

**POLICY FOR BIDDING FOR RIGHTS TO HOST
THE DIXIE YOUTH WORLD SERIES**

The requirements for hosting a Dixie Youth World Series have been developed and approved by the National Board of Directors for the purpose of providing a play-off system to determine the number one team in Dixie Youth Baseball under the most rewarding and pleasant conditions possible, primarily, for the participants of the state championship teams. While it is recognized that many side benefits will be realized for the host city, parents, national officials and others, this policy emphasizes that the primary consideration in hosting this event will always be the welfare and concern for the participating teams. The host may voluntarily provide additional hospitalities which exceed these requirements. However, it is especially noted that the minimum requirements which follow are specifically directed toward housing, feeding and entertainment of the participating teams and the playing facilities.

The World Series Requirements Committee is responsible for developing these requirements and is concerned about the costs necessary to host this event. It is evident that these minimum requirements must be met to insure the proper public image of Dixie Youth Baseball and to guarantee that the World Series is played under the best possible conditions for all participants. The Committee does not wish to dictate to any host that they cannot extend certain acts of hospitality or courtesies to the Board or to others in attendance at the World Series. However, it is felt that these matters should be completely voluntary and not performed because of established precedent and will not be considered by the Board as prerequisites for awarding the rights to host the Dixie Youth World Series.

WORLD SERIES BID PROCEDURE

Every franchised league in the Dixie Youth Baseball program is eligible to bid for the right to host a Dixie Youth World Series for the Majors, "O"Zone, and AAA Divisions. A league or group of leagues may bid to host a single World Series, any combination of two World Series or all three Series if they have the facilities necessary to meet the minimum requirements. Each potential bidder must adhere to the following procedures to qualify for consideration as a Dixie Youth World Series host:

- a) Letters of intent to bid for the right to host the World Series must be submitted in writing to the Commissioner and must be sent to his office on or before April 1 of the year in which a league presents its bid to the National Board of Directors.
- b) All letters of intent must be supported by written endorsement of the National Board members and state director of the home state of the bidding league. These officials may endorse more than one bid during the same year from their state.
- c) The official bid will be the letter thus mailed and should be accompanied by these written endorsements and any other matters of particular interest or support.
- d) All prospective hosts' bid presentations will be made, duly considered, voted upon and awarded at the Annual Board Meeting held two years in advance of the event. The Board will award the rights to host the respective World Series for Majors, "O"Zone and AAA Divisions at the annual meeting held two years in advance of the scheduled dates for each Series.
- e) An "Initial Inspection Team," composed of the Commissioner, and/or the President and two members of the World Series Minimum Requirements Committee appointed by the Committee Chairman, will visit the bidding league to review requirements and meet with various host committees no later than May 15 prior to presentation of bid to the National Board. Written reports of these inspections will be included in the director's manual for the annual meeting.
- f) Within six to eight weeks preceding the World Series, the members of the original "Initial Inspection Team" shall visit the host site and perform a final inspection. Any expenses of this final inspection will be the responsibility of Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. If the final inspection reports do not comply with the requirements listed herein, the Commissioner will convene a conference call with the World Series Minimum Requirement Committee to determine the appropriate action.
- g) All requirements shall be in place 30 days prior to the beginning of each World Series. If the minimum requirements have not been met at that time, the Commissioner may take any actions necessary to meet the minimum requirements and, if necessary, draw upon the posted bond, letter of credit, or cash deposit to reimburse DYB for any costs incurred.

