

Oxford Little League

2019-2020 League Structure – Revised 11/2019

Oxford Little League was established so the youth of our community could learn about and play the game of baseball and softball. One way to keep players involved in Oxford Little League is to have **equal playing time for all players (refer to the Little League Rule Book)**. All managers and coaches are urged to do their best in seeing that playing time is divided equally among all players on your team.

1. All volunteers must wear ID badges while in direct contact of players. All volunteers must be able to produce compliance with PA State background checks.
2. Teams must have a coach on the bench at all times.
3. All managers should have a representative (manager, coach or parent) at all regularly scheduled meetings during the spring season from April thru June and/or fall season from August through October.
4. All managers and coaches must attend a manager's clinic that will be setup by the league.
5. All rainouts and/or canceled games must be rescheduled for the next available date. The home team manager will notify the Player Agent of rainout or cancellation within 24 hours. It will be the responsibility of the Player Agent to reschedule games. In the event of rain, an email will be sent (or phone call) to the teams by the division director, league President or a Manager if the game is rained out by 4:30pm. If an email is not received, the teams are to report to the field to determine if the field is playable. If a game needs to be rescheduled for a reason other than weather, the division director and manager need to bring it to the Board of Directors prior to the scheduled game. When games and practices are cancelled no one is allowed on the fields. If you are playing at Tipton Field and your game is cancelled please call the concession manager.
Note: Fields need to be approved and added to our insurance to be used.
6. All spectators are guests of Oxford Little League and should conduct themselves in an appropriate and orderly manner. Anyone interfering with or disrupting a game will be asked to leave the premises by any league official; including umpires, directors, board members, managers and coaches.
7. All teams are to arrive at their scheduled playing field at least 30 minutes before their scheduled game time. All teams are to warm up on the playing area of the field where their game is scheduled to be played. Managers of **both** teams are responsible for field preparation. Both teams are to prepare the field before the game and rake after the game.

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8. If a player throws any piece of equipment, unless deemed accidental by the umpire, the umpire may eject that player from the game. This will serve as a warning for both teams. A player will be ejected from the game on the next offense. Consult the rule book for additional information about this rule.
9. Rules on usage of Tipton Field On days when more than one game is being played at Tipton Field the first game will start at 6:00pm. No inning shall start after 7:30pm. The second game will start at 8:00pm with no inning starting after 10:00pm. (Note: An inning starts the moment that the third out is made, completing the preceding inning). This rule applies for games scheduled Sunday through Thursday. Teams playing the first game must vacate the field and dugout immediately following the final out of the game. All teams must respect the time limitations for each game and hold meetings away from the playing field and dugouts. All managers and coaches are encouraged to have their players hustle on and off the field so all games can be played in their entirety within the time allotted. Pregame warm-ups are only permitted on the field. Players are not allowed to throw baseballs in the parking lot or around the batting cages.
10. Regular Season, No game, for any division, will be started 15 minutes after originally scheduled start time. All games will be scheduled so that they may be completed within a two and one-half hour time limit. No inning of any game with a following game will be started after two hours has passed from the original scheduled starting time of the game.
11. When Oxford Little League can field three or more teams within a division (majors and below), that division will not play outside our league. An exception would be to help another league in a limited capacity (at the discretion of the League).
12. The recommended roster size is 12 players per team.
13. All players will be picked from a pool. (Exception: in non-drafted divisions a manager's child and one coach's child are allowed)
14. Cups are mandatory equipment for Minors and above.
15. Oxford Little League deems managing and coaching in other youth baseball/softball programs to be detrimental to the operation of Oxford Little League and will not be allowed to manage or coach. (excluding school teams)
16. At the discretion of the Oxford Little League Board age ranges below may change to fill out teams.

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17. Refund Policy- Prior to the start of the spring season (4/1) or fall season (9/1), if you decide to not participate in Oxford Little League you will receive a refund less a **\$20.00 service fee**. After the start of the spring season (4/1) or fall season (9/1) no refund will be *issued*.

