

# **Danville Little League Baseball**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Will there be online registration this year?**

Yes, returning players AND new players to the Danville Little League Baseball program will ALL register online. Registration announcements will be made through the Danville School Corporation, on our web site (DLLBB.com) and through our Facebook page. Our online registration can be completed at DLLBB.com.

### **Does Danville Little League Baseball provide financial assistance to families that cannot afford registration?**

Yes. The Danville Little League Baseball program partners with Sports for All Kids (SFAK) to assist families that cannot afford the registration fees. Those that qualify for SFAK can also request additional assistance through our league payment plan options. If a payment plan option is needed, please contact the league president at [dllbb.president@gmail.com](mailto:dllbb.president@gmail.com).

### **Is Danville Little League a Non-Profit organization?**

Yes, Danville Little League Baseball is a registered 501(c)(3). You can verify our status by visiting:

<https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/mainSearch.do?mainSearchChoice=ePostcard&dispatchMethod=selectSearch>

By simply entering Danville's zip code 46122 and our EIN 35-2132635, you will see the 990-N (e-Postcards) on file with the IRS.

### **How are the number of teams per division determined?**

The number of teams is determined by the amount of players registered to play in that division. The only exception to this is the Major Division where Little League International has a rule in place that sets the maximum number of Major Division teams at 10.

**What are the different divisions? Are they by age or talent?**

Players are selected to different divisions based on age which is determined by Little League International. Below is a breakdown of the divisions and age requirements for the 2018 season.

SEP 9	OCT 10	NOV 11	DEC 12	JAN 1	FEB 2	MAR 3	APR 4	MAY 5	JUN 6	JUL 7	AUG 8	LEAGUE
2013	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	A
2012	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	
2011	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	
2010	2010	2010	2010	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	AA
2009	2009	2009	2009	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	
2008	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	AAA
2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	
2006	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	MAJOR
2005	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	
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2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005	-----	-----	-----	-----	JUNIOR
2003	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	
2002	2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	SENIOR
2001	2001	2001	2001	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	

**What is the style of play for the A and AA divisions of Little League?**

**A Division - General Rules of Play**

- Calculating runs scored will not be tallied to determine a winner or loser of the game.
- Each batter will have 3 pitched balls to hit a fair ball. If the batter does not hit a fair ball after 3 pitches, the ball is placed on a hitting tee and allowed to take as many swings as necessary to hit a fair ball.
- Each team will bat through the entire batting order, 3 outs does not end a half inning.
- A player can be thrown out or tagged out during a play. If this occurs, the player will return to the dugout and batting continues until the team bats through the lineup. Once again, 3 outs does not end a half inning.
- When the ball in play becomes dead, if a base runner has not reached halfway or further in the base path to the next base, the runner will return to the previously occupied base.
- Coach must pitch no closer than approximately 15 feet from the front of home plate.
- A batted ball which comes in contact with the coach pitcher is a dead ball and is not counted as a pitch.

## **AA Division - General Rules of Play**

- All games are officiated by league provided umpires.
- Teams will field six players in the infield and either three or four in the outfield.
- Outfielders will start each play no closer than twenty feet behind the base paths.
- Bunting is not allowed when a coach is pitching.
- Base stealing is not allowed.
- Runners will not advance on passed balls or wild pitches.
- If they do then the Umpire may choose to remove them from the field.
- The strike zone is from the top of the shoulders to the bottom of the knee caps, and widened a few inches to the outside of home plate.
- A half inning in the AA division is defined as 3 outs or 5 runs (aka 5 run rule per half inning).
- The five run per half inning rule shall be in force except during the last inning of a game and all subsequent extra innings in case of a tie
- The first 2 innings of each game will be player (kid) pitch.
- The pitching rubber will be a minimum of 41 feet from home plate.
- Any batters that did not get to face a player pitcher **MUST** be placed in one of the top six positions for the following game
- The remaining innings after kid pitch will be machine pitch.
- Machine pitch is operated by each team's manager or coach and will use a mechanical pitching arm machine is used to deliver all pitches. Coaches must agree on pitch speed and location before play can resume.
- A batted ball which comes in contact with the coach or pitching machine is a dead ball and is not counted as a pitch.
- Each batter gets a maximum of five pitches to either hit a ball in play or strike out. There will be no walks during machine pitch
- The at-bat cannot end on a foul ball. A foul ball on the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive pitch will continue the at-bat one additional pitch until batter strikes out or gets a hit.

## **AAA-Major Division Rules**

- Both divisions play with general rules of baseball. Notable exception for AAA:
  - Dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike not in effect
  - AAA may field 3 or 4 outfielders

## **How do evaluations and the draft work?**

Players are evaluated by which division they are registered. Evaluations are conducted by the managers and coaches of each division. Players are evaluated in 4 areas fielding, throwing, pitching and hitting. A draft occurs after evaluations by the managers of each division (AA – Majors) and is monitored by Board Members. Players of the A division, Junior and Senior divisions are not drafted and are placed on teams by members of the Little League Board.

### **Can a child be promoted/demoted outside their age required division?**

A child can be promoted 1 division as long as it is approved by the League President and the managers conducting the evaluations agree the child can be successful at a higher division and is also not a safety concern. In regards to playing a child down a division (demoting), this also must be approved by the League President. Along with the President's approval that player must go through both their registered division evaluation and the division below. Once he is evaluated by managers in both divisions those managers will present their evaluations to the League President to make a determination on that child's playing status.

### **How do playoffs work once the "regular season" is complete?**

Playoffs occur for the Majors, AAA, and AA divisions. All teams in these divisions make it to the playoffs and are entered into a single elimination tournament by division.