# DILWORTH LITTLE LEAGUE

## 2012 MAJOR LEAGUE INFORMATION

**AGE (AS OF 4/30/2012)**

9 ï 12. Most are 10 - 12 years old.

**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 ï no exceptions. See separate handout for evaluations schedules. *IMPORTANT ï 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 SELECTIONS**

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 played March 24 ï June 7. Opening Ceremonies are April 14. Most players at this level also participate in the fall.

**PRACTICES AND 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 played to 6 inning completion.

**POST-SEASON PLAY (See separate commitment form)**

Tournament teams at each age level (9,10,11,12) are selected at the end of the season for a tournament June 16-23 (TOCs). All-Star teams for combined ages 9-10, 10-11, and 11-12 play beginning around July 7th. Players **must** meet boundary requirements to be eligible and be available for practices/games. Challenge play is also available. See separate handout.