**DARIEN LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL – MAJORS DIVISION OVERVIEW**

Major League baseball is the highest and most competitive division in Little League. The League is comprised primarily of 11 and 12 year-olds, along with a highly select group of 10 year-olds. Please note that Little League “ages” are based on the child’s age as of April 30, 2013.

Here is an overview of what to expect during the upcoming Majors tryout session and Majors season:

**Majors Tryout**

When you check in to the tryout session your child will be assigned a number. When his number is called he will be brought onto the gym floor to be individually evaluated on throwing, catching, hitting, and pitching (optional). This should take approximately 5-10 minutes. Once your child has completed this tryout he is done for the day.

**What Happens Next**

A draft will take place among the Majors managers in February. If your child is drafted onto a Majors team you will be called by his manager.

All 12 year-olds are guaranteed a roster spot on a Major League team. For 11 and 10 year-olds please be aware that we always have more players trying out for Majors than available roster spots, so there is therefore no certainty your child will be drafted onto a Majors team. As a frame of reference, historically about half of 11 year-olds and less than 20 percent of 10 year-olds play in the Majors Division.

If your child is not drafted onto a Majors team you will be called by a representative of Darien Little League. Your child will then be automatically assigned to a Minor League team and does NOT need to attend the upcoming Minors evaluation session.

**Major League vs. Minor League**

Please be aware that there are substantial differences in playing time requirements between the Major League and Minor League. In the Minors, all players bat in turn and no player may sit out a second inning defensively until each player has sat out once. In the Majors, players must only meet the minimum requirement of one at bat and three innings in the field. Accordingly, in Majors, many players may play the full game while others play only half of the game.

Additionally, in the Majors, many players play one or two primary positions over the course of the season. In the Minors, players typically rotate among several defensive positions.

We appreciate your support of Darien Little League. Please call Greg Doll at (203) 655-7515 or Jim Batson at (203) 829-7955 if you have any questions.