## LEAGUE U9 Rules – 2022

Distance from home plate to pitching mount 9.14 m (30') \*Coaches discretion Distance from home plate to 1st and 3rd base 13.7 m (45')

- Suggested Time to be at the diamond by 6PM for warm up, start time for the game at 6:30PM
- do not start another inning past 7:30PM (ideally 1 hour games)
- Play for fun
- -Parent pitch, after 5 pitches batter will hit off of a tee \*\*Everyone hits\*\*
- -Parent catches
- -11" indoor balls
- No stealing
- NO RUNNING ON OVER THROWS To encourage defensive plays, the runner can not run on any overthrows. If the Batter connects for a solid hit into the out field, she is allowed to run around the bases until the defensive team returns the ball into the infield and the coaches should call to the runner to stop running. If the Hitter hits the ball in the infield, that player should be attempting to beat the throw to 1<sup>st</sup> base, she should not attempt to keep running to other bases. This will encourage fielders to develop their throws to specific bases and make plays without being penalized for trying make a play. It will help teach the players some of the strategy involved at the defensive end of the game.
- All players bat once per inning
- If a batter or runner is put out on a base, they do not continue to run, if runner is put out on the play, they are out and head back to the dug out.
- No score
- 5-7 players on the field
- Fielding coach optional