- h) Any organization bidding for rights to host a future Dixie Youth World Series will be required to pay \$1,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of the “Initial Inspection” team who will travel to the potential host city for an initial inspection meeting with the proposed World Series host committees to review their plans for a Series and inspect playing fields and other facilities.
- i) Representatives of the local press, the city government, all local news media and service clubs should be at this important meeting. Failure of any host committee members to be present may reflect a lack of interest and may result in the World Series being awarded to another bidder.
- j) At the annual meeting, each bidding league group will be given ample time, not to exceed thirty minutes, to present their bid in person and to answer questions. Each bidding league may have a group of key officials from their city present and will not be permitted to view the presentation of any competing group.
- k) All bids must offer the minimum requirements listed. Any bid may exceed these requirements if desired but only these minimum requirements will be considered in selecting the winning bid.
- l) The winning bidder must have one representative remain for the entire World Series to attend all events. The representative must meet with the World Series Requirements Committee to review all of the World Series requirements.
- m) Each World Series host will present a \$50,000 cash deposit, insurance bond, or irrevocable letter of credit to the Commissioner of Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. on August 1 of the year prior to the beginning of the awarded World Series. The expiration date of the bond or letter of credit will not expire earlier than August 31 of the year of the series.
- n) A contract will be issued by the President and Commissioner within 30 days of the awarded series. This contract must be signed and returned to the Commissioner’s office within 30 days or receipt.
- o) If the “O”Zone World Series is held on a different week than the Majors/AAA World Series, it shall begin on Saturday, a week prior to the Majors/AAA World Series which will begin nine days after the start of the “O”Zone Series on a Monday.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTING A
DIXIE YOUTH WORLD SERIES**

**A World Series Host must agree to the following requirements:
TEAM MEALS**

1. Specify in its bid that feeding for all teams will be provided or that a per diem based upon local economic situations (minimum \$15.00 per person per day) will be paid.

a) If meals are provided, they must begin with the evening meal preceding the first World Series game and end with the breakfast meal following elimination and must meet the following requirements:

1) A well-balanced menu of hot foods three meals each day.

2) Meal times scheduled so as not to interfere with game time of teams. Teams playing the late game each day may elect to receive 1/3 the daily per Diem rate in lieu of a meal.

3) Feeding facilities and proposed menus must be approved by inspection team.

b) If per diem is paid, it will begin on the day of the first scheduled game of the World Series and end on the morning following elimination. The maximum per diem provided each team will be for fifteen (15) people (twelve (12) players and three (3) adult coaches). The Commissioner will approve any prorated per diem if both meals and per diem are provided on any day during the Series. In addition, the World Series host will:

1) Provide the evening meal on the day preceding World Series and pay \$5.00 per person for the day following elimination. All days in between will be a minimum of \$15.00 per day per participant, \$225 (\$15 x 15) per team per day. The final per diem payment will be paid by the host as the teams check out following elimination.

2) The first day's per Diem will be paid to the team managers at the Managers and Coaches Meeting on Sunday.

3) Subsequent per diem will be paid to the team manager at the end of each team's game at the ballpark. (Teams which are eliminated will only receive \$75 after their final game for breakfast on the morning following elimination.)

4) Meal per diem payments should be given to team managers or individuals authorized by the team manager. The host should always obtain a signature acknowledging the receipt of per diem money.

c) The Host must provide a listing of area restaurants appropriate for team use with addresses, phone numbers and a map (if possible) in the Team Welcome Packets.

TEAM HOUSING

2. Each team participating in the World Series is responsible for securing its own housing accommodations. To assist in making these accommodations, the Host will provide to the Commissioner's office a listing of area housing facilities with addresses, telephone numbers, rates and a map to each housing facility for inclusion in each State Champion World Series packet.

(a) The housing facility listing shall also include the name and location of the official headquarters housing facility to be used exclusively for DYB officials and their families.

(b) Under no circumstances will teams be housed in the same facility as DYB officials and their families. If a team moves into the officials headquarters housing facility, the team's manager shall be removed from the team until his team vacates the facility and the team shall forfeit its daily housing per diem until it relocates.

(c) The host will pay a daily housing per diem of \$300.00 to each team beginning on the night preceding the first World Series game and ending with the night following elimination to defray housing expenses.

(d) The first day's housing per diem will be paid to each team manager at the end of the team's game at the ball park;

(e) Subsequent housing per diem will be paid to each team manager at the end of the team's final game at the ball park each day;

(f) Housing per diem payments must be given only to the team manager or individuals authorized by the team manager. The host must always obtain a signature acknowledging the receipt of housing per diem.

OFFICIAL'S HOUSING

3. The Host will arrange for a minimum block of 120 rooms at a hotel/motel to be used exclusively as a headquarters facility near all World Series activities for housing officers, national board members, state directors, World Series umpires, official guests and members of their families.

