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**2009 DIZZY DEAN
STATE ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT
13 YR. OLD & 14 YR. OLD SOPHOMORE DIVISIONS
JUNE 26, 2009
(Northwest Park Tournament Ground Rules)**

Final Revision Date: Revision May 27, 2009

Tournament Start Date: June 26, 2009

Participating Leagues: All Qualified Sanctioned Dizzy Dean All-Star Teams in the 13 Year Old & 14 Year Old Sophomore Divisions.

Tournament Rules: Rules Governing Tournament Play will be the 2009 Dizzy Dean Official Rule Book and 2009 Major League Baseball Rules with the following noted exceptions:

TOURNAMENT GROUND RULES:

ALL LEAGUES-GENERAL INFORMATION:

Tournament Fees and Outline:

Each team participating in the Dizzy Dean State All-Star Tournament shall be required to submit \$250.00 in Registration fees in order to play. Of this fee, Dizzy Dean receives \$50 per team and \$100.00 is considered a mandatory per Team Gate Fee. The remaining \$100.00 will be used by the host park towards tournament expenses. The Gate Fee is in lieu of collecting from every individual attendee daily. Paying the team gate fee means moms, dads, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents, or any fan associated with your team, will not be charged an individual gate fee. Additionally, \$100.00 will be refunded to the top two(2) finishers in each division. Registration fees should be submitted on two separate checks of \$150.00 and \$100.00 each. **THE ONLY FEE THAT WILL BE REFUNDED IS \$100.00 TO THE TOP TWO(2) FINISHERS IN EACH DIVISION.**

NO PATRON COOLERS WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE PARK. Water Coolers will be provided in each of the dugouts for the coaches/players. Each team may have one (1) team cooler in its dugout in addition to the Water Cooler supplied by NWYB. Park concessions will be open for patrons.

Artificial noise makers are prohibited.

The Tournaments shall be Double Elimination brackets. Awards will be presented to the top two teams in each division. Each of the Champion and Runner-up teams will choose a team Offensive and Defensive MVP. An All Tournament Team and MVP will be selected by vote of the participating Managers and Tournament Committee

Game Schedules and Start Times:

Game start times are relative with the exception of the opening game of each day/each division. Each team should report and be available for play 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. Should a preceding game be completed early, the next game shall be subject to an early start. **Note: No Game Will Start Earlier Than 30 Minutes Prior To The Published Scheduled Start Time.** A team unable to field a minimum of nine (9) players within 15 minutes of the declared start time, shall forfeit the game as described in Dizzy Dean Rules Section 11.17 with the following exceptions: a) only the game in question shall be forfeited; b) if the forfeit results in a team first lost (double elimination), then that team shall be placed in the loser's bracket. If the forfeiting team already has a forfeit or a loss, then the team is eliminated from the tournament. Any team that forfeits a game shall also forfeit any and all tournament fees paid. *(See Addendum 9.02.02 below for further rulings on team forfeits)*

Dugout Placement:

Home team will be determined by coin toss. Teams listed on the top of a bracket will occupy 3rd base dugout, and teams listed on the bottom of a bracket will occupy 1st base dugout.

Pre-game Warm-ups:

There shall be **no infield** practice at anytime. Practice and warm-up areas will be designated at check-in. Teams may warm-up on the outside of the foul lines or in the outfield closest to their dugout prior to their games start time. **At no time will teams be allowed on the infield for warm-ups.** All team players must be in full uniform. Any player not in full uniform will not be permitted on the field.

All Managers and Coaches shall wear the same team jersey and hat as the players. All Managers and Coaches shall wear baseball pants that match in color/design with one another but do not have to match the team players pants exactly.

Inclement Weather:

NWYB will use all means at their disposal to keep games from being delayed or postponed due to inclement weather. If inclement weather results in an uncontrollable delay, NWYB shall contact an Officer, Board Member, Manager or Coach from each of the participating leagues; thus, each participating league must supply a contact person or persons, with contact numbers, that will serve as a liaison between the host organization and that participating league. Up-to-date weather and field conditions will be posted on our website (www.northwestyouthbaseball.org) and our Clubhouse Answering Machine Outbound Message (727) 345-1902 and each team manager should check often if in doubt. REMEMBER: This is a tournament and delays due to weather in central Florida are likely and teams must be prepared to play with minimal notice once field conditions are acceptable.

ALL LEAGUES: Section 2:00 Equipment (Re: Footwear)

Section 2:10 Farm; Section 2:12 Freshmen, and Sophomore:

Addendum 2.10.01: The use of metal cleats shall be permitted for age groups 13 and up.

