

## **MITE (U10) SPECIFIC TOURNAMENT RULES**

**The Tournament ball will be the 11” Worth Red Dot.**

**No person is allowed on the field during the progress of a game except players and coaches in uniform.**

**All players must wear a batting helmet with CSA approved face guard and chin straps must be securely fastened under the chin.**

**Offensive Charged Conference rule does not apply.**

**Dropped third strike does not apply.**

**Infield fly rule is not in effect.**

**Base runners are entitled to advance when the pitched ball passes over the plate.**

**DP/Flex is not used-unlimited substitution applies; all players are listed on the batting order and all players bat. The batting order is followed for the entirety of the game. In case of injury/illness or ejection, the player’s spot is omitted. If a runner is injured, a substitute runner may be used (should be the last available batter) until the runner is put out or reaches home and then the injured player is removed from the line up. No penalty is applied (ie the player’s spot is not recorded as an out) when that batter does not return to the line up.**

**Mercy Rule 20 runs after 3 or more innings or 10 runs after 5 or more innings. The mercy rule is in effect for all games including medal games.**

**Teams are guaranteed 3 games.**

**A player arriving late may be added to the bottom of the line up.**

**Duration of game: no new inning shall start after one hour and thirty minutes from the official beginning of the game, except in medal games. In the event that the game is tied after the time limit, the tie will be broken at the completion of the next full inning.**

**A courtesy runner may be used at any time for the catcher, not just when there are 2 outs.**

**Recommended Player Participation: No player will sit out for more than 1 consecutive inning. All players will sit out 1 inning before a player sits out a second inning. Coaches are encouraged to play all players as equally as possible over the course of the season.**

**A team is permitted 2 defensive conferences per inning. If there is a third conference the player must be removed from the pitcher position for the remainder of that inning.**