



South Durham Little League

— 2018 Annual Meeting —



Board of Directors 2018

Executive Team

President – Jamie Clegg
VP – Robin Bolte
Treasurer – Blake Norris
Secretary – Holly Brown*

Coaches Committee

Coaching Coordinator
- Tom Hickey
Kyle Richardson
Lamont Cannon
Blake Norris
Bob Cole

Players Committee

PA - Kylie Brockenfelt
PA- Karen Burgin
Jim Tarpey
Anna Brodeur
Holly Brown*

Parents Committee

Robin Bolte
Ali Richard*
MacKenzie
Casey**

Facilities Committee

Jamie Clegg
Mike Masinick*
Philip Holmes
Ken VanDine
Safety Officer - Janna
Fonseca

8 coaches (49%)/9 non-coaches (51%)

**resigned from BOD effective 10/29/2018*

***resigned from BOD effective the 2/2018 BOD meeting*



2018 By the Numbers

834 Practices (includes All Stars & 540 Challenge)

357 Games Played (454 Scheduled/Rescheduled)

705 Players **445 Spring 2018** (326 machine/kid, 70 T-Ball, 49 Juniors)

74 League Age 12 Players aged out of Little League after Spring

260 Fall 2018 (181 machine/kid, 27 T-Ball, 52 Seniors)

 # players YTD 2017 to YTD 2018, **+69** (mostly T-Ball, Juniors & Seniors)

21 Facilities (15 Baseball/Softball Fields, 4 Soccer/Turf Fields, 2 Indoor Baseball Facilities)

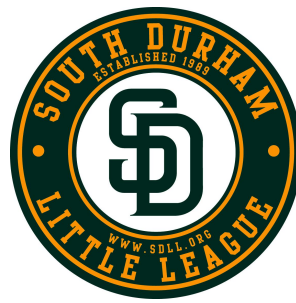
97 Rain Outs (most significant impact to EOST, moved from double to single elimination)

15 Injury Reports, 1 LLI Claim

265 Background Checks

And...

Come See Them in the



2018 Durham Holiday Parade!



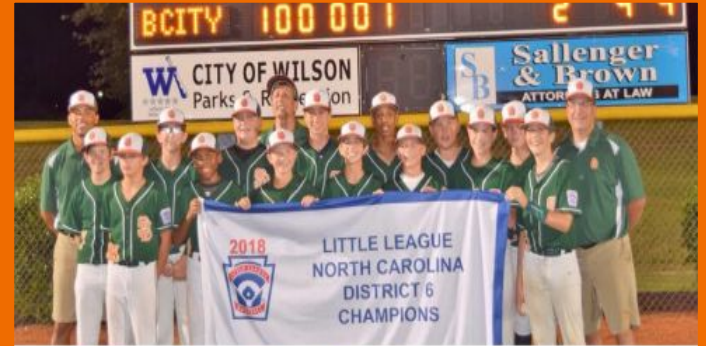
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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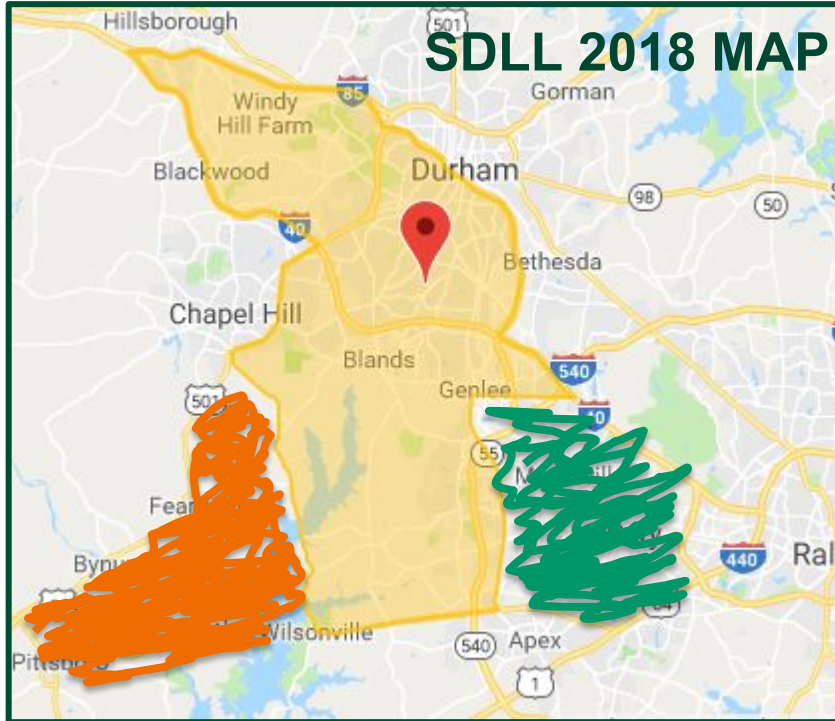
Majors Mets
AAA Tigers
AA Dodgers

