

Oak Grove Athletic Association

of Hattiesburg, MS

OGAA SOFTBALL Park 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 any other softball governing rules.

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.

Tobacco & Alcohol Use:

The use of alcohol and 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, 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 or inside the dugout. **(This rule does not apply to the 6 and 8U divisions or 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.

COACHES; **1.** Umpire will issue a warning to the coach. **2.** Umpire will restrict coach to dugout. **3.** Umpire will eject* coach from the game and the coach will receive a 2 game suspension. Before the coach can resume coaching they will have to appear before the Board of Directors. Upon returning to coaching if the coach is ejected again they will be banned from the park.

SPECTATORS; **1.** Will be given a warning by the umpire. **2.** If the spectator continues it will be the umpire's discretion to forfeit the game and /or eject the spectator.

***Ejected coaches and/or spectators, MUST** leave the immediate area and go to the parking lot. Any coach or spectator that is ejected from a game and does not leave the fields quietly and in a respectful manner, the umpire has the discretion to halt play until individual exits and/or call forfeit in the opposing teams favor. **REMEMBER! It's all about the girls!**

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 base 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 Softball

1. Time limits

AGE	TIME LIMIT(SPRING)	FALL
6U	1 Hour	1 Hour
8U	1 Hour, 15 Minutes	1 Hour & 5Min.
10U	1 Hour, 15 Minutes	" "
12U	1 Hour, 15 Minutes	" "
13-18(HS)	1 Hour, 15 Minutes	" "
ALL	No new inning with 5 minutes or less	

- 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.
 - The international rules applies. Last batted out at 2nd base with one out.
 - Tied after that last batted out at 2nd base with 2 outs.
 - Tied after that game will end in tie.
- When the game is over teams need to clean out their dugout.

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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