

ALABAMA DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL



2018

ROOKIE STATE TOURNAMENTS

CHOCOLOCCO PARK – OXFORD, ALABAMA

Information Packet

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On behalf of the city council and myself, welcome to the City of Oxford and to our award-winning recreational facilities. We are riding the momentum of many successful and record-breaking tournaments already, and the 2018 Dixie Youth Baseball Rookie State Tournament at our award-winning sports fields will be another great event that will continue to make Oxford – namely Choccolocco Park – the leading sports destination in the United States.

Along with our beautiful recreation facilities, I would like to invite you to patronize many of our city's attractions, most of which are located less than 10 minutes from Choccolocco Park and Oxford Lake. The Oxford Performing Arts Center and the Oxford Library in Historic Downtown Oxford both have great events from week-to-week. If you get a chance to tour downtown, you will see our progress while renovating and revitalizing our oldest district through the "Main Street Alabama" program. Along with that, we also have the Quintard Mall shopping center and Oxford Lake and Civic Center close by, both of which offer exciting opportunities for recreation and shopping. We are proud to have the Oxford Exchange and many of our restaurants, hotels, and other retail establishments less than a mile from Choccolocco Park as well, and our nationally-ranked golf course, Cider Ridge Golf Club, is less than 10 minutes away, so if you are in the mood, go play a round.

We are honored to have you as our guests, and we are looking forward to extending our brand of recreation, retail, and hospitality to you. If you have any questions, please ask one of our volunteers or employees, and you can also call our Oxford 311 Service Help Center if you have any non-emergency concerns or questions while staying in our city. We are proud to have the finest emergency services in Alabama to assist us at our parks and you will see officials from the Oxford Police Department, Oxford Fire Department, and Oxford Emergency Medical Services on standby at our fields, who are here for your safety. If you or someone around you is having a medical or safety emergency, please dial 911 so our emergency officers can be dispatched to your location.

Good luck to all the players and coaches. From our hometown to yours, welcome to "The Crossroads of the Future."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alton Craft". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Alton Craft



Alabama Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc.

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ROOKIE STATE TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Congratulations on earning the right to participate in the Inaugural Alabama Dixie Youth Baseball Rookie State Tournament. Hopefully this event will be the highlight of your summer and one that will be remembered for years to come. We are sure that there are questions in the minds of the players, coaches, parents and your supporters. The purpose of this information packet is to try and answer those questions in advance and remove as much of the anxiety as possible, and hopefully contribute to a smoother tournament.

Each team and/or their league will be responsible for paying for the costs of their teams lodging, food and other costs incurred by the team during their stay at the Alabama Rookie State Tournament. For this tournament we are not using the room block process; enclosed you will find information about hotels in the area.

At **9:00 a.m.** on **Thursday July 5th** we will have the **Opening Ceremonies** for the 2018 Rookie State Tournament on the Signature Baseball Field at Choccolocco Park located at 954 Leon Smith Parkway in Oxford.

On **Thursday July 5, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.** we will have the Managers Meeting at the Oxford Civic Center located at 401 McCullars Lane in Oxford. It is **mandatory** that each team manager attend this meeting. At the Managers Meeting we will cover the specifics of this week's play, opening ceremonies, etc.

Required Paperwork

At the Managers Meeting each team manager **must** have the following paperwork to submit

1. Tournament Affidavit;
2. Birth Certificate or Certification of Birth documentation for each player;
3. Medical Release Form signed by each players' parent or legal guardian;
4. Certificates of completion of on-line Concussion Training for **ALL** managers & coaches;
4. For AAA & O-Zone divisions - Official Pitching Record(s) from the lower level tournaments;
5. Proof of Insurance.

Note: No team will be allowed to participate in an Alabama Dixie Youth Baseball State Tournament if they do not have an Excess Accident policy with a Medical Limit of at least \$50,000 and a General Liability policy with an each occurrence limit of at least \$1,000,000 combined single limits for bodily injury and property damage. If the policy is not purchased from Sadler, Inc. it is required that the team's General Liability policy name Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. as an additional insured.

Please take a few minutes before you leave home to come to the State Tournament to make sure all of your paperwork is in proper order. Doing so in advance may alleviate problems and/or delays at the meeting.

Dress Code for Players and Coaches for Opening Ceremonies and Games

Players - must be dressed in full uniforms (belts, shirts, pants, leggings, shoes, patches).

Managers and coaches - must be dressed alike in long pants (no shorts, cutoffs, blue jeans, sweat pants or wind pants. Baseball caps – NO visors) or baseball pants matching the players.

Tournament Play

The theme for the week's play is **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP**. The bottom line is that we are here to watch our children play a game, so please enjoy the games for what they are and let the participants do the same. Good sportsmanship is expected and required from all in attendance.

Thursday and subsequent days will include practice and games. In an effort to keep expenses on those participating as low as possible there will be cases where your team is required to play two (2) games in a day. Since rain is always a possibility, there may be times when games have to be delayed or rescheduled. Hopefully the weather will be favorable but should it not cooperate every reasonable effort will be made to complete the Alabama Rookie State Tournament on time. The Tournament Director has the authority to waive rules and make exceptions to get the tournament completed. In the event your game is cancelled or rescheduled, make sure you get the word from your District Director or the Tournament Director.

Time to Play Ball!

You have turned in your line-up, both teams have taken their infield warm-up and we are ready to announce the players and coaches. We will announce the players and coaches prior to the beginning of every game. When they are announced the players will go to their defensive position on the field, coaches to their respective base line. With all of the players and coaches in position the Umpires will be announced. If it is the first game of the day we will have the Invocation and the National Anthem. The players and coaches will be asked to shake hands and play ball.

