

# Danvers National Little League

## Division Game Rules & Skill Sets

### Major Division

#### Overview:

**Major Division** is considered a highly competitive Division for player ages **9-12** years old. Managers draft (+/-) 12 players based upon evaluation ratings. Great effort is made to balance talent and skill levels equally throughout the division. Nine players are assigned to field positions with nine players in the batting order at any given time. Substitution rules are governed by the LL Rule Book. Each player must play a minimum of 4 innings in a full six-inning game. Coaches focus on developing individual and overall team skills to field the most competitive team. Game scores and standings are recorded. One adult and one child base coach will be used. The First-place team in the regular season is awarded a trophy. After a post-season playoff is held, the winning team is awarded a trophy.

#### Game Rules:

**Major League Division play is governed by the Official Little League Rule Book & DNLL Code of Conduct.**

In the event there is a ten run score differential at the end of a regulation game (four innings or 3 ½ if the home team has the lead) the game will be considered complete. If the visiting team has the lead the home team must bat in their half of the inning, before the game would be considered complete. Although the game is considered complete, the remaining innings will be played.

#### Skill Sets:

- Good Sportsmanship as outlined in the Player Code of Conduct
- Develop batting mechanics (bunting, driving, making adjustments to speed etc.) and pitch selection.
- Pitching emphasis is to continue developing pitch variety with good mechanics and injury prevention/arm care.
- Catcher skills include developing pitch-calling skills, accurate throws to all bases, minimize pass balls, etc.
- Develop fielding strategies based on skills.
- Knowing where to make the throw and getting it there.
- Develop accurate throws from outfielders to proper cutoff person.
- Reading signals from Coach/Manager and implementing directives.
- Arm strengthening and accuracy through practice (long toss).
- Working as a team to get outs.
- Continued development of the basics while adding complex drills
- Work on players weaknesses
- Develop confidence at several positions