



OBSA LEAGUE SPECIFIC RULES

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The set of In-House Rules approved by the Board of Directors, are rules, which apply to the local League and supersedes the Babe Ruth National Baseball Rules. These rules may be necessary due to safety reasons in situations unique to the field or may enhance the normal set of rules implied by the Babe Ruth League.

TIME LIMITS:

Regulation games shall be six (6) innings in duration, or when a one-hour and 15-minute (1:15) time limit is reached, THIS IS A DROP-DEAD TIME LIMIT. No new innings shall begin after one-hour (1:00). We do not keep score in T-Ball Division.

PLAYER AND POSITION RULES:

1. All players shall be used defensively. A normal infield: Pitcher, 1st base, 2nd base, shortstop, and 3rd base, will be utilized. Rest outfielders space equally apart. To speed up game play, there will be no catcher in the T-Ball division.
2. The player fielding the pitcher position must take position at a chalk line to be drawn 6 feet long centered on the imaginary line that connects first base and third base.
3. Players positioned in the outfield must be a minimum of twenty (20') feet behind the base paths. Outfielders may not tag out or force out any runners.
4. Each player must play at least two innings in the infield and may not play the same position in consecutive innings.
 - a. One inning constitutes three consecutive outs.
 - b. Infield can be any of the following positions: Pitcher, 1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base, or shortstop. This rule must be adhered to for all games where 4 innings or more are played.
5. One inning constitutes three consecutive outs.
 - a. If a player shows up after the first inning is complete that player may be exempt from this rule.
 - b. If a player is hurt during the game that player is exempt from this rule.
 - c. This rule must be adhered to if 10 or more players begin the game.

Penalties for Coaches:

1. First violation for not playing a player is a one game suspension and review by board of directors.

2. Second violation for not playing a player will require a hearing before the Board with possible suspension for remainder of the season and forfeit of the game in which the violation occurred.

PITCHING RULES:

1. A Coach pitcher shall pitch from kneeling position (with their entire body a minimum of 20 feet away) or a standing position (with their entire body 38 feet away) from home-plate.
 - a. Players shall receive 5 attempts to put the ball in play. If the 5th pitch is fouled off, or any subsequent pitch, they will receive another pitch that they must put in play.
 - b. If the ball is not put into play on the final attempt, the batter shall receive one more attempt from a batting tee.
2. The Coach pitcher will be considered live and in play if hit by a batted ball.
3. To speed up the game, a designated coach from the defensive team will receive passed balls.

*Please note that all passed balls are ruled a dead ball. There will be no player catcher in the T-Ball division.

BATTING RULES:

1. There is no bunting allowed in this division.
2. All players must bat.
 - a. If a player must leave the batting order for any reason, including an injury, and they fail to bat in their batting position an out will be recorded.
 - b. If the player does not return to the game, no out will be recorded when the players' turn comes up in their following at bats.
 - c. If a player misses an at bat and returns to the game, they must bat in their original batting order position or an out will be recorded.
 - d. Any player that shows up after the start of the game will be inserted into the last batting order position.
3. An inning will be complete when a) three (3) outs have been made, or (b) after the offensive team has batted completely through its lineup, starting with the player immediately following the last out and ending with the preceding batter (e.g., starting with batter 4 and ending at batter 3).

BASERUNNING RULES:

1. Runners may only advance one base on a batted ball remaining in the infield.
2. Runners may advance a maximum of two bases, when a batted ball reaches the outfield, without assistance; however, runners advance at their own risk.
3. The infield fly rule does NOT apply in this division.

COACHING RULES:

1. A team may have up to a total of 4 OBSA board approved coaches participating in the game. Defensive coaches must be in the dugout or dugout opening. Offensive coaches must be in the dugout, dugout opening, first base coaches box and/or third base coaches boxes. No coaches shall be on the field during play. For this age division, there are the following exceptions:
 - a. The defensive team may have one coach in the field of play
 - b. To speed up play, a designated coach from the defensive team will receive passed balls
 - c. The offensive team may have one coach pitching as defined in the league specific rules

UNIFORM RULES:

1. Metal cleats are not allowed in this division.
2. All players must wear the jersey provided by OBSA.

EQUIPMENT RULES:

1. This division will use a Safety Ball.

*Please note because of the use of the Safety Ball, bats that are marked as Tee Ball or USA or Wood bats ARE allowed.

PARTICIPANT RULES:

1. Negative chatter by ANYONE on or near the field will not be allowed and may result in removal from the game.
2. A spectator, player, or coach who uses profanity will be removed from the game at the umpire/coach's discretion and must leave the area.

TEAM ADMINISTRATIVE AND HOUSEKEEPING RULES:

1. The home team shall have the third base dugout.
2. Home teams are to provide a brand-new game ball as provided by the league at the beginning of the season for every home game in addition to one gently used game ball.
3. Coaches must provide the umpire and opposing team with a lineup card.
4. Home teams are responsible for assigning a dedicated score keeper for each game. Score must be recorded in the official score book.
5. Any home team that does not record the final game score onto the league scoring app by the following morning after the game will forfeit the results of the game (win or loss) to the visiting team.
6. Home team is responsible for setting up the field before each game (bases, bumps/mounds, fences (if applicable)). Visiting team (if the final game of the day) is responsible for removing and placing all bases, mounds etc. into the appropriate storage containers. Visiting teams must take into consideration the following games (if the visiting team is baseball and the

next game is softball, then the visiting team needs to remove all mounds/bumps etc. not to be used by the coming softball team.)