

Machine Pitch Rules (1st and 2nd) **Osceola Youth Baseball/Softball**

All games will be 6:30-8:30 for the season.

Please review the schedule online at www.osceolayouthbaseball.com

- Practice is required for the first 30 minutes each game night (6:30-7:00)
- No new inning should begin after 8:15
- Games will be played on Fields 1 and 2 at OES
- First team listed on the schedule is home team and should provide game ball
- Final couple of weeks, teams will transition to Coach pitch – see schedule for dates

Equipment:

- OYB sponsored T-shirts
- Rubber soled shoes or rubber spikes only
- Helmets must be worn by all players on team batting and the pitcher on defense
- Catcher must wear full catcher's gear
- Acceptable for players to bring own bat and helmet and use during practice/games

Positions:

- No player should play the same position for more than 2 innings during a game
 - Exception is if player has physical restriction or other condition but should be discussed with opposing coach
- All players should play multiple positions to gain experience throughout the season
- Assign the players specific positions
 - Infield must play within 3 feet of the baseline
 - Outfield must play on the outfield grass – not in the infield

Base running:

- No leading off or stealing bases
- Advancing one base on an overthrow on a play to 1st base is allowed
- On hit to outfield grass (down line or in gap), able to advance bases (double/triple)
- Sliding is required on close plays for safety reasons

Scoring/Outs

- Team at bat will be deemed out after 5 runs are scored in an inning **OR** if defensive team successfully get 3 outs

Batting:

- All batters will be given 7 pitches per at bat
- Player cannot walk, each gets a chance to put the ball in play
 - If player fouls off pitch #7, they will receive another pitch
 - If player swings and misses or doesn't swing on pitch #7, the batter is out
- If ball hits an adult in the playing field, it is a dead ball and should be replayed

Other information

- Only an adult may operate the pitching machines – adjust machines to give players good pitches
- Throwing of helmets and/or bats is not acceptable – first violation is warning, next time may be an automatic out (coaches discretion)
- Coaches must **NOT** leave children unattended after a game until parents pick them up – **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- If issues arise, resolve and act like adults – if unable to resolve seek a board member for resolution