

Devon Strafford Little League 2009 DSLL Tournament Program By-Laws

Devon-Strafford Little League will organize and support a number of post-season tournament baseball teams to participate in both Little League International and District 27 tournament play. Tournament team try-outs & selection take place in during the first half of June, and games are played late June through July depending on the age group. It is the intent of Devon-Strafford Little League to field competitive teams, and provide them the best chance to advance through the tournament.

Communications/Notifications

Notifications will be sent (via email) to all eligible players indicating:

- Date and Time of Tryouts
- Selection Process
- Dates of Proposed Tournaments
- Number of Teams by Classification
- Level of Commitment for Parents and Players
- Commitment Letter (signed by parents & Players and returned at tryouts)

Tryouts/Selection Process

Tournament Team tryouts for each team will be held and a Selection Committee approved by the DSLL VP of Baseball and League President will provide ratings based on the performance of Offensive, Defensive, and Pitching and Throwing Drills.

Tournament Team tryouts and selection will occur during the first half of June in accordance with Little League Baseball Rules, the teams will be announced on or after June 15th, with the exception of the 9 year old team which begins earlier. Player selection for the tournament teams will determined by group of three (3) evaluators ~ including the Manager ~ selected by the VP of Baseball with approval of the DSLL Board of Directors. The selection criteria used will include:

1. Evaluation based on 1 to 2 tryout sessions.
2. Input by regular season DSLL Managers.
3. Regular Season performance including attitude, commitment, & teamwork.
4. Player availability & commitment to attend all practices and games.
5. Player must have played in 50% of their regular season DSLL games.

Players can be selected for one tournament team only. For example , a player who is league age 9 can play for either the 9 year old team or the 9-10 year old team, but not both.

All selected players and team rosters will be approved by the DSLL VP of Baseball and League President prior to posting on our web-site.

Uniforms

Uniforms include a Game Jersey with Name and Number, Practice Shirt(s) with number, Hats, Socks, and Belt. Other items will be available for purchase including Parents Shirts (with players number), and Bat Bags with Name and Number. Players with previous tournament experience will have first choice of numbers. Players are expected to supply their own pants (grey).

Mandatory Play

Tournament team play is Little League Baseball at its highest level. Little League Baseball Tournament Rules mandate that every player on a team roster shall participate in each game for a minimum of three (3) defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time. Playing time in addition to the mandated minimum will be determined by the Tournament Team Manager. Whose decision is final.

Hosting Responsibilities

As part of the DSLL Tournament Program, DSLL will be hosting multiple games in multiple tournaments. All Tournament Players, Coaches, and Parents will be asked to support the program by performing specific hosting duties for tournament games. Please note that parents will not be asked to perform these duties at games in which their children are involved.

Hosting Responsibilities include but are not limited to

- Field Preparations
- Game Directors
- PA Announcers
- Scorebook
- Scoreboard
- Concessions

Manager & Coach Selection

Tournament Team Managers will be selected based on nomination to the VP of Baseball and approval of the DSLL Board of Directors. Coaches will be nominated to the VP of Baseball by the Manager after a team has been selected, and requires approval by the DSLL Board of Directors.

Selection criteria will include Managing / Coaching experience, knowledge of tournament play & rules, recommendation by DSLL membership, commitment & availability, and history of enthusiastic leadership. In addition, those selected need to meet the requirement of having managed or coached at their respective level during the DSLL regular season. All Managers, Coaches, and Volunteers are required by Little League International and DSLL to complete and submit a "Volunteer Application" to the DSLL Safety Officer.

Additional Information

- o All Players selected for tournament team play and their Parents will be asked to review and sign a "Letter of Commitment". This letter will confirm the time commitment, the competitive nature of tournament baseball, minimum playing time requirements, volunteer needs, and costs. Letter of Commitment must be presented before player will be permitted to tryout.
- o There will be additional costs associated with participation of the program that include Tournament Fees and uniforms which require support from those Players / Families selected.

Devon Strafford Little League - 2009 Summer Baseball Tournament Schedule

TOURNAMENT	DESCRIPTION	TRYOUT DATES	PRACTICE STARTS	Approx GAME DATES	# TEAMS
D-27 ~ 9 Year Old Invitational	Must be league age 9 to tryout. DSLL will field TWO teams.	May 31, Jun 1	8-Jun	June 16 ~ July 1	2
LL ~ 9-10 Year Old State (Al Patton)	Must be league age 9 or 10 to tryout. Preference will be given to 10 year olds who have played Majors. DSLL will field TWO teams.	June 7 & 8	16-Jun	July 2 ~ July 20 *	2
LL ~ 10-11 Year Old State	Must be league age 10 or 11 to tryout. Preference will be given to 11 year olds who have played Majors. DSLL will field ONE team.	June 7 & 8	16-Jun	July 7 ~ July 20 *	1
Little League BB International (Williamsport)	Must be league age 11 or 12 to tryout. Preference will be given to 12 year olds and those with Tournament and Majors experience. DSLL will field ONE team.	June 7 & 8	16-Jun	June 28~ July 14 *	1
D-27 ~ 11-12 Year Old All-Star (John Klein)	Must be league age 11 or 12 to tryout. Preference will be given to 11 and 12 year olds who have	June 7 & 8	16-Jun	July 16 ~ 27-Jul	2

	played Majors but have not made one of the Tournament Teams listed above. DSLL will field TWO teams.				
D-27 ~ All Star Consolation	Continuing play for 11-12 year old LL International Team.	N/A	N/A	July 20 ~ 28-Jul	1
D-27 ~ Majors Team (Bob Jones)	DSLL regular season Majors Champion represents DSLL in this event.	N/A	12-Jun	June 15 ~ June 21	1
LL ~ Junior Baseball International	Must be league age 13 or 14 to tryout. DSLL will field ONE team.	June 15&16	16-Jun	July 7 ~ July 18 *	1
LL ~ Senior Baseball International	Must be league age 15 or 16 to tryout. DSLL will field ONE team.	June 15&16	16-Jun	July 7 ~ July 18 *	1
D-27 ~ Junior League All-Star Invitational				July 20 ~ July 28	1
LL ~ 9-10 Year Old State Softball	Must be league age 9 or 10 to tryout. Preference will be given to 10 year olds who have played Majors. DSLL will field ONE team.	June 1 & 2	16-Jun	July 6 ~ July 19 *	1
Little League SB International	Must be league age 11 or 12 to tryout. Preference will be given to 12 year olds and those with Tournament and Majors experience. DSLL will field ONE team.	June 8 & 9	16-Jun	June 27 ~ July 11*	1
LL ~ Senior Softball International	Must be league age 15 or 16 to tryout. DSLL will field ONE team.	June 15&16	16-Jun	June 28 ~ July 10 *	1

* Teams can advance beyond these dates.