## **GOODHUE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT 2020**

## 12U Baseball Rules

- Game will consist of one 5 inning game with a 75 minute time limit on each game. No inning should start after 75 minutes.
- Each team will supply 1 game ball per game. The game ball should be of sufficient quality(Wilson, Rawlings, Diamond...) No practice balls, please.
- Maximum diameter at the thickest part: 2 1/4" or less with UNLIMITED weight differential and a USSSA or USA mark and meet Bat Performance Standards or Maximum diameter at the thickest part: 2 1/2", 2 5/8", or 2 ¾" barrel with minus 10 weight differential or less and a USSSA or USA mark and meet Bat Performance Standards. Wood bats allowed.
- Runner mays steal home at any time, including passed balls.
- The batter may advance to first base on a dropped or missed 3rd strike only if first base is unoccupied
- A pitcher can pitch a maximum of 4 innings per game (1 pitch constitutes an inning) and 8 innings per tournament.
- 9 defensive players in the field (3 outfielders)
- You must bat at least 12 uniformed players if you have over 12 players, but all players can bat if coach chooses.
- Free substitutions
- During the pitcher warm-ups (at any time) the catcher must wear a mask
- Bases are 75 feet.
- Pitching mound is 52 feet.
- Mercy rule is in effect if team is ahead by 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings
- Courtesy runner is allowed for the current catcher at any time. The courtesy runner will be the last player in your lineup who made an out.
- No metal spikes
- Runners must slide on all close plays. Failure to do some can result in an out.
- Catcher interference will be called and the batter will take their base.
- Runners may lead off
- Balks- A pitcher will receive 1 warning. After 1 warning, balks will be called.