



***DBB, Inc.***

**“Where the Future Stars Play  
Today”**



**[www.dbbusa.org](http://www.dbbusa.org)**



Dear League Representative,

DBB, Inc. greatly appreciates your interest in our program. Our youth participants enjoy Boys and Majors Baseball as made possible through the support that we receive from our loyal leagues. Many leagues have been involved with us for many years; while others have recently joined the program, either way, all are very valued members. Our sole interest is in providing youth with the opportunity to participate in a baseball program administered for (13-19) year old players. We have been very successful in this endeavor since 1957.

If you have not already franchised, let me take this opportunity to encourage you do so as soon as possible. As a convenience to our leagues, we offer **online franchise registration**. It is an easy process, visit our website at [www.dbbusa.org](http://www.dbbusa.org) and click on the renew franchise button. The online franchise form can be accessed and you will be able to complete the registration process in less than five minutes. We trust that you will complete this process before the franchise deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will still accept your franchise after the deadline with a **\$50.00 late fee** that is earmarked for the scholarship program.

DBB has exciting opportunities for your league participants. In 2013, we successfully started our 15U division. This division expanded our programs to include Junior Boys- age 13 year olds, Boys-ages 13-14 year olds, 15U-age 15 year olds, Pre Majors-ages 15-17 year olds, and Majors-ages 15-19 year olds. Information regarding the district/regional tournaments, state tournaments and world series tournaments will be available at your state meeting or you can visit our website. Due to demand we will have some of our states to offer invitational tournaments. The purpose of these events is to attract more participants to DBB. Visit the state websites to learn more about these offerings.

The participants in local communities that desire to play youth baseball are totally dependent on caring and informed adult leadership. We recognize that you have many choices when determining the organization that you participate with as part of a local community. It is our hope that you will choose to affiliate with DBB. We are fully committed as an organization to providing an enjoyable and quality program that meets the needs of those that participate in our program. I hope that you can see that we take our mission seriously. We thank you for the opportunity to serve your league and the young people of your community. We look forward to a very successful year. Please call on me if I can be of any service to you.

Sincerely,

*Jason Parker*

Jason Parker  
Commissioner/CEO  
DBB, Inc.

## **Benefits of Playing DB Baseball!**

**DBB 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 age 13-19 year-old participants
- Focus and full attention given to the leagues and 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 DBB State and National organization
- Tournament host bid fees fairly negotiated between Host and Program
- DBB officials present at all tournament games
- DBB online store available to purchase patches and franchise teams
- Junior Boys Division District/Regional, State, and World Series Tournament Play
- Boys Division District/Regional, State, and World Series Tournament Play
- 15U Division State and World Series Tournament Play
- Pre Majors Division District/Regional, State, and World Series Tournament Play
- Majors Division District/Regional, State, and World Series Tournament Play
- National Umpire Program providing training through umpire registration
- Invitational tournaments offered
- Recognized by USA Baseball/MLB as being “Fully Pitch Smart Compliant”
- Branded online educational resources available for players and coaches
- Affiliation with the MLB Pitch, Hit, & Run program
- National Scholarship Program that recognizes and supports High School Seniors
- Tournament Team Franchise Available for post season play

## **Seasonal Information**

**Franchise Deadline:** May 15th each year.

**League Materials:** All forms available on website at [www.dbbusa.org](http://www.dbbusa.org)

**Rulebooks:** Available from State Director or National Office

**Scholarship Program:** Eleven National Scholarships awarded yearly

**Age Control Date:** The age control date remains April 30th for any 13 year old entering the program. At the upper end of our age groups, a 19 year old player that had his 19th birthday after August 1, the previous year is eligible to participate. No one, that will turn age 20 before August 1, the current year is allowed to participate in the program at any time!

The age control dates are in the rulebook and on the website.



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

[www.dbbusa.org](http://www.dbbusa.org)

DBB (Dixie Boys Baseball), Inc. was founded in 1957 at Alexandria, Louisiana. The mission of the program is to provide a recreational outlet for as many 13-19 year old participants as possible. The program currently operates in eleven southeastern states and attracts over 22,000 players.

DBB, Inc. is governed by a Board of Directors and is comprised of Executive Officers as well as elected State Officials. Board members are responsible for determining the program policies and rules. The DBB 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 rulebook. The rules that appear in the DBB official rulebook are specific rules adopted by the Board of Directors. All other rules are found in the official playing rules of the National Federation of High Schools. The DBB Commissioner/CEO is responsible for interpretation and rule enforcement.

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

While emphasis is on league play there is, district/regional, state, and a world series tournament 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. also offers additional opportunities for participants. The eleven southeastern states that comprise DBB: (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia) also have the opportunity to expand their programs to include invitational tournaments.

Our 15U program is set up a little different than our traditional divisions of Junior Boys, Boys, Pre Majors and Majors in that the world series tournament is an open invitational tournament open to any and all 15U teams. In 2023 and 2024, sixteen teams were represented in World Series play. Some state programs also host a state tournament to encourage more competition and award a 15U State Champion. Tournament entry forms are available on the DBB website.



## 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 the policies as found in the DBB official rulebook. Information is found on our website at [www.dbbusa.org](http://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 Junior Boys and Boys and 18 players for 15U, Pre Majors, and Majors. **League roster deadline is before the first game is played.**
- Franchise deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup> each year. (2) team minimum required for franchises. \$10.00 administration fee per franchise. **Online payment is the preferred method of payment.**

### LEGAL PLAYERS

- **Age Control date April 30<sup>th</sup>. (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 1st 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 Boys division; including tournament play.
  - b. 15U Program - (15 and 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 high school and whose fourteenth birthday falls before May 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (age 15-19) tournament team. A 15U team can also be selected with participants allowed to dual participate with 15U and either Boys or Majors according to league age.

### 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 in all eleven states.



## 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/Regional Director and 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.

#### The following are a few highlights of these rules:

- a. Rosters include up to **fifteen players (Junior Boys and Boys)** and **eighteen players (15U, Pre Majors and Majors)**, with **four coaches in each division**.
- 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 DBB 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 and available for inspection at 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/three weeks prior to the World Series.
- Tournament fees if applicable are determined by the State Director.

### DBB 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 Pre Majors and Majors divisions.
- Pool play and a single elimination tournament is held for the 15U division.
- A double elimination tournament is held for the Junior Boys and Boys divisions.
- A festive Opening Ceremony is held recognizing all players and the communities that the team represents.
- World Series champions and finalists recognized as well as a team sportsmanship award winner.

(Site of next tournament) on

(Date & time of next tournament)

(If known, give league name of team they will play)

We wish this fine group of young people the best of luck and the greatest of success as they advance in DBB Boys/Majors tournament play.