**Blazeball**

Blazeball is very similar to baseball, but it is played at a much faster pace. Players are given multiple opportunities in the field and at the plate during each game.  Blazeball was created to give kids who enjoy baseball the opportunity to play a full game in half the time.  The game is played on a traditional Little League infield with the traditional infield positions (1B, 2B, 3B, SS and P).  The biggest difference is that there are NO outfield positions played. There are no hits greater than a double. There will be a paid instructor who will manage the game and pitch to the kids.  There is NO kid pitch in this league to ensure a fast pace. Teams are comprised of 5-7 players per team.  One parent is required to sit on each bench during the game.  The season will start on 9/24 and end on 11/12 with the last two weeks being playoff or consolation games.  All games are on Sundays between 8 AM -1 PM.  There are two divisions, 7/8 and 9/10/11 (determined by their previous spring Little League age).  Players can play up a division but not down.  The games are 50 minutes each with 30 seconds between half innings (yes- this requires hustle).  There is a 5 run mercy rule per inning with unlimited runs in the last designated inning. Blazeball has 2 outs per inning instead of the traditional 3 in baseball.

**Rule:**

\*2 outs per inning (inning starts with one out)

\*5 run mercy rule per inning (Unlimited runs last inning)

\*Can't play same position 2 innings in a row (rotate counter clockwise each inning)

\*5-7 players per team

\*Teams can borrow players if needed. If player is needed (less than 4 players), other team will rotate a position player each inning. They will continue to bat in his/her order on their team

\*1 parent on each bench per game, 1 parent keeps score/time and 1 parent to play catcher position

\*50 min games. No new inning starts 45 min after start of game

\*30 seconds between half innings. Batter loses pitch if not ready in 30 sec

\*No: bunting, stealing, walks, big barrel bats or infield fly

\*Two age groups: 7/8 and 9-11

7/8 (2017 Little League age)- Gets 7 pitches (strikes) to hit or results in an out

9-11(2017 Little League age)- Gets 5 pitches (strikes) to hit or results in an out

\*Hitting: Singles and doubles only

7/8- Hit into outfield grass on fly = double, line drive past cone = double

9-11- Cones in outfield. Hit on fly = double, line drive past 2nd cone line = double

\*Can advance 1 base if ball is still in play and infielder not getting ball back to pitcher

\*Fielding: 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, P position (NO outfield)

\*Catcher stands behind screen. They can be involved in a play at the plate (no gear)

\*Adult pitcher does not field the position. If he is struck by hit it is a single and 1 base for runners

\*Parents can play outfield but not impact result of play/game

\*Staff member pitches (1 per field)

\*Pitching will be to the skillset of the kid

\*Staff members will provide quick coaching opportunities during games when needed

\*Over Throws

    7-8- No advancement

    9-11- Only 1 base at all times.

\*Schedule: 6 regular weeks (9/24-10/29) and 2 weeks of playoffs (11/5 and 11/12)

\*Score will be reported at the end of each inning

\*No on-deck hitters and No warm-ups in field

\*Rules might change slightly during season, only to make game better for all