

ALL-STAR COACHING CHECKLIST

1. Selecting Your Team

a. Warrior Baseball Association rules:

21.4 Players

21.4.1 Players for each team shall be selected by that team's Manager.

21.4.2 An invitation to play on an all star team shall be extended to at least one player on each team in the League.

21.4.3 Northport Nationals – within 48 hours of his appointment as Manager, or such other time as may be reasonably established by the Board, the Manager of the Northport Nationals team will select up to 11 players. The Northport Nationals Manager may make his selections from as many or as few League teams as he chooses. Once the Northport Nationals Manager has completed his selections, he shall immediately notify his league director of the names of his players and the name of any other players who declined an invitation to play. The league director shall then immediately notify the Manager of the Northport Americans team of the names of the Northport Nationals players and the names of any players who declined participation.

21.4.4 Northport Americans – upon notification of the names of the players selected for the Northport Nationals team, the Northport Americans Manager shall select up to 11 players. The Northport Americans Manager must extend an invitation to at least one player from each League team that did not have at least one player invited to play for the Northport Nationals team. Once the Northport Americans Manager has completed his selections, he shall immediately notify his league director of the names of his players and the name of any other players who declined an invitation to play. The league director shall then immediately notify the Manager of the Northport Nationals team of the names of the Northport Americans players and the names of any players who declined participation.

21.4.5 Immediately following the selection of players by each team Manager, the Managers may add players to their roster on a first-come first-served basis.

21.4.6 Any player who declines participation on an all star team may not compete on any all star team other than the team

for whom he was originally selected, unless released by the Manager who originally selected him.

- b. Initial Communication With Parents
 - i. Expectations
 - ii. Expenses
 - 1. Uniforms
 - 2. Travel and hotel expenses
 - 3. Practice facilities
 - 4. Tournament entry fees
 - iii. Schedules
 - 1. Practice
 - 2. Pre-season and invitational play
 - 3. Tournament play
 - 4. World Series play
 - iv. Fundraising plans, if any.
- 2. Qualifying Your Team
 - a. Warrior Baseball Coach's Agreement – The Board or your League Director will present you with this agreement to be signed by your staff concerning your responsibilities as coaches.
 - b. General Requirements – Dizzy Dean Rule 11.14
 - i. All of the items described below comprise the team's "credentials."
 - ii. Coaches should keep two sets of credentials with the team at all times. Tournament officials will generally check credentials at the credentials meeting before tournament play begins, but any opposing manager or any tournament official may require that credentials be presented at any time during tournament play.
 - c. Birth Certificates – Dizzy Dean Rules 11.14(A), 13.01-13.03, 19.08
 - i. Copies of birth certificates must be signed by parent before a notary public verifying that the copy is true and exact.

- d. Medical Release Form (Consent for Treatment) – Dizzy Dean Rule 11.14(C)
 - i. May be downloaded from the Alabama Dizzy Dean website, www.alabamadizzydean.com.
- e. “Yellow” Team Roster – Dizzy Dean Rules 11.14(F), 19.06
 - i. May be downloaded from the Alabama Dizzy Dean website, www.alabamadizzydean.com.
 - ii. Please take two copies to your credentials meeting.
 - iii. Roster must be completed and signed by the coach and Warrior Baseball Association’s President prior to the credentials meeting.
 - iv. A team may have a manager and up to three coaches. The Manager and coaches must be listed on the official roster (Dizzy Dean Rule 4.01).
 - v. The roster must be presented to a National Director for signature at the credentials meeting for the State Tournament.
- f. Team Photo – Dizzy Dean Rules 11.14(D), 19.07
 - i. This is needed for the World Series tournament only
 - ii. Must have two 5x7 team photographs.
 - iii. Player names must be written on the back as the players appear from left to right.
 - iv. The team photo must be presented at the state tournament credentials meeting.
- g. Proof of Insurance – Dizzy Dean Rules 11.14(B), 19.16
 - i. Warrior Baseball Association provides insurance for all teams participating in Dizzy Dean tournaments (WBA Rule 21.5.1).
 - ii. Coaches must obtain a copy of the Certificate of Insurance from the Board and keep the Certificate with the team’s Credentials.
 - iii. Often, a copy of the Certificate will be requested by the World Series host at the time of check-in.
- h. World Series Entry Form – Dizzy Dean Rule 11.14 (G)
 - i. The entry form for World Series events in Southaven, MS may be found at the National Dizzy Dean website, www.dizzydeanbbinc.org.

