

## **Fall 2020 Youth Baseball Handbook Addendum**

The following will outline rule and policy changes that will be in effect for the 2020 Fall Youth Baseball Season. These rules have been amended to adhere to new guidelines and policies enacted due to COVID-19.

### **Equipment**

- All Buckets with baseballs will be kept on site and maintained by FVPRCR Athletics Staff. Coaches must seek out a member of the athletic department full time staff to receive additional equipment.
- All catchers gear will be kept on site and maintained by FVPRCR Athletics Staff.
- Players are encouraged to bring their own equipment such as bats, helmets, and/or gloves. Sharing of equipment is strongly discouraged.

### **League Formation/Setup**

- For the Fall 2020 season, there will be no player evaluations or drafts. Players will be randomly assigned using the information provided at the time of registration. Teams will be created by a member of the FVPRCR Athletics Staff.
- Due to limitations and guidelines related to COVID-19, there will be no Jr. Bambino league and the Bambino league will be for participants having turned 6 by May 1, 2020 but not having turned 8 prior to May 1, 2020.

### **Schedule/Tournament/Game Times**

- All teams will receive the opportunity to practice four (4) times prior to the beginning of the regular season.
- Once games begin, teams will no longer hold practices.
- No league will offer end of season tournaments.
- Game times will be staggered, and all attendees are encouraged to stay in their vehicles until 10 minutes prior their scheduled activity.

### **Awards**

- All teams will receive commemorative awards at the end of the season.
- No championship or runner-up trophies will be given.

### **Sportsmanship**

- While sportsmanship is a pillar in which our program is built upon, end of game handshakes will not be allowed this year. Instead, at the conclusion of each game, teams will line up on either foul line facing the outfield. Once both teams have assembled, players will “tip” their hats and congratulate all other players on a great game while maintaining their position on the

foul line. Teams are encouraged to practice social distancing during post game display of sportsmanship.

#### **Additional COVID-19 Guidelines**

- All parents, coaches and attendees must wear a mask for the entire duration of the activity they are attending. (Unless under the age of 2)
- Participants will be required to wear a mask upon arrival and any time they are not on the field of play. Once a participant is on the field of play, he/she may remove their mask. When exiting, they must put the mask back on.
- All spectators will be required to sit in the designated "Spectator" area. The bleachers will be closed to spectators and will be used for the players to sit.
- Spectator Areas will be designated around the outer portions of your team's assigned field.
- Parents are required to self-assess their children and additional persons they are bringing before attending each activity. If symptoms are present or attendees have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19, please do not attend the activity and notify our designated COVID-19 Full-Time Staff contact.
- All attendees are encouraged to stay in their vehicles until 10 minutes before their scheduled activity start time. This will allow the attendees in the prior event time to make their way out of the park.