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Dixie Boys Baseball Inc. has grown from a humble beginning in 1957 to twenty-two thousand plus participants. This publication is intended to provide “hits and highlights” from the 2017 season, as well as offer useful information for the 2018 season.

Dixie Boys Baseball was primarily developed as a program for boys (13-14). It was recognized that youth graduating from other baseball programs needed to be able to continue to participate in supervised programs and especially have the opportunity to compete with boys of their own age and skill level. To enhance the experience, a medium-sized diamond was established for this age group and, with only minor modifications, this program still exists today.

The program was expanded to accommodate players ages 13-19. The Boys division is now comprised of 13-14 year old players with tournament play for Junior Boys (age 13) and Dixie Boys (ages 13-14). The Majors division includes: players ages 15-19 with an intermediate division for 15-16-17 year olds named Pre-Majors. A 15U division was established in 2013 and included a World Series in 2017. Our desire is to increase opportunities for all participants.

A National Board of Directors meets biennially and provides constitutional governance. Dedicated volunteer service has been provided since the inception of the program. The organization’s worthy mission is accomplished by a hard-working volunteer Board that shares a mutual goal.

The 2018 season will embrace the rich history of the organization. Leagues form, organizational meetings are held and, most importantly, the sound of “Play Ball” is heard throughout an eleven state region. Local leadership and committed volunteers at the District, State and National level allows the program to thrive.

Dixie Boys World Series division events (Juniors and Boys) will be held in Bossier City, Louisiana. The Pre-Majors event will be held in Chipley, Florida, while Monroe/Sterlington, Louisiana will serve as the host for the Dixie Majors World Series. Local league play is the primary focus of the program; however World Series participants enjoy the rewarding experience of competing at the highest level. This publication highlights the 2017 World Series Champions, former winners, as well as records that date back to the start of championship play in 1963.

We invite you to join us in providing a rewarding experience for our participants. Space limitations would not allow for all aspects of the program to be highlighted in this edition. The Dixie Boys website can be accessed for additional information at [www.dixie.org/boys](http://www.dixie.org/boys).

## DIXIE NATIONAL UMPIRE PROGRAM

The National Umpire certification program created in 1995 has greatly improved the overall quality of umpiring. National Federation of High School playing rules are used in most instances with a few exceptions as found in the Dixie Boys/Majors Rule Book. Umpires are tested on knowledge of the game and based on experience and the recommendation of Dixie officials, a good number that start with local programs advance to various levels of tournament play. The primary emphasis of any umpire program should be to provide quality umpiring at the local level. Umpires also have the unique opportunity to showcase skills at district, state and World Series tournaments.

Becoming an umpire in a Dixie Boys/Majors program is really simple. Contact should be made with an umpire association or the league in the local area. Each local league has complete autonomy in choosing officials that will work their program. Dixie Baseball supports the local program by providing a District & State Umpire in Chief. The Umpire in Chief conducts clinics, provides certification materials and administers the state program. Successful completion of the certification programs allows an umpire to become registered with Dixie Boys Baseball.

### ONLINE UMPIRE REGISTRATION AND TESTING ADDED AS A SERVICE TO OUR UMPIRES

Beginning with the 2016 season, Dixie Boys Baseball has provided for all registration, payments and testing to be completed online. All Dixie Boys registered umpires will have access to PowerPoint training, rules, mechanics manuals and more. Umpires will be directed to a registration site where they will pay the registration fees. They will then receive an email directing them to a "Members Site" to complete their clinic and online testing. This innovative new process will make registration easier and more readily available, especially to umpires in more rural areas.

Anyone interested in further information regarding the umpire program can contact a State Umpire in Chief. A current listing of representatives from each state are found at the Dixie Boys website at [www.dixie.org/boys](http://www.dixie.org/boys).

The National Umpire in Chief can be contacted for more details:

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## 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2018 STATE MEETING DATES

January	13	SC	Best Western University Inn & Conf. Center – Clemson
January	20	GA	Barnesville Civic Center – Barnesville
January	20	NC	Hampton Inn & Suites – Southern Pines
January	27	MS	Youth Baseball Complex – Laurel
January	28	TX	The Reserve – Longview
February	3	FL	Holiday Inn – Lake City
February	3	AL	Joe Wheeler State Park – Rogersville
February	10	LA	Kees Community Center – Pineville
February	10	AR	Texarkana Worrell Park – Texarkana
February	17	VA	Kirkley Hotel/Conference Center – Lynchburg
February	24	TN	Montgomery Bell State Park – Burns

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 15	League Materials to State Directors
April 1	Scholarship Applications Due
May 15	Franchise Renewals Due
May 18-May 20	Jr. Dixie Boys & Boys Invitational Tournament
June 1-June 3	Dixie Future Stars – Tournament Trail Events
July 15	Absolute Last Date for Renewals – Penalty
July 18-July 22	15U World Series – Ozark, AL
July 28-August 1	Dixie Pre-Majors World Series – Chipley, FL
July 28-August 1	Dixie Majors World Series – Sterlington/Monroe, LA
August 4-August 8	Dixie Junior Boys World Series – Bossier City, LA
August 4-August 8	Dixie Boys World Series – Bossier City, LA



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### JEFFERSON PARISH, LA - 2017 JUNIOR DIXIE BOYS WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS

**Front Row** (L to R) Joe Soileau, Matthew Knight, Ethan Klapatch, Evan Francioni, Tyler Cook, Beady Brehm  
**Back Row** (L to R) Coach Gary Schmidt, Gates Barré, Brandon Marcotte, Coach Shawn Manning, Simon Provenzano, Logan Bourgeois, Logan Bertucci, Coach Malcolm Robinson, Vincent LoGiudice, Cole Bordes, Coach Kevin Pichon

## 2017 JUNIOR DIXIE BOYS WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS JEFFERSON PARISH, LA

TEAM	R	H	E	TEAM	R	H	E
<b>GAME 1</b>				<b>GAME 13</b>			
Troy, AL	13	7	7	Troy, AL	11	14	1
Sumter, SC	2	4	0	Dallas, NC	9	7	4
<b>GAME 2</b>				<b>GAME 14</b>			
West Seminole, FL	14	9	2	Jefferson Parish, LA	13	8	1
West Georgia	1	2	0	Searcy, AR	1	2	2
<b>GAME 3</b>				<b>GAME 15</b>			
Dallas, NC	11	8	0	Hattiesburg, MS	12	8	4
Joelton, TN	3	1	3	West Georgia	0	1	1
<b>GAME 4</b>				<b>GAME 16</b>			
McLeod, SC	12	9	0	West Seminole, FL	11	11	1
Searcy, AR	2	4	1	McLeod, SC	4	2	0
<b>GAME 5</b>				<b>GAME 17</b>			
Nacogdoches, TX	3	4	0	Jefferson Parish, LA	10	10	2
Jefferson Parish, LA	2	4	3	Troy, AL	0	2	0
<b>GAME 6</b>				<b>GAME 18</b>			
Hattiesburg, MS	22	10	4	Hattiesburg, MS	10	7	2
Beaufort County, SC (Host)	8	5	0	McLeod, SC	4	3	0
<b>GAME 7</b>				<b>GAME 19</b>			
West Georgia	20	14	2	West Seminole, FL	12	8	3
Sumter, SC	2	1	1	Nacogdoches, TX	2	4	2
<b>GAME 8</b>				<b>GAME 20</b>			
Searcy, AR	13	9	2	Jefferson Parish, LA	10	7	1
Joelton, TN	3	3	0	Nacogdoches, TX	7	10	1
<b>GAME 9</b>				<b>GAME 21</b>			
Jefferson Parish, LA	16	8	1	West Seminole, FL	8	12	1
Beaufort County, SC (Host)	6	5	1	Hattiesburg, MS	5	9	3
<b>GAME 10</b>				<b>GAME 22</b>			
West Seminole, FL	8	8	1	Jefferson Parish, LA	11	8	2
Troy, AL	5	4	0	West Seminole, FL	9	12	0
<b>GAME 11</b>				<b>GAME 23</b>			
McLeod, SC	7	6	2	Jefferson Parish, LA	13	10	2
Dallas, NC	0	6	0	West Seminole, FL	9	15	1
<b>GAME 12</b>							
Nacogdoches, TX	5	6	0				
Hattiesburg, MS	4	3	0				



