

## **AA**

**CORI:** All coaches and assistants and Team parents are required to complete CORI forms. All CORI forms for assistants/team parent need to be turned in by the beginning of May at the latest.

### **Practices**

All teams should practice once a week. Field space is limited during the week, batting cages are available but must be reserved.

### **General Rules**

WLL AA Baseball Division is best described as instructional Baseball

Games are six (6) innings long with the understanding that you should not start the top of an inning within a ½ hour of the start of the next game.

No official score is kept (be prepared for kids to insist that they know the score)

Offensively: Teams are given 3 outs per inning but shall only bat half way through the line-up per inning. (Flexible we often went with 6 player's maximum or whole lineup if teams short players (only 5-6)

For the most part extra bases should not be encouraged (i.e. taking a base on an over throw to first). The exception being well hit balls to the outfield runners should be encouraged to advance until the ball comes back into the infield

Have T readily available if someone is struggling at the plate. (I would encourage the coaches to determine if necessary (meaning determine if they have players that might struggle hitting pitched balls) prior to games if possible and then track down a tee if available. Rookies have priority on tees)

### **Defensively**

All players should be used on the field each inning, with extra players being spread across the outfield

The team in the field should provide a coach to back up the catcher,

Kids should be encouraged and taught the basics of throwing to correct bases to get lead runners etc.

## **Pitching;**

We will start the season with coaches pitching all innings

By the last weekend in May, we will introduce having players pitch (coach pitches first two innings, players pitch innings 3 and 4, and coaches pitch the last two innings) The coach of the hitting team should call balls and strikes, note this will be first time for many kids that can strike out )

Please make sure that you are spending time during your practices identifying pitchers and working on kids pitching. The end of May should not be the first time someone pitches

Both coaches and players are encouraged to try and pitch from the rubber (this is something that can be worked up too as season progresses and not an absolute)

## **Rookie League Rules that do not carry over to AA**

The last batter should not run the full bases; and

If a player is called out they should head back to the bench

## **Rainouts:**

League coordinator will communicate through email; will also let web master know if there are rainouts so a league wide blast will be made as well. On wet mornings we want to play if possible, field crews need as much help as possible getting fields ready, so encourage parents to come on down and grab a rake.

If there is no email then assume games are on!