



# NORTHSIDE GAMEPLAY BY DIVISION

**WeeBall-** Weeball game play is very very basic. The home team will start out in the field. Players should be spread out through the field and be encouraged to stay ready for the ball. Parents are welcome to be out on the field to help coach. Throwing is not allowed for safety reasons. Weeballers normally cannot control their throws enough to safely throw a ball with others standing around. However, we do want to encourage them to try and tag or touch a base after they field a ball. NO OUTS ARE RECORDED. The visiting team will bat first. Each player will bat once each inning. They will get to swing till they put a ball into play. They will then run to first and remain there until the next batter hits. The runners will advance one base each time until the last batter. The last batter will run all the bases and those on base at that time will run the remaining bases till all runners reach home plate. It is wise to have a parent stationed at each base to direct the players where to run next. Rotate who the last batter is each inning so every player gets a turn to be last. Game time is one hour. Normally, two innings are accomplished but a third can be played if time allows and chaos has not occurred yet. : )

LEVEL 1 BASEBALLS SHOULD BE USED. Practices can mimic a game- things to focus on are proper position in hitting. How to hold the bat. Correct fielding position. Base running order.

**4-5 coed Baseball** TEEBALL has a few unique rules. Each batter will get 3 pitches from a coach. Failure to put a ball into play will result in swings from the tee. There is a 5 run rule limit in place. A half inning is over when three outs are recorded, or 5 runs are scored. Base runners will cease advancing when the ball is returned to and secured in the infield and time is called. Runners already past the halfway point may continue to the base in front of them if they were before the halfway point they return to the base they came from. Two defensive coaches are allowed on the field at a time but may not interfere with the play. Up to four coaches can be utilized for offense. A first and third base coach, a pitcher, and a behind the plate coach. All players will be in the batting lineup but not more than ten may play the field. A catcher is necessary but should wear a helmet with a facemask and stand at the back fence (not behind home plate). Level 1 Baseballs should be used. Game time is 60 minutes. Desired number of Umpires: 1

## **6-7 Baseball 6-8 Softball**

No coaches are allowed on the field to help with defense. There are three coaches allowed to help with offense. A First and third base coach and a pitcher. Pitches shall be thrown from approximately 25 feet from a standing position. A fully suited catcher must be behind the plate. Players will get 5 pitches from a coach. Failure to put a ball in play results in an out. A half inning is over when either 3 outs are recorded or 5 runs are scored. **Time is called when ALL runners have been stopped by a defender.** If both teams have ten players, then game can be played defensively ten on ten (Four outfielders). If one team does not have ten, only nine can play on defense. All players are in the batting line up. Game time is one hour. Level 5 baseballs should be used. Soft trainer softballs are to be used. Desired number of Umpires: 1

**9-10 Baseball** is a pitching machine league. Each batter will get 5 pitches from the pitching machine. A batter may strike out looking or swinging but may not walk. A foul ball on the fifth pitch is recorded as an out. A half inning is over when three outs are recorded or 6 runs are scored. There will be **no run limit** in the designated last inning. An umpire is present behind the plate to call strikes. Runners may advance until they are stopped or time is called by the umpire. They may not steal a base or advance on a passed ball and there is no leading off. A catcher must be provided with catchers gear (provided). Bunting is allowed. All players present will be in the batting lineup but not more than nine may take the field. Unique position play should be encouraged. Game time is 1 hour and 15 minutes. Score will be kept in these games. REAL BASEBALLS ARE USED