**SPORTSMANSHIP WINNER**

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**TALMADGE BOWEN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**





WINNER: "W.E. BUBBA BRASHER" AWARD

### BEAUFORT COUNTY, SC - 2017 DIXIE BOYS WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS

**Front Row** (L to R) Elijah Peter, Thomas Johnson, Christian Londono, Harrison Green, Hayden Jennings, Niko Laing  
**Back Row** (L to R) Coach Rex Smith, Daniel Keber, Zack Morillo, Rahkim White, Jaiden Hrobar, Cole DeMarzo, Cooper George, Oliver Holmes, Coach Brian Laing



## 2017 DIXIE BOYS WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS BEAUFORT COUNTY, SC (Host)

TEAM	R	H	E	TEAM	R	H	E
<b>GAME 1</b>				<b>GAME 13</b>			
Hattiesburg, MS	15	11	0	Southeastern, AL	19	16	5
Newton County, GA	0	1	0	Union, SC	11	8	2
<b>GAME 2</b>				<b>GAME 14</b>			
Southeastern, AL	2	3	2	Monroe, LA	12	10	0
Spring Hill, FL	1	8	0	Halifax County, VA	9	10	2
<b>GAME 3</b>				<b>GAME 15</b>			
Hope Mills, NC	13	9	3	Spring Hill, FL	21	10	2
Monroe, LA	2	4	2	White Oak, TX	4	1	5
<b>GAME 4</b>				<b>GAME 16</b>			
Union, SC	16	9	0	Hattiesburg, MS	9	10	1
McEwen, TN	0	1	0	Hope Mills, NC	6	6	0
<b>GAME 5</b>				<b>GAME 17</b>			
White Oak, TX	14	9	1	Monroe, LA	5	5	1
Sevier County, AR	2	2	4	Southeastern, AL	0	7	2
<b>GAME 6</b> (*No Hitter*)				<b>GAME 18</b>			
Beaufort County, SC (Host)	12	12	0	Spring Hill, FL	5	9	1
Halifax County, VA	0	0	0	Hope Mills, NC	4	2	0
<b>GAME 7</b> (*9 Innings*)				<b>GAME 19</b>			
Spring Hill, FL	10	10	2	Hattiesburg, MS	14	14	0
Newton County, GA	8	5	2	Beaufort County, SC (Host)	2	3	2
<b>GAME 8</b>				<b>GAME 20</b>			
Monroe, LA	17	13	1	Beaufort County, SC (Host)	17	13	2
McEwen, TN	0	2	2	Monroe, LA	10	10	2
<b>GAME 9</b> (*8 Innings*)				<b>GAME 21</b>			
Halifax County, VA	4	6	2	Hattiesburg, MS	14	10	0
Sevier County, AR	3	2	2	Spring Hill, FL	4	6	3
<b>GAME 10</b>				<b>GAME 22</b>			
Hattiesburg, MS	14	11	2	Beaufort County, SC (Host)	14	14	0
Southeastern, AL	4	5	1	Hattiesburg, MS	4	6	1
<b>GAME 11</b>				<b>GAME 23</b> (*8 Innings*)			
Hope Mills, NC	9	8	0	Beaufort County, SC (Host)	11	13	0
Union, SC	6	6	0	Hattiesburg, MS	8	8	4
<b>GAME 12</b>							
Beaufort County, SC (Host)	19	13	0				
White Oak, TX	7	6	4				



**SPORTSMANSHIP WINNER**  
**HATTIESBURG, MS**  
**JIM THORNTON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**



## JUNIOR DIXIE BOYS WORLD SERIES WINNERS

1996—Philadelphia, MS	2007—Sumter, SC
1997—Gonzales, LA	2008—Montgomery, AL (AUM)
1998—St. Charles Parish, LA	2009—Troy, AL
1999—Dothan, AL	2010—Surfside Beach, SC
2000—St. Charles Parish, LA	2011—Monroe, LA
2001—Columbus County, NC	2012—Sumter, SC
2002—Longview, TX	2013—Hattiesburg, MS
2003—Opelika, AL	2014—Bossier City, LA
2004—Troy, AL	2015—Spring Hill, FL
2005—Texarkana, AR	2016—Hattiesburg, MS
2006—Southport, FL	2017—Jefferson Parish, LA

## DIXIE BOYS WORLD SERIES WINNERS

1963—Myrtle Grove, FL	1991—Troy, AL
1964—Myrtle Grove, FL	1992—Columbia County, GA
1965—Bossier City, LA	1993—Bossier City, LA
1966—Pascagoula, MS	1994—Texarkana American, TX
1967—North Augusta, SC	1995—Valdosta Boys Club, GA
1968—West Monroe, LA	1996—Valdosta Boys Club, GA
1969—Hueytown, AL	1997—Hartsville, SC
1970—Meridian, MS	1998—Columbia County, GA
1971—Texarkana, TX	1999—Valdosta Boys Club, GA
1972—Selma, AL	2000—Henderson, TX
1973—Pascagoula, MS	2001—Phenix City, AL
1974—Hattiesburg, MS	2002—Columbia County, GA
1975—Fort Oglethorpe, GA	2003—Columbia County, GA
1976—St. Bernard Parish, LA	2004—Hartsville, SC
1977—Alexandria, LA	2005—St. Andrews, SC
1978—Hoover, AL	2006—Sumter, SC
1979—Hoover, AL	2007—Union, SC
1980—Lufkin, TX	2008—Sumter, SC
1981—Hartsville, SC	2009—Montgomery, AL (AUM)
1982—Hattiesburg, MS	2010—Laurel-Jones County, MS
1983—Brent, FL	2011—Brunswick County, NC
1984—Hattiesburg, MS	2012—West Georgia
1985—Bossier City, LA	2013—Hattiesburg, MS
1986—Texarkana, AR	2014—Hattiesburg, M
1987—Montgomery, AL (AUM)	2015—Dallas, NC
1988—Alexandria, LA	2016—Bossier City, LA
1989—Texarkana, AR	2017—Beaufort County, SC
1990—South Gwinnett, GA	

