 **U9 Rules for RMSL 2022**

* Sessions start at 6:15 with 30 minutes of skill development followed by a game. Time limit of the game is 1 hour and
* Suggest 10 or 11 players per team maximum, 4 coaches per team to work with players on skill development and during games
* Bases at 45 feet and pitching at 30 feet
* 11” Worth Softie
* 21” Home Plate or can just use 17 and half” plate in ground
* Home Run Line – cones are placed 25 feet behind 1st & 3rd base; 35 feet behind 2nd
* Unlimited defensive substitutions
* Two defensive conferences per inning
* A player can only play the same position in 2 consecutive innings
* Maximum of 9 players on the field (defensively)
* When playing with less than 9 players, no automatic outs (if you have less than 8 players you can ask to borrow from your opposing team to make 9)
* All players require batting helmets; fielders masks NOT mandatory at U9
* Everyone bats each inning. Only 1 at bat per player. Last batter is announced the defensive team
* Each inning, rotate who is the first batter (shuffle batting order)
* Late players are added to the batting order
* Courtesy runner for the catcher may be used regardless of the number of outs
* Sliding is allowed
* With a fair hit ball, the advancing of runners is considered “over” when the ball is returned to the infield
* Player pitching to the opposing team until the batter receives 3 balls. The hitter’s coach will now come in to pitch and carry on the count.
* If the same pitcher hits two (2) batters in an inning he/she will be removed for the rest of the inning
* Pitcher can pitch only two (2) innings; Catchers can catch only two (2) innings
* Walks are allowed, 3 strikes and batter is out
* No scores and standings will be kept
* No player may sit more than one (1) consecutive inning
* We do not track outs. If a player gets out, they go to the bench like they normally would. # of outs does not advance an inning
* Runners cannot steal bases; Runners may leave the base when the ball has crossed the plate
* Runners do not advance on overthrow
* No infield fly rule
* No bunting and No intentional walks