

# **Oregon Trail Recreation District**

## **Youth Baseball/Softball League By-Laws**

### **SR.GIRLS/MAJORS**

### **Revised 2025**

#### **Article I Player Eligibility**

1. A player will be eligible for league play based on the following at registration:
2. Birthdates as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**Boys Coach Pitch** – 6-7 year olds

**Girls Coach Pitch** – 6-7 year olds

**Pitching Machine Baseball** – 7-8 year olds

**Pitching Machine Softball** – 8-9 year olds

**Minor Boys** – 9-10 year olds

**Junior Girls League** – 10-11 year olds

**Major Boys League** – 11-12 year olds

**Senior Girls League** – 12-14 year olds

OTRD reserves the right to move a player up a league based on ours or a parent's recommendation.

#### **Article II Player Selection**

2. **Minor, Jr. Girls, Majors & Senior Girls** - Players will be separated by live pitchers, catchers, and age. Then RANDOM selection starting with pitchers, catchers, then by age group. During the RANDOM selection effort will be made to see that all teams have an equal number of ages. We will also help kids that live in the outside communities by putting 2-3 kids from that area on the same team.
2. Coach and assistant Coach children will be the only acceptable players locked on a team prior to the random selection.
3. Siblings who meet the age requirements in Article I may be on the same team.
4. Under no circumstances may coaches' trade or exchange players from one team to another at any time or after teams have been made.
5. If there is room on a team after teams are put together a new player must go through the OTRD baseball manager to be placed on a team.

#### **Article III Conduct**

1. There shall be no smoking of tobacco or no drinking of alcohol by players, umpires, spectators, and/or coaches while on the playing field or in the dugouts during games or practices.
2. There shall be no swearing, obscene language and/or unsportsmanlike behavior by the players, spectators and/or coaches during games or practices.

#### **Article IV General Rules**

1. Uniforms must be the issued T-shirt with no alterations made to it, **baseball pants**, and shoes. No metal cleats or sandals are allowed. No jewelry allowed. Hats will not be provided, but players are welcome to wear their own.
2. A team shall consist of 10 to 13 players per team (ideally). **9 players are allowed to take the field**. A game may be played with no fewer than 7 players. No automatic outs for playing with less than 9 players. Every rostered player will be in the batting order. If a team is unable to

be fielded with the minimum of 7 players within 10 minutes after the scheduled game time it will be declared a forfeited game (6-0 final score).

3. Helmets must be worn by all batters. Helmets must not be taken off until the player is off the field. **Penalty: If a player is found without their helmet, by an official prior to exiting the field, that player will get an automatic out, the next time up to bat.**

4. **PITCHING:**

**Senior Girls** – The players in this league will use live pitchers. The pitcher's rubber will be 43' from home plate.

- a. Senior Girls will use a 12" softball

**Major League** - The players in this league will use live pitchers. The pitcher's rubber will be 46' from home plate (the farthest pitching mound). They will be pitching off a mound.

**Bounced Ball Rule-** If the pitch **touches the ground** and **bounces or rolls** through the strike zone it is a "ball." IF the **BOUNCED** Ball hits the batter, he/she shall be awarded first base. On the other side of it, should the **ball** hit the dirt, the **batter** can legally **hit** the pitch as it is still alive.

5. Every batter must be pitched to. A team/player cannot request a walk. No intentional walks.

6. No pitcher may be allowed to purposely throw or to be coached to throw a pitch which is determined to be dangerous to any player. **Penalty: If a coach or player is found doing this or being coached to purposely throw a dangerous pitch the coach will be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season and the player will no longer be able to pitch for the remainder of the season.**

7. **Major & Senior Girls League** - A pitcher may only pitch 2 innings per game. One ball released from the pitcher pitching constitutes an inning pitched.

\*A 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to the mound per pitcher in an inning, constitutes removing the pitcher from the game as a pitcher only.

8. A pitcher who hits 3 batters in a single game must be removed from pitching by the coach for the remainder of the game. The coach may switch the pitcher with any player on the field or on the bench.

9. **STEALING:**

**Majors & Senior Girls:** There is stealing in this league. No leading off. The runner may steal as soon as the pitcher *releases the ball*. If the runner leaves prior to the ball being released from the pitcher's hand, the official may call the runner out. This is a judgment call from the official.

10. **A batter shall be declared out when;**

1. **Batter has swung at 3 pitches and missed. 3 strikes equal an out. Foul balls will be unlimited on the 3<sup>rd</sup> strike.**
2. **Batter gets a hit but is thrown out or tagged on base.**
3. **Batter is in the batter's box when a runner from third base is coming into home and There is a Play at the Plate where the Batter is Interfering with the play.**

11. **Contact Rule is in effect-** Runners attempting to reach home plate or another base may not intentionally or maliciously run into a defending player in the area of home plate or any base. Offender will be called out and possibly ejected from the game according to the umpire's

judgment of the situation. Fielders not in possession of the ball may be guilty of obstruction if the fielder inhibits the progress of a runner. The catcher, without the ball in his/her possession, has no right to block the pathway of the runner attempting to score. It is entirely up to the judgment of the umpire as to whether or not a fielder/catcher is in the act of obstructing a runner. This will be in effect at all times for the safety of the players.

**\*\*Major & Senior girls ONLY: 3<sup>rd</sup> strike dropped rule. “The batter becomes a runner when the third strike called by an umpire is NOT caught, providing (1) first base is UNOCCUPIED with less than two outs or (2)there are TWO outs, the batter becomes a runner and can attempt to reach first base.**

“To put the batter out, the defense must tag the batter or first base before the batter touches first base.” Please note that an uncaught third strike does not result in a dead ball or stopped play.

