**Divisional Rules: Learn to Play**

These rules are in addition to the general rules.

Learn to Play emphasizes the importance of fun, teamwork, and sportsmanship. It teaches the early FUNdamentals of hitting, running, throwing and fielding.

1. The division is for four and five year old boys and girls
2. Rosters will be limited to 8 players per team
3. No score is kept
4. A tennis ball is used as the game ball
5. Three teams will occupy a diamond during play.
	* One team will be at bat
	* Another team will be on defense in the infield
	* The third team in the outfield, this will be there practice time. There will be 3 stations set up, the players on this team will perform drills rotating through these stations with their coach.
6. The three-way rotation occurs after everyone on offense has batted; once each team has completed a turn at bat, the inning is complete. Each child will have equal turns at bat during game play and the following turn at bat, the batting order will be reversed. (example: if a player bats last in the 1st inning he/she will bat first in the next inning).
7. If the coach elects to pitch to the batter; the batter will receive a *maximum* of 5 pitches in which to hit a fair ball, if contact is not made a batting-tee shall be used.
8. The team on defense shall be divided into three stations. One line at shortstop, second base & first base.
9. Defensive positions should be marked and placed in the infield before the game.
10. Only the children at the front of the line, at second or short stop, are eligible to receive a live ball once a hit is made; when the ball is hit the coach standing at the tee shall put a second ball into play a towards the opposite line so that both players will have a chance to retrieve a ball. Once they have made their play, the players at the front of the line go to the back of the line to make room for the next player.