

2024 Oakdale OBSA Baseball Tournament Rules

12 & Under Division

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

Eligibility Rules:

- Players must be 12 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 the player, until birth certificate is verified and ejection of head coach for the game.
- Size of the roster is 15 players maximum. Team trophies and individual medals for 1st & 2nd place, individual medals for 3rd.

Tournament Rules:

- 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.
- Games will be played in accordance with the MLB Rules, with the following

Exceptions:

- o The mound will be placed at 50 feet and bases will be at 70 feet.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o Pitchers can pitch 3 innings per game. Once removed from the game as pitcher they cannot return to that position.

- o Base runners may lead off and stealing is allowed at any time on any base.
- o Balks will be called.
- o USA OR BBCOR STAMPED BATS ONLY. Bats will be checked by umpires, any illegal bat use will result in game forfeit

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- o NO metal cleats are allowed.
- o The infield fly rule is in effect. Drop strike 3 rule is in effect.
- o NO head first slides at home. Runner will be declared out.
- 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 becomes ejected, that spot is an out, if you are batting the entire roster.
- o If a player is injured or becomes ill, that player's spot in the batting order will not be recorded as an out.
- o MERCY RULE: A team leading by 10 runs or more after 4 innings will be declared the winner; three and a half (3 1/2) innings if the home team is leading.
- o Games will last 1 hour and 45 minutes or six (6) innings. No new inning shall begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes. If game is tied, winner will be the team with the most strike outs recorded, if it is still tied, winner will be the team with the fewest walks allowed. If still tied, a single coin flip will determine 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 UPS 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, OR 2 HOUR 15 MINUTE TIME LIMIT, MERCY RULE APPLIES.

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