

**Buddy Ball League Rules**  
**Oak Grove Athletic Association**  
*5&6 Year Olds Revised 4/12/2012*

*This will go in effect for the 2013 Season*

1. Score will be kept until 3 outs are made on the field. The players will continue to bat until all batters have batted after 3 outs but score will stop being recorded after the 3<sup>rd</sup> out.
2. White drawstring or belted baseball pants
3. Play all/Bat all
4. 5 pitches, then use tee for hitting - no 3 strike outs, every player bats every inning
5. If a runner is put out on the bases, they must leave the base and return to the dugout, but the remaining batters will still continue to bat that inning until all batters have batted. During the 1<sup>st</sup> two games of the season we would keep the runners put out on the base in the first inning, but the outs still count for score keeping purposes, then in all remaining innings they would be removed from the bases. Regardless, every batter bats every inning.
6. 1 hour time limit
7. Coaches can be on field to assist defense.
8. No jewelry
9. Level 1 soft baseball only.
10. A protective helmet with full ear flaps, a shield and a proper chin strap will be worn by all batters and runners. Batters must wear helmets with facemask until back in dugout on offense.
11. Play is stopped when outfielder makes attempt to throw the ball back to the pitcher
12. Runners advance **1 base only** on overthrows.

- 13.No catchers.
- 14.Do not bat same players at end of line up every game.
- 15.Set a good example for players and parents.
- 16.Encourage parents to be positive in the stands.
- 17.No yelling at umpires.
- 18.If a parent has a problem with something, it goes to the league director via the head coach.
- 19.Rainouts- contact director after you have 2 rainouts. Will attempt to play min 10 games
- 20.Start games on time.
- 21.If umpires are not present on time, start game any way. Start on time. End on time.
- 22.Please empty dugout ASAP. There are games after you!
- 23.**Clean up trash in dugouts after games.**
- 24.**Remind parents to clean trash in stands also.**
- 25.**No tobacco on fields or in stands. Smoking at voting building.**
- 26.**Make sure lights are off if you are last game.**
27. Remember, the main goal is for the players to have fun and learn. The competitive portion is for teaching purposes to prepare kids for next level.
28. This age group is the future of the park. Use this division to teach basic skills of the game and initial ground rules for competition.