

Dell Rapids Little League Policies and Procedures

Complaints

- If a parent has a complaint with the coach, the first course of action should be for the parent to contact the coach directly and discuss the issue in a professional manner. This discussion should take place at a time that is not before, during, or after a game or practice.
- If the meeting with the coach did not result in a satisfactory resolution, the parent can contact the Dell Rapids Little League president to set up a meeting between the parent, the coach, and the DRLL board members. The meeting will take place between all three entities to bring the complaint to a resolution.
- The DRLL board will not take meetings / hear complaints that have not tried to be resolved with the coach directly first.

Moving up Divisions

- The Dell Rapids Little League follows a May 1st cutoff date policy as set forth by the MinnDak Baseball League. Players will play in the corresponding division based on their age as of May 1st:
 - Ages 6, and some 7, will play in the Coach Pitch Division
 - Ages 7-8 will play in the Transition League Division
 - Ages 9-10 will play in the Pee Wee Division
 - Ages 11-12 will play in the Midgets Division
- The DRLL does recognize that some players have summer birthdays and are in a class where most of their peers play in a different division. Parents can contact the DRLL board and request their player to be placed in a higher division than their age.
- The DRLL board will consider the request and provide a recommendation to the parent. The DRLL board will consider ability and safety in making a recommendation.
- It is ultimately the decision of the parent on which division to place their player. If the parent decides to place a player in a higher division against the recommendation of the DRLL board, the DRLL board will not be held responsible for any issues that arise.

Coach Discipline

- Coaches will be held to the standards as outlined and signed in the Coach's Code of Conduct.
- If a coach does not adhere to those standards, the coach will be brought in front of the Dell Rapids Little League board for discussions.
- The DRLL board will determine the best course of action based on the severity of issues.
- Discipline could include one of the following based on severity:

- Demotion in coaching duties for one year. (Example: Move from head coach to assistant coach for one year)
- Removal from all coaching duties for one year
- Banned from coaching Dell Rapids Little League baseball.
- If a coach is brought before the DRLL board for disciplinary actions, the coach will be on a probationary period during that year of discipline. If further issues arise, the coach will be subject to further disciplinary action by the DRLL board.

Determination of Teams

- The Dell Rapids Little League board chooses Coach Pitch and Transition League teams. After family members of coaches are placed on the teams, the rest of the players are divided amongst the remaining teams based on age and special requests. This allows for the teams to be evenly split.
- Pee Wee and Midget teams are chosen through a coach's draft. Family members of coaches are placed on teams. Coaches draft the rest of the team. The draft method used is a "snake" draft (Team 1, Team 2, Team 3, Team 4, Team 4, Team 3, Team 2, Team 1...etc).
 - Draft order for the Pee Wee and Midget teams are randomly chosen under the supervision of the DRLL board.
 - If a player drafted has a sibling, the sibling automatically is drafted as well. DRLL will not put siblings on two different teams.