

2018 OPBA League Rule Reference Chart

Oriole Park Baseball Association

League / Ages (as of 2017-18 school year)	G14U Softball
Minimum # of Players	7 to start / no outs against
Ball	12" Softball
Length of Bases	60 ft.
Pitching distance	43 ft.
Regulation Games	7 innings
Game Limits	Reg. Season - Darkness
Mercy Rule	10 runs after 5 innings
Number of Fielders	9
Inning Ends	3 outs or 5 runs, whichever 1st (except 7th inning or mutually agreed upon last inning)
Overthrows	Advance as many bases at runners own risk
Number of Batters	Entire Team
Bunting	Yes (Once bunt is shown the batter must bunt or pull back and take the pitch)
Infield Fly Rule	Yes
Dropped 3rd Strike	Yes
Stealing	Any base after the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
Hit by Pitch	Awarded 1st Base if a direct hit or on one bounce,
Lead-offs	After ball leaves the pitcher's hand
Coach Pitch	No
Inning Limits	4 innings/game 12 innings/week 16 innings in playoffs
Walks	Yes
Hit Batter - Remove Pitcher	2 batters (that are awarded 1st base)/inning or 3 batters/game
Special Notes	Travel pitchers are allowed to pitch 3 innings per game. There are no Step backs when pitching

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 4-26-16)