## 15U DIVISION WORLD SERIES WINNERS

2016—Wiregrass Cardinals, AL
2017—Selma, AL

## JUNIOR DIXIE BOYS WORLD SERIES RECORDS

### SINGLE GAME RECORDS

**MOST HITS:** (5) David Rouse, Troy, AL, 2004; David Trexler, Southport, FL, 2004.

**MOST HOME RUNS:** (3) Jimmy Peck, Sebring, FL, 2012.

**MOST THREE-BASE HITS:** (1, four different games) Carson Minton, Decatur, AL, 2004.

**MOST STRIKEOUTS BY PITCHER:** (15) Evan Dorr, N. Augusta, SC, 2004 (6 innings)

**MOST RUNS BY A TEAM:** (27) Sumter, SC, 2012.

**MOST HOME RUNS BY A TEAM IN ONE GAME:** (4) Jefferson Parish, LA, 2017.

### SERIES RECORDS

**MOST HOME RUNS:** (5) Tyler Cook, Jefferson Parish, LA, 2017.

**MOST GRAND SLAMS:** (2) Tyler Cook, Jefferson Parish, LA, 2017.

**MOST HOME RUNS BY A TEAM:** (10) Jefferson Parish, LA, 2017.

**MOST RUNS BY TWO TEAMS:** (32) St. Charles Parish, LA and Maplewood, LA, 2001.

**TOTAL HOME RUNS ALL TEAMS:** (27) Christiansburg, VA, (Host) 2012.

**MOST GAMES WON BY PITCHER:** (3) Franklin Patrick, Philadelphia, MS, 1996; Brent Brignae, LA, 2001; Chris Love, Dentsville, SC, Zane Hendon, Longview, TX, 2002; McLendon Sears, Sumter, SC, 2012.

**NO HIT GAMES:** McLendon Sears, Sumter, SC, 2012.

**MOST SERIES WON BY A LEAGUE:** (2) St. Charles Parish, LA, 1998, 2000; Troy, AL, 2004, 2009; Sumter, SC, 2007, 2012; Hattiesburg, MS, 2013, 2016.

## DIXIE BOYS WORLD SERIES RECORDS

### SINGLE GAME RECORDS

**MOST HITS:** (5) Brad Turberville, Columbus County, NC, 1994.

**MOST TRIPLES IN A GAME:** (2) Kris Strickland, Columbus County, NC, 1999; Jaylin Adkins, Marion County, MS, 2011.

**MOST HOME RUNS:** (3) Tarous Rice, Decatur, AL, 1981; Heath Umbach, Auburn, AL, 1986; Jake Wood, FL, 1995; Dan Tankersley, Dothan, AL, 1999; Sam Dieter, Lee County, GA, 2000; McLendon Sears, Sumter, SC, 2013.

**MOST TWO-BASE HITS:** (All tied with 3 each) Rob Smith, West Monroe, LA, 1964; Jeff Avery, Hoover, AL, 1978; Lorin Johnston, Cleveland, TN, 1979; Ritchie Hall, Meridian, MS, 1986; Andrew Faulkner, Aiken, SC, (Host) 2007.

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**MOST STRIKEOUTS BY PITCHER** (nine innings): (21) Allan Lopez, Bossier City National, LA, 1985; Craig Sides, AUM, Montgomery, AL, strikeouts in a 7-inning game, (20), 1987.

## SERIES RECORDS

**MOST HOME RUNS:** (7) Paul Coumoulos, Spring Hill, FL, 2013.

**MOST GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS:** (Tied with 1 each) Jim Mathews, Alex., LA, 1977; Gary Kelly, Hoover, AL, 1979; Gary Carver, Hammond, LA, 1979; Tarous Rice, AL, 1981; Luke, Columbia County, GA, 1984; Bozeman, Hattiesburg, MS, 1984; Cox, Hattiesburg, MS, 1984; LeFord, Texarkana, AR, 1984; Hodge, South Gwinnett, GA, 1984; Hardy, Lufkin, TX, 1984; McGlockton, Columbus, NC, 1984; Jason Satre, Bossier City National, LA, 1985; Terry Walls, Texarkana, AR, 1986; Brian Sloan, Hueytown, AL, 1988; Sherroid Jones, Alexandria, LA, 1986; Trey McClure, Baton Rouge, LA, 1990; Armond Wilson, Hattiesburg, MS, 1991; Devon Johnson, SC, 1993; Brett Kirsch, St. Bernard Parish, LA, 1994; Robert Sasso, Marianna, FL, 1994; Kent Harris, Panola Co., TX, 1996; Josh Lindsey, Cleveland, MS, 1996; Tommy Easterling, Hartsville, SC, 1997; Kirkland Rivers, Henderson, TX, 2000; Nick Horne, Bartow, FL, 2000; Brent Templet, Gonzalez, LA, 2000; Brady Dugas, Gonzalez, LA, 2000; Devin Gautreaux, Gonzalez, LA, 2000; Steven Nunn, Southport, FL, 2002; Joey Ford, Bossier City, LA, 2002; Spencer Robinson, Dallas, NC, 2003; Bevis Dillon, TN, 2006; Josh Chappell, TN, 2009; Casey Thomas, FL, 2012; Kade Lawrence, LA, 2012; McLendon Sears, SC 2013; Hal Gatti, LA, 2013; Dalton Williams, NC, 2013; Daniel Wiggins, GA, 2013; Luke Laferty, FL, 2013; Cameron Bent, Hilton Head, SC, 2014; Landon Odom, Center, TX, 2014; A.D. Myers, Hattiesburg, MS, 2014; Hayes Shepard, Dothan, AL, 2015; Gavin Roe, Bossier City, LA, 2016; Nick Vance, Hattiesburg, MS, 2017; Daniel Keeber, Beaufort County, SC, 2017; Hayden Jennings, Beaufort County, SC, 2017; Carter Wallis, Southeastern - Montgomery, AL, 2017.

**TOTAL HOME RUNS BY ALL TEAMS:** (72) 2013 at Seneca, SC

**MOST HOME RUNS BY ONE TEAM:** (18) Mississippi, 1984.

**NO HIT GAMES:** Mac Meeks, AL, 1963; Yogie Ogletree, GA, 1964; Steve Burch, GA, 1970 (Perfect Game); Steve Anderson, MS, 1970; Kurt Crain, Hoover, AL, 1979; Kevin Dollar, Tim Freeman, Jade Cloward, combined, LaGrange, GA, 1986; Billy Stephens, Ringgold, GA, 1987; Will Callihan, NC, 1994; Chris Stacey, AL, 1994; Jake Wood, FL, 1995; Jonathan Stocks, NC, 1998; Dean Connor, SC, 2001; Truman VanVerkhoven, Monroe, LA, 2005; Cooper George, Beaufort County, SC, 2017.

**MOST GAMES WON BY PITCHER:** (Tied with 4 each) Michael Bigham, TX, 1971; Jim Bailey, St. Bernard Parish, LA, 1976.

**MOST WORLD SERIES WON BY ONE LEAGUE:** (5) Hattiesburg, MS, 1974, 1982, 1984, 2013, 2014.

**MOST CONSECUTIVE HOME RUNS IN ONE GAME:** (3) Tarous Rice, AL, 1981; Heath Umbach, Auburn, AL, 1986; Jake Wood, FL, 1995; Dan Tankersley, AL, 1999; Sam Dieter, GA, 2000; McLendon Sears, Sumter, SC, 2013.



