## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

# **BASEBALL**

### Who will coach my child?

Our leagues are coached by volunteers. We rely on parents, grandparents, neighbors, and sports lovers to coach childrens' teams. This provides an opportunity for families to spend time together and for good role models to leave lifelong impacts.

> Interested in coaching? Visit the Serve page on our website.

#### What are evaluations like?

Children are evaluated before the season begins in order to determine their skill level, allowing us to build teams that are as balanced as possible. Evaluations are fun and simple. While they vary based on the sport, all evaluations include a few short drills related to skills specific to the sport.

#### When and where are practices?

Each team will hold a weekly 1-hour long practice. All baseball practices take place at The Fields at Carrollton Parkway. We provide bats, helmets, catcher equipment, baseballs, and pitching machines (for macine pitch teams).

#### When and where are games?

All games are held at The Fields at Carrollton Parkway. Schedules for each team will be posted to our website <u>here</u>. Your player's coach will also send out the team's game schedule.

#### How are age divisions determined?

In our baseball league, the child's age by March 1 determines their age group. Baseball age divisions are:

4-5 years old - T-Ball 8-9 years old - Machine Pitch 1

6-7 years old - Coach Pitch 10-12 years old - Machine Pitch 2

#### What if there's bad weather?

We communicate regarding weather notifications via email. You can also check our website, Facebook page, or call our weather hotline (972-512-3884) for updates on cancellations or schedule changes. If games are postponed, we will share updated schedules on our website. We will not make up practices.

#### What do I need to purchase?

The cost of registration includes the cost of one team jersey. Players will need to bring their own glove.

#### What is the refund policy?

We provide a \$65 refund for requests made by the Friday of that season's evaluations week. After evaluations week, we provide a 50% refund until uniforms are ordered; after they've been ordered, the cost of the uniform is deducted as well.

#### I don't know much about the sport. Can I still coach?

Absolutely! Whether you are a veteran of the sport or brand new, we would love to have you. We do our best to provide any training, resources, and ideas needed to make your experience as a coach fun and stress-free!

#### Can I use an air horn at games or practices?

We ask that no electronic, battery-operated air horns be used as they can be a hindrance to referees and coaches. A non-electronic megaphone may be used as long as it does not interfere with the referees and other coaches.

Other game-related information can be found in the rules posted <u>here</u>.

More questions? Feel free to call or email The Fields Staff - 972-512-3880 or sports@firstfields.org.