

2018 OPBA League Rule Reference Chart
Oriole Park Baseball Association

League / Ages (as of 2017-18 school year)	Tee-Ball	Boys Instructional	Boys JPW	Boys PW
General Rules				
Minimum # of Players	All Games will play	All Games will play	All games will play	7 to start / no outs against
Ball	Soft-baseball	Soft-baseball	Hard ball	Hard ball
Length of Bases	45 ft.	55 ft.	60 ft.	60 ft.
Pitching distance	NO Pitcher	35 ft. Player pitcher to be behind coach unless tee is in use	40 ft.	46 ft.
Regulation Games	2 innings	3 innings	5 innings	6 innings
Game Limits	1 hour 30 minutes or 2 innings	Reg. Season - 2 Hours or 3 innings	Reg. Season-2 Hours or 5 innings	Reg. Season- 2hours or 6 innings
Mercy Rule	None	None	10 runs after 4 innings	12 runs after 4 innings/ 10 after 5 innings
Number of Fielders	No more than 7 infielders at a time	At least 9 position players when possible/ *no player sits while team is on field	9 position players/equal playing time for all players will be strictly enforced	9 position players/each player will play on the field for a minimum of 3 innings- this will be strictly enforced
Inning Ends	One time around the batting order	One time around the batting order/ *note that all players will be removed from bases if an out is obtained/NO 3 out rule	3 outs or 5 runs or one time around the batting order, whichever 1st (except 5th inning or mutually agreed upon last inning)	3 outs or 6 runs, whichever is 1st (except 6th inning or mutually agreed upon last inning)
Overthrows	No extra base	No extra base	No extra base	Advance one base/no advancement to home will be allowed
Hitting / Bases				
Number of Batters	Entire Team	Entire Team	Entire Team	Entire Team
Bunting	No	No	No	Yes (Once bunt is shown the batter must bunt or pull back and take the pitch)
Infield Fly Rule	No	No	No	Yes
Dropped 3rd Strike	No	No	No	No
Stealing	No	No	No	2nd & 3rd after the ball crosses plate-no advance on overthrow
Hit by Pitch	NA	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,
Lead-offs	No	No	No	After ball reaches home plate
Pitching (No Step back allowed at any level)				
Coach Pitch	NA	A batting tee will be used for the 1st inning of every game. Coach pitch second two innings(5 pitches)then tee is brought out*NO Strike outs*	Yes-after 4 balls are recorded/batter retains same count	No
Inning Limits	NA innings	NA innings	2 innings/game 8 innings/week	2 innings/game 10 innings/week 12 innings in playoffs
Walks	No	No	No	Yes
Hit Batter - Remove Pitcher	N/A	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
Special Notes	All kids will play the field and have practice time during the game.	Teams will always supply a catcher. Offensive coach is responsible for moving the tee off of the plate once ball is in play for Safety reasons	No playoffs	Playoff bracket will be posted by director of the division

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)