(a) Information about these facilities should be provided in the bid or sent to each official at their address listed in the directory of the Official DYB Rule Book as soon after the bid is officially awarded as possible.

(b) The Commissioner's office will coordinate all reservations for the headquarters facility and provide a list of reservations for these rooms. No additions and/or deletions will be made to the reservation's list without the approval of the Commissioner.

(c) Suitable meeting and hospitality rooms for all meetings of the National Board will be reserved at this headquarters facility according to a schedule to be specified by the President. All meeting rooms and hospitality rooms will be approved by the Inspection Team. All meeting tables will be at least 30 inches in width.

(d) The Executive Committee will arrive on the Friday before the Series. Other Dixie Youth officials will arrive on the Saturday prior to the Series. Officials assigned to the "O"Zone World Series shall arrive on the Friday prior to the Series.

HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT

4. (a) The Host shall invite all DYB Officials (National Directors, State Directors, District Directors, Assistant State Directors, and Assistant District Directors), their spouses and their dependent children to any planned social event for the National Board including entertainment and meals. The President and Commissioner shall be responsible for determining if the host will include additional people to these events and be responsible for controlling access by unauthorized persons. All such information shall be communicated to the host and board members.

(b) The Host will provide an informal outing for all World Series teams, national board members, state directors and their families and any local officials the host wishes to invite on the evening preceding the first World Series game. The menu should be planned for the likes of the 8-12 year old, i.e., hamburgers, chicken, etc. All teams will be served before any officials or other guests. The location for the informal cookout for the teams should be shown on the area map included in the Team Welcome Packet. It is strongly recommended that the host use a minimum four (4) to six (6) serving lines to serve the meal.

5. The Host will provide players and host committee members with identification badges printed with the official emblem of Dixie Youth Baseball. Proper designation should be made as to "Player," "Host," etc. The badge should contain the person's name, hometown and other identifying information. (This is not necessarily an admission badge but merely identification.)

6. The "Hospitality Area" provided for DYB officials must be offered to their wives and immediate families. The "Hospitality Area" refreshments should include coffee, juice, soft drinks, water, and light snacks. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED AT ANY FUNCTION OF DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL.** Hospitality area must be handicap accessible.

The "Hospitality Area" at the Headquarters Hotel shall be manned by the Host at all times. This room shall be open beginning Friday at Noon until 10 PM and on Saturday and Sunday between 7 AM and 10 PM. A key to the hospitality area will be provided to a member of the World Series Minimum Requirements Committee member who shall be responsible for seeing that all the requirements for the hospitality suite are met.

Beginning Monday, the manned "Hospitality Suite" shall be open from 7 AM to one hour before game time, and between 10 PM and Midnight each evening.

7. The Host will assign a host committee member or team parents to each competing team who will actively provide assistance to their assigned team from the time the team arrives at the World Series until that team departs. It is suggested that civic clubs, Boy Scouts, DYB graduates, league volunteers, etc. be assigned to this important responsibility. It is strongly recommended that a person at least fifteen years of age be assigned to each team to remain with the team from breakfast to curfew. Members of this committee are to be thoroughly familiar with all World Series information and schedules. Team parents should be assigned to each team to provide any assistance needed during the World Series and to be on call by the team manager at all times. Each team should be provided with the name and number of a physician and hospital with which arrangements have

been made for treatment. Team parents should assist the manager in obtaining any necessary medical assistance.

8. The Host may plan and absorb costs for an event approved by the Commissioner for all teams which requires all teams to participate such as an Fellowship of Christian Athletes event or a tour. A team manager will be removed from the next game played by his team in the Series if his team does not participate in a mandatory event unless excused by the Commissioner.

9. The Host will furnish each team with a listing of other optional entertainment available in the area, such as free admission to local theaters, swimming pools, bowling centers, recreation centers, mini-golf courses, etc. If optional planned events, such as tours, fishing tournaments, etc., be provided, teams will be required to register at check-in if they plan to participate. Teams are encouraged, but not required, to participate in optional events.

