

Oak Grove Athletic Association

of Hattiesburg, MS

OGAA Rules

Our Mission:

The purpose of Oak Grove Athletic Association is to provide a positive, child centered learning environment for children who are interested in playing baseball. OGAA is an educational organization committed to the development of baseball skills and to instill the ideals of good sportsmanship, personal integrity, and team cooperation.

OGAA – “It’s All about the Kids”

Governing Rules Policy:

All park rules take precedence over all Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth baseball rules. Rule or policy changes do not change during an active season. Any rule change made during the season must be approved by the Board of Directors and deemed a necessity for the positive effect of the park.

Game Day Schedule of Events:

The Head Coach of each team is to meet with the umpire (s) prior to game time, at home plate, for introductions and any rule clarifications. At the plate meeting, head coaches from each are to exchange a printed copy of the lineup. The umpire will then announce the start time and the official time is kept by home plate umpire. After the game the head coach is also responsible for signing the scorebook to ensure score and pitchers innings pitched. If you are participating in the last game of the night then, home team coach will turn out lights to field.

Tobacco Use:

The use of tobacco products or e-cigarettes of any kind, within OGAA facility boundaries is strictly prohibited.

Umpires:

OGAA provides umpires for all ages. Any umpire’s decision which involves a judgment decision like balls, strikes, outs, balks, etc.. Are final. If you have a question about a call please call time and ask calmly to speak to the umpire. Only the head coach or acting head coach can approach the umpire and ask about a specific call. Once an appeal has been made and the decision is made then that call is final. At no time shall a coach, player or spectator verbally or physical abuse an umpire.

Game Day Behavior:

During the offensive innings one coach is allowed in the first base coaching box and one coach is allowed in the third base coaching box. All other coaches must remain within arm's length or inside the dugout. During the defensive inning all coaches must remain within arm's length of or inside the dugout. This rule does not apply to timeouts. Remember our Mission Statement and "It's all about the Kids".

Disciplinary Policy and Action:

The head coach or acting head coach is responsible for the behavior of their players, assistant coaches, parents and other team spectators.

Ejected coaches and/or spectators must leave the immediate area and go to the parking lot. Any player, coach or spectator that is ejected from a game and does not leave the fields quietly and in a respectful manner, will be subject to further disciplinary actions.

If a player is ejected from game, that player is to remain in the player's dugout for the duration of the game. The umpire, under no circumstances, will force the players to leave the playing field. That decision will be made by the coach and an OGAA board member.

Note: All penalties are at the discretion of the OGAA Board of Directors. Additional penalties can be added at any time based on the situation and nature of the offense. The penalties outlined in the rule book are guidelines for the coaches, parents and players and are not final. Final penalties will be governed by the OGAA Board of Directors and issued by the OGAA President.

General Rules: This applies to all Leagues**1. Time limits**

Tee-Ball	1 Hour
5U & 6U	1 Hour
7U & 8U	1 Hour, 15 Minutes
9U & 10U	1 Hour, 30 Minutes
11U & 12U	1 Hour, 30 Minutes
13U, 14U, 15U	1 Hour, 45 Minutes
16 and Up	1 Hour, 45 Minutes

- A game shall be considered complete when time has expired or the required number of innings have been played
 - If a game ends after time in a tie then the following rules apply.
 - Play 1 extra inning normal
 - If still tied after 1 extra inning then international rules applies. Last batted out at 2nd base with one out.
 - All games must be played out and we will have NoTies.
 - When the game is over teams need to clean out their dugout and coaches need to sign scorebook.
- 2. 6 Runs per Inning:** There is a 6 run rule per inning per team. After 6 runs the batting team must take the field. This rule does not apply for teams 13U and above.