3 DISTRICT 6

7/8 All Stars
8/9/10 All Stars
10/11/12 All Stars



President's Report



New LLI Approved Boundary Map

- 1) **Lost** ground in the East to Cary – Morrisville LL in 2017
- 2) **Lost** ground in the West Pittsboro LL in 2018
- 3) **Added** uncovered areas of Western Durham County and extended to 15/501 in Chapel Hill in 2018



President's Report

Highlights

- Amended & Approved Constitution
- Major field rehabilitation, including work with contractors, DPR & Durham Bulls
- Developed a new field (**thanks S. Martin!**)
- Secured practice field for Tee Ball
- Extended Friday hours at Herndon Park
- Reestablished Duke Coaches Clinic
- Reestablished Juniors & Seniors Division
- Established an SDLL merchandise store
- **\$5000 Donation** to the Miracle League
- Book Harvest Book Drive – **210 Books**

Next Steps

- Continue efforts for cost savings in all league operations while continuing effort to improve baseball environment
- Continue financial efficiency improvements
- Continue to upgrade fields/facilities
- Maintain healthy relationships with Parkwood H.O.A., working to pursue grants for field improvements
- Work closely w/SDBF to explore/pursue opportunities for our own baseball complex
- Prepare calendar (save-the-dates) for 2019, publish in December
- Transition key board roles and duties



Treasurer's Report

Income Sources

- Registration Fees
- All Star Registration Fee
- Sponsorship (43)
 - a) Cash/Rebates
 - b) Rental Discount
 - c) Free Accounting services
 - d) Donated Food for Events
- SlugFest

Ancillary Income Sources

- Amazon Smile (paid quarterly)
- SquadLocker (check mailed periodically)
- Credit Card Rewards (whenever applicable)
- Paypal Giving Fund (paid periodically)
- 501[c][3] NC Sales Refund (paid annually)

Recurring Expenses

- Field, Port-a-Johns, Storage Rentals
- Uniforms
- Umpires (\$130/\$55/\$45 a game)
- Administration
- Game Balls
- Turface/Chalk
- SlugFest (Copies/Pizza/IceCream/BullsBucks)
- Trophies (YS Award, EOST, SlugFest, All Star)
- Scholarships
- Misc Expenses (Copies, Parade Fee, Supplies, etc.)

One Time Expenses

- USA Bats
- Field Improvement: Maintenance & Equip.



Parents Committee

Highlights

- Established a Tee Ball FAQ & Edited SDLL FAQ
- Spring Team Parent **100%** Rookie thru Majors
- Hosted Indoor Opening Ceremony, SDLL Day at Duke Baseball, SDLL Day at Durham Bulls, Moe's SDLL Days, SDLL at PDQ & PDQ at the Park
- Partnered w/sponsor NCCPT to offer speed, strength & flexibility clinics **2x** per year
- **584** coupons redeemed (**402 Spring & 182 Fall**) at DSG SDLL Shop Event
- **8** new sponsors (**5** did not return from 2017)
- **\$33,238** raised at SlugFest, raffled **105** prizes
- Expanded Durham Holiday Parade participation

Next Steps

- Outside BOD assistance on review of FAQs
- Work to improve parent volunteer participation rates (concession stand, photo day, opening ceremonies, field clean-up, etc.) & consider volunteer hours requirement
- Continue to promote camps & clinics, informing parents of unique baseball opportunities for their players
- Look at more consistent Food Truck Fridays
- Transition Sponsorship Coordinator to and Opening Ceremony/Family Night Coordinator in 2019