- ii. Coaches should contact other host sites for their entry forms.
- iii. The process for entering World Series events has varied from year to year. Some years coaches have been required to mail the entry directly to the host site. Other years, coaches have been required to submit their entry forms to the State Directors for submission to the host site. Coaches should check with their State Director for the proper procedure.
- iv. The entry form must be accompanied by a \$250 appearance deposit (Dizzy Dean Rule 19.05). This fee will be returned to the coach following completion of play in the World Series or forfeited if the team fails to fulfill its obligations during the tournament (Dizzy Dean Rule 11.17).
- i. Dizzy Dean Uniform Patches - Dizzy Dean Rule 19.04
 - i. Patches may be purchased from Dizzy Dean. They will be available for purchase at the Alabama Dizzy Dean credentials meeting.
 - ii. Patches must be affixed to the uniform (typically on the sleeve). They should be in the same location, such as the left sleeve, on all jerseys.

3. Uniforms

- a. The cost and selection of uniforms are the responsibility of each team.
- b. The Northport Nationals team colors are Royal Blue and White. It is recommended that the uniforms bear the name "Nationals" and that the hats bear the Northport "N." Northport Americans team colors are Red and White. It is recommended that the uniforms bear the name "Americans" and that the hats bear the Northport "N."
- c. Generally, teams find that 2-3 sets of uniforms are preferable due to the possibility of play on consecutive days at away sites.
- d. Most of the local vendors such as SignPro have the artwork for the Northport "N" on file.
- e. All players, field coaches, and dugout coaches are required to be in uniform during tournament play (Dizzy Dean Rule 4.02).
- f. Dizzy Dean rules require that the Dizzy Dean patch be affixed to the uniform (Dizzy Dean Rule 19.04), that a number be on the back of each player's uniform (Dizzy Dean Rule 19.04), and that sponsors are only those organizations whose products or services are not detrimental to the welfare of children (Dizzy Dean Rule 17.01).

4. Invitationals and Pre-Tournament play

- a. Many leagues host invitational tournaments before district and regional play begins. Participation in any such tournaments is optional. Historically, however, Northport has supported certain invitationals such as the Clay Invitational for 5 and 6 year old teams. Coaches may check with their League Directors or the Alabama Dizzy Dean website for information regarding invitationals.
- b. Teams may also participate in tournaments hosted by other organizations prior to the commencement of Dizzy Dean tournament play.
- c. No team, however, may participate in another tournament once Dizzy Dean district, state, or World Series play begins (Dizzy Dean Rule 11.09).

5. Use of Kentuck Facilities for Practice

- a. When no conflict exists with other events hosted at the Park, the Board may permit all-star practices on the fields and in the batting cages. When permitted, each League Director will draft a schedule of practice times for the teams from all-star selection through the World Series.
- b. Each coach should check with his League Director concerning a practice schedule.

6. Miscellaneous

- a. All district, area, regional, and state tournament entry fees are paid by Warrior Baseball (WBA Rule 21.5.2). All World Series entry fees, reservations fees, and/or cancellation fees are the responsibility of each team (WBA Rule 21.5.3).
- b. Beginning with the 2009 All-Star season the Alabama Dizzy Dean has instituted a “No-Show” fee of \$250.00. This fee is required to participate in the tournaments. Each team will need to submit a check for this fee written to “Dizzy Dean”. If you fail to show for a tournament or game then your check will be deposited. If you continue on to the World Series your check will be forwarded to the host site. When the World Series is complete or you are eliminated your check will be returned to you. If you do not advance to a World Series tournament then your check will be returned to you at the end of the state tournament.
- c. For all tournaments hosted at Kentuck Park in which both the Northport Nationals and the Northport Americans are participants, the Northport Americans shall be the host team (WBA Rule 21.7).
- d. A tradition at all World Series events is team pin trading and a goodie bag exchange following the completion of the team’s first game. It may sometimes take several weeks for pins to be shipped after an order is placed, so pin selection and ordering should be done as quickly as possible.
- e. Participation in the opening ceremonies at World Series events is mandatory (Dizzy Dean Rule 11.17). Although most host sites will request that teams appear

for the opening ceremonies in full uniform, many teams dress in matching t-shirts or jerseys and shorts.

- f. Hotel rooms at tournament sites book very quickly. Coaches should determine the team's travel needs as soon as possible following team selection and make arrangements for any needed hotel rooms as soon as possible.
- g. All fundraising efforts must be conducted in a manner consistent with Warrior Baseball Association guidelines. Please contact the Board for information regarding fundraising activities.