

DILWORTH LITTLE LEAGUE TEE BALL INFORMATION

AGE:

Little League Tee Ball is for players aged 5-6 and some 4-year olds. Please visit the [Little League Age Calculator](#) to determine your child's league age. 4-year olds that meet the Little League age calculator are eligible for play, but parents of 4-year olds are required to volunteer in some capacity.

ABILITY & EXPERIENCE:

Tee Ball is for beginners and second year players who want to learn the fundamentals of hitting and fielding. All 5-year olds, and 6-year olds that have not played organized baseball previously, must play at this level. Returning 6s (especially younger 6s) may select this level to continue to build on basic skills and understanding of baseball.

TEAM SELECTION:

Teams are selected by the Tee Ball Commissioner. Requests to be placed with a specific coach, a small number of friends, or with siblings will be considered and should be noted during registration. Team rosters are balanced by age and teammate requests.

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). Prior to the first game, teams practice one weeknight and once on Saturday each week. Once games begin, there is one weeknight practice and one game on Saturday. The spring season finishes prior to Memorial Day and the fall season ends around Halloween.

PRACTICES:

Practices are a multi-team workshop format used to develop basic fundamentals and skills and will follow [The Little League Tee Ball Program](#). This is a 10-week plan that features structured learning, highlighted by one practice and one game per week. Coaches and players engage in a series of lessons utilizing activities that include skills, drills and plenty of physical activity. Practices run for approximately 45 minutes. Weekday practices begin at 5:30 and Saturday practices are usually in the morning.

GAMES:

Games are held on Saturdays at Freedom Park or Park Road Baptist Church. A batting tee is used for all players, and no score is kept in this noncompetitive environment. Games are three innings or 45 minutes, whichever comes first. All team members are in the field on defense and have an opportunity to bat in each inning, regardless of outs.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

The only equipment your child absolutely must have for Tee Ball is a baseball glove. However, we highly recommend purchasing cleats as well as a second pair of pants for your child (the clay will stain their sneakers and a second pair of pants will help lighten the weekly laundry load). 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. There is no prior baseball (playing or coaching) experience required to coach Tee Ball. We provide coaches with guides that help them along the way, and with enough volunteers, each team should have at least two assistant coaches. The time commitment is two hours per week (one hour for practices, one hour for games). 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 postseason play in Tee Ball.

QUESTIONS, CONCERNS & COMMENTS:

Please Contact Scott Weigman, Tee Ball Commissioner, at teeball@dilworthll.org.