

## **DILWORTH LITTLE LEAGUE MINORS INFORMATION**

### **AGE:**

Please visit the [Little League Age Calculator](#) to determine your child's league age. Minor League is for ages 9 to 12. Most are 9 and 10. 12s will play in the Minor League only in certain circumstances.

### **ABILITY & EXPERIENCE:**

Players with previous organized baseball experience and some beginners. We will have 2 divisions for this level:

American – this level is designed for 9 year olds with some 10 year olds as appropriate based on evaluation scores and experience.

National – this level is designed for 10 – 12 olds with some 9 year olds as appropriate based on evaluation scores and experience.

### **PLAYER EVALUATIONS:**

All players in the 9-12 age group will participate in mandatory evaluations. See website for evaluations schedules. IMPORTANT – No 11s or 12s will be allowed to play without being evaluated.

### **TEAM SELECTION:**

Teams will be drafted by coaches prior to March 10 from a pool of players identified by the league Commissioner and Player Agent. Team rosters will be balanced by ages and skills. There will be no coach/player requests honored.

### **SCHEDULE:**

A Coaches Clinic is held prior to the start of the season. 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 will be two practices per week prior to the start of the regular season. One practice per week once the regular season games begin. Generally, there will be one week night game and one Saturday game each week. Practices will be held within district

boundaries.

### **GAMES:**

This is the first level of player pitch baseball. Nine players play in the field. Teams use a full batting order. Innings end after 3 outs or 5 runs. Games are 5 innings with 1:45 time limit.

### **EQUIPMENT NEEDED:**

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. Bats should have a maximum barrel size of 2 5/8". 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.

### **POSTSEASON PLAY:**

American and National leagues will each have a postseason tournament. Schedule is yet to be determined, but will be based on the number of teams in each league. The first round of the tournament may be played the week prior to Memorial Day weekend. The championship games will be part of Championship Saturday, played immediately before Closing Ceremonies on June 2.

### **QUESTIONS, CONCERNS & COMMENTS:**

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