## BCRC Little Sluggers - 5&6 Year Olds

## **Playing Rules**

- The purpose of Coach Pitch is to teach the FUNdamentals of the game of baseball. Children should be encouraged to do their best and be applauded for their effort.
- Score will not be kept.
- Coaches will pitch from one knee, underhanded. Feel free to move closer or farther away for each player.
  - o Batters will get 3 pitches maximum.
  - o If the batter does not put the ball in play, the hitting tee will be brought out for them to use.
- All members of the team shall bat and play in the field. A team's at-bat is complete when all members of the team have batted once.
- The entire lineup will bat, no matter how many outs are made. Players will be ruled "out" or "safe" by the umpire. The last batter will run around the bases until he/she is called out or scores.
- Switch defensive positions every inning. Please have a player at the catcher position. They won't actually be catching the pitch, but they will hold the balls for the umpire.
- Return the ball to the pitcher after each play.
- Let the umpire know when the last batter is coming up to bat.
- Each game shall consist of 3 innings or 45 minutes
- The team listed last on the schedule will be the home team.
  - (Example: Team 1 vs. Team 2 Team 2 is home)
- If a team has less than 4 players, that team may borrow players from the other team.
- All batters and base runners will wear a helmet. Please share helmets between teams.
- Please have team ready to take field at the scheduled start time. There are no lights at our fields, so daylight will eventually run out.
- Games and practices will be at the fields north of the High School.

## **Equipment**

• Each team will receive a bag of balls, bats and helmets. There will be a tee for practice use (one for each field) and will be kept in the JobBox at the High School fields. Each coach will be given a key and will use the equipment for practices and games. There is T-Ball equipment (in bags) in the JobBox, please leave that equipment alone. Please respect the rest of the teams in the league and put the equipment back the way it was left for you.