



**Okeehlee Baseball Association, Inc  
Developmental Division Rules  
(3-4) Spring Only**

**1. Age Of Player**

Players Must Be Four (4) Years Old By April 30 Of the Current Season. Players Must Not Be Five (5) Before May 1 Of Current Season.

**2. Team Parent**

Each Team Will Have A Team Parent Who Is Allowed In The Dugout But Not On The Field During Games. He Or She May Also Have An Assistant Team Parent Assist In The Dugout. Team Parents Must Be Certified By Nysca/Babe Ruth And Background Checked and Concussion training.

**3. Regulation Game**

Regulation Game Is 50 Minutes.

**4. Time Limit**

No Inning Shall Start More Than Forty Five (45) Minutes After The Official Starting Time. Time Will Be Kept By The Umpire.

**5. Batting**

Players Must Take A Full Swing At The Ball. If The Ball Comes To Rest On Any Part Of The Line In Fair Territory, It Is A Fair Ball. Batters will be allowed a chance to hit the ball without striking out, "Within Reason".

**6. Per Inning Runs/Batter Rule**

Each Team will bat through their line-up. If three (3) outs are recorded, the bases will be cleared and the team will continue to bat.

**7. No Official Score Will be Kept.**

## **8. Sliding**

Tball Players May Slide Feet First Into A Base, Not Head First. There Is No Must Slide Rule In Tball, Sliding Is Optional.

## **9. Equipment**

Bat May Not Exceed 27 Inches In Length. Barrel must be 2 ¼ inches.

## **10. Play Stop**

A Play Stops When Any Defensive Player With The Ball Steps On Any Base Or Home Plate. Play Does Not Stop By Stepping On The Pitcher's Mound.

## **11. Overthrows**

An Overthrow Of First Base Is An Attempt To Retire The Batter At First Base In Which The Ball Is Thrown Past The First Baseman. The Ball May Travel Towards The Sideline Fence Or Into The Outfield. On An Overthrow Of First Base, The Ball Is "Live," And Runners May Advance At Their Own Risk. The Batter/Runner May Be Thrown Out Going To Second Base. However, On An Overthrow Of First Base, Once The Batter/Runner Reaches Second Base, The Play Will End And The Whistle Will Be Blown To Indicate The Play Is Over.

- Should The Batter/Runner On An Overthrow Of First Base, Over Run Second Base After Touching The Base He May Not Be Tagged Out Because The Ball Is Dead Once He Reaches Second Base Safely.

## **12. Practices**

**Practice Is Limited To Three (3) Sessions Per Week Until The Season Starts. Once The Season Starts, Each Team Will Be Limited To 3 Sessions (Which Includes Practices And Games) Per Week. (At this age, however, we recommend on two (2) session per week. 1 game and 1 practice.)**

## **13. Baselines**

Baselines Are 60 Feet In Length.

## **14. Outfield And Short Field Playing Position**

Four Outfielders Will Be Used By Each Team. The Short Fielder Must Be At Least Five (5) Feet Behind The Baseline.

#### **15. Defensive Coaches Permitted On Field**

Two (2) Coaches Are Permitted On The Field Defensively In The Outfield. The Coaches Must Be Behind The Players. If Only One (1) Coach, He May Stand In The Middle.

#### **16. Offensive Coaches Permitted On Field**

A Coach Will Be Allowed At Each Base To Assist The Runners.

#### **17. Coaches' Assistance To Batters**

A Coach May Set A Player Squarely In The Batter's Box, But Cannot Line The Batter Up To Hit In A Specific Direction. The Coach May Adjust The Tee To Speed Up The Game, As Long As No Portion Of The Tee Is Off The Plate.

#### **18. Pitcher Playing Position**

The Pitcher Must Remain In The Pitcher's Circle With One Foot On The Rubber Until The Ball Is Hit And Must Wear A Batter's Helmet.

#### **19. Throwing Motion Required**

Defensive Players Must Throw Overhand, Unless It Is A Natural Movement.

#### **20. Pitcher Required To Throw To First**

Pitcher Must Throw The Ball To First Base As Opposed To Running It To The Base If It Is Fielded On The Third Base Side Or Within The Pitcher's Circle. An Imaginary Line From Home To Second Base Divides The Field Into A First Base Side And Third Base Side.

#### **21. Catcher's Playing Position**

Catchers Must Remain Outside Of the Catcher's Circle and Behind Home Plate until the Ball Is Hit. They Must Wear a Batter's Helmet At All Times. All Teams Must Have A Player In The Catcher Position.