## Memorable Dixie Baseball Moments from Years Past...



2012



2013



2013



2008



2014



2015



2015



2012



2008





WINNER: "KEITH BREWER" AWARD

**OZARK, AL - 2017 DIXIE PRE-MAJORS WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS**

**Front Row** (L to R) Tyler German, Brantley Riley, Ryan Tomlin, Dylan Register, Slade Simmons, Grayson Stewart, Wells Deloney, Matt Snell, Maddox Herring **Back Row** (L to R) Noah Cruit, David Warren, Neil Gresco, Hayes Shepard, Bryson Peavey, Alex Smith, Braeden Paramore, Jake Oglesby, Coach Ben Calhoun, Coach Brian Powers, Coach Bradley Deal

**2017 DIXIE PRE-MAJORS  
WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS  
OZARK, AL**

TEAM	R	H	E	TEAM	R	H	E
<b>GAME 1</b> (*No Hitter*)				<b>GAME 13</b>			
Monroe, LA	10	11	1	Columbia County, GA	7	8	0
Prescott, AR	0	0	4	Duplin County, NC	2	4	4
<b>GAME 2</b>				<b>GAME 14</b>			
Duplin County, NC	14	12	2	North Charleston, SC	12	8	1
Madison Heights, VA	2	4	2	Brooksville, FL	4	8	4
<b>GAME 3</b>				<b>GAME 15</b>			
Ozark, AL	2	5	2	Jefferson Parish, LA	2	4	2
Dyer County, TN	0	2	2	Madison Heights, VA	1	3	2
<b>GAME 4</b>				<b>GAME 16</b>			
Columbia County, GA	2	5	2	Ozark, AL	4	5	1
Brooksville, FL	0	2	2	Monroe, LA	2	4	1
<b>GAME 5</b>				<b>GAME 17</b>			
Jefferson Parish, LA	6	5	0	North Charleston, SC	8	10	1
North Charleston, SC	1	4	3	Columbia County, GA	3	6	3
<b>GAME 6</b>				<b>GAME 18</b>			
Jeffersonville, AL (Host)	7	10	1	Jefferson Parish, LA	11	8	1
Gulf Coast, MS	4	5	2	Monroe, LA	6	9	4
<b>GAME 7</b>				<b>GAME 19</b>			
Madison Heights, VA	10	14	2	Ozark, AL	11	15	0
Prescott, AR	7	6	4	Guntersville, AL (Host)	2	9	1
<b>GAME 8</b>				<b>GAME 20</b>			
Brooksville, FL	8	5	1	North Charleston, SC	6	7	2
Dyer County, TN	2	5	3	Guntersville, AL (Host)	2	9	1
<b>GAME 9</b>				<b>GAME 21</b>			
North Charleston, SC	10	11	3	Jefferson Parish, LA	8	5	1
Gulf Coast, MS	2	3	2	Ozark, AL	7	12	3
<b>GAME 10</b>				<b>GAME 22</b>			
Monroe, LA	6	12	0	North Charleston, SC	12	14	3
Duplin County, NC	4	12	1	Jefferson Parish, LA	5	6	2
<b>GAME 11</b>				<b>GAME 23</b>			
Ozark, AL	7	7	0	Ozark, AL	12	11	1
Columbia County, GA	1	4	1	North Charleston, SC	10	12	2
<b>GAME 12</b>							
Guntersville, AL (Host)	10	9	0				
Jefferson Parish, LA	1	5	2				



**SPORTSMANSHIP WINNER  
DUPLIN COUNTY, NC  
BILL MOORE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**





### NORTH CHARLESTON, SC - 2017 DIXIE MAJORS WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS

**Front Row** (L to R) Morgan Malendez, Champ Bardon, John Sendziak, Gabe Austin, Gunner Finesseth, Kyle Watkins, John Theland, Hunter Barbee  
**Back Row** (L to R) Coach Chris Brame, Coach Brad Wood, Jackson White, Aaron Miller, Brandon Bates, Ethan Struthers, Caleb Watkins, Hunter Sutton, Wilson Beatie, Josh Winningham, Hunter Woodruff, Coach Justin Maner, Coach Kenny Wilkinson

## 2017 DIXIE MAJORS WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS NORTH CHARLESTON, SC

TEAM	R	H	E	TEAM	R	H	E
<b>GAME 1</b>				<b>GAME 13</b>			
Ozark, AL	4	7	2	North Charleston, SC	14	8	2
Brooksville, FL	3	5	2	Ozark, AL	8	10	4
<b>GAME 2</b>				<b>GAME 14</b>			
McNairy County, TN	7	9	4	Vidalia, LA	6	5	5
Columbia County, GA	4	7	6	West Fayetteville, NC	5	4	1
<b>GAME 3</b>				<b>GAME 15</b>			
Benton, AR	7	6	1	Brooksville, FL	9	10	5
West Fayetteville, NC	4	4	1	Marshall, TX	5	8	1
<b>GAME 4</b>				<b>GAME 16</b>			
North Charleston, SC	5	7	3	McNairy County, TN	9	5	4
Laurel-Jones County, MS	3	3	2	Benton, AR	3	8	7
<b>GAME 5</b>				<b>GAME 17</b>			
Marshall, TX	10	8	3	North Charleston, SC	4	5	3
Vidalia, LA	8	9	2	Vidalia, LA	3	3	1
<b>GAME 6</b>				<b>GAME 18</b>			
Monroe, LA (Host)	13	8	0	Brooksville, FL	9	6	0
Goochland, VA	0	1	6	Benton, AR	4	2	3
<b>GAME 7</b>				<b>GAME 19</b>			
Brooksville, FL	1	4	3	Monroe, LA (Host)	14	9	0
Columbia County, GA	0	1	0	McNairy County, TN	4	6	2
<b>GAME 8</b>				<b>GAME 20</b>			
West Fayetteville, NC	8	6	3	North Charleston, SC	3	3	3
Laurel-Jones County, MS	5	9	3	McNairy County, TN	1	5	1
<b>GAME 9</b>				<b>GAME 21</b>			
Vidalia, LA	7	5	4	Brooksville, FL	5	5	0
Goochland, VA	5	8	1	Monroe, LA (Host)	4	4	0
<b>GAME 10</b> (*9 Innings*)				<b>GAME 22</b>			
McNairy County, TN	2	6	2	North Charleston, SC	4	6	2
Ozark, AL	1	2	3	Monroe, LA (Host)	3	5	5
<b>GAME 11</b>				<b>GAME 23</b>			
Benton, AR	9	7	1	North Charleston, SC	5	8	1
North Charleston, SC	0	2	4	Brooksville, FL	1	4	2
<b>GAME 12</b>							
Monroe, LA (Host)	8	9	2				
Marshall, TX	3	3	1				



