

# DILWORTH LITTLE LEAGUE

## 2022 POST-SEASON INFORMATION

This information is intended to help parents understand the different Little League post-season tournaments in which Dilworth Little League participates, along with the dates, expectations, and requirements of those tournaments. Hopefully this will clear up some of the confusion and misinformation we've seen in the past and help you with your summer plans. Note these are not Challenge tournaments. **See instructions regarding a mandatory response at the end of this document.**

### Tournament of Champions (TOCs)

- Games begin June 11, and run through June 17, weather permitting. Schedules are set by district officials. Weekday games are in the evening (6:00 and 8:00). Weekend games are held morning through evening. Teams play one game per day.
- Practices will be coordinated along with the major league tournament.
- These tournaments are sponsored by NC Little League District 3. District 3 consists of Dilworth, Myers Park, Mint Hill, Steele Creek, Couloak, Lake Norman, University East, Weddington, and Northwest. Not all leagues participate in all age groups.
- These tournaments are not connected with the Challenge program in any way and follow Little League pitching, substitution, and minimum play rules.
- These tournaments are completed in one week, with no advancement. They are less formal than the All-Star tournaments.
- Tournaments are for single age teams. Dilworth plans to field a team in each of the 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12-year-old tournaments. Note these team ages are not "and under", they are just single age. Also note these are Little League ages as of 8/31/2022.
- Tournaments are held at various locations in District 3. Those locations have not yet been determined.
- Format is typically 3-4 game pool play, followed by a playoff for the top 4 teams.
- Players are selected to these teams by coaches' votes based on regular season play.
  - The 10, 11, and 12-year-old teams will be selected from major league players. The 9-year-old team will consist of minor league players. The 8-year-old team will be chosen based on machine pitch coaches' input. Teams will be set at 12-13 players per team based on the preference of each team's coach.
- Players outside Dilworth boundaries (both home and school) are eligible to participate in TOCs.

### All-Stars (Little League District Tournaments) - **NOTE 10s HAVE DIFFERENT DATES. See separate document**

- Games begin June 25. Tournaments run for about a week, weather permitting. Note this could include July 4th weekend. Schedules are set by district officials. Weekday games are in the evening (6:00 and 8:00). Weekend games are morning through evening. Teams play one game per day.
- Practices begin June 18 and may be daily.
- These are official Little League sponsored tournaments. This first round is the District tournament. We are part of NC District 3, which consists of Dilworth, Myers Park, Mint Hill, Steele Creek, Couloak, Lake Norman, University East, Weddington, and Northwest. Not all leagues participate at all age groups.
- These tournaments are not connected with the Challenge program in any way and follow Little League pitching, substitution, and minimum play rules.
- Tournaments are held for five age groupings. Dilworth plans to field a team in each of the 8, 8-9, 9-10, 10-11, and 11-12 tournaments. These are Little League ages as of 10/1/2022. Note players playing "up" is very rare and only in special circumstances.
  - It is our intent to enter the most competitive teams possible for these tournaments. The 11-12-year-old All-Star team will be the highest priority, followed by the 9-10 team, the 10-11 team, then the 8-9 and 8 teams. Teams will be set at 12-13 players per team based on the preference of each team's coach.

- District tournament winners advance to state tournaments. State tournaments begin July 9 or 11 depending on the age group. **Note 10s begin July 2.**
  - The 11-12-year-old tournament continues at the regional level and ultimately concludes at the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA.
  - The other tournaments typically end at the state level.
- District tournaments are held at various locations in District 3. Those locations have not yet been determined. State tournaments are held at multiple locations in North Carolina.
- Format is typically double elimination.
- Players are selected to the 11-12 team by a combination of player and coaches' vote. Other ages are coaches' vote only. Selections are based on regular season play.
- Only major league players are placed on the 11-12, 10-11, and 9-10 teams. The 8-9 and 8 teams will be minor league and machine pitch players, respectively.
- **Players must live within Dilworth Little League boundaries, go to school within the boundaries, or otherwise be approved by Little League International. No exceptions.**
- All players selected to these teams will need to provide proof of residence or school attendance, and proof of age (certified birth certificate) to participate. Approved documents will be communicated as needed. NO EXCEPTIONS.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Players have always considered it an honor to be selected to play on these teams. We want to be able to announce the team members that will be participating in these tournaments. **It is expected that participation in practices and games will be a player's top priority during this timeframe.**
- Player selection takes place in late May. Teams are announced at closing ceremonies June 4.
- Participation on a Dilworth Challenge team or a previous year's post-season team does not ensure or imply selection to any of these teams.
- It is common for some players to play on both a TOC and an All-Star team, but it should not be an expectation.

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

- **You must complete and return the Commitment form to indicate your player's availability and commitment to participate in practices and games. Deadline is May 7. Please complete this document even if you are not interested or available, or don't expect your player to be selected. We want to ensure everyone is considered.**
- All of the fields are text fields or check boxes that can be filled in on your computer. This is best done on a computer. Phone apps do not always handle these documents well.
- Hover to the left of the Majors/Minors/Machine Pitch list and click on the correct level.
- A signature is not necessary.
- If your player is not interested or available, just indicate that on page 1. Please address both tournaments.
- If your player is interested in participating, please see the calendar on page 2, and indicate any days he/she will not be available so we can plan accordingly. Add comments under each date as needed if your player has a conflict. If there is no conflict you can leave the field blank.
- Please save the file by replacing FirstLast with your player's name. Send it via email to [playeragent@dyaa.net](mailto:playeragent@dyaa.net). Please include your player's name in the email subject.
- As an alternative, you can print it out and complete it by hand, then scan and return via email to [playeragent@dyaa.net](mailto:playeragent@dyaa.net), or give it to your coach.
- For any questions contact the Dilworth Little League Player Agent at [playeragent@dyaa.net](mailto:playeragent@dyaa.net).