The twelve (12) man continuous batting order will be used in the tournament and we will play all games to conclusion unless the run rule(s) prevails. Please remember that it is a kid's game and only players with a catcher's helmet and mask are allowed to warm up pitchers. If a relief pitcher is being warmed up inside the fence while a game is in progress, the player-catcher must have on a catcher's helmet and mask, NOT A BATTERS HELMET, and another player with a helmet and glove must be stationed facing the field of play to protect those warming up from a foul ball.

With good planning the tournament should progress without any major problems. There will be questions as the week progresses but there will be Dixie Youth officials and the members of the Host Committee on-hand to provide answers. As mentioned earlier, your District Director is a good source of information, so use them as your first line of communication.

Each player and coach participating in the Alabama Rookie State Tournament will receive a medallion and the State Champion and runner up teams will receive individual and team trophies in honor of their accomplishment.

I M P O R T A N T

EACH TEAM PARTICIPATING IN A
2018 ALABAMA ROOKIE STATE TOURNAMENTS

MUST E-MAIL THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW TO –

STATE DIRECTOR – alabamadyb@gmail.com

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR – hbobo@charter.net

- 1. Contact information for the team manager**
- 2. Team roster**
- 3. Certificate of Insurance**

THIS SHOULD BE DONE AS SOON AS YOU LEARN YOUR TEAM WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT.

IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF YOUR EMAIL PLEASE LABEL YOUR EMAIL –

“Division (AA, AAA or O-Zone), District #, Team name”

(Example – Rookie AAA District 9 Enterprise American)

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING CARE OF THIS IN A TIMELY MANNER.

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR.

Hotel	Address	Telephone	Rooms Total	Website
Americas Best Value Inn	3 Recreation Dr., Oxford	256-835-0300	84 Rooms	http://www.vantagehotels.com/hotel-details.cfm?id=2065
Comfort Suites	125 Davis Loop, Oxford	256-835-8873	53 Rooms	https://www.choicehotels.com/alabama/oxford/comfort-suites-hotels/a1231
Courtyard by Marriott	289 Colonial Drive, Oxford	256-831-7995	92 Rooms	http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bnmas-courtyard-anniston-oxford/
Econo Lodge	25 Elm Street, Oxford	256-831-9480	47 Rooms	https://www.choicehotels.com/alabama/oxford/econo-lodge-hotels/a1434
Fairfield Inn & Suites	143 Colonial Dr., Oxford	256-831-1921	81 Rooms	http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bnmc-fairfield-inn-and-suites-anniston-oxford/
Hampton Inn & Suites	210 Colonial Drive, Oxford	256-831-8958	101 Rooms	http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/alabama/hampton-inn-and-suites-oxford-anniston-ANBHSX/index.html
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites	160 Colonial Drive, Oxford	256-835-8768	80 Rooms	https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/oxford/oxdal/hoteldetail
Hotel Final	1604 Quintard Avenue, Anniston	256-236-0503	61 Rooms	http://www.hotelfinal.com/
Key West Inn	1207 Highway 21 South, Oxford	256-835-0185	36 Rooms	http://staykeywesthotels.com/properties/oxford-al/
LaQuinta Inn & Suites	100 Colonial Drive, Oxford	256-241-0950	66 Rooms	http://www.laquinta.com/anniston/
Lenlock Inn	6210 McClellan Blvd., Anniston	256-820-1515	44 Rooms	http://www.lenlockinnanniston.com/
Long Leaf Lodge	74 Exchange Avenue, Anniston	256-820-9494	50 Rooms	Includes breakfast & pool
Motel 6	202 Grace Street, Oxford	256-831-5463	115 Rooms	https://www.motel6.com/en/hotels/al/oxford.4914.html
Quality Inn Oxford	161 Colonial Drive, Oxford	256-403-0006	62 Rooms	https://www.choicehotels.com/alabama/oxford/quality-inn-hotels/a1458
Red Roof Inn & Suites	138 Elm St., Oxford	256-831-0860	62 Rooms	https://www.redroof.com/property/Oxford/AL/36203/-/r1819/
Sleep Inn	88 Colonial Dr. Oxford	256-831-2191	61 Rooms	https://www.choicehotels.com/alabama/oxford/sleep-inn-hotels/a1154
Super 8 Motel	1600 AL Hwy 21, Oxford	256-241-3210	99 Rooms	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/oxford-alabama/super-8-oxford/overview
Camping World/Good Sam's Campground	20 Garrett Circle, Anniston	256-241-2255	50 Spots	http://www.goodsamclub.com/travel/campgroundsandrvparks/generalinfo.aspx?cgid=201301042
Chief Ladiga Trail Campground	3180 County Road 94, Borden Springs	256-282-2370	19 Spots	http://www.chiefadigatrailcampground.com
Mike Tucker Park	6514 Weaver Road, Anniston	256-847-7349	6 Rooms	http://www.anniston.al.gov/pages/?pageID=171
Springwood Inn	1301 Booger Hollow, Anniston	843-384-2618	6 Rooms	http://www.springwoodinn.com
Cheaha State Park	19644 AL 281, Delta, AL 36258	(256)488-5111	30 Rooms	http://alispark.com/cheaha-state-park
Hampton Inn Jacksonville	1041 JD&L Drive, Jacksonville	256-782-0330		