Coaches Committee

Highlights

- **16** First time Team Managers
- **140** Uniformed coaches Spring & Fall 2018
- **294** players (Spring) & **68** (Fall) evaluated
- Conducted first indoor evaluation
- **266/325 (82%)** players received comprehensive post-season player evaluation from their Team Manager and/or Assistant Coach
- No assistants prior to the draft
- Implemented online training tools for Tee Ball

Next Steps

- Continue to secure all Team Manager/Coach player evals; these evals are critical to slotting players in future division assignments & draft
- Evaluations all one weekend or day in Spring
- Fall Ball Development Task Group
- Improve coach retention
- Develop more pitching and catching
- Transition Coaching Coordinator Role in 2019



Players Committee

Highlights

- Advertised Tee Ball registration (**10 teams 2018**)
- Implemented Blue Sombrero for Spring Reg
- Team Managers review draft player detail online 24H or more before the draft
- Successfully processed **6** non-district waivers
- Juniors & Seniors Division & Junior All Stars
- Successfully processed Interleague play approvals
- Cleared **88** All Stars (**7** teams) w/D6
- Designed new All Star Jersey, Hat & practice T-shirt
- **#thinkpink** jersey in all Fall divisions
- Transitioned to new Player Agent

Next Steps

- Work with the Safety Officer to possibly add Medical Waiver to online registration
- Reimplement LLI rule no more than 8 league age 12 players on each Majors team (***estimated 40-50 League Age 12 players 2019***)
- Develop a Player Substitution Coordinator role
- Find a new sock vendor or eliminate socks from provided uniform
- Continue to support Duke Baseball
- Continue with Uniform Task Group and Transition Uniform Coordinator role in 2019



Facilities Committee – Safety

Background Check Rule

Little League Baseball and Softball requires each league to sign an agreement on the league charter application that commits the league to comply with Regulation I[b][c][8][9]. **Background checks are to be completed annually for following volunteers: (a) BOD, (b) Coaches, (c) Umpires, (d) Practice Coaches/Volunteers, (e) Team Parents, and (f) anyone that has repetitive access to the players.**

2018 Background Checks

- **94%** rate, continues to trend upward w/league goal 100% (**100%** rate for coaches, BOD members & other volunteers w/direct player contact achieved in 2018)
- Successfully added umpires to the process
- Successfully processing all background check information online & thru new LLI vendor
- LLI covers fees for first **125**, expect in future SDLL to have budget item for background check as league needs are expected to exceed this limit



Facilities Committee – Safety

2018 Pitching

- Participated in Duke Ortho Arm Study in Majors Division w/20+ players
- No team penalized for untimely reporting of pitch count
- Continue stress of timely pitch count reporting
- Players playing on other non-SDLL team, stress importance to parents to inform their coach of their player's pitch count numbers
- Consider drafting document for Parents regarding pitch counts, arm care & recovery

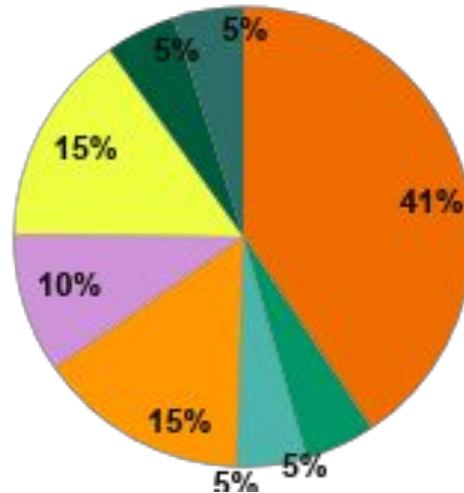
2018 Injuries

- Submittal of safety plan and insurance renewal
- Injuries reported increased 2017 to 2018, but may be impacted by better reporting practices
- Majority of injury incidents occurring during games & being struck by ball leading cause

