

DLYBA is pleased to announce that we will offer tournament baseball again this season. The featured tournament for players in the Minors and Majors age division is the District 26 Little League All-Star Tournament. DLYBA will provide the uniform for this tournament and will also pay the registration. The Little League All-Star Tournament has multiple levels of play with each level spanning multiple age groups (e.g. 8-10 years old, 9-11 years old, 9-12 years old, etc.). DLYBA will determine which Little League Tournament bracket(s) to enter based on a multitude of factors. This will occur after the registration period. The initial registration step is meant to solely gauge interest so the league can weigh options.

In addition to the District 26 tournament, DLYBA will hold our annual tournament July 13th through July 17th. Tournament coaches may also find additional local tournaments to enter. Potential age groups are 14U, 12U, 11U, 10U, 9U, 8U and 7U.

The first step in this process is getting a count of interested players that are available during the tournament time frame. Practices will start on Sundays in early June and tournament dates can range from June 25 through July 31. **If your child is interested in registering for tournament baseball, you must send an email to deerlakesyba@gmail.com by May 31, 2017.** In addition to indicating your son or daughter's interest in playing on a tournament team, please list any dates in the month of June or July that you will not be available to participate due to vacation or other commitments. Please be thorough and accurate when detailing your unavailable dates. This is an extremely important part of the selection process.

Some additional items to consider when deciding on registering for tournament baseball:

- A selection process will be completed by the league managers and tournament team managers to fill out the rosters. It is possible that not all interested players will be selected. It is also possible that we will not be able to field teams in every possible age division.

- Tournament baseball is typically played at a more competitive level with playing time and positions being based on ability and team needs.
- Tournament baseball is an additional cost to each team member, the estimated cost is \$30 per tournament + uniform (District 26 and the Deer Lakes Tournament registration costs are covered); Most teams will play 1 to 2 tournaments in addition to Deer Lakes (Estimated total is \$80 to \$110).
- Please keep in mind that participation in the Little League All-Star Tournament requires specific documentation that provides proof of residency, birth certificates, etc. Non-Little League Tournaments typically only require proof of age (if requested).
- Participation in the Deer Lakes Tournament requires a concession stand hold check of \$100. As in years past, each family will be required to work one shift per child participating in this tournament. Your hold check will be returned to you at the completion of your shift. The league covers all player registration costs for this tournament and we appreciate a couple hours of your support.

Should you have any questions not covered in this email, please send them to deerlakesyba@gmail.com.

Regards,

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