2014 FIELD RULES
T-BALL & ROOKIE

Westminster Baseball has developed this set of local field rules to coordinate play from the T-ball division to the Major division. These rules are supplemental to the regular Cal Ripken rule book. The rules were implemented to enhance the experience of the players and to seek competitive fair play amongst the teams.

T-ball Game Rules:
- Game will be played on the normal bases.
- Infielders are taught to play positions: first baseman, shortstop, pitcher...
- Batters hit off of a tee placed in front of home plate.
- No one touches a bat unless they are in the batters box.
- When the hit is made, batter runs through 1st base. Each runner advances one base.
- Last batter runs all the bases.
- There are no outs recorded, infielders are taught to throw only to first base.
- The whole batting line-up hits each 1/2 inning. No score is kept.
- As many innings are played as possible in the time frame.
- Have as many CORI checked assistants as you can to help organize practice and game.

Instructional Game Rules:
- Game is played on a normal diamond, lasting 1 1/2 hours.
- Fielders are taught to play positions under different situations: i.e. ball hit to third base side, second baseman covers second, ball to first base side, shortstop covers second……
- A catcher is used to receive the coach’s throw. Have assistant back up catcher to speed up game.
- Batters are pitched to by their coach. The coach should be closer than the throwing rubber, preferably down on one knee. As batters get better, he can stand and move back. 10 pitches are the maximum allowed. If the batter still hasn’t hit the ball, then the tee is set up for them to hit from. They can hit off tee until a fair ball is hit. If the ball lightly hit off tee in fair ground, then it is played like a bunt.
- When the hit is made, batter runs through 1st base. Each runner advances one base only.
- If the ball is hit on the fly into the outfield grass, the hitter and runners can try for 2 bases if possible. A maximum of 2 bases can be taken.
- A maximum of 3 runs can be scored each 1/2 inning or 3 outs which ever comes first.
- The score is officially kept. Coaches must realize that you are there to teach skills and sportsmanship, not just win.
- Try to keep rotating players to all positions.
- As many innings are played as possible in the time frame, minimum of 3.
- As many CORI checked coaches and assistants can be on the field during the practices and games. The more parents that are involved, the more enthusiastic the players will be.