10. The Host will provide a schedule of events, attractions and entertainment available in the area to each DYB national officer, board member and state director.

11. The Host will provide copies of local newspapers at World Series headquarters and to teams during the World Series.

12. The Host will arrange for photographs taken during the World Series to be displayed at headquarters or at the playing fields and to be available for sale to the public.

13. The Host will provide for daily pickup and delivery laundry service for all participating teams for game uniforms. Information about the laundry service should be included in the Team Welcome Packet.

AWARDS

14. The Host will assist in retrieving home run balls for presentation to the hitter on the field following the game in which it was hit. The game ball will likewise be presented to any pitcher who pitches a no-hit game.

15. The Host will furnish a birthday cake for team members having a birthday during the World Series. It is recommended that the cake be presented to the player at home plate following his team's game on his birthday or during opening ceremonies where applicable.

16. The Host will provide all participants, including manager/coaches, with a souvenir package upon the team's elimination from the World Series. These packages should contain any type of inexpensive gift or souvenir from the area or any item that the host wishes to provide.

WORLD SERIES PASSES

17(a) Passes Provided by Host - Print series passes to be issued by the Commissioner to the following:

- 1) Managers and coaches of participating teams.

Note: The spouses and dependent children of the managers and coaches will also be issued series passes.

- 2) Members of the working press who will be covering the World Series.

17(b) Passes Provided By Commissioner - The host will accept passes provided by the Commissioner of Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. for:

- 1) National Board members and their families;
- 2) A maximum of ten (10) passes for each group interested in bidding to host a future World Series provided that prior arrangements have been made with the Host Chairman or the Commissioner;
- 3) Umpires, umpire's spouses and dependent children;
- 4) District Directors and their families; and,
- 5) Other invited guests of the national organization.

PUBLICITY/CEREMONIES

18. (a) The Host will publish an “Official” World Series program containing pictures of competing teams and other material of interest in connection with the event. It must also include:

- 1) "What Is Dixie Youth"
- 2) Pictures of DYB National Board (Two Pages)
- 3) Current Year Scholarship Recipients (Two Pages)
- 4) World Series Records (Three Pages)
- 5) Official Series Brackets
- 6) Team Pictures w/State Director Picture on same page
- 7) World Series Umpires
- 8) Danny Jones Sportsmanship Page/WS Champs/Hosts
- 9) The History of DYB Scholarships
- 10) Prior year World Series Champions

(b) The DYB National Headquarters will supply copy for the above pages. The cover and contents of the World Series program will be sent to the Commissioner. The Commissioner will review the program with the World Series Committee for final approval. All team pictures will be sent directly to the Host Chairman.

c) The “**official program**” shall include the DYB logo on the front cover. The cover and contents of the “**official program**” must be approved by the Commissioner. The Host shall give all Dixie Youth board members a complimentary copy of the “**official program**” and the Commissioner shall be furnished an additional supply of **120** “official programs” for use throughout the organization for promotional purposes.

(d) Advertising - The host may provide DYB with ad layout specifications, forms, and ad cost information for the World Series program. This information will be provided to "Official Suppliers" that may have interest in purchasing advertising in the program.

19. The Host will arrange to display the American flag and the flags of each state competing in the World Series. State flags for this purpose will be provided by Dixie Youth Baseball. Flags will be displayed in center field above the fence as long as each team remains in the World Series. The Host flag will be displayed only on the field its host team is playing on.

Display of State Flags

The host shall follow the following procedures for mounting each state flag on the outfield fences of each field used in World Series games;

