

OVYL Baseball Standards for Playing Time

Parents and players are always interested in what to expect when their player signs up for OVYL baseball. Common questions include:

- If there are more than 9 players on the roster, how much time will my player get on the field?
- Does every player get an equal amount of playing time at every age level?
- If my player wants to play a particular position, will he/she get the opportunity to do so?
- Will my player get time in the infield or mostly in the outfield?
- Will my player get time to pitch?
- Are we keeping score at this level?
- Are we keeping statistics at this level?

The OVYL Baseball program has standards for the level of playing time that players and parents can expect at each age level. The younger age groups are more inclusive allowing players and coaches to more easily discover individual abilities and preferences. The older age groups and tournament teams are more competitive as we teach players how they each play their part on a winning team.

This document explains the OVYL Baseball program's standards for each age group.

Smash Ball (pre-K-Kindergarten – ages 4-6)

- **Playing Time:** Equal for all players
- **Positions:** Rotate positions, players play any position they want
- **Score:** Not kept
- **Standings:** Not kept
- **Statistics:** Not kept

Rookie Coach Pitch (1st & 2nd grade/ages 6-8)

- **Playing Time:**
 - Equal for all players
 - Minimum of six outs in the field; any child not receiving the minimum playing time shall start and play the entire next game (exception any child suspended or pulled from a game for disciplinary reasons or injury)
 - Bench time should be evenly distributed among all players.
- **Positions:**
 - Rotate positions, however players begin to gravitate toward positions for which they show performance.
 - Everyone gets time in infield if desired.
- **Score:** Kept during game and published (if applicable) at coach's discretion
- **Standings:** Kept and published (if applicable) at coach's discretion
- **Statistics:** Kept at coach's discretion

Minor League (3rd & 4th grade/ages 8-10)

- **Playing Time:**
 - Equal for all players
 - Minimum of six outs in the field; any child not receiving the minimum playing time shall start and play the entire next game (exception any child suspended or pulled from a game for disciplinary reasons or injury)
 - Bench time should be evenly distributed among all players.
- **Positions:**
 - Rotate players, however players continue to gravitate toward positions for which they show performance.
 - Everyone gets time in infield, though not necessarily equally.
 - Pitching is up to coach, but should be open for kids interested.
- **Score:** Kept during game and published (if applicable) at coach's discretion
- **Standings:** Kept during game and published (if applicable) at coach's discretion
- **Statistics:** Kept at coach's discretion

Major League (5th & 6th grade/ages 10-12)

- **Playing Time:**
 - Minimum of six outs in the field; any child not receiving the minimum playing time shall start and play the entire next game (exception any child suspended or pulled from a game for disciplinary reasons or injury)
 - Bench time will be distributed among all players, though not necessarily equally.
- **Positions:**
 - Positions are assigned by coach based on performance and interest.
 - Pitching is at coach's discretion
- **Score:** Kept and published on applicable league website
- **Standings:** Kept and published on applicable league website
- **Statistics:** Kept at coach's discretion

Jr. and Sr. Babe Ruth (7th through 12th grade/ages 13-17)

- **Playing Time:**
 - Minimum of six outs in the field; any child not receiving the minimum playing time shall start and play the entire next game (exception any child suspended or pulled from a game for disciplinary reasons or injury)
 - Bench time will be distributed among all players, though not necessarily equally.
- **Positions:**
 - Positions are assigned by coach based on performance and interest.
 - Pitching is at coach's discretion
- **Score:** Kept and published on applicable league website
- **Standings:** Kept and published on applicable league website
- **Statistics:** Kept and published at the coach's discretion

Jr. Diamond/Diamond/Prep/Tournament Teams (all age levels)

- **Playing time:** Determined by the coach, may not be equal playing time and no minimums
- **Positions:** Determined by the coach
- **Score:** Kept and published (if applicable)
- **Standings:** Kept and published (if applicable)
- **Statistics:** Kept and published at the coach's discretion