

# Buddy Ball League Rules

## Oak Grove Athletic Association

### 7&8 Year Olds Revised 2/23/11

- Teams can play with 8 players. Must have pitcher & catcher. 9<sup>th</sup> player is out in bat order. (exception is 7 yr olds in 2011 season, they can play with 7 players and 8<sup>th</sup> player is out)
- 6 innings or 1:15 minutes/ no inning to start with 4 minutes or less showing on the clock.
- Inning starts when 3<sup>rd</sup> out is made by home team.
- Belted pants with belt, hats are to be worn in a traditional manner.
- Shirts must be tucked into pants; jersey **MUST** have only the **Last Name** and **Number** on back.
- Hat to be worn with bill facing forward
- No jewelry
- Game is over if mathematically eliminated, 15 runs after 4 innings or 8 runs after 5 innings.
- 3 outs ends an inning or 7 runs scored.
- 10 players on defense. Pitcher must have one foot inside circle of pitchers mound. Must have a catcher.
- Outfielders must be on grass of outfield.
- All players must play at least 3 outs on defense. Free defense substitution.
- Overthrow at 1<sup>st</sup> that hits the fence from dugout to out field- 1 base, overthrow to 3<sup>rd</sup> is live
- Ball overthrow inside dugout = 1 base, over fence = 2 bases.
- Ball that hits backstop from dugout to dugout is live. Judgment call by umpire.
- If the batted ball hits the umpire or pitching machine, the play is called dead and must hit again
- Defense must stop lead runner. Judgement call by umpire.
- If lead runner is standing still or stops advancing because of defense, play is dead.
- If play is stopped, trail runners will advance if umpire rules them to be over half way.
- No base stealing.
- No infield fly rule.
- No bunts. Ball must be to the grass to be fair.
- A runner must slide into the base, except first base, when there is a play made at the same time. If a runner runs over a defensive player, he will be called out. **All slides must be feet first, except back into the previous base.**
- 5 pitches/3 strikes (unlimited foul tips)
- A protective helmet with full ear flaps, a shield and a proper chin strap will be worn by all batters and runners. A player refusing to wear a helmet, after being warned to do so by the umpire, will not be allowed to continue as a player in the game and shall be replaced by a substitute. The substitute will assume the ball and strike count if the player was a batter, or will take his position on the base he occupied if he was a base runner.
- Players must wear helmets with facemask until back in the dugout.
- Players slinging bat will be warned 1<sup>st</sup> time, scorekeeper to note, called out next time.
- No yelling at umpires/kids/parents.
- Parent or Team problems go to coach, then to league director.
- **Both teams are to clean dugouts and exit the dugout ASAP. All parents are to clean up their stands.**
- Be positive, control your fans, and set a good example.
- **Home Team MUST turn off field lights after the last game of the night.**
- **Visiting Team is responsible for returning the pitching machine to storage and locking the door.**