## Throwing Mechanics



# Grip

- Four Seam Grip
  - Index and middle finger on perpendicular horseshoe seam of ball across the Horseshoe
    - Ring finger can be added if ball is to big for player
  - Thumb should rest directly below
    - Ideally resting on leather
  - Don't Choke the ball
    - Allow for some space between the ball and your palm



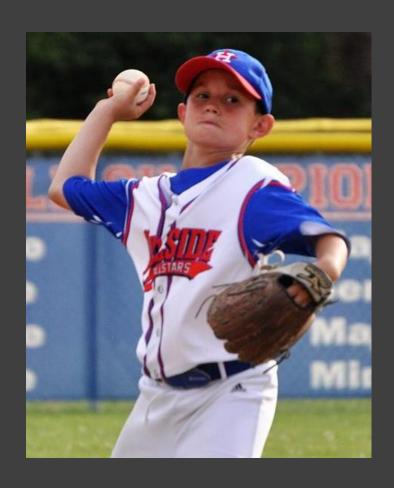
### Upper Body

- Power T / Bear Claw / 90/90
  - Facing sideways from target
  - Glove side arm bent with front elbow pointing to target
  - Glove side parallel to ground with level shoulders
    - Pocket of glove facing target
  - Throwing arm bent parallel to ground
    - Back of hand pointing toward target
    - Ball facing away
  - Elbows, shoulders, and head form line to target



#### Throw to Finish

- Leg drive toward target
  - Use Throwing side leg to drive body forward
  - Glove side toes should open and face target
- Point Glove to target
- Rotate hips to square shoulders to target
  - Pull glove into armpit
- Backside step/pushes through target
- Throwing arm should follow through past glove side knee
- Finish
  - Thrower should finish in Fielding position



### Receive

- Athletic Receiving Position
  - Bent Knees
  - Throwing hand and Glove have Active
- Receive
  - Move feet to catch ball over throwing shoulder
  - Catch the ball with two hands
    - Above waist → Fingers up
    - Below waist → Fingers down
- Instep
  - Block-step Throwing side foot toward target
- Step Glove side foot to square body to Target
- Break Hands to get upper body in 90/90 positon