3. **Ten Run Rule:** Follow Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth baseball rules.
4. **Playing Time:** All players have to play 1 offensive and defensive inning.
5. **Stealing Home:** Any time a batter swings at a pitch while a runner is stilling home the batter will be automatically out and the runner will return to 3rd base.
6. **Batting Order:** Every player must bat. Each team exchanges their batting orders prior to the start of the game. The batting order may not be changed for the duration of the game. If a player has not shown up at the start of the game, they are moved to the bottom of the batting order. If that player has not shown up by their turn to bat they are recorded as absent and are not allowed to play in that game. If a team does not have nine players then the "9th batter" is called out at each turn of their bat.
 - a. **Batting Out of Order:** IF the player is determined to be batting out of order while at bat, the correct batter will come to the plate and assume the count as is from the illegal batter. If it is determined that an illegal batter has reached base before the next batter takes a pitch, then the illegal batter is declared out, and all runners must return to starting base.
7. **Bat Rules:** Please go through your Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth rule books.
8. **Metal Cleats:** OGAA does not allow metal cleats in the recreational league for ages 12U and under. Player's 13-18 years of age may wear them at their own risk. Metal Cleats may not be worn on temporary pitching mounds.
9. **Protective Gear:** Players must wear protective headgear when at bat, on deck, on base, and at all times while out of the dugout. All catchers are required to wear throat protector and protective cup.
10. **Game Attire:** Players may not wear ANY jewelry while on the field. They need to be in full uniform and have shirts tucked in and hats facing forward.
11. **Dugout Assignments:** The home team shall occupy the 1st base dugout and the visitors will occupy the 3rd base dugout. When you are finished with your game that team is responsible for cleaning out their dugout. That means picking up trash and bottles.
12. **Game Cancellation:** When a game is postponed by OGAA due to weather or field conditions, it is possible the game may not be rescheduled. OGAA will attempt to accommodate when possible. Because of the tremendous interest in baseball and the limited number of fields, rescheduling cancelled games is Not guaranteed.
13. **Reschedule Policy:** OGAA will consider rescheduling of games when the following criteria is met.
 - a. Minimum seven days' notice prior to the originally scheduled date
 - b. When the team can field the minimum number of players at gametime.
 - c. The head coach makes the request and sends that request to VP of OGAA.
14. **Fake Bunt/Slashing:** A batter may never show bunt, and then swing at the ball. Once the batter steps into the batter's box and shows bunt, he is no longer allowed to swing at the pitch. If the player shows bunt and swings he will be called out and runners will have to return to original base.
15. **Infield Practice/Pitching Practice:** Teams may Not take infield practice or have a pitcher throw from the mound prior to the game. All warm up should be done in the outfield grass and pitchers should utilize bullpens.

16. Photographers: Teams are allowed to have a maximum of one photographer inside the fenced area, and only on the respective team's side. The photographer is to remain in the area between the dugout and the outfield fence and should never be more than an arm's length from the fence. Always be in foul territory and never avoid flash.

17. Base and Pitching Distances

Age	Bases	Pitching
T-Ball	40 feet	
5/6 Year Olds	50 feet	Coach @ 30 feet
7/8 Year Olds	60 feet	Machine at 40 feet
9/10 Year Olds	60 feet	46 feet
11/12 Year Olds	70 feet	50 feet
13-18 Year Olds	90 feet	60 feet

18. Pitching Rules

- OGAA will follow pitch counts in the Spring, and innings pitched in the Fall regular season. Coaches must record each pitchers pitch count in their scorebooks, and have the opposing coach sign the scorebook at the end of each game. Any coach in violation of this will be suspended or removed by the OGAA Board of Directors.

AGE	DAILY MAX	REQUIRED REST (PITCHES)					FALL
		0-DAYS	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS	MAX INNINGS
9&10	75	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	2
11&12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+	2
13-15	95	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	3
16-18	105	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76+	3

Note: 1 day of rest is one full day of rest between days pitched.

Example: 14 year old throws 40 pitches on Tuesday, then he cannot pitch again until Thursday

Playing Up

For a player to be eligible to play up the following guidelines must be met:

- They must be protected by a coach on a team
- They must have a "play up consent form" signed by both parents, head coach and board member.
- They must realize that no Board Member recommends that they play up in age. They do so at their own risk. No player may play up more than one age level.
- No player can play down.

Safety Policy

Safety is everyone's job. If you have a wireless phone please bring it to the game in order to contact emergency personnel. Prevention is the key to no accidents. Report all hazardous conditions to your League Commissioner or Board Member.

1. Speed limit is 5 mph. Please look out for small children around parked cars.
2. No Alcohol on OGAA property.
3. No playing in the parking lot at any time.
4. No playing on any equipment.
5. No Smoking on the premises.
6. No Profanity.
7. No Transportation items allowed. This includes but not limited to, skateboards, scooters, rollerblades, roller skates, bikes or etc...

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Select Teams Process

1. OGAA will have one select team per age group. Any more than one team will require a board meeting and a board vote.
2. If you are interested in coaching a select team you must turn in your coach's application by July 15th of every year. You will be asked to come to the August board meeting and discuss why you are the right coach for that team. Board will vote each year for select team coach.
3. You will be required to have an open tryout each year. At that tryout you must have two outside evaluators to grade players.
4. Coach will have two coaches' challenges from the evaluation and can make two roster changes.
5. All roster players must be registered and paid before 1st scheduled practice.
6. Must participate in all OGAA sanctioned events which includes but not limited to: tournaments, raffles, opening ceremonies and other sponsored events.

Tournament Team

1. OGAA will allow for two tournament teams per age group.
2. Coaches must be approved by the Board of Directors.
3. If you are interested in coaching a tournament team you must turn in your coach's application by July 15th of every year. You will be asked to come to the August board meeting and discuss why you are the right coach for that team. Board will vote each year for tournament team coach.
4. Tournament teams will be allowed to play two tournaments per month.
5. 75% of the children roster must play in the OGAA Park and either play fall ball or spring ball.
6. Team must pay dual participation fee before first practice.