T-Ball Structure (5 & 6 Year-olds)

- a. Absolutely NO SCORE BOOKS!!
- b. Games will be 4 complete innings or 90 minute time limit.
- c. The lead-off batter will change each inning and all players will bat.
- d. Each player will change their field position each inning and will play infield and outfield positions.
- e. Extra players will play in the outfield.
- f. It is important to teach the game of baseball, so when an out is made on a batter or runner that player must return to the bench.
- g. It is important to teach base running, so when the ball is hit well enough a runner may take an additional base.

Machine Pitch (6 - 8 Year-olds) – Baseball Structure

All basic fundamentals of baseball will be taught, including but not limited to: batting, throwing, catching, fielding, base-running, and sliding. Any manager and coach not sure of the proper basics, are to contact the division director, the league development committee or the manager and coaches committee.

- a. All players will play a minimum of nine defensive outs. The player may not play one position for more than nine defensive outs.
- b. Players should be taught all positions in the infield and outfield.
- c. Both base coaches may be adults.
- d. The manager or coach will use pitching machine within an 8 ft. circle. The center of the circle will be 46 feet, 6 inches from home plate. The batter receives up to 7 pitches to hit. If the 7th pitch is fouled off another pitch will be allowed. (Three strikes and the batter's out. No extra pitches due to a bad ball thrown by pitching machine) There will be no walks.
- e. No stealing, or leading off base, but players can advance one base on an overthrown ball.
- f. A team can score a maximum of 5 runs per inning.
- g. Coaches are permitted in the outfield to instruct the fielders as long as one coach remains on the bench supervising the players.
- h. Only one base is permitted on an overthrow.
- i. All players are listed on one batting order.
- j. No scorebooks
- k. The ninth player on the field will be a pitcher-fielder. After a play is made in the field the ball will be thrown to the pitcher-fielder, who will give it to the adult.

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- I. The board of directors will determine the number of players to participate in the all-star game.

Coach Pitch (6 - 8 Year-olds) – Softball

All Basic fundamentals of softball will be taught, including but not limited to: throwing, catching, fielding, base-running, and sliding. Any manager and coach not sure of the proper basics, are to contact the division director, the league development committee or the manager and coaches committee.

- a. All players will play a minimum of nine defensive outs. The player may not play one position for more than nine defensive outs.
- b. Players should be taught all positions in the infield and outfield.
- c. Both base coaches may be adults.
- d. The manager or coach will use pitching machine within an 8 ft. circle. The center of the circle will be 35 feet from home plate. The batter receives up to 7 pitches to hit. If the 7th pitch is fouled off another pitch will be allowed. (Three strikes and the batters out. No extra pitches due to a bad ball thrown by pitching machine) There will be no walks.
- e. No stealing, leading off base, but players can advance one base on an overthrown ball.
- f. A team can score a maximum of 5 runs per inning.
- g. Coaches are permitted in the outfield to instruct the fielders as long as one coach remains on the bench supervising the players.
- h. Only one base is permitted on an overthrow.
- i. All players are listed on one batting order.
- j. No scorebooks
- k. The ninth player on the field will be a pitcher-fielder. After a play is made in the field the ball will be thrown to the pitcher-fielder, who will give it to the adult.
- l. The board of directors will determine the number of players to participate in the all-star game.

Minors – Baseball (Age 9-11) Structure

The rule book will be followed with these additions:

- a. A team can only score a maximum of 5 runs per inning. (When the umpire declares an inning to be the last, runs are unlimited).
- b. All players must wear a helmet with a face shield.
- c. All players must wear a heart guard.
- d. The batting team can have twice per inning a non-awarding of home plate by a runner. (Ex. steal, pass ball, overthrow, wild pitch etc.) (Note: when a runner steals second base. He cannot advance on an overthrow). If runners are at 1st

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and 3rd and the catcher throws to second, the runner that comes in from third counts towards the two steals of home.

