

## **DILWORTH LITTLE LEAGUE MAJORS INFORMATION**

### **AGE:**

Please visit the [Little League Age Calculator](#) to determine your child's league age. Dilworth Minor leagues are for ages 9 to 12. Most are 11 and 12.

### **ABILITY & EXPERIENCE:**

This is the highest, most competitive level of play for this age group. All players in this age category are eligible to be selected regardless of prior experience. Players are selected to play on a major league team by one of the established coaches after the evaluation process. Players not selected to a major league team are placed on a minor league team.

### **PLAYER EVALUATIONS:**

Mandatory. All players in the 9-12 age group (not already on a major league roster) must participate in evaluations to be considered – no exceptions. See separate handout for evaluations schedules. IMPORTANT – Participation on a major league team in the fall does not place a player on that team. He/she must be evaluated and drafted in the spring.

### **TEAM SELECTION:**

There are six teams of twelve players each. Players are selected via a draft process in spring to fill available openings. Only siblings may request to be on the same team. Once drafted, players remain on the same team through age 12.

### **SCHEDULE:**

Draft is March 6. Practices begin March 8. Games start March 24 after Opening Ceremonies.

### **PRACTICES & GAMES:**

Preseason practices may be daily until games begin. 2-3 practices per week after games begin. One weeknight game and one Saturday game each week. Practices typically held at Freedom Park or Whittington Field. Games played at Whittington Field (Princeton Avenue).

**GAME DETAILS:**

All games are pitched by players. 9 players are in the field. "Standard" baseball rules are used, including a 9-player batting order with substitutions. Each player must play at least 2 innings in the field and get at least 1 at-bat every game. All games are 6 innings.

**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:**

A double elimination tournament is held at the conclusion of the regular season to determine the league champion. Additional information will be posted regarding eligibility for post-season TOC/All-Star tournament teams.

**QUESTIONS, CONCERNS & COMMENTS:**

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