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Twinsburg Baseball League Selected as Host for 2018 Major League Baseball ® Jr. Home Run Derby™ Qualifier

Twinsburg, OH, January 31, 2018 – Twinsburg Baseball League (TBL) announced today that they were chosen as a host site for a local qualifying event for Major League Baseball's (MLB) ® Jr. Home Run Derby™ contest. The event is a new initiative launched by Major League Baseball ® to build strong relationships with youth baseball organizations and to allow kids ages 14 and under to showcase their hitting skills.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 19th at Liberty Park and feature competition in 12 and under and 14 and under age divisions. Participants age as of July 17, 2018 determine their age for the purposes of the competition. Morning and early afternoon qualifying rounds will be held for each age division before the top eight competitors in each division are brought back that evening for the finals. The winners in each age division will advance to a regional qualifying tournament, with the winners of those events participating in the national finals at Nationals Park in Washington D.C. as part of MLB's 2018 All-Star Game festivities.

“We conducted a couple of different home run derby events last year and the kids loved them,” said Rich Swerbinsky, President of TBL. “So when we saw this opportunity to bring this event to Twinsburg, we jumped on it. We want to continue to add fun events like this event and like the Twinsburg World Series of Wiffle Ball to our annual calendar to help make more kids get excited about playing the great game of baseball and spending more time out on Twinsburg's baseball fields as opposed to in front of their televisions.”

More details on the event will be posted to twinsburgbaseball.com in the coming weeks. Questions and inquiries can be sent via email to twinsburgbaseball@gmail.com.

About Twinsburg Baseball League

Twinsburg Baseball League (TBL) is a not-for-profit organization led by a board of over 40 area residents that serve on a volunteer basis. TBL strives to provide a positive and developmental youth baseball experience for the 1,200 children annually that participate in their recreational baseball leagues, travel baseball program, and other programs and

events throughout the year.

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