

## DIVISION 1 (5-6 YEAR OLDS)

This program is designed to teach 5 and 6 year olds the fundamentals of baseball. The following rules have been established as a guideline for teaching these fundamentals. If you have any questions regarding these rules contact the program coordinator at SYSA at 536-1800.

1. Sixty-foot bases will be used.
2. Each game shall consist minimum 4 innings or 1 hour 15 minutes whichever occurs. Games start at 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM. Last inning may not start after 1 hour after game starts.
3. All players on the roster must play a minimum of two innings in the field.
4. The first half of the season will be "tee ball." A tee will be placed at home plate and each player will take as many swings as necessary to hit a fair ball. Once a ball is hit fair the opposing team may field the ball and record an out. A parent or coach will place a ball on the tee as necessary.
5. The second half of the season will be coach pitch. Coaches pitching to their own players. Each player will have 5 pitches to hit a fair ball. If a fair ball is not hit a ball will be placed on a tee for the player to hit.
6. Outs will be counted and once there are three outs the other team comes to bat.
7. All players on the lineup card will bat in order even though only 9 will play the field (continuous batting rule).
8. There is no leading off or stealing of bases.
9. FIVE (5) RUN RULE: No team will score more than 5 runs in any one inning. Once the 5<sup>th</sup> run has scored and the ball is dead the inning is over.
10. For instructional purposes a maximum of two coaches may be on the field to help and instruct the defense during the game.