

BEHAVIORAL GUIDELINES

Mission: *To organize, structure, and maintain the highest quality youth baseball program in a family-oriented environment with the overall goal being to educate the boys and girls and young men and women of our community in the ideals of sportsmanship, teamwork, competition and the rules of fair play and citizenship such they will be better able to conduct themselves in the future years in a manner becoming of good citizens of our community, the State of Florida and the United States of America*

With this mission in mind, the following behavioral guidelines will be used in conjunction with the rules and regulations set forth in the leagues By-Laws, Standard Operating Procedures and the annual League of Rules and Regulations.

Action	1 st Occurrence		Further Occurrence	
	Player	Coach/Volunteer/ Fans	Player	Coach/Volunteer/Fans
UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT				
Profanity, Gestures, Etc	1-2 game suspension	1-2 game suspension	3 game suspension	4 game suspension
Throwing Objects	1-3 game suspension and probation 2 game suspension and probation	2-4 game suspension and probation 5 game suspension and probation	Suspension for remainder of season 1 or more years suspension	Suspension for remainder of season 1 or more years suspension
Fighting(Physical Contact outside scope of the game) Bench clearing	Forfeiture or double forfeiture plus above penalties	Forfeiture or double forfeiture plus above penalties	1 or more years suspension up to permanent banning	2 or more years suspension up to permanent banning
Being Benched by Umpire – Before an ejection(his discretion for reason)	Sit out for a minimum of 3 innings or remainder of the game whichever is greater	Sit out for minimum 3 innings or remainder of the game whichever is greater	Game suspension(must be in attendance)	Game suspension(must be in attendance)
Game ejection	Leave area plus additional game suspension(must be in attendance)	Suspension for 1 year mandatory as per Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken Rule instituted in 2015	Possible 1 year suspension pending board approval	Possible lifetime ban from league pending board approval
Trash talking	Verbal Warning	Verbal Warning	Game ejection plus above penalties	Game ejection plus above penalties
Harassing Umpires/Staff	Verbal warning	Verbal Warning	Game ejection plus above penalties	Game ejection plus above penalties
USE OF INELIGIBLE PLAYERS				
League Boundaries Pitching Violations Illegal Substitutions	See rules as outlined by Babe Ruth Baseball and Okeeheelee Local League rules	See rules as outlined by Babe Ruth Baseball and Okeeheelee Local League rules	See rules as outlined by Babe Ruth Baseball and Okeeheelee Local League rules	See rules as outlined by Babe Ruth Baseball and Okeeheelee Local League rules
POSSESSION/CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO				
Alcohol Tobacco	Full season suspension and probation Game ejection plus probation	Full season suspension and probation Game ejection plus probation	1 year or more suspension 2-4 game suspension and probation	1 year or more suspension 2-4 game suspension and probation

- ❖ Probation is the period of time which allows the suspended player/volunteer to continue participation in the league with the knowledge that ANY further inappropriate behavior will result in suspension from the league for the remainder of the season and up to permanently
- ❖ All ejection, suspensions and penalties are subject to the review of the Board of Directors

- ❖ When multi-game suspensions occur and there are not enough games left in the season for suspensions to be served, the board of directors will make a determination as to whether the suspensions will be carried into the next season
- ❖ The Okeehelée Baseball Association Board of Directors reserves the right to review, amend and otherwise change the actions outlined in the guide at any time. All situations, including those not listed, will be reviewed by the board of directors and the appropriate actions will be taken with regards to all parties involved.