



## Willards Little League Hitting Derby 2015



Coaches, Team Moms and Parents,

It's time to gear up for the **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Willards Little League Hitting Derby** scheduled for Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> for Tee Ball Teams and Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> for Instructional, Minors, Majors, Intermediate and Jr. & Sr. Teams. It is important that you read the entire content of this letter and package to familiarize yourself with the Hitting Derby procedures and the expectations we have of coaches, parents, and players. Team Moms are expected to distribute this packet immediately. The packet includes this letter and a sponsor form.

All Willards Little League players can actively participate in one fundraiser per year, and the Hitting Derby is it! Hitting Derby proceeds will be used for the WLL operating budget including but not limited to new baseball and softball equipment, uniforms, field maintenance, and upkeep, Little League Charter Fees, insurance, league activities, all star tournament fees and post season awards and trophies. Willards Little League is constantly growing – we have a total of 29 teams this year. WLL relies on dedicated parents, coaches and the community and businesses to help our organization thrive. We hope that you will do everything possible to support your Little League. Without these fundraisers, Willards Little League would not exist!

Coaches and Team Mom's are to be in charge of the fundraiser jointly for your team. Your goal should be to promote and encourage participation by all players on your team. Please do this by reminding players and parents at practice and at games, sending reminder emails and making reminder phone calls. As a courtesy to everyone involved please return the fundraiser packet on the **due date** assigned below.

### **2015 Willards Little League Fundraiser Procedures and Prizes**

Each player's goal is to raise \$50 in pre-paid donations. Prepaid donations may be obtained from neighbors, friends, family members, co-workers and/or local businesses. (Examples: 10 people give \$5 each, 5 people give \$10 each, 2 people give \$25 each). **THE DONATION MUST BE COLLECTED AT THE TIME OF COMMITMENT BY THE SPONSOR.**  
**Checks can be made payable to Willards Little League.**

Pre-paid donations should be attached to each player's sponsor form and returned to your Team Mom by/on **Thursday, May 7, 2015**. Each Team Mom is expected to turn all packets in to Shannon Tatum by **FRIDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>**.

Each team will have an assigned time to bat - about ½ hr per team. Team schedules will be announced later (The schedule will work around concession stand times and games times scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> & May 9<sup>th</sup>). Teams should arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time to check in. **Players should wear at least their uniform shirt.** A pitching machine will be used to ensure fairness among all participating players (except for the Tee-ball League). Coaches are expected to feed the pitching machine for their team. Players are expected to help pick up baseballs/softballs as needed, after their team's batting round. While a player is batting for points the only persons

allowed on the field are the batter, coaches and WLL Board Members. All participating players must wear a helmet

Each player will receive 1 at bat for every \$10 received in pre-paid donations (up to \$50), that's five swings if you reach the \$50 goal!! **IF YOU RAISE \$100 or MORE IN PRE-PAID DONATIONS YOU WILL EARN 3 EXTRA SWINGS (That's 8 balls for \$100)!!** Each player will receive 2 warm up swings before batting for points. It is a HITTING DERBY so we will try our best to have everyone HIT the ball!!!

**Points will be awarded as follows:**

**Foul Ball- 10 points**

**Pop Up- 25 points**

**Grounder- 50 points**

**Fly Ball to Outfield- 75 points**

**Line Drive- 100 points**

**Bounce Over the Outfield Fence- 150 points**

**Over the Fence- 200 points**

**BONUS POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR VARIOUS ITEMS – TBD DAY OF EVENT**

In the event of a tie there will be a head to head hit-off between players involved.

Bill Ritz, President of Willards Little League, is the official that will determine the winners. Winners will be determined at the end of each division's round.

Trophies will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place individual players with the most batting points from each division (T-Ball, Instructional League, Minors, Majors, and Jr, Intermediate and Sr). Trophies will be given at the end of each division's round.

The one TEAM that brings in the most pre-paid donations will win a PIZZA PARTY AND get to take the field with the Shorebirds on our Little League Night!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



## Hitting Derby 2015

Willards Little League is conducting our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Hitting Derby on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> for Tee Ball Teams and Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for all other Teams.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to ask you to sponsor me.

Player's Name

Donations that are raised will be used for new baseball and softball equipment, uniform replacement, field maintenance, insurance, league activities, All Star tournament fees and post season awards. My goal is to raise at least \$50. (Donations should be collected now.) I will receive 1 at bat for every \$10 I raise up to \$50 (that's 5 at bats for \$50). I will receive points for each type of hit I get during the competition. Points are awarded as follows: Foul Ball 10 points, Pop-Up 25 points, Grounder 50 points, Fly Ball to Outfield 75 points, Line Drive 100 points, Bounce Over Fence 150 points, Over the Fence 200 points.

If I raise \$100, I will get an additional 3 at bats for a total of 8 at bats. The more points I have the greater my chances of winning a 1st thru 3rd place trophy.

Your donation is tax deductible and goes directly to Willards Little League Organization. Your pre-paid donation can be made by cash, or check made payable to Willards Little League.

Thank you for helping my Little League Organization.

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount of Pre-Paid Donations: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Each player's sponsor form(s) and corresponding donations must be kept together.)

Sponsors Name	Sponsor's Email Address	Pre-Paid Donation
1.		\$
2.		\$
3.		\$
4.		\$
5.		\$
6.		\$
7.		\$
8.		\$
9.		\$
10.		\$
11.		\$
12.		\$

PLEASE RETURN YOUR MONEY AND FORM TO YOUR TEAM MOM BY Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.