## **RRLL TBALL RULES**

Games will be 2 innings or up to 1 hour which ever comes first. Please start on time and have your players ready to take the field or bat so Tballer's enjoy their time and do not lose interest waiting on players.

## **Batting**

- Each player will bat each inning
- Coach will only pitch up to 4 balls to the batter or until contact is made in fair territory. If no contact is made, the tee will be brought out for the batter to hit from.
  - $\circ$  Exception: PK If they are not ready to hit from the coach's pitch, the coach can start them from the tee.
- When contact is made, the batter will advance only one base regardless of where the ball is hit unless foul.
- Last batter will hit a 'homerun' regardless of where the ball is hit and clear the bases.

## Infield

- When a ball is hit, the infielder will take the ball and make the play at first or closest base.
- The ball is then returned to the coach for the next batter.
- No outs are kept track of during an inning. If the infield team gets an out, the batter will still remain on base.
- A coach from the opposing team will be the catcher. This allows them to help set up their batters in the box before each pitch.

## TIPS:

- Providing an X or CIRCLE in the dirt for the child to stand in the infield allows a visual of positions. This also helps the team to spread out and field the ball and avoid all players running after the ball at once. Position 2 players on each side of the pitching mound and the remaining players in normal infield positions. Rotate positions every 3<sup>rd</sup> batter or at least every inning.
- Create a batting order so the players know who is next in line. Each inning start with the next batter down so by the end of the season, every child either started batting first OR was able to hit the 'homerun' at the end of the inning. A dedicated assistant or mom to help with lining the players up in the dugout is very helpful.
- Have parents sign up to bring treats to hand out after the games or practice. This can be used as motivation to keep them going!