## **11. INNINGS –**

**Sr Girls & Majors** – The game shall consist of 4 innings or No new inning after 65 Minutes, whichever comes first.

### **\*\*No New Inning After 65 Minutes.**

12. There will be a 6-run limit for all innings except if the ball is still in play when the 6<sup>th</sup> run is scored. All following runs will be counted until the play is called dead by the umpire.
13. There will be a Mercy Rule. If a team is leading by 15 or more runs after the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning is completed or if a team is leading by 10 or more runs after the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning is completed the game will be over and called official.
14. The home team will be designated on the schedule will occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout. The visitor team will occupy the 1st base dugout.

15. **Minors, Jr Girls, Majors, Sr Girls** - The infield fly rule will be in effect.

\*By Little League definition, the infield fly rule is a fair ball (not including a line drive nor attempted bunt) which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort, when first and second; or first, second and third bases are occupied (bases full), before *two are out*. The pitcher, catcher and any outfielder stationed in the infield on an in-field fly is no different than any other fly ball in regard to the runners. If the ball is near the baselines, the umpire shall declare, "Infield Fly, if Fair." The ball is alive, and runners may advance at the risk of the ball being caught, or retouch and advance after the ball is touched, the same as on any fly ball. If the hit becomes a foul ball, it is treated as any foul. Also note that the infield dirt and the outfield grass do not form a boundary line for infield fly purposes.

16. No parents or spectators are allowed on the field or in the dugout opening. This may cause confusion for the players and overcrowd the dugout. All parents & spectators must stay behind the “White Line” behind the back stops.

17. All players and coaches MUST remain in the dugout during the game unless coaching a base or the field, batting, on base, on deck, or in the field. Please keep all spectators out of the dugout..

**18. Coaching on Field –**

**Majors & Sr. Girls** - Two offensive coaches are allowed in the coaching areas, one by 1<sup>st</sup> base & one by 3<sup>rd</sup> base. **Any coaches 17 and under need to wear a helmet when on the field in the coaches areas.**

19. If the score is tied at the end of play the game will be declared a tied game. Each team will be credited a half a win and half a loss.

20. Where inclement weather prevents the actual completion of a game, the following rules shall apply:

1. Any game in which the losing team has had 2 or more complete turns at bat will be considered a complete game. Score will be taken at the end of the last complete inning
21. A malicious thrown bat is an automatic out. No exceptions. Judgment call by the umpire.
22. Catchers must wear the complete protective gear (Catchers helmet w/mask, chest protector, shin guards, and mitt).
23. USA Baseball Bat Rule: 2 5/8" barrel maximum, No BBCOR Bats
24. OTRD reserves the right to change the size of the player number as well as the placement on the official t-shirt as the league sees fit.
25. All other rules of the Baseball Leagues: Babe Ruth Baseball League & Softball League Rules will go by USA Softball will apply.

**Article V Mandatory Participation by Players**

1. Each player in attendance must play unless under disciplinary action (thru coach or parent), injury, or illness.
2. The same player may not sit out more than 1 inning per game on defense.
3. All players in attendance will be in the batting order and will bat regardless of whether or not they are playing in the field on defense. Any player showing up late after the game has started will be added to the lineup at the end of the batting order.
4. The coach shall present a lineup of all players in attendance to the scorekeeper in the scorebook. If a particular player will not be playing, the coach must indicate the reason in the score book. Discipline (thru coach or parent), illness, or injury will be the only acceptable reasons for failure to play a particular player.
5. Any proven violations of the mandatory participation rule will result in a forfeit of the game. Repeated violations of this rule will be cause for dismissal of the team coach.

**Article VII Coaches and Team Responsibilities**

1. Under no circumstances will coaches hand out to players any type of vitamins, herbal, or any other type of play enhancement substances.
2. Coaches will be responsible to pick up their dugouts after their games and encourage parents to keep the bleacher area of their team clean.
3. All Teams (players and parents) are responsible to help the league directors and officials clean up trash, debris, etc for all spectator areas and surrounding areas of the field at the completion of the game.

## Consequences of Behavior

OTRD will not tolerate verbal or physical abuse of its volunteer coaches, referees, or players from any Parent, Player or Spectator. Spectators, as well as the players and coaches are expected to abide by the programs code of conduct at all OTRD practices and events. While most of the adults and children in the program will abide by this code without being instructed, it is being published to protect the children, the integrity of our program, and emphasize the values of OTRD.

At any OTRD event, practice, or competition, any adult who verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude to, or does not control their language or actions with a player, official, coach, spectator, person or OTRD director will be asked to leave the event. If the spectator fails to leave upon request, law enforcement authorities may be called to remove the spectator.

Any adult that commits a second similar offense will be banned from OTRD events for the remainder of the season.

Any adult who physically assaults an official, coach, spectator, person or OTRD director will be banned from OTRD for one year from the date of the offense. After one year, the parent may apply for reinstatement. If the adult commits a second offense, he or she will be permanently banned from OTRD.

The term physical assault includes, but is not limited to: hitting, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking or striking in anyway with any part of the body or any physical implement.

Any coach of a OTRD program who gets removed from a game will be suspended to coach the following game. If a coach gets removed from a game the second time, he/she will not be able to coach the remainder of the season and will have to meet with OTRD supervisor and board of director to petition to coach again for the Oregon Trail Rec District.

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