

2024 Oakdale OBSA Baseball Tournament Rules

8 & Under Division

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

Eligibility Rules

- Players must be 8 years old or less on or before May 1, 2024.
- Team Rosters will be made up from 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.
- The Size of the roster is 15 players maximum. Team rings for 1st & 2nd place

Tournament Rules

- This is a pool play tournament. Three games guaranteed. Coin toss will determine the home team.

Exceptions:

- o 10 players can play defensively there shall be 4 outfielders. Outfielders must be positioned on the grass at the beginning of the play. You must have a minimum of 8 players to start a game if you fall below 8 players you will forfeit the game.
- o Open substitution is allowed.
- o The batting order never changes. USA STAMPED BATS ONLY. Bats will be checked by umpires, any illegal bat use will result in game forfeit
- o The Pitching coach will throw to his/her own batters and must pitch from within the circle the mound will be placed at 40 ft.
- o Coaches who are pitching MUST avoid interfering with the ball or the fielders. The coach will be treated as a runner. If a batted ball hits him/her the batter will be called out and no runner may advance.
- o The player acting as pitcher must be within the circle, they must be even or behind rubber until the ball is thrown. If the acting pitcher has control of the ball before the runner crosses the runners line that player must go back to the previous base.
- o Each player gets a maximum of 5 pitches or 3 strikes. If, on the 5th swing, the ball is batted foul the batter gets another swing until he misses or fails to swing or a foul fly ball is caught for the out.
- o No walks period. Bases at 60 feet.
- o No head first slides at any base. Diving back to a base allowed.
- o Bunting is allowed.
- o The infield fly rule is in effect. Drop Strike 3 Rule is NOT in effect.

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- o There is no stealing.
- o Runners may not lead off their bases until the ball is hit.
- o All players present for a game shall bat in succession.
- o If a player is ejected that spot in the batting order is an out. Injured or players that become ill are not out.
- 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 Play becomes dead when the pitcher is in control of the ball with both feet inside the circle. At that time all base runners must return to the last base touched. If two runners are between the same bases, the front runner is awarded the next base.
- o On a batted ball, players advance at their own risk. A batted ball over the fence is a home run.
- o Hurry-up will be in effect for catchers with 2 outs. Substitute runner will be the last recorded out.
- o If a batter, player or coach is ejected from a game, the individual will also be suspended from the next game, only one manager, three coaches and one bat person will be allowed on the playing field during the game. The bat person must wear a helmet at all times. Bat person must be at least 9 years old and not older than 16 years of age, bat person shall remain in the dugout until play is dead.
- o **MERCY RULE**: A team leading by 10 runs or more after 4 innings will be declared the winner. 3 1/2 if the home team is leading.
- o Games will last 1 hour and 30 minutes or 6 innings whichever comes first. No new innings shall begin after 1 hour and 30 minutes. If a game is tied after 6 innings have been played the winner will be the team with the least strikeouts recorded, 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 THE OUTFIELD ONLY

THERE WILL BE NO PROTESTING OF GAMES.

SCORECARDS ARE TO BE SIGNED BY HEAD COACH AT END OF EACH GAME.

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

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