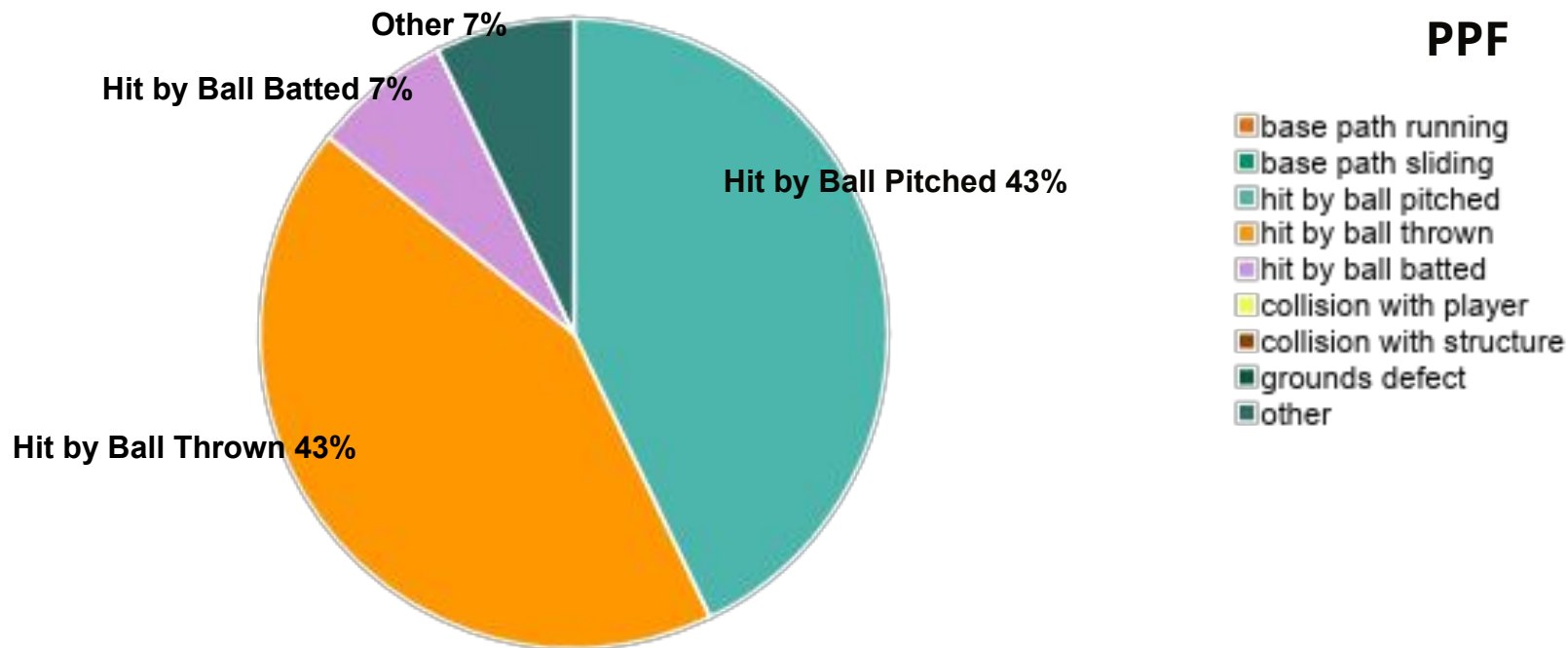
Incident Reports by Age

AGE (League Age 7 & Under, 10 and 12 largest age groups)

7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 other



Incident Reports by Primary Playing Field (PPF)