**SPORTSMANSHIP WINNER**  
**VIDALIA, LA**  
**BRYANT WATSON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**



## DIXIE PRE-MAJORS WORLD SERIES WINNERS

1979—Madison Heights, VA  
1980—Nacogdoches, TX  
1981—Alexandria, LA  
1982—Lufkin, TX  
1983—Lufkin, TX  
1984—Phenix City, AL  
1985—Hueytown, AL  
1986—Hattiesburg, MS  
1987—Phenix City, AL  
1988—AUM, Montgomery, AL  
1989—Baton Rouge, LA  
1990—Angelina County, TX  
1991—East Pensacola, FL  
1992—Baton Rouge, LA  
1993—Meridian, MS  
1994—Columbia County, GA  
1995—Daphne, AL  
1996—AUM, Montgomery, AL  
1997—Valdosta Boys Club, GA  
1998—Marion County, FL

1999—Columbia County, GA  
2000—Columbia County, GA  
2001—Lakeland, FL  
2002—Laurel-Jones County, MS  
2003—Monroe, LA  
2004—Shelby/Tipton, TN  
2005—North Augusta, SC  
2006—AUM, Montgomery, AL  
2007—Laurel-Jones County, MS  
2008—Oak Grove, MS  
2009—Terrebonne Parish, LA  
2010—Auburn, AL  
2011—Westside, AL  
2012—Shelby County, TN  
2013—Shelby National, TN  
2014—Pine Belt, MS  
2015—North Charleston, SC  
2016—Polk City, FL  
2017—Ozark, AL

## DIXIE MAJORS WORLD SERIES WINNERS

1974—Montgomery Belser, AL  
1975—Montgomery Belser, AL  
1976—Monroe, LA  
1977—Lufkin, TX  
1978—Wildwood, FL  
1979—Montgomery Gray, AL  
1980—Laurel-Jones County, MS  
1981—Monroe, LA  
1982—Phenix City, AL  
1983—Hernando County, FL  
1984—Lufkin, TX  
1985—Lufkin, TX  
1986—Laurel-Jones County, MS  
1987—Avon Park, FL  
1988—Alexandria, LA  
1989—Phenix City, AL  
1990—AUM, Montgomery, AL  
1991—Columbia County, GA  
1992—West Florence, SC  
1993—Lufkin, TX  
1994—Columbia County, GA  
1995—Lake Charles, LA

1996—Columbia County, GA  
1997—AUM, Montgomery, AL  
1998—AUM, Montgomery, AL  
1999—Prattville, AL  
2000—Hernando County, FL  
2001—Meridian, MS  
2002—Monroe, LA (Host)  
2003—Monroe, LA  
2004—Polk County, FL  
2005—North Charleston, SC  
2006—North Charleston, SC  
2007—Columbus County, NC  
2008—Auburn, AL  
2009—North Charleston, SC  
2010—Polk County, FL  
2011—Paris, TX  
2012—Terrebonne Parish, LA  
2013—West Georgia  
2014—North Charleston, SC  
2015—North Charleston, SC  
2016—North Charleston, SC  
2017—North Charleston, SC

## DIXIE PRE-MAJORS WORLD SERIES RECORDS

### SINGLE GAME RECORDS

**MOST HITS:** (5) Patrick Williams, Nacogdoches, TX, 1994; Jonathan Youngblood, Texarkana, AR, 1996; Hunter Cross, Thomasville, AL, 2006.

**MOST HOME RUNS:** (2) Mike Coleman, TN, 1979; Brent Miller, Phenix City, AL, 1987; Chad Alexander, Angelina County, TX, 1990; Jamie Brown, Meridian, MS, 1993; Drew Carson, Monroe, LA, 2000; Jordan Belcher, Columbia County, GA, 2000; Aaron Cone, Lakeland, FL, 2000; Matt Barrickman, Steel Belt, TX, 2000; Nick Wade, West Monroe, LA, 2004; Joseph Rollings, Central-Pageland, SC, 2013.

**MOST TWO-BASE HITS:** (Tied with 3 each) Steve Lamberth, TN, 1979; Eddie Rodriguez, Nacogdoches, TX, 1980; Adam Brown, South Gwinnett, GA, 1982; Tim Edge, GA, 1984; Dennis Veronese, Montgomery Gray, AL, 1985; Mark Thornhill, Columbia Co., GA, 1995; Hunter Cross, Thomasville, AL, 2006.

**MOST THREE-BASE HITS:** (2) Lenny Springs, Columbia Co., GA, 1986; Tim Lanier, LA, 1989; Michael Weldy, Hattiesburg, MS, 1990; Frank Cedeno, Hattiesburg, MS, 1990.

**MOST STRIKE OUTS BY PITCHER:** (17) Roy Lee Dix, VA, 1979.

**MOST RUNS BY A TEAM:** (21) LA, 1989.

**MOST RUNS BOTH TEAMS:** (34) TN and NC, 2016.

### SERIES RECORDS

**MOST HOME RUNS:** (5) Matt Barrickman, Steel Belt, TX, 2000.

**MOST GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS:** (1) Ronnie Bearden, AR, 1988; Therrance Chretien, LA, 1995; Scott Sabo, TX, 1995; Jimmy Grace, MS, 1995; Jason Jackson, AR, 1999; Clete Stewart, GA, 1999; Drew Carson, Monroe, LA, 2000; Jordan Belcher, Columbia County, GA, 2000; Matt Barrickman, Steel Belt, TX, 2000; Adam Dalby, Steel Belt, TX, 2000; Randy Thomas, AUM, AL, 2003; Nick Wade, West Monroe, LA, 2004; Zack Kruebbe, Carthage, TX, 2004; Cameron Horton, Bossier City, LA, 2012; Kyle Anderson, Columbia County, GA, 2012; Jamol Posey, Hattiesburg, MS, 2012.

**MOST HOME RUNS BY A TEAM:** (12) Steel Belt, TX, 2000.

**TOTAL HOME RUNS ALL TEAMS:** (47) Guntersville, AL, 2000.

**NO HIT GAMES:** Chris Nolley, GA, 1981; Ronald Rantz, Alexandria, LA, 1987; Lee Wood, Troup Co., GA, 1991; Matt Cavender, TX, 1999; Sam Walley & Taylor Keys (combined), Laurel-Jones County, MS, 2011; Chris Durham, Shelby National, TN, 2013; James Muse, Shelby National, TN, 2013; Ryan Haney, Duplin County, NC, 2016; Eli Stringer, Monroe, LA, 2017.

**MOST GAMES WON BY PITCHER:** (3) Mike Barnhill, SC, 1982; Frank McLendon, Hattiesburg, MS, 1986; Jeffrey Edmonds, Phenix City, AL, 1987; Rod Trimble, TX, 1988; David Clifton, Ocala, FL, 1997.

**MOST WORLD SERIES WON BY A LEAGUE:** (3) Lufkin, TX, 1982, 1983, 1990; Columbia County, GA, 1994, 1999, 2000; AUM, Montgomery, AL, 1988, 1996, 2006.

## DIXIE MAJORS WORLD SERIES RECORDS

### SINGLE GAME RECORDS

**MOST HITS:** (5) Robert Pearson, Prattville, AL, 1999; Nick Orvin, North Charleston, SC, 2009.

**MOST HOME RUNS:** (3) Fred Cooley, Laurel-Jones County, MS, 1985; Brad Huff, South Gwinnett, GA, 1987; Daniel Raymond, Monroe, LA, 2000; Perry Bowers, North Charleston, SC, 2005.

