

Oak Grove Athletic Association
Playing Rules
AGES 9-12 Common Rules
Revised (02-23-11)

These are local option rules. These rules will supersede Cal Ripken and baseball rules.

KEEP IN MIND THAT THE KIDS COME FIRST!!!

1. All players will wear belted baseball pants. Team uniform should be consistent, including shirts, hats, socks and pants. Hats will be worn in the traditional manner. A number and **last name only must** appear on the back of the uniform shirt to assist the official scorer in identifying players.
2. Jewelry is not permitted. This includes any rings, necklaces, bracelets or ear rings, etc. The only exception is Medical Alert jewelry, which is permitted, but must be taped in place or covered with a sweat band if on the wrist.
3. **No metal cleats will be allowed. A protective helmet with full ear flaps, a face mask 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.
4. A catcher must wear a chest protector, shin-guards, protective cup, mask and a throat protector. Any player warming up the pitcher must wear a mask and a cup while in the "down or crouched" position.
5. 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. If a defensive player is obstructing the base and a play is not being made at that base, the play will be called as Defensive Obstruction. **All slides must be feet first, except back into the base the player previously occupied.**
6. A player is not allowed to play any position, or to bat without his shirt being tucked into his pants in the proper manner. Players not in full uniform shall not be permitted to play in the game.
7. The bat shall be a regulation baseball bat (not softball) (unaltered) made of either wood or an approved alloy. "See Big Barrel option in Special Rule."
8. A first (1st) baseman's mitt may be used by the first (1st) baseman and a catcher's mitt by the catcher only. Equipment must be kept in the dugout.
9. Batters should remain fully in the dugout until they are on-deck. Players are not allowed to stand outside the dugout or sit outside of the dugout on any benches and/or buckets.

10. Umpires will keep the official time if the scoreboard clock is not working properly. If the scoreboard time is on it will be the official time. The official will have the time on his watch in the event the scoreboard goes out.
11. All players are to play in the field 3 consecutive outs and also bat at least once per competition. The batting lineup will consist of every player present for the game.
12. All games 9 and 10 year old games will have a time limit of 1 hour and 30 minutes and the 11 and 12 year olds will have a time limit of 1 hour and 45 minutes. The **5 minute rule** will be in effect. (The **5 minute rule** states that no game will start a new inning when the official game clock shows 4 minutes or less)
13. Pitching changes must be reported to the home plate umpire who will announce the changes to the scorekeeper. **Failure to do so will result in pitcher of record being charged with innings until notification or recognition of change has been made.** Head coaches must check the pitching record for accuracy and sign the official scorebook or pitching sheet immediately after the ball game. Pitching records kept by the official scorekeeper of the Optimist Park will be deemed correct and changes will not be accepted if the head coach failed to sign the affidavit immediately after the ball game.
14. All Cal Ripken Pitching Rules are in effect.

Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Pitching Rules

0.06 PITCHING LIMITATIONS

1. A Cal Ripken Baseball pitcher, regardless of age may pitch six (6) innings per calendar week.
 - a. If a pitcher delivers one (1) pitch in an inning he shall be charged for one (1) inning pitched.
 2. The calendar week of Cal Ripken Baseball is Monday through, and including, Sunday.
 3. A Cal Ripken Baseball pitcher must have two (2) calendar days rest between pitching assignments if he pitches in more than two innings in any one game. Each game in which a pitcher pitches is considered an assignment.
 4. Games in which an ineligible pitcher has been used as specified in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall be declared forfeited. The withdraw of an ineligible pitcher after the pitcher is announced or after a warm-up pitch is delivered but before that pitcher has pitched a ball to a batter shall not be considered a violation. Cal Ripken League Officials are urged to prevent forfeits.
 5. Each game in which a pitcher pitches is considered one (1) "assignment". Therefore, a pitcher in the same game may start out at a pitcher, play another position, and return to the mound and this would still be considered as one (1) assignment.
 6. If a game is called before it has become a regulation game and the umpire declares it "no game", the pitching eligibility is the same as it was prior to the beginning the "no game" situation.
15. Should a question arise as to the interpretation of the playing rules, only the manager/head coach may appeal. A team failing to field at least nine (9) uniformed players within fifteen minutes after the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game. A forfeit shall count in league standings.

16. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Coaches and players are expected to display proper conduct while at Optimist Park. Coaches and/or players may be removed from a game and/or practice if improper conduct is displayed. Appropriate warnings must be given by an Umpire or a League Official.
17. No spectator shall be allowed on the playing field during the playing of any game. In the event that spectators swarm on the playing field during the playing of any game, the umpire in chief will request that the field be cleared by both managers within five (5) minutes under penalty of having the game forfeited. No adult will be allowed on the playing field during the playing of any game without the consent of the umpires; and no persons except the officially registered players of the team, the manager and the coaches will be allowed on the bench or in the dugout during the playing of any contest.
18. In the event of a tie at end of regulation, there will be one additional inning played. If the game is still in a tie, then the visiting team will start the following inning with a runner on second base (the runner will be the last out from the previous inning) and the game will continue from that point. At the end of that half inning, the home team will then place a runner (the last out from the previous inning) on second base and the game will continue until the tie is broken.

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NINE AND TEN YEAR OLD SPECIAL RULES

1. Closed Base Play. Runners may not leave the base until the pitched ball crosses the plate.
2. Three (3) strikes is an out even if the ball is dropped. Drop third (3rd) strike rule is NOT in effect.
3. Big Barrel bats will be allowed during the regular season. However, it should be noted and addressed to coaches, parents, and players that big barrel bats are **not** allowed in Cal Ripken Post-Season Play. Composite bats will be allowed during the regular season but the All Star teams will be subject to the Cal Ripken rules for legal bats.
4. A 10 run rule will be in effect to help speed up slow play. The maximum number of runs to be scored in one inning will be 13 runs (this is only done so with 9 runs scored and a grand slam over the fence)

All other rules shall be played under Cal Ripkin and baseball rules. If the Head Coach wishes to challenge a ruling made on the field, he must make it known that he is continuing play under protest and it should be so noted in the official scorekeeper's book, at the point the protest was made. This will not delay the game. At the end of the game, the Head Coach protesting the game should contact the League Director or Assistant Director for instructions on filing the protest. The protest will be heard by members of the Sports Committee and rulings will be handed down to the Head Coach of both teams involved. The committee's ruling will be final. If the ruling changes the outcome of the game, the committee will determine how it will be resolved and this will be handed down with their decision. Protest will be heard on official playing rules only, not judgment calls.

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ELEVEN & TWELVE YEAR OLD SPECIAL RULES

1. Dropped third (3rd) strike rule **IS** in effect.
2. Open Base Play **IS** in effect.
3. Big Barrel bats will be allowed during the regular season. However, it should be noted and addressed to coaches, parents, and players that big barrel bats are **not** allowed in Cal Ripken Post-Season Play. Composite bats will be allowed during the regular season but the All Star teams will be subject to the Cal Ripken rules for legal bats.

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