Facilities Committee – Fields & Equipment

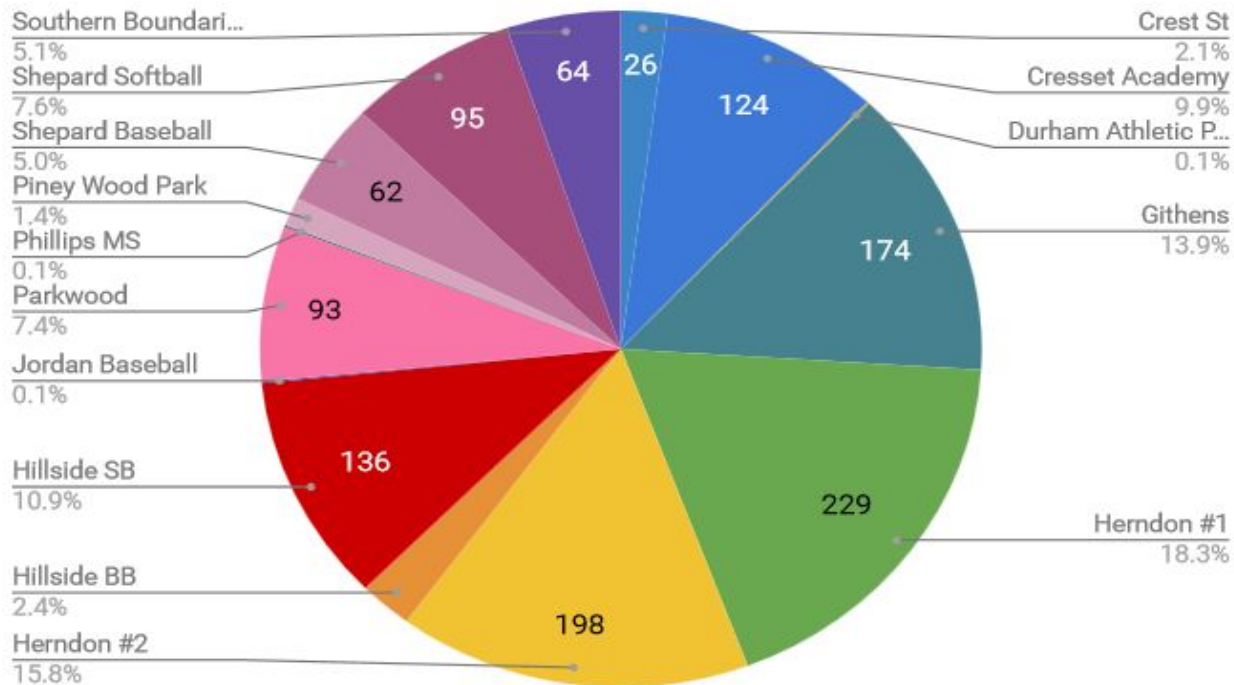
Highlights

- Successfully purchased USA bat for **ALL** teams
- Made Donations to DPS (i.e. trash & monies)
- **2** new fields utilized for practice (CCA & MCS)
- Beta tested & utilized new Silbo umpire services
- Significant field renovations, base plates, cages & maintenance equipment purchase for Herndon, Hillside & Shepard SB, Githens, CCA
- Transitioned Scheduling Coordinator role
- Interleague play & festival with CMLL
- Implemented pitch machine inspection & repair
- Inspected & purged equipment after Spring

Next Steps

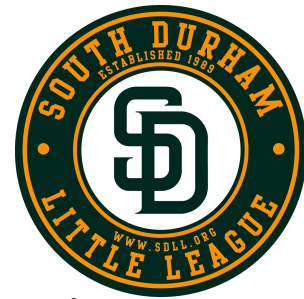
- Secure fields for 2019
- Attempt to resolve DPS Field trash issues
- Continue improvements to CCA & Hillside SB
- Continue & explore interleague play opportunities especially in Fall
- Establish minimum number of games for Tee Ball
- Less compact season in Spring Juniors/Seniors
- Transition Equipment Coordinator & Assistant Scheduling Coordinator roles
- Inspect & purge inventory of equipment after Fall
- Purchase SDLL Logo Game Balls for 2019

Facilities Committee - Ballfield Use in 2018



Key Findings

32% of SDLL Responded
100% T-Ball thru Majors teams represented
30% of Responses from Majors Division



Field Score Average

4 - Herndon Park, Baseball Rebellion

3 - CCA, MCS, Parkwood, Southern Boundaries, Hillside Softball & Baseball, Githens, Pineywood and Downey

2 - Shepard Baseball & Softball

1 - None

Top 10 Field General & Repeated Comments

1. Glass, Trash, Fire Ants & Safety (busy street) at Shepard Softball & Baseball, Hillside, Githens
2. Drop Shepard Baseball
3. All fields need resurfacing
4. More practice on baseball fields, drop non-baseball fields for practice
5. Scoreboards not working at Herndon, Parkwood
6. Parkwood not child friendly, hard to view game
7. Weather canopy for bleachers at Herndon
8. Githens gates often locked, walk across field & not handicap accessible when locked
9. Sheds brought improvements to fields
10. 50% of the respondents do not/would not volunteer for SDLL Field Crew/Field Work



