

## **Hemlock Youth Baseball & Softball League Rules of Play**

### **Instructional Tee-Ball League:**

- Children participating in tee-ball need parental supervision during practices and games.
- Coach or parent may assist at home plate. Each team may station adults on the field to instruct players.
- Coaches are urged to use all of their players equally. Remember, the game is played for the fun and enjoyment of youngsters, and to ready them for continued play at the next level.
- Don't hesitate to ask your players parents for help during practice and during games...you'll find that most folks are willing and eager to help.
- For new coaches...H.Y.B.&S. provides shirts, hats and medals. The players get to keep their shirts and hats when the season is over.
- Equipment turn-in is generally the second week in June...more details to follow.

### **Game Rules**

1. Games will be played with all offensive players on the field.
2. All players present will bat in full roster order.
3. There will be no leading off or stealing of bases.
4. An inning is batting one (1) full rotation.
5. Runners may advance one (1) base on an over thrown ball ( the base he/she is running to plus more.
6. A miss is called when: A (the ball doesn't travel more than 4 feet in front of the tee, or B) when the tee and ball are missed completely.
7. Five (5) misses is a walk.
8. Protective headgear must be worn at all times by (batters, catchers, and base runners)
9. The play ends when the ball is in the possession of the catcher or within the chalked plate area. Ball is then teed for the next batter in order.
10. When the last batter comes to bat the batting team is assumed to have two (2) outs.
11. Game length is 3 innings or one (1) hour.
12. The batter or runner will be called out for intentional throwing of the bat or any equipment. One warning per game, per player.
13. A coach or parent will remove tee with runner heading home.
14. The pitcher must stay in the pitcher circle until ball is batted. Pitching circle shall be six (6) feet in diameter.
15. Score will not be officially kept.
16. The players will remain in the bench area during the game.
17. The pitching rubber is thirty-five (35) feet from home plate. The bases are forty (40) feet apart. A line will be chalked from one edge of the backstop to the other, curved so that it reaches four (4) feet from in front of home plate.