ALL LEAGUES: Section 5:00 Regulation Games

Regulation game shall be 7 innings. If a team is ahead by 15 runs after 4 complete innings or by 10 runs after 5 full innings, the game is complete and play shall end.

Freshman and Sophomore Leagues: Section 6:00 Pitching

Section 6.15: Clarification of The 48 hr. rule (36 hrs. for Sophomores): The rule governing pitchers whereas the pitcher must have 36 hrs. rest if 1 pitch over 4 innings in the Sophomore League, is for the protection of the youth and is not subject to any other interpretation. For example: If a youth had pitched a complete game on Monday and left the mound at 7:30 PM and another game was schedule for Tuesday, that pitcher would be ineligible to pitch in that game. If for some reason that game was delayed due to weather until 7:30 PM Wednesday, that same pitcher would be eligible to pitch again. **EX. If the pitcher leaves the mound at 7:30 on Tuesday he could come in to pitch after 7:30 AM on Thursday for Sophomores.** The 36 hr. rest rule also pertains to an incomplete game that was interrupted due to weather or some other uncontrollable delay. For example: If pitcher A is the pitcher of record and has pitched more than 4 innings in the Sophomore League, and the game is suddenly delayed and called due to rain until the next day, pitcher A is assessed from the time he left the mound due to the rain delay and can not return to the mound for 36 hrs in the Sophomore League.

Freshmen, and Sophomore Leagues: Section 7:00 Forfeiture, Appeals & Protests

All appeals, forfeits, and protests shall be governed in strict accordance to Dizzy Dean rules with the following exceptions:

7.18: An appeal play will be handled according to Major League Baseball Rules covered under Section 9:00 Umpires, and as defined below:

9.02

(a) Any umpire's decision which involves judgment, such as, but not limited to, whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or a ball, or whether a runner is safe or out, is final. No player, manager, coach or substitute shall object to any such judgment decisions. (a) Players leaving their position in the field or on base, or managers or coaches leaving the bench or coaches box, to argue on BALLS AND STRIKES will not be permitted. They should be warned if they start for the plate to protest the call. If they continue, they will be ejected from the game. (b) If there is reasonable doubt that any umpire's decision may be in conflict with the rules, the manager may appeal the decision and ask that a correct ruling be made. Such appeal shall be made only to the umpire who made the challenged decision. (c) If a decision is appealed, the umpire making the decision may ask another umpire for information before making a final decision.

Addendum 9.02.01: Only the Manager of a team shall be permitted to make an appeal on a questionable play. Any appeal must be made to the umpire in chief and before any pitch is made after the call in question. The decision of the umpire shall be final and no other argument permitted. If a manager or coach continues to argue or incite hostilities towards an umpire or another manager or coach he will be ejected from the game and asked to leave the playing field. **Under no circumstance shall a person other than the manager request an appeal.** Any manager or coach that engages into an argument with an umpire or another manager or coach shall be subject to ejection at the discretion of the umpire. The powers governing an ejection are granted to all umpires.

Upon ejection from a game, the offending manager or coach must leave the playing field completely and either go to a place in the park where he cannot see the field that he was ejected from, or leave the park altogether.

All Leagues-Double Forfeitures

Addendum 9.02.02: Double Forfeit – Winner's Bracket

The following steps should be taken when a double forfeit is declared in the winner's bracket only:

- 1) **Coin Flip.** The Tournament Director shall flip a coin. The winner of the flip (Team A) shall be placed in the advanced position of the winner's bracket as though they had won the game. The team losing the flip shall be placed in the loser's bracket as though they had lost the game.
- 2) **Team A.** Team A automatically loses the game they were placed in and drops down into the corresponding loser's bracket.

Note: Under no circumstances does either team play another game in the winner's bracket.

All Leagues: Section 20:00 Offense

Addendum 20.00.01a: In all tournament play, only three (3) coaches may be permitted on the field at one time for offensive play; the first and third base coach and one (1) coach inside the coaching box in front of the dugout. Only two (2) coaches shall be permitted on the field during defensive play and both coaches must remain inside the coaching box in front of their dugout.

Addendum 20.00.02: In all tournament play, each manager or team shall be allowed **only one (1) offensive time out per half inning; or only one (1) defensive time out per inning/per pitcher**. Any manager or coach going on to the playing field to talk to the same batter (or a batter going to the dugout, bench, or base coach position to talk to a manager or coach more than once in one (1) time at bat) will be required to remove the current batter from the game and make the substitution in the lineup. He may re-enter at completion of the inning if he can do so without violating the substitution rule. NOTE: The only exception to this rule is in case of injury, or if the time is called by the opposing team or the umpire.