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Coaches

Overall Rating for Team Coach - 4

Overall Rating for Opposing Coach - 4

Area Rated the Lowest - Sportsmanship

- 1) Aggressive arguing w/umpire
- 2) Intentional walks
- 3) Tone on the field

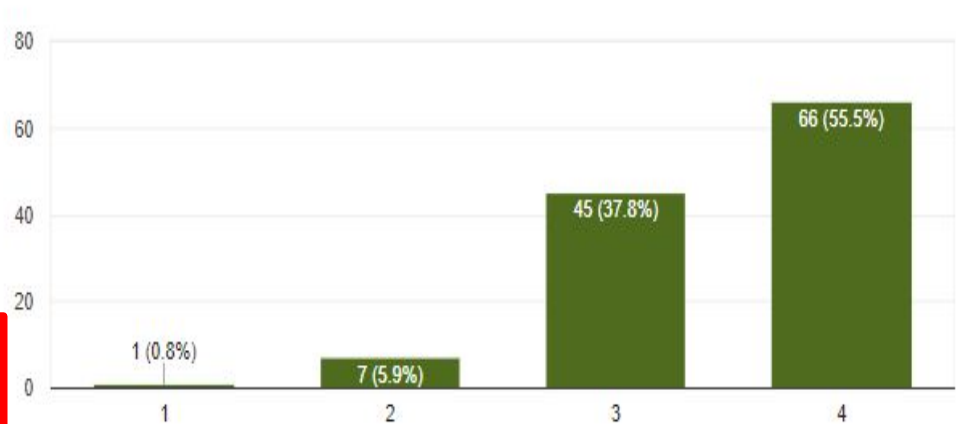
New Equipment 2018:

- a) Bats (Spring Purchase)
- b) Helmets (Fall Purchase)
- c) Catching Gear (Fall Purchase)

Equipment

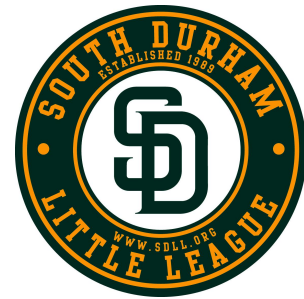
Quality of Equipment (bats, helmets, catching gear, etc.)

119 responses



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Top 12 Schedule General & Repeated Comments

- 1. High remarks for schedule on website, difficult task**
- 2. Loved Friday nights at the Park (double headers)**
- 3. Disliked EOST single elimination, communication a surprise**
- 4. Disliked arrivals prior to 6P**
- 5. Games w/7:30 start time too late**
- 6. All weeknights all games hard stop 1.5 hours**
- 7. Set a required number of T-Ball Games**
- 8. Set days of week of division/team play**
- 9. Alternate better, so teams do not play each other repeatedly back-to-back or always early start time (before 9A starts) or late start time (7:30)**
- 10. Never schedule more than 12 games, season runs too long - too many practices/games**
- 11. More practices/games: reschedule cancelled practices & games, schedule more indoor for rainouts, 5 practices before start, practices over holidays, 3 events (1P/2G) a week**
- 12. Try to schedule less when cold or later during day & earlier in evening**

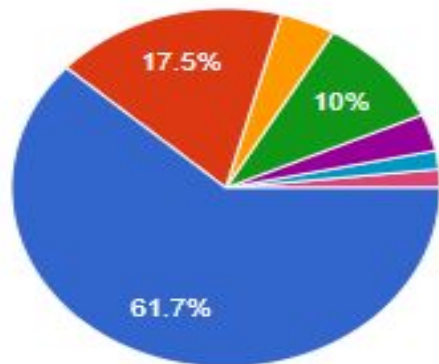
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For the Majors Division, SDLL scheduled double-headers on Friday night at 5:45P and 7:30P. How do you feel about the Friday night double-header this season?

120 responses



- Not in Majors, not applicable
- We liked it, SDLL should always schedule Friday night double-headers
- Did not like or dislike, it worked well given the number of teams in Majors
- It worked, but the early game with arrival times at 5:00P were difficult
- It worked, but the 7:30P game was too late
- We disliked it, SDLL should avoid scheduling double-headers
- In Majors, but no opinion

