director from a given state.

RULES & REGULATIONS

- The League would be required to adhere to all tournament rules and regulations. Rules and Regulations for Tournament Play are governed by the official playing rules as well as a tournament guidelines document. **Following are a few highlights of these rules:**
 - a. Rosters include up to: fifteen players (Boys) and eighteen players (Majors) - **four coaches each team.**
 - b. Birth certificates are required along with a tournament team affidavit. Required information must be submitted at a credentials meeting held prior to tournament play.
 - c. Approved tournament baseballs must be used for all tournament play.
 - d. Teams are required to follow all established pitching rules with no exceptions granted.
 - e. Documentary evidence of insurance must be carried to all tournament games. Specific insurance requirements are found in DBB Official Rules.

STATE TOURNAMENT

- The League would be afforded the opportunity to advance a team or teams from a local league into tournament play. Each state determines method based on number of leagues.
- Tournament play conducted using double elimination play, round robin or pool play.
- State tournaments are normally conducted two weeks prior to the World Series.
- Tournament fees and travel allowances; if applicable are determined by each State Director.

WORLD SERIES EVENTS HELD IN FIVE DIVISIONS

- State Champions from each of the state tournaments along with a tournament host team compete for the opportunity to be crowned “World Series Champions.”
- A double elimination tournament is held for the two divisions of Majors. 2024 event for Pre-Majors will be held in Independence, Louisiana while the Majors division is being hosted by Ozark, Alabama. In 2025, the Pre-Majors & Majors World Series host is yet TBD. Bids are currently being accepted
- A double elimination tournament is held for Boys Baseball. In 2024, Beaufort County, SC will host both the Junior Boys event and the Boys World Series. The 2025 Junior Boys is slated for Opelika, Alabama while 2025 DBB World Series will be held in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.
- State champions advancing to a Junior Boys/Boys or Pre/Majors Baseball World Series event are provided \$350.00 per diem daily beginning night preceding first Series game and ending with the next day following elimination. The policies are available from the DBB National Office.
- A festive Opening Ceremony is held recognizing all players and the communities represented. World Series champions/finalists are recognized as well as a team sportsmanship award winner.
- **The 2024 World Series for the 15U division is slated for July 17-19 and will be held in Sterlington, LA.** The tournament features pool-play with advancement into a single elimination bracket. The tournament consists of a \$200 entry fee per team with a guarantee of three games per team. Teams are responsible for their travel cost. The host for the 2025 World Series for the 15U division is Sterlington, Louisiana. Discover Monroe -West Monroe and 2 Seam Sports are our host!