**MOST TWO-BASE HITS:** (4) Eddie Matthews, Lufkin, TX, 1983; Leon Stevens, Franklin, TN, 1983.

**MOST STRIKEOUTS BY A PITCHER:** (16) Mitch Thomas, Monroe, LA, 1981; Chris Cauley, TX, 1984; Adam Williams, (AUM) Montgomery, AL, 1997.

### SERIES RECORDS

**MOST HOME RUNS:** (4) Fred Cooley, Laurel-Jones County, MS, 1985; Brad Huff, So. Gwinnett, GA, 1987; Davey Thomas, (AUM) Montgomery, AL, 1998; Alex Presley, Monroe, LA, 2003; Perry Bowers, North Charleston, SC, 2005.

**MOST GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS:** (1) Bubba Brister, Monroe, LA, 1980; Bryan Hinds, AL, 1984; Darryl Smith, Alexandria, LA, 1985; Fred Cooley, Laurel-Jones County, MS, 1985; Thomas Wheelis, Laurel-Jones Co., MS, 1986; Matt Raxdale, Alexandria, LA, 1987; Greg Ballard, Phenix City, AL, 1991; Mark Hamlin, Columbia Co., GA, 1992; Dino Dakuras, GA, 1994; Shane Pangle, GA, 1994; Todd Culpepper, AUM, AL, 1998; Collin Holder, AUM, AL, 1998; Aubrey Blackwell, AUM, AL, 1999; Scott McLaughlin, AR, 1999; Jack Westbrook, Hernado County, FL, 2000; Blake Thompson, GA, 2001; Brett Holmes, Chester County, TN, 2003; Drew Tanner, Chester County, TN, 2003; Tyler Franklin, Chester County, TN, 2003; Alex Presley, Monroe, LA, 2003; Keith Carpenter, Polk County, FL, 2003; Brett Hoeflich, Petal, MS, 2003; Erik Morian, North Charleston, SC, 2005; Perry Bowers, North Charleston, SC, 2005; Levi Pickington, Marshall, TX, 2017.

**MOST HOME RUNS BY ONE TEAM:** (13) (AUM) Montgomery, AL, 1998.

**TOTAL HOME RUNS BY ALL TEAMS:** (45) Eules, TX, 2000.

**MOST GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS:** (6) ALL TEAMS; 2003.

**PERFECT GAME:** (1) Logan Carroll, Monroe (Host) 2004.

**NO HIT GAMES:** Jay Reeves, MS, 1978; Steve Breland, MS, 1978 (back-to-back); Gregory Mizelle, Bartow, FL, 1986; Ronnie McGill, Lynn Haven, FL, 1990; Bryce Hines, North Charleston, SC, 2010; Mason Wooden & Trent Black (combined) Laurel-Jones County, MS, 2012.

**MOST GAMES WON BY A PITCHER:** (4) Brandon Mims, AL, 1999.

**MOST WORLD SERIES WON BY A LEAGUE:** (7) North Charleston, SC, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.



**WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS**

### SELMA, AL - 2017 DIXIE 15U WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS

**Front Row** (L to R) Jeremy Lee, Joseph Estes, Xavier Green, Amarian Molette, Dione Allen, Alex Colquitt, Trovon Davis, Tevin Craig, Manager Ricky Waters **Back Row** (L to R) Coach Jason Foit, Matthew Davis, Milam Turner, Jacob Peavy, Octavian Palmer, Richard Waters, George Turner, Coach Jake Peavy, and Coach Richard Davis

## THE BIRTH AND ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY OF DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL

Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc. was founded in 1957 at Alexandria, Louisiana. The Alexandria Youth Baseball Association was the charter member of an organization formed to attract the thirteen (13) year old player. All other programs in existence in 1957 required that participants age 13-15 be grouped together. The Incorporators recognized that grouping thirteen (13) year olds with youth age fifteen (15) and playing on a regulation size diamond was a hardship for most of the younger players. Furthermore, the creation of the program provided an opportunity for players to continue participation after completion of the younger age (12 & under) program.

The Incorporators established the Constitution and Bylaws as well as the Dixie Boys Rule Book. The original Constitution called for the election of officers. Further discussion directed the formation of additional programs within other Southern states. The Constitution and Bylaws established by the founding fathers are very much intact today. The program's mission of providing a recreational outlet for as many young people as possible continues to be the emphasis and guiding principle of the Board of Directors of Dixie Boys Baseball.

Dixie Boys Baseball's charter members all resided in Alexandria, Louisiana. Twenty-three (23) charter members, along with the Executive Officers, conducted the business of the corporation at its inception. The program had a humble beginning with seven (7) leagues formed in the first year; all from Louisiana. For the first three years of the organization, Dixie Boys Baseball only existed in Louisiana. In 1960, Mississippi joined with Louisiana. In 1961, Alabama franchised and other states soon followed. From the early years to now, Dixie Boys Baseball has experienced much success. Today, Dixie Boys Baseball operates in eleven (11) Southern states with 1000 teams and 300 Boys leagues. Over 14,000 players participated in the 13-14 yr. old program in 2017.

In 1973, the National Board of Directors of Dixie Boys approved a resolution that established an older program for boys fifteen (15) through seventeen (17) years of age. The program was named Dixie Majors Baseball, and it existed under the direction of the corporate officers. Each State elected representatives to govern the Majors program. In the years to follow, some minor modifications were made to encourage growth of the Majors program. From its beginning in 1973 to today, the program has served the needs of our older youth participants. The 2017 numbers reflect 320 teams comprising 150 leagues or roughly 6,200 participants.

In 1978, the Dixie Majors Board of Directors approved a resolution adding eighteen (18) year olds to the program. Local leagues were given the option of creating a Pre-Majors program (15-16 year olds) or continuing to operate as a Majors program to include the eighteen (18) year olds.

The Pre-Majors program sparked even greater interest in the older ages Dixie program. Tournament participation opportunities were expanded in 1979 with separate tournament play, including a Pre-Majors World Series.

The Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc. Scholarship program began in 1984 with a single \$500.00 award. The program has grown to eleven (11) \$1,250 awards. Each of the participating Dixie states has a scholarship recipient each year. A state committee representative reviews the applications and makes the tough decision as to the awarding of scholarships. Bernie Varnadore of South Carolina ably served as the Scholarship Committee Chair until his death following the 2006 season. In 2007, the Board of Directors unanimously approved naming the scholarship program: the Dixie Boys Baseball "Bernie Varnadore Scholarship program." Over a 1/4 million dollars has been provided in scholarship support.

In 1995, the opportunity for youth age thirteen to participate in tournament play as a 13 year old division of Dixie Boys was discussed. Regional tournaments were held as a pilot program and in 1996, the first 13 year old World Series was held. The 13 year old age group in later years was named Junior Dixie Boys. Also, a 1995 meeting resulted in the creation of the Dixie National Umpire program. In 2017, 700 umpires registered with the program.

