

## **DILWORTH LITTLE LEAGUE**

### **2018 MACHINE PITCH INFORMATION**

#### **AGE:**

Please visit the [Little League Age Calculator](#) to Determine your child's league age. Dilworth Machine Pitch is for *league* age 6,7,8, and a limited number of 9 year olds (as appropriate). **5 year olds may not play at this level.**

There are two divisions within machine pitch, AA and AAA. Both divisions have 60ft. base paths. The AA division is for 6 & 7 y/o players. The pitching machines are set to 30 mph for games and engage active Catchers. The AAA Division is for 7, 8, and select 9s. The pitching machines are set to 36 mph for games and engage active Catchers.

It is highly recommended that your child stay within their age group at this level.

#### **ABILITY & EXPERIENCE:**

Players with previous organized baseball experience and some beginners. 7 year olds MUST have played as a 6yo and learned the basic skills to play at the AAA level. Your child must be able to react to a hard hit baseball in the field. Younger, beginning 9s should consider playing AAA Machine Pitch.

#### **PLAYER EVALUATIONS:**

There may be a basic player evaluation process for those players looking to play at the AAA level.

#### **TEAM SELECTION & REQUESTS:**

Teams are set by the Division Commissioner. There are typically 11-12 players per team. Team rosters are balanced by age and, where possible, baseball ability. Player and coach requests will be limited at the AA level and will not be considered for the AAA level. All team assignments shall be at the sole discretion of the Division Commissioner. AA Machine Pitch is the final division in which player and coach requests may be granted.

#### **SCHEDULE:**

Coaches clinics will be held in early March with all Commissioners, Player Agent, and Director of Coach/Player Development. Coaches clinics will be approximately 2 hours long. Additional information will be provided by Division Commissioner.

#### **PRACTICES & GAMES:**

There will be two practices per week prior to the start of the regular season. One practice per week once the regular season games begin. Generally, there will be one week night game and one Saturday game each week. Practices will be held within district boundaries, but are generally held at Park Road Montessori, Montclair Elementary, or Freedom Fields.

#### **GAME DETAILS:**

A mechanical pitching machine is used to pitch to the hitter. Coaches will pitch to their own team and umpires will make calls and keep pitch count. AA Machine Pitch Setting 5 is 30mph, AAA Machine Pitch Setting 7 is 36, mph. Players will get a maximum of 5 pitches, and will be called out after three swinging strikes. 10 players play in the field each inning. Innings end after 3 outs or a mercy rule of 5 runs is enforced. Games are limited to 5 innings or 90 minutes, whichever comes first.

**POST SEASON PLAY:**

For the AAA level, a single-elimination tournament will be scheduled immediately following the last regular season game and the championship game will be part of Championship Saturday, played immediately before Closing Ceremonies on June 2.

**QUESTIONS, CONCERNS & COMMENTS:**

Please Contact Chris Frye or Terry Linnert, Machine Pitch Commissioners at [machinepitchaa@dyaa.net](mailto:machinepitchaa@dyaa.net).