

## PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Players must be 3 - 4 years old as of the season start date.
- At any time during the season, Hereford Sports & Wellness may request proof of eligibility.
- Players must register within their specific grade level. Players may play up one grade level. However, if two grades are merged to form one league, players must play within their designated grade and cannot play up one grade level.

## EQUIPMENT

- Hereford Sports & Wellness will furnish the following equipment for teams:
  - a. Two T-Ball bats
  - b. Two 8" T-Ball's
  - c. One batting tee
- Please return all equipment immediately following the season.
- Players must wear their assigned Hereford Sports & Wellness t-shirt.
- Tennis shoes or rubber turf shoes are required. Metal spikes are not permitted.
- Jewelry is not permitted.
- Hard or plaster casts are not permitted.

## GAME RULES

- Games will consist of 3 innings.
- If time expires and the game is tied, it will remain a tie.
- All players will play every inning on defense.
- There will be no outs called, but outs should be attempted.
  - a. Example: Once the ball is hit, the defense should try and do the appropriate thing with the ball once they field it. Once all runners reach base, time is called and the next batter bats.
- Each team will bat all of their players each inning.
  - a. This means each player will bat 3 times per game.
- The last batter of each inning should be declared by the coach. After they hit, everyone, including the batter, should run home.
- After a batter hits the ball, they shall advance to first base if the ball stays in the infield. If the ball makes it to the outfield, the batter may run until the ball enters the infield and will be awarded the nearest base.

## COACHES

- The head coach is responsible for:
  - a. The physical and mental well-being of all children while entrusted to their care.
  - b. Maintaining an adequate level of discipline on his or her team.
  - c. The conduct and control of their team's fans and spectators.
- All assistant coaches must be listed on the roster and have a background check on file. If no background check is on file, the coach will be removed from the sideline.
- Should head coaches or their assistant coaches violate any Hereford Sports & Wellness playing rules or directives, they may be subject to disciplinary actions.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

- The Code of Conduct applies to parents, coaches/volunteers, spectators, parents, contracted employees, officials, and professional staff.
- Profane, obscene, abusive, degrading/threatening language, gestures and/or taunting in the presence of anyone attending a Hereford Sports & Wellness event is prohibited.
- Do not handle a child/participant in an aggressive or abusive manner.
- Any act of violence is prohibited.
- Accept the decision of the game officials as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Do not knowingly permit an ineligible player to play in any game.
- Please use good sportsmanship.
- The use of drugs, alcohol, vaping, or tobacco in any form is not permitted while attending any Hereford Sports & Wellness event.
- No firearms or weapons will be permitted at any Hereford Sports & Wellness event.

**AT ANY TIME, AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF HEREFORD SPORTS & WELLNESS, VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT IS SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION FROM OUR PROGRAM.**