On the baseball diamond in 2000, the Dixie National team was crowned as the Tournament of Stars Champions in an event held in Cooperstown, New York. The working relationship with Major League Baseball, USA Baseball, and other youth organizations was greatly enhanced. The Commissioner was selected to serve on the USA Baseball Medical/Safety Committee and later elected as a member of the USA Baseball Executive Board of Directors.

The 2005 Biennial meeting resulted in a number of changes. The challenge for the 2006 season was the universal change to an April 30th age control date. Dixie Boys also added a rule change that allowed 19 years olds to participate in Dixie Majors Baseball. The Rulebook was designed for a two year printing and the Media Guide (now known as the Best of Dixie "Hits & Highlights") became a valuable tool for promoting the program.

2006 was a very special year for the Dixie Boys organization. Fifty years of program history was celebrated throughout the season. The opportunity to visit the birthplace of Dixie Boys Baseball was provided by a local organizing committee. A Dixie Boys 50th Anniversary Celebration was held September 9th, 2006 in Alexandria. Of special significance, the program founder and three charter members were in attendance at the celebration.

Policy and rule changes were approved as part of the 2007 Board meeting. Out of concern for the safety and welfare of the participant, Dixie Boys Baseball implemented a rule change that established a "pitch count" to determine pitcher eligibility as opposed to the long standing "innings pitched" rules. The Dixie Future Stars event, the creation of the Alumni program, and expanded program partnerships all proved to be significant accomplishments.

The 2008 year was a banner year for Dixie Boys Baseball. The Dixie National team captured the Gold Medal at the USA Baseball Tournament of Stars Event held in Cary, NC. Contributions to the Alumni program more than tripled from the inaugural 2007 year.



**ALGIE GREEN**

*Life Member*

*Founder of  
Mississippi Program*

*Former President*

The Board of Directors attended a biennial meeting in 2009. Task Force committees were organized to review player age groupings, program expansion, and minimum bid requirements for a Host. The changes led to an outstanding 2010 season.



**W.E. "BUBBA" BRASHER**

*Life Member  
W.E. "Bubba Brasher"  
Championship Award  
Dixie Boys Baseball  
Founder  
President, Commissioner  
Deputy Commissioner*

The 2011 biennial meeting resulted in many changes for the organization. World Series host fees were amended to absorb some of the cost to the organization and the host communities. Dixie Future Stars events were held for all four age groups. A Hall of Fame was created to honor those with outstanding contributions to the program. The Class of 2011 appropriately included only one member, program founder, Bubba Brasher.

No year in the history of the organization was filled with more tough decisions than in 2012. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the relocation of the National Office to Dothan, Alabama. On January 1, 2012, the office was opened. The Dixie National team garnered the program international recognition, as seven members of the Dixie National team were selected to represent USA Baseball in Seoul,

South Korea. The trip was very rewarding, as USA Baseball won the Gold Medal and was crowned as the 18U World Champions. The victorious USA team also included the tournament's most valuable player, a long-time Dixie program participant.

The 15U division, added in 2013, was well received. In the inaugural year, 80 teams representing 36 leagues franchised. Two regional tournaments were held with deserving champions crowned. The year also took on added special meaning as Hall of Fame members were recognized, along with the organization's newest Life Member.

2014 was a very good year for the organization. The 15U division expanded with 111 teams representing 51 franchised teams participating in Dixie play. Eight very deserving individuals were added as Class of 2014 Hall of Fame members.

2015 was bittersweet, as it included the death at age 91 of Program Founder, W.E. Bubba Brasher. Bubba was fondly remembered for his untiring commitment and dedicated service to others, as well as his love for family, country, and youth baseball. Bubba provided a footprint that has evolved into over 60 years of Dixie Boys Baseball. In 2015, the board approved the National Federation High School rules to supplement the official rules of the program. USA Baseball recognized Dixie Boys Baseball as being "Pitch Smart" compliant for its efforts to reduce the number of arm injuries from overuse of pitchers since implementing pitch counts restrictions with the 2008 season.

In 2016, North Charleston, South Carolina pulled off a three-peat in Dixie Majors World Series and added to the record books as the league with the most World Series titles in the long history of championship play. The 15U inaugural World Series was a rousing success. Former and current board members were in attendance at the 60th Anniversary Celebration

held in Pineville, Louisiana. A fitting tribute was held and a permanent marker was unveiled recognizing Central Louisiana as the "Home of Dixie Boys Baseball." The legacy lives on in 2017 as the organization strives to enhance its role as a leader in youth baseball.

In 2016, a successful 15U division inaugural World Series was held in Ozark, Alabama. Also in the same year, a 60th Anniversary Celebration was held with many former and current board members in attendance at the event held in Pineville, Louisiana. A fitting tribute was held and a permanent marker was unveiled recognizing Central Louisiana as the "Home of Dixie Boys Baseball."

In 2017, North Charleston, South Carolina earned their fourth consecutive title in Dixie Majors World Series adding to the record books as the league with the most World Series titles in the long history of championship play. Five very competitive World Series were held for program participants.

The biggest news for the 2018 season will be the implementation of a new USA Baseball bat standard (USABat). Dixie Boys Baseball looks forward to providing youth (age 13-19) the opportunity to play the great game of baseball.



**"Home of Dixie Boys Baseball" Marker**  
Central Louisiana

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

- 1957 Program Founded: Alexandria, Louisiana
- 1960 Mississippi Joins Dixie Boys Baseball
- 1961 Alabama Joins Dixie Boys Baseball
- 1963 First Dixie Boys World Series Held
- 1973 Dixie Majors Established
- 1974 First Dixie Majors World Series Held
- 1976 Dixie Baseball Inc. established
- 1978 18-Year-Old Age Group Added
- 1979 First Pre Majors World Series Held
- 1984 Dixie National Scholarship Program Created
- 1995 National Umpire Program Created
- 1996 First Junior Boys World Series Held
- 2000 Dixie National Team Won Tournament of Stars
- 2005 Age Control Date Changed to April 30th
- 2006 Dixie Baseball Celebrated 50th Anniversary at Program Birthplace – Alexandria, La.
- 2006 Dixie Boys Baseball Alumni Program Created
- 2007 Pitch Count Rule Implemented
- 2008 Dixie National Team Won Tournament of Stars - Gold Medal
- 2011 Hall of Fame Created
- 2012 National Office Relocated
- 2013 15U Age Group Regional Tournaments Held
- 2015 USA Baseball recognition - "Pitch Smart Compliant"
- 2015 National Federation of High School Rules Adopted
- 2016 60th Anniversary Celebration – Pineville, Louisiana
- 2016 Inaugural 15U World Series Held
- 2017 New USA Bat Standard - Effective Date Sept. 1st

# DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

(Chairman) Ronnie Jackson – *Majors Deputy Commissioner*  
 (Vice-Chairman) Jerry Brewer – *Chief Financial Officer*  
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 Tommy Hailey – *Boys Deputy Commissioner*  
 Ronnie Gandy – *Jr. Boys Deputy Commissioner*  
 Mike Nerren – *General Counsel*  
 Bruce Mathews – *National Umpire-in-Chief*