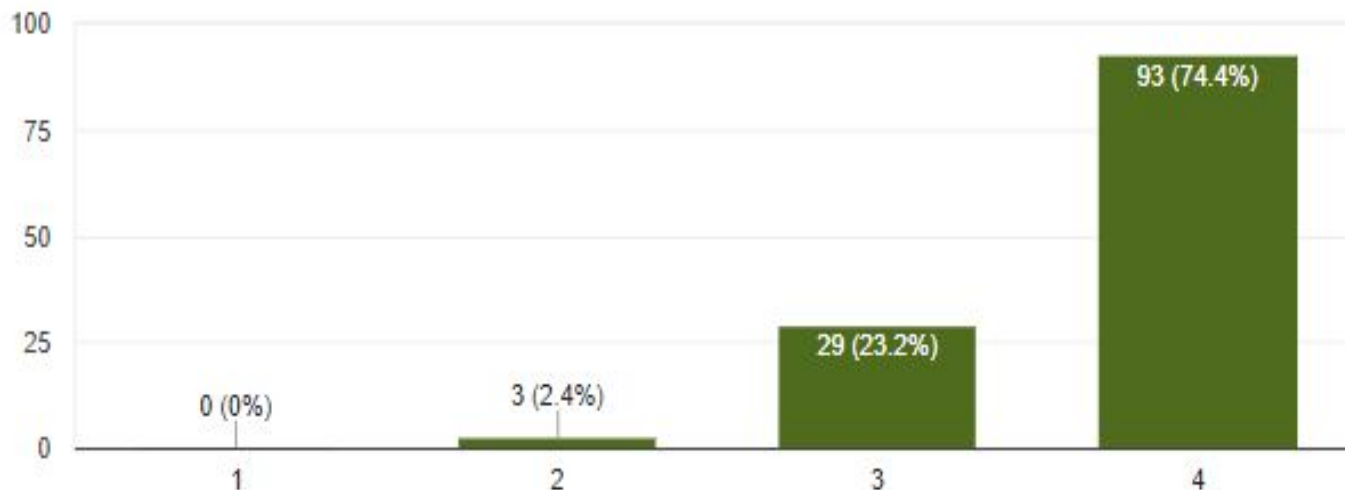
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Value for Registration Fee

125 responses





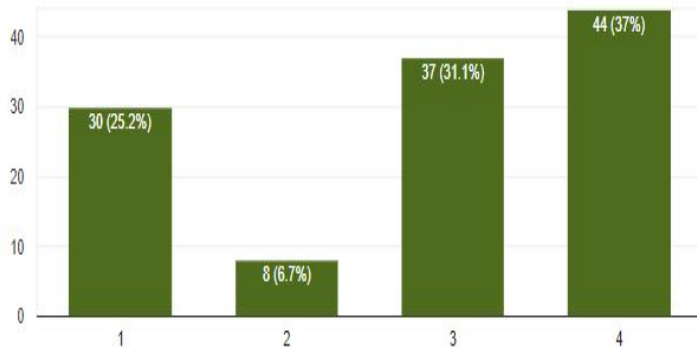
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FAQ Answers Many Questions (Evals, Division Assignments, Schedules, All Stars, Etc.), but most League families have not reviewed or not aware of it. Need to continue efforts to improve upon FAQ info & ensure families are aware of resource.

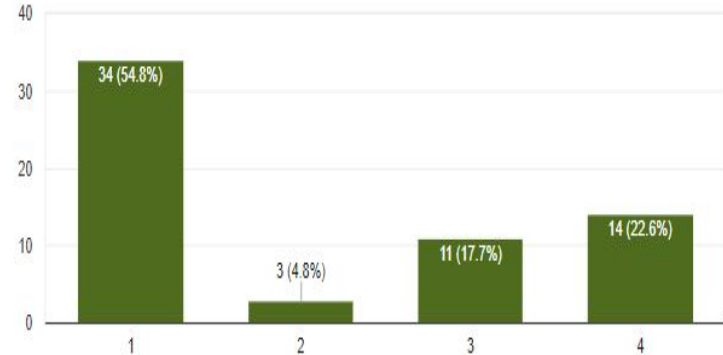
SDLL FAQ Page at SDLL.ORG (1-Never Saw, 2-Not Useful, 3-Somewhat Useful, 4-Very Useful, 5-Excellent)

119 responses



SDLL T-Ball FAQ Sheet (for T-Ball ONLY, 1-Never Saw, 2-Not Useful, 3-Somewhat Useful, 4-Very Useful, 5-Excellent)

62 responses





— **Questions ?** —
