

# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

## Parks and Recreation

### Youth Baseball Program

### 2018 RULES

### 6 Year Olds

#### Game

- Length of game will be consist of three (3) inning or 1 ½ hour.
- A continuous batting order is in effect. All kids must bat in every inning.
- The infield fly rule is not in effect.
- Outs will not be recorded (See note above). However we encourage the coaches to teach the players the game and when a throwing out has been made, the batter is out and sent back to the bench. All unassisted outs will not be recorded until the midway point of the season. At that time all outs, both assisted and unassisted will result in the batter leaving the field. This is done to teach and encourage the defensive players to throw to the correct base. It also motivates the batter to run to first base.
- There are no strikeouts.
- Players are not permitted to slide.

#### Equipment

- All players are required to wear an athletic supporter and cup.
- Pitchers must wear helmets at all times.
- First baseman must wear a helmet.
- There are no catchers at this level

#### Defense

- All players shall be placed in the field, but be free of the base paths.
- Outfielders should be positioned in the outfield – a minimum 20 feet from the infield grass.

#### Playing Time

- All players should be granted the opportunity to play two innings at an infield position, except where the threat of a potential injury may be present.

#### Pitching

The first two games consist of hitting the ball off of the Tee.

After the first two games the kids will be thrown 5 pitches by a coach. If he fails to make contact and hit a fair ball he will then use the Tee.

#### General

- The game should be suspended in the event of lightning. Players should be immediately removed from the field.

- A player (batter) will receive one warning if they throw the bat after they hit the ball. Thereafter, it will be the coaches' judgment to eject the player from the at bat if they throw it a second time.
- One base at a time. No extra base hits, except the last batter in the order will clear the bases, ie homerun rule.