- a) Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. will provide 11 flags for each of two fields representing the eleven states participating in each Series. (44 flags for four fields). If the host requests the use of more than two fields for any one Series, it shall bear the cost of the additional flag sets for use on these fields.
- b) The host shall provide at their cost one World Series host flag which shall be mounted on the field on which the host team is playing in every game played by the host team. At the option and expense of the host league, they may purchase two flags and leave them permanently mounted on each field until such time as the team is eliminated from Series play.
- c) The host shall purchase forty-eight (48) sets of 3/4" diameter electrical conduit pipe in ten foot (10') lengths. One inch from the top of each pipe a hole shall be drilled in the pipe for the purpose of attaching the flag to the pole. Another hole will be drilled where the bottom flag grommet intersects the pipe. Heavy duty plastic ties shall be used to affix the flags to the poles.
- d) The host shall purchase forty-eight (48) sets of one-inch (1") PVC pipe in 30-inch lengths to hold the conduit pipe. A PVC cap shall be affixed to the bottom of each length of PVC pipe.
- e) Mount the open end of the PVC pipe two inches below the top of the fence on the outside of the field. (This prevents a player from jumping to make a catch and having the PVC pipe hang over the top of the fence when flags were not set in them).
- f) The PVC pipe shall be mounted using radiator clamps placed around a fence post and the PVC pipe and tightened. The PVC flag holder shall be mounted on the twelve fence posts in the center of each outfield fence.
- g) When the 3/4" electrical conduit pipe is inserted into the 1" PVC pipe, the flags shall extend approximately 7 ½ feet above the top of the fence.
- h) The World Series host must obtain the approval of the Commissioner to use an alternative method of installation of the flag holders along the outfield fence.

20. The Host will provide adequate decorations in town and at the playing fields, beginning at least two days prior to the opening of the World Series with street banners and posters advertising the event in store windows and merchants encouraged to display flags and promote the event during World Series Week.

World Series Media

21. (a) Media Coverage - The host will brief the Commissioner on plans for local newspaper, television and radio coverage and national wire service coverage. The host will make arrangements with local news media to give the entire World Series full coverage.

(b) Internet Coverage - The host will provide an internet web site to provide coverage of the World Series games via the internet.

(c) Radio Coverage - The host will provide phone jacks exclusively for use by radio crews at each field.

(d) Media Facilities - The host will provide adequate facilities for media coverage either on top of dugouts or on scaffolding erected near dugouts. Scaffolding for a raised centerfield pavilion for video camera use by fans is recommended.

(e) Television - If the Host secures television coverage for the Series, the Commissioner will approve the location of necessary wiring used by production crews.

22. The National Anthem must be played and an invocation given at the beginning of each session of play. Proper patriotic and spiritual emphasis must be given all activities of the World Series Week.

OPENING CEREMONY

23. (a) The Host will provide an opening ceremony using plans provided by DYB. Included in these ceremonies will be a parade of teams, in uniform, into the park. These ceremonies will be held at the playing field to be used during the World Series unless prior approval is granted by the Commissioner and President.

(b) No local awards of any type are to be made and it is urged that only the "necessary" minimum number of politicians be introduced. If a speaker is used, it should be a person of interest to the players and who can make an address directed to those participants. A band should be present in uniform, if possible, to play the national anthem.

(c) The Dixie Youth National Board, as a group, will be recognized at the opening ceremonies and the host will provide reserved seating for the National Board and their families at the opening ceremonies.

(d) Plans for this opening ceremony will be reviewed and approved by the Commissioner. The agenda for the Opening Ceremony will be reviewed periodically with the Commissioner and President of Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. throughout the year preceding the Series and both will be notified of any major changes.

24. (a) World Series Schedule of Events - A "schedule of events" with dates and times will be prepared. The Host Chairman and Commissioner will coordinate the preparation of this comprehensive schedule.

(b) Prior to August 1, the Host will mail a schedule of events, a list of points of interest in the area and suggested restaurants to each member of the National Board of Directors.

PLAYING FIELDS/FACILITIES

25. The Host will provide at least two playing fields meeting Dixie Youth Baseball specifications as illustrated in the official Dixie Youth Rule Book for each World Series (12U-Majors, 12U-"O"Zone, and 10U-AAA. The outfield fence must have a minimum height of six feet and must be a minimum of 180 feet and a maximum of 200 feet from home plate for the AAA World Series fields. The outfield fence must have a minimum height of six feet and must be a minimum of 200 feet and a maximum of 225 feet from home plate for the Majors and "O"Zone World Series fields. Dugouts, sideline fencing and a scoreboard must be provided. The dugout opening to the field must have a gate which is the same height as the dugout opening. Each dugout must have wired communications with the press box.