## DIXIE BOYS & MAJORS STATE OFFICIALS

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 Florida – Frank Hagler  
 Georgia – Jimmy Smith  
 Louisiana – Keith Powell  
 Louisiana – Jason Parker  
 Mississippi – Jimmy Penton  
 N. Carolina – Rusty Armstrong  
 S. Carolina – Shannon Loper  
 S. Carolina – TJ Rostin  
 Tennessee – David Johnson  
 Texas – Tom Williams, Jr.  
 Virginia – Ken Nelson

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Brian Sharpe  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
 Don Baudouin  
 Rick Berry  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
 Brian Harlan

## LIFE MEMBERS (Voting)

Georgia – Jimmy Brown (*Former Commissioner, Hall of Fame Inductee*)

*\*The 2017 Board of Directors greatly appreciates the contributions of all Dixie Boys, Inc. Life Members\**

*The Directors of Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc. are elected by the leagues to govern the program. The various states and leagues that comprise the Dixie organization are represented by the Board of Directors, as well as the Executive Officers. In a September 2015 meeting, the Board made policy revisions. For complete contact information for the Board of Directors, visit the Dixie Boys website at [www.dixie.org/boys](http://www.dixie.org/boys). Online, you will be able to access the most current listings for all Board members, as well as the Dixie Boys Baseball Commissioner/CEO.*



# DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL, INC. HALL OF FAME

*The following individuals were honored for their significant contributions to the Dixie Boys Baseball organization.*

*To submit a nomination for the 2018 Hall of Fame Class, visit the website at: [www.dixie.org/boys](http://www.dixie.org/boys) and download a nomination form.*

## CLASS OF 2011

Bubba Brasher

## CLASS OF 2012

Talmadge Bowen  
 Andy Dooley  
 Ted Jones  
 Jerry Melton  
 Bernie Varnadore

Keith Brewer  
 Gene Ford  
 James McKay  
 Bill Moore  
 Bill Wooten

Jimmy Brown  
 Algie Green  
 Charles Melton  
 Warren Rayburn

## CLASS OF 2013

Art Albert  
 Tom Nash  
 Jim Thornton  
 Kenny Wilkinson

Harmon Baldwin  
 Dick Primeaux  
 Dan Touchet

Richard Kohn  
 Nick Senter  
 LV Walters

## CLASS OF 2014

Jim Armour  
 Cecil Campbell  
 Ronnie Jackson

Jerry Brewer  
 Larry Collins  
 Sam Kitchens

Rick Callahan  
 Tommy Hailey

## CLASS OF 2015

Rodney Fillingim  
 Jason Parker

Jerry Juneau  
 Jack Stokes

Eugene Haley  
 Jean Thornton

## CLASS OF 2016

Charles Alexander  
 Billy Herrin

Donnie Davis  
 Steve Sherrill

George Harris

## CLASS OF 2017

Ronnie Adams  
 Gayle Crowell

Melvin Allen  
 Dave Davidson

Malcolm Bartlett

# DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP HISTORY

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The volunteer scholarship committee carefully reviews all of the applications within a given state. The committee has the difficult task each year of selecting a winner. The scholarship winner is often recognized at a school honors or awards ceremony. Winners are presented plaques and Dixie Boys Baseball submits the \$1,250 scholarship proceeds to the winner’s school of choice.

Qualifying for a scholarship is very simple. Any player that has ever participated on a Dixie Boys or Majors franchised team is eligible. There is absolutely no relationship between athletic ability and the scholarship. The following credentials are required on the application: substantial financial need, scholastic ability and evidence of strong school and community citizenship. The scholarship policy gives everyone equal opportunity of selection.

The Dixie Boys, Inc. “Bernie Varnadore” Scholarship program is of great priority to the Board of Directors. The opportunity to award deserving High School Seniors financial assistance is one of the most rewarding aspects of the program. Applications are available from Dixie Boys league officials and online at the Dixie Boys website. April 1st is the deadline for an applicant to submit his or her request to the Commissioner for scholarship consideration.

Dixie Boys Baseball, a non-profit organization, has awarded 290 scholarships, valued at over 1/2 million dollars. Various states have additional scholarship opportunities available within their particular state. Funding for scholarships is sought from corporate partnerships, fund-raising ventures, and the Dixie Boys/Majors Alumni Association. If you are willing to assist with this worthwhile effort, contact the Dixie Boys Commissioner’s Office. Additional information is available at [www.dixie.org/boys](http://www.dixie.org/boys).

## 2017 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

AL – Hasten Watson	NC – Trenton Chasteen
AR – Lane Coker	SC – Rome Wallace
FL – Nick Nguyen	TN – Briar Gieck
GA – Zane Kendrick	TX – Caleb McCasland
LA – Tanner King	VA – Sean Harlow
MS – Matt Inlow	

### In Memory of



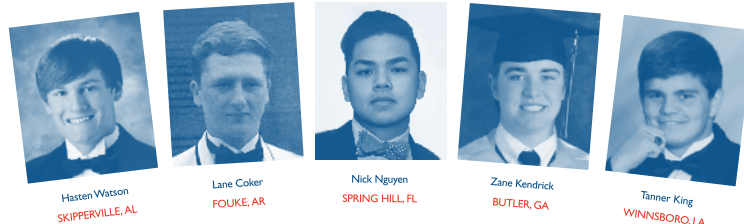
### BERNIE VARNADORE

*Long-time Dixie Boys  
Scholarship Chairman*

## “BERNIE VARNADORE SCHOLARSHIP”

### 2017 NATIONAL WINNERS DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL, INC.

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS TO THEIR SCHOOL OF CHOICE. DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL, INC. CONGRATULATES THE WINNERS ON VERY OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING HIGH SCHOOL.





# DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL, INC. ALUMNI PROGRAM

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- To identify and recognize Board of Directors (Corporate Officers, State Director, or Assistant State Directors) whom have contributed substantial time and resources to benefit Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc.
- To support through financial resources the continuation of a very successful Dixie Boys/Majors National Scholarship program.
- To produce a database that will allow the program to maintain contact with former: players, coaches, Dixie Boys/Majors officials, parents, league officials, umpires, volunteers, and anyone else previously involved with the program.
- To assist Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc. in tracking the careers of former players. The graduates' accomplishments (sport of baseball or other noteworthy achievements) are followed and recognized through media.
- To assist Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc. in the display of collectible items at major events of the organization.
- To provide an additional support structure and voice for Dixie Boys Baseball.
- To contribute articles for Dixie Boys Baseball publications and program website.
- To recognize program participant efforts that provided substantial benefit to the organization. Appropriate publicity and awards are presented.

The Alumni Program is open to anyone that has a desire to further the mission of the organization. Former players, coaches, league officials, parents, sponsors and other program supporters are encouraged to become involved. The \$25.00 membership fee is tax-deductible as part of the organization's 501c-3 status. Additional contributions are also accepted to help fund the Dixie National Scholarship program.

*Membership applications can be downloaded and printed by visiting the website at [www.dixie.org/boys](http://www.dixie.org/boys).*

**NEW! YOU MAY ALSO PURCHASE YOUR ALUMNI PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP FROM OUR ONLINE STORE!**

Visit [www.dixie.org/boys](http://www.dixie.org/boys) and click on "Alumni Program"

*Please mail any printed/completed applications, fees or other contributions not purchased or donated via online payment to:*

Commissioner's Office, PO Box 8263; Dothan, Alabama 36304.