

**DILWORTH YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION**  
**CHALLENGE INFORMATION**

**AGE:**

Challenge is offered at the 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12-year old age groups. Your child's Challenge age is the same age as their Little League age. Please visit the [Little League Age Calculator](#) to determine your child's Little League age.

**ABILITY & EXPERIENCE:**

The Challenge program operates independently of Little League, and offers additional instruction and playing opportunities for advanced players. Challenge baseball is open to all players participating on a regular season team in the Spring or Fall. Participation in the Challenge program does not guarantee selection for the Little League Tournament of Champions (TOC) or All-Star teams.

**PLAYER EVALUATIONS:**

The average Challenge team roster has 15 players. In the event that registrations exceed that number, evaluations may be necessary to maintain a manageable roster size. The program goal is to include all that want to participate, but preserving a favorable player experience requires that rosters are limited. Should a player register and not be selected for a team, they will be refunded the registration fee.

**TEAM SELECTION:**

Teams will be selected by the coaches at each age group. Player selections will be based on evaluations and previous participation.

## **PRACTICES:**

Practices are held on Sunday afternoons coinciding with the league's Spring and Fall schedule. The Little League regular season practice and game schedule maintains precedence over all Challenge activities.

## **GAMES:**

Tournament games are normally played on Sundays. Occasionally, when not interfering with the Little League regular season, teams may participate in a two-day (Saturday/Sunday) tournament. Sunday tournaments typically consist of two games, with game scores determining final rankings. Game times are announced on Thursday afternoon prior to the tournament and determined by the organizer. The first game time can range anywhere from 8am to 2pm.

## **GAME DETAILS:**

For more details on tournaments, refer to [www.challengebaseball.com](http://www.challengebaseball.com) (Sunday tournaments) and [www.ncusssabaseball.com](http://www.ncusssabaseball.com) (two-day tournaments).

## **COST:**

The registration fee for the season is \$75 and \$25 for Juniors and Seniors. This fee covers the Spring and Fall season, and includes a player hat and uniform shirt. Scholarships are available for registration fee assistance. There are additional costs for tournament participation. These fees are paid by the player, and collected by the tournament organizer. Historically, the average cost has been ~\$20 per player per Sunday played. The cost for two-day tournaments can vary from \$50 to \$100+.

## **QUESTIONS:**

For any questions, contact Challenge Commissioner, Michael Samuelson, at [challenge@dilworthll.org](mailto:challenge@dilworthll.org).