

DILWORTH LITTLE LEAGUE

COACH PITCH INFORMATION

The purpose of the Dilworth Coach Pitch Division is to provide instruction and develop fundamental skills in younger players, to teach good sportsmanship, and to encourage the players to have fun and continue in the sport.

AGE:

Please visit the [Little League Age Calculator](#) to determine your child's Little League age. The Dilworth Coach Pitch Div). Playersision is primarily for *league* age 6, and a limited number of *league* age 7s (as appropriate). 5s may not play at this level. Players attempt to hit a ball pitched by their team's coach, and if unsuccessful, from a tee. It is highly recommended that your child stay within their age group at this level.

ABILITY & EXPERIENCE:

Coach Pitch is for players with previous Tee Ball experience and for beginners. 6-year olds with no prior experience may prefer to play Tee Ball but may also choose to join their age group in Coach Pitch. Younger, beginning 7-year olds may also prefer this Division.

PLAYER EVALUATIONS:

There is no player evaluation process at this level.

TEAM SELECTION & REQUESTS:

Teams are set by the Division Commissioner. There are typically 11-12 players per team. Team rosters are generally balanced by age and will attempt to take into consideration friend and coach requests.

SCHEDULE:

Teams are formed and communicated in early March (spring season) and early September (fall season). The spring season finishes prior to Memorial Day and the fall season ends around Halloween.

PRACTICES & GAMES:

There are two practices per week prior to the start of the regular season. There is one practice per week once the regular season games begin. Generally, each team has one weeknight game and one game on Saturday. Practices are generally held at Freedom Park, Revolution Park, and Veterans Park. Games are held at Freedom Park.

GAME DETAILS:

This Division will use a modified coach pitch format. Batters attempt to hit three pitches from their team's coach or a parent volunteer, and if unsuccessful, will have two attempts to hit the ball from a tee. Strikeouts, while necessary, should be few and far between. Ten players play in the field each inning. Innings end after 3 outs or until the batting team scores 5 runs. Games are limited to 5 innings or 90 minutes, whichever comes first.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

Your child must have a baseball glove, and male players should have a protective cup. However, we highly recommend purchasing cleats as well as a second pair of pants for your child. Each player is given a team uniform before the first game of the season, which includes a jersey, pants, hat and socks. Your team coach has bats and helmets that your child can use during practice/games.

According to Little League Rules, USABat Standard bats must be used in this division. All bats must have a USABat sticker indicating compliance with the standard. Visit this website (<http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/baseballbatinfo.htm>) for a resource page which has the most updated bat information and here (<https://usabat.com>) for a list of approved bats.

COACHING:

Dilworth Little League depends on parent coaching volunteers for our Tee Ball though Minors leagues. We conduct a Coaches Clinic prior to the start of the season to review rules and expectations. League resources, including our Division Commissioner and Player Development Coordinator, are available to coaches throughout the season. With enough volunteers, each team should have at least two assistant coaches. Please consider signing up to help coach. It's a great way to get involved, meet new people, and help us make Little League a great experience for your child.

POSTSEASON PLAY:

There is no post-season play in this Division.

QUESTIONS, CONCERNS & COMMENTS:

Please contact the Division Commissioner at coachpitch@dilworthll.org.