

2024 Oakdale OBSA Baseball Tournament Rules

10U & Under Division

ALL RULES ARE FROM THE CURRENT RULE BOOK WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

Eligibility Rules:

- Players must be 10 years old or less on or before May 1, 2024.
- Team rosters will be made up of players from one league only.
- Rosters must be submitted at tournament check-in and may not be changed after that time.
- Birth certificates must be with the coach at all games, any birth certificate requested and not available will result in ejection of player, until birth certificate is verified and ejection of head coach for the game.
- Size of the roster is 15 players max. Rings for 1st & 2nd place
- All pitching changes must be reported to the official scorekeeper. The umpire will retain the line-up cards.
- This is a pool play tournament. Three games guaranteed. Coin toss will determine the home team.

Exceptions:

- Pitching mound will be placed at 46 ft. and bases at 60 ft..
- Coach has the option of batting 9, 10 or roster. Only 9 defensive players on the field. You must have 8 players minimum to start a game, if you drop below 8 players you will forfeit the game.
- Coaches may substitute players, the starting players may re enter one time (except the pitcher, may not re enter as a pitcher). Substitutes may not re enter once removed.
- Pitchers may pitch 3 consecutive innings per game. Once removed from the game as pitcher they cannot return to that position. At umpires discretion a pitcher may be removed for hitting batters.
- USA STAMPED BATS ONLY. Bats will be checked by umpires, any illegal bat use will result in game forfeit
- No leading off of bases is allowed. Players must stay on the base until the ball crosses the plate. A player leaving the base early will be called out. Stealing is allowed once the ball crosses the plate.
- No head first slides at any base. Diving back to a base is allowed.

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- o **5 Run Up Rule:** When your team comes up to bat if they are ahead in the score they may only score up to a maximum of 5 runs in that inning. If they are behind in the score they may score a maximum of 5 runs over the other teams score for that inning. This applies to all innings, there is no open inning.
 - o Hurry-up rule will be in effect for the catcher, with 2 outs. Substitute runner will be the last recorded out.
 - o If a player is ejected the spot becomes an out, if you are batting the entire roster.
 - o If a player becomes injured or becomes ill, that player spot in the batting order will not be recorded as an out.
 - o The infield fly rule is in effect.
 - o Drop strike 3 rule is NOT in effect.
 - o Bunting is allowed.
 - o Balks will not be called.
 - o No metal cleats.
 - o **MERCY RULE:** The team leading by 10 runs or more after 4 innings will be declared the winner. 3 ½ if the home team is leading.
 - o Games will last 1 hour and 45 minutes or six (6) innings, whichever comes first. No new inning shall begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes. If the game is tied, the winner will be the team with the most strikeouts recorded; if it is still tied, the winner will be the team with the fewest walks allowed. If still tied, a single coin flip will determine the winner.
- 1:45 Drop dead time on Saturday pool play
- o The head coach is responsible for his players, assistants, and fans please encourage good sportsmanship.

WHEN FIELD MAINTENANCE CREW IS PRESENT, WARM UP IN OUTFIELD ONLY

THERE WILL BE NO PROTESTING OF GAMES.

SCORE CARDS WILL BE SIGNED BY HEAD COACH AT THE END OF EACH GAME.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME(S) WILL BE 6 INNINGS, 2 HOUR AND 15 MINUTE TIME LIMIT, MERCY RULE APPLIES.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME(S) WILL BE PLAYED UNTIL A WINNER IS DECIDED ... "NO TIES".