- e. Playoff seeding will be determined by luck of the draw.
- f. All players must play nine defensive outs in a game. With the exception of a player who misses practice without notifying the coach or other disciplinary reasons.

Minors – Softball (Age 8-11) Structure

- a. All players must wear a helmet with a face shield.
- b. All players must play nine defensive outs in a game. With the exception of a player who misses practice without notifying the coach or other disciplinary reasons.
- c. District 28 rules will be followed.

Majors (10, 11 & 12 Year-olds) – Baseball Structure

The rule book will be followed with these additions:

- a. Players are to wear a heart guard at all times.
- b. **Spring playoff seeding will be determined by record.**
- c. All players must play nine defensive outs in a game. With the exception of a player who misses practice without notifying the coach or other disciplinary reason
- d. Majors will use continuous batting order and free substitution.

Majors (10, 11 & 12 Year-olds) – Softball Structure

- a. A team can score a maximum of 5 runs per inning. The sixth inning (or declared “final inning”) runs are unlimited.
- b. First base, third base, and pitchers are required to wear face shields.
- c. District 28 rules will be followed.

Junior and Senior – Baseball and Softball Structure

- a. **Baseball Only:** 12 year olds will not be allowed to play in junior division
- b. Softball: First base, third base, and pitchers are required to wear face shields.

Regular Season Play

- a. Postponements will be scheduled for the next available date (including Sundays).
- b. Forfeits approved by the board, count as a loss for the team that causes the forfeit. The other team involved receives a win.

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- c. **Each team will be allowed 4 coaches in the dugout during the game, 1 coach must be on the player's bench to supervise the players. The additional coach for each team will allow for times when an umpire is needed for the game, getting the catcher's ready etc.** Game umpires are the responsibility of the home team.
No parents or other children are permitted in the dugout or around the player's bench. All adults on the field must have completed the PA required clearances.
- d. Any team losing a player or a player that will miss more than 2 games due to injury. The manager must notify the player agent ASAP.
- e. Baseball Pitch Count Rule: After every game the managers will verify the game pitchers and their pitch count. Managers must verify pitch counts at the end of the game. Managers need to enter the pitch count in Blue Sombrero.
- f. The 10 run rule: The team on the losing side of the 10 run rule has the option to exercise the use of this rule. Rule 4.10e

Playoff Rules

- a. Postponements will be for weather problems or Oxford Area School District sanctioned functions.
- b. Each team will have 15 minutes from the scheduled start time to field a team. If a team cannot field 9 players, they will forfeit the game. Both teams can forfeit the same game.
- c. There will be no time limit on games except for the 10:30 curfew.
- d. Pitching rules will be as they were for the regular season.
- e. The home team will occupy the first base dugout. Home team is determined by coin toss before each game.
- f. Trophies will only be given to first place team if 3 or less teams in a division. Divisions with 4 or more teams will be given first and second place trophies.

Tournament Coaches

- a. **Managers and coaches that are interested in coaching Tournament teams need to let the Board know by May 1st.**
- b. Managers and coaches are responsible for the collection of Tournament uniforms and if their team uniforms and equipment are not returned by the August regular league meeting, the manager and coaches will not coach tournament the next year.
- c. **Tournament coaches are selected from coaches in good standing and must be approved by the league President, board of directors and subject to rule book guide lines.**
- d. A closed vote (board members only) will be held to determine the tournament coaches.
- e. The league will provide tournament uniforms for the team. Uniforms are property of Oxford Little League and must be returned.
- f. Tournament fee is for \$25.00 for each tournament player.

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Regular Season Coaches

- a. The league president will appoint managers and coaches, and then the board of directors must approve them.
- b. Returning managers in good standing can retain their team from the previous year. (Note: they are responsible to have equipment returned by July 31.)

Code of Conduct Policy / Social Media

Violation of Oxford Little League Code of Conduct, Player Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy shall be considered detrimental to the operation of Oxford Little League and should be removed from Oxford Little League up to and including Parents, Players, Umpires and Volunteers.