# **2022 Trumbull Little League 5 year old Division Guidelines**

### Tee Ball

To be eligible to play in this Division, players must be born between September 1st 2016 and August 31st 2017. The only equipment necessary for the player to bring to each game is a glove, helmet, and bat. The league will supply uniforms (shirts, hats and pants). Boys are encouraged to wear athletic supporter and cup.

At this level, players will be introduced to the game and learn the fundamentals of hitting and fielding as well as experience the value of teamwork.

## Rules:

- The playing field will consist of base paths of approximately 50-feet in length.
- All players hit a ball off a batting tee. Coaches do not pitch.
- Each scheduled game begins with a coaching session of 25-30 minutes.
- Games should be 1-2 innings per game, in which all players hit, run the bases, and score each inning.
- Outs and runs are not counted at this level. All games end in a TIE.

### When Hitting:

- A continuous batting order is used. Rotate the order each inning and game.
- Players run to one base at a time.
- Last batter runs all bases and all runners' score.
- Only the batter is allowed to hold a bat. NO BATS IN BENCH AREA.
- Players should remain with the team on the bench.
- Ask a parent to assist with safety in the bench area.
- By the end of the season, coaches should not need to direct the batters or runners.

## When Fielding:

- All players are on the field each inning.
- Rotate fielders each inning and game.
- Keep fielders at least 46 feet from the batter.
- Coaches remain on the field to instruct.
- Teach fielders the positions and instruct them to throw to first base.
- Instruct fielders to hold their positions and not to pile on each other when fielding.
- Call fielders name when ball is hit.

**Inclement Weather:** The managers shall immediately suspend or cancel games and players and coaches shall retreat to automobiles in the event of any sight of lightning. No players will be permitted to remain on the field or in open dugouts for any reason

Teams will play 1-2 games per week without any other team practices. The season begins near the end of April and will end approximately with the end of the school year, usually about mid June. All teams will play one game during the season on the full size Little League Fields at Unity Park (Major League Day). More details to follow.