26. The Host shall have sufficient tarps on hand to cover the infields.

27. Field lighting must be approved either by the inspection team when it visits the facilities on the initial inspection by actually seeing the lights used at night or by meeting the requirements for Class I (Junior Baseball with base lines 60 feet or less) as found in the current publication prepared by the Committee on Sports and Recreational Areas of the Illuminating Engineering Society entitled "Current Recommended Practice for Sports Lighting." Such publication may be obtained by writing The Illuminating Engineering Society, 345 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017.

28. The Host will provide press box facilities large enough to accommodate the official scorer, public address announcer, press representatives, radio and television personnel, and possibly, the protest committee on duty. There must be a telephone in the press box. These facilities will be available to working news media, protest committee and others having official business there ONLY. The host must provide a press box pass for persons approved for entry to the press box and assure that no one enters without such passes.

29. The Host will provide adequate space with a good, unobstructed view of all areas of the playing field for the protest committee on duty. This space may be in the press box if available and if approved by the Commissioner.

30. The Host will provide a comfortable room away from the public where umpires, the news media and series officials may relax. At least four (4) telephones will be made available for the public's use with two of these so arranged so that a person may sit down and read from a score book, or other type of pad, details of the game while talking on the phone. Phones so provided may be pay stations.

31. The Host will furnish a public address system that will give complete audio coverage to every part of the stadium including service areas, any temporary seating or standing areas and all approach areas. A back up system must be immediately available.

32. The Host will provide adequate facilities to accommodate a minimum of 1,500 spectators at each field. The Inspection Team will determine the adequacy by reviewing the layout of the fields, types of bleachers available and options for use of lawn chairs. It is recommended, but not required, that a minimum admission fee be charged.

33. The Host will provide public rest rooms and these must be near the fields and there must be adequate facilities to accommodate crowds of up to 5,000.

34. The Host will provide ample parking space near the park, at no charge, for all in attendance with a reserved area for all team transportation and for World Series officials, national board members and state directors near the fields.

35. The Host will provide a first-aid station with a medical doctor, registered nurse or other trained medical personnel on duty during all sessions. Provide a number for a doctor on call for emergencies for visiting participants and officials.

FINANCIAL REPORT

36. The host will complete a financial report for each Series on a standardized form provided by Dixie Youth Baseball and return to the Commissioner and the Chairman of the World Series Requirements Committee within 30 days of the completion of the Series. The host will also furnish three (3) packets containing information such as number of programs printed and sold, types and amount of souvenirs purchased and sold and any other detailed information which may be helpful to a future host. The Chairman of the World Series Requirements Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that the host prepares a scrapbook containing newspaper clippings, pictures, etc. of the World Series and properly prepares the financial report. This information shall be sent to both the Commissioner and the Chairman of the World Series Requirements Committee within thirty (30) days of completion of the World Series for review by future World Series hosts.

WORLD SERIES UMPIRES

37. The Commissioner will appoint a World Series Coordinator for each World Series. If two or more World Series are held at the same location only one World Series Coordinator will be used.

38. The World Series Umpire Coordinator will schedule four-man crews for each scheduled World Series game. No umpire will be allowed to work more than two games on any calendar day nor guaranteed any specific number of game assignments.

