

2020 OPBA League Rule Reference Chart
Oriole Park Baseball Association

League / Ages (as of 2019-20 school year)	K - 1 GRADE Girls Inst.	2nd GRADE GJPW	3 - 4 GRADE 10U	5 - 6 GRADE 12U
General Rules				
Minimum # of Players	All games will play	All games will play	7 to start / no outs against	7 to start / no outs against
Ball	11" Incrediball (soft)	11" Softball	11" Softball	12" Softball
Length of Bases	50 ft.	60 ft.	60 ft.	60 ft.
Pitching distance	30 ft.	30 ft.	35 ft.	40 ft.
Regulation Games	3 innings	5 innings	6 innings	6 innings
Game Limits	Reg. season - 2 hours or 3 innings	Reg. Season - 2 Hours or 5 innings. No new inning after 1 hour and 30 mins.	Reg. Season - 2 Hours (drop dead). No new inning begins after 1 hour and 30 minutes.	Reg. Season - 2 hours (drop dead). No new inning begins after 1 hour and 45 minutes.
Mercy Rule	None	10 runs after 4 innings	10 runs after 4 innings	10 runs after 4 innings
Number of Fielders	Depending on number of players, half will play infield, while other half does drills in outfield. Rotate each inning.	10, including Short Center who must start 10 ft. behind 2 nd base when pitch is thrown/ equal playing time for all players will be strictly enforced	10, including Short Center who must start 10 ft. behind 2 nd base when pitch is thrown/ each player will play on the field for a minimum of 3 innings- this will be strictly enforced	10, including Short Center who must start 10 ft. behind 2 nd base when pitch is thrown
Inning Ends	One time around the batting order. Batter will be removed from base if an out is recorded.	3 outs or 5 runs (except 5th inning or mutually agreed upon last inning)	3 outs or 5 runs, whichever 1st (except 6th inning or mutually agreed upon last inning)	3 outs or 5 runs, whichever 1st (except 6th inning or mutually agreed upon last inning)
Overthrows	No extra base	No extra base	No extra base	Only 1 extra base
Hitting / Bases				
Number of Batters	Entire Team	Entire Team	Entire Team	Entire Team
Bunting	No	No	Yes (Once bunt is shown the batter must bunt or pull back and take the pitch)	Yes (Once bunt is shown the batter must bunt or pull back and take the pitch)
Infield Fly Rule	No	No	No	No
Dropped 3rd Strike	No	No	No	No
Stealing	No	No	Yes, 3 rd base only, after ball crosses home plate. Runners cannot advance on overthrows on a steal.	2 nd and 3 rd base only, after ball crosses the plate. Runners can't advance on overthrows on a steal.
Hit by Pitch	No	No base for coach-considered a ball. Awarded 1st Base if a direct hit or on one bounce from a player pitcher,	Awarded 1st Base if a direct hit or on one bounce. Batter must make every attempt to get out of way. Umps discretion.	Awarded 1st Base if a direct hit or on one bounce. Batter must make every attempt to get out of way. Umps discretion.
Lead-offs	No	No	After ball crosses the plate	After ball crosses the plate
Pitching				
Coach Pitch	A batting tee will be used for the 1 st inning of every game. Coach pitch 2 nd and 3 rd innings. 5 pitch limit, then tee is brought out. (No strike outs)	yes-after 4 balls are recorded/batter retain same count. *Batters count starts with 2 balls and no strikes against*	No	No
Inning Limits	NA innings	2 innings/game 8 innings/week	3 innings/game 12 innings/week	3 innings/game 12 innings/week
Walks	No	No	Yes (no intentional walks)	Yes (No intentional walks)
Hit Batter - Remove Pitcher	NA	3 batters (that are awarded 1st base)/inning or 3 batters/game	3 batters (that are awarded 1st base)/inning or 3 batters/game	2 batters (that are awarded 1st base)/inning or 3 batters/game

Special Notes		No playoffs	Playoff bracket will be posted at end of regular season.	Playoff bracket will be posted at end of regular season.
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This chart is for quick reference only. Please refer to your full copy of rules for any questions or clarifications. Rules may differ for the playoffs. An updated sheet will be sent out as it gets closer to the tournament. (Revised 03/20)