

## **Bantam Rules ... 2023**

- Pretty much B Ball with a coach pitching, unless specified below

- Roster bats ( everyone bats so free substitution)
- No stealing, ball is dead on passed ball
- No bunting
- Runners can lead off when it crosses home plate
- No infield fly rule
- 5 swinging strikes and then an out. No T
- 3 outs or 5 runs ends the half inning (same as B Ball)
- On defense-1 catcher, 1 player next to the pitcher, 1<sup>st</sup> base, 2<sup>nd</sup> base, 3<sup>rd</sup> base, Shortstop & 4 outfielders (5 if agreed upon)
- Courtesy runner for the catcher after 2 outs, last player out of inning

### **Suggestions:**

- Games should last between 1 - 1.5 hours long
- Everyone plays & at this level the kids can try different positions
- Suggestion to speed up game is a parent behind the catcher by backstop to shag balls

### **Equipment:**

- balls and bases same as B ball
- catcher's gear required

### **Umpires:**

- Discretionary: Plate ump can be used, coaches call the field
- Coaches can call plate and field