39. The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner or a representative from the Umpire Committee in their absence will approve the four-man crews assigned to umpire the World Series Championship games on the final day of the Series.
40. Prior to beginning World Series play, all umpires assigned to the World Series must attend a scheduled orientation meeting with the Commissioner and/or a member of the World Series Umpire Committee and the World Series Umpire Coordinator at a time and place established by the Commissioner.
41. The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner or a representative from the Umpire Committee in their absence will meet with the World Series Umpire Coordinator and the World Series umpires for a daily briefing at a time and place established by the Commissioner.
42. The Host will furnish a base hat for each World Series umpire approved by the Commissioner and will pay each umpire a minimum of \$50.00 per game worked. All umpires will be paid the same rate per game. *The host league will not be responsible for any travel or living expenses of the umpires.*
43. The Host will provide an air-conditioned dressing room facility approved by the Commissioner to accommodate up to 28 umpires.
44. The World Series Umpire Committee has established the following guidelines to define the selection process for Dixie Youth World Series umpires:
- a) The Commissioner will approve a maximum of 28 umpires for use where two World Series are held at the same location and a maximum of 24 umpires for use during a single World Series. No umpire may be selected as a World Series umpire if he did NOT umpire any DYB regular season games.
 - b) Host Umpires - The Host Chairman may recommend a maximum of six (6) competent umpires from within the local organization. Each umpire must have experience in working Dixie Youth games and must have previous Dixie Youth tournament experience. The Host Chairman will send a list of recommended local umpires to the Commissioner prior to May 1. A maximum of four (4) host umpires may be approved by the Commissioner for assignment to the World Series umpire pool.
 - c) Host State Umpires - In addition to the Host Umpires, the Host State Director may recommend a maximum of six (6) competent umpires from within the host state. Each umpire must have experience in working Dixie Youth games and must have previous Dixie Youth tournament experience. The Host State Director will send a list of recommended umpires who reside in the host state to the Commissioner prior to May 1. A maximum of four (4) host state umpires may be approved by the Commissioner for assignment to the World Series umpire pool.
 - d) Out-of-State Umpires - From each state outside the host state, the State Director may recommend a maximum of six (6) competent umpires from within his state. Each umpire must have experience in working Dixie Youth games and must have previous Dixie Youth tournament experience. The Host State Director will send a list of recommended umpires who reside in the host state to the Commissioner prior to May 1. A maximum of four (4) umpires from each state outside the host state may be approved by the Commissioner for assignment to the World Series umpire pool.
 - e) The Commissioner will mail a list of all recommended umpires to the World Series Umpire Coordinator on or about May 15. The World Series Umpire Coordinator will select the World Series umpire pool from the list of umpire recommendations and send to the Commissioner prior to June 1.
 - f) After selection by the World Series Umpire Coordinator, those recommended will be sent to the World Series Umpire Committee for review or discussion, as needed, for final approval.
 - g) The Commissioner will notify all umpires by letter of their selection no later than July 1 with full instructions in order to give them sufficient time to make travel arrangements. Each umpire will be asked to confirm their availability. Any umpire who indicates that he will not be available to work in the Series will be replaced by the Commissioner from the list of recommended umpires not selected.
 - h) After confirming that all umpires approved for the World Series will be available, the Commissioner will publish the final list of approved umpires. This information will be distributed to the World Series Umpire Committee, the Host Chairman, the World Series Umpire Coordinator and all State Directors.

- i) All World Series umpires MUST be approved by the Commissioner prior to August 1. No changes to the approved umpire list will be made after that date.

MISCELLANEOUS

45. (a) The host will develop a contingency plan in case of power failure during scheduled games including maintenance personnel on the site to handle any problems quickly.

(b) Each dugout should include:

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| 1) an ice bucket; | 4) Towels; |
| 2) water cooler; | 5) disposable water cups; and, |
| 3) Gatorade/PowerAde; | 6) a trash container |

These items should be replenished and the dugouts cleaned between games.

(c) The Host will provide water to all umpire crews between innings during games and assign responsible adults to supervise this responsibility.

(d) The Commissioner will order all World Series trophies/medallions. Each World Series host will reimburse Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. for the costs of World Series host team t-shirts. Dixie Youth Baseball will pay the costs for all World Series trophies, medallions and related shipping costs.

(e) World Series trophies will be shipped to the Host Chairman. The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner will inspect the trophies upon arrival at the World Series. The host will provide adequate, protected space at the playing facilities for storage of trophies until the appropriate time to make presentations.

(f) The Commissioner will issue a guide for handling press box operations including instructions to announcers and official scorers, pre-game schedules, approved announcements, and scripts for the elimination and closing ceremonies on the field.

(g) World Series "OFFICIAL BALLS" - The Commissioner's Office will provide a supply of balls for World Series use which is normally sufficient. If additional balls are necessary, the host will make available approved baseballs. Wilson is the official World Series ball.