Addendum 20.00.03: In the event of the preceding rule the offensive team has no legal substitute then the current batter shall be called out. He may return at the conclusion of that half-inning. If in the case of an ejection, illness, or injury, and the affected team is left with only eight (8) players total remaining, the game shall result in a forfeiture by that team. Under no circumstance shall a team continue a game with less than nine (9) players. All other issues regarding substitutions, ejections, or illness shall be in accordance with the Official Dizzy Dean Rule Book and as covered in Section 3:00 Re-Entry Substitution.

Addendum 20.00.04: SPEED-UP RULE: When there are two outs, one (1) courtesy runner will be permitted per inning at bat and may be used for either the pitcher or catcher but not both. The runner must be a player that is not in the current line-up. In the event the team does not have an available runner that is not in the current line-up, then the player who made the last out may be used as a courtesy runner.

All Leagues-Section 21:00 Defense:

Addendum 21.00.01: In all tournament play, any manager or coach who calls time and goes onto the playing field more than once in one (1) inning, per pitcher (not game) to talk to a player or players, will be required to remove the current pitcher. A Manager or Coach cannot go the mound twice during the same batter. A pitcher must be removed on the third (3rd) trip to the mound to visit that same pitcher during the game. NOTE: The only exception to this rule is in case of injury, or if the time is called by the opposing team or the umpire.

Note: *Interpretation of the official start of an inning for this rule shall be that when the first player going from offense to defense at the conclusion of the third out crosses the foul line, this shall be the official start of an inning. Any coach who goes on the field after this time may be charged with a "trip to the mound". Note: This is a judgment call by the umpire. The official start of a game shall be as instructed by the head (home plate) umpire.*

All Leagues: Score Keeping:

Line-ups should be submitted to the Official Score Keeper 10 minutes prior to game start. All line-ups must be complete with player's number, player's full name, and player's starting position. Every player on the team roster must be listed including substitutes. Players listed on the tournament roster must be listed even if not playing, and with the reason for not being active. For example: If you have a player on the official team roster that is absent due to illness, he must be listed in the substitute section and the reason for being absent.

Substitutions should be reported to the Plate Umpire and to the Official Scorekeeper. The Plate Umpire shall notify the opposing team of the announced changes. Penalty for a manager who fails to report pitching substitutions to the Plate Umpire will be in accordance to Dizzy Dean Rules, Sect. 6:00 Pitching Rules.

All other rules governing substitutions shall be in accordance with Dizzy Dean Rules. **DO NOT VIOLATE ANY SUBSTITUTION RULES.** The Official Score Keeper has inherent powers of the Tournament Director in the event the Tournament Director is unavailable.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

Dizzy Dean Rule 4:05 states: THE MANAGER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE COACHES, TEAM AND THE TEAM'S FANS.

This Rule will be ENFORCED. Fans that insist on making derogatory remarks to Umpires and/or opposing players or Coaches shall cause the Manager of the offending fan's team to be warned one (1) time that further poor sportsmanship will result in the Fan's ejection from the park. If the fan, upon continuing the poor sportsmanship is then ejected and refuses to leave the park peacefully and calmly, the Manager will be ejected. NWYB will err on the side of absolute safety for the sake of all the children and families participating in and watching this prestigious tournament.

IF A FAN IS EJECTED FROM THE PARK FOR VIOLATING THE ABOVE STATED RULE A TRESPASS NOTICE WILL BE FILED WITH THE ST. PETERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT AGAINST THE OFFENDING FAN FOR THE BALANCE OF THE TOURNAMENT AND THAT FAN WILL BE BANNED FROM THE PARK FOR ALL REMAINING GAMES.

Dizzy Dean Rule 4:04 states, in part: "Adult Managers and Coaches may moderately dispute any decision or may discuss any point with the umpires to the extent allowed by the rules of professional baseball (i.e., you cannot dispute a judgment call period, you can only dispute a rule interpretation or application). If [an adult manager or coach] makes any derogatory remarks or undue criticism about or to the opposing players or umpire, he shall immediately be ejected from the current game and must sit out the entire next game.

WE AT NWYB ANTICIPATE, EXPECT, AND HOPE TO PROVIDE A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL OF THE ALL-STAR PLAYERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO COME TO ROOT THEM ON AND ENJOY EXCELLENT BASEBALL. WE BELIEVE THE RULES PROVIDE FOR VERY HARSH PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT AND POOR SPORTSMANSHIP SIMPLY BECAUSE IT HAS NO PLACE IN OUR TOURNAMENT AND SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED BY ALL OF US WHO DESIRE A POSITIVE AND MEMORABLE BASEBALL EXPERIENCE FOR THOSE WE SERVE—THE KIDS.