

Freshman League 11-12 Baseball

Olive Branch Parks and Recreation baseball program will be governed by Dizzy Dean Baseball along with the following local rules.

OBJECTIVE: This league is designed to provide fun and enjoyment for the participants as well as teaching the fundamentals of the game of baseball.

1. Games will consist of six (6) innings or 1 hour and 30 minute time limit whichever comes first. No new inning will begin with 5 minutes or less remaining in the time limit.
2. If the score is tied at the end of regulation we will play one (1) extra inning. If still tied at the end of the extra inning the game will be recorded as a tie.
3. There will be a six (6) run limit per inning except for the 6th inning, or any inning after the 6th. There will be No run limit in the 6th inning, or any inning after the 6th.
4. The game will be called if a team is up by fifteen (15) runs at the end of the 3rd inning, or ten (10) runs at the end of the 4th inning, or any inning thereafter.
5. Teams will be allowed to play with 8 players. Less than 8 players will constitute a forfeit. Teams will have to take an out for their 9th player. The first game of the night will have a five minute grace period.
6. The head coach, assistant coach, 1 helper and players are the only people allowed in the dugout.
7. Batting order/line-ups must be presented to the umpire and scorekeepers prior to each game. This should include player's full name, jersey number and position.
8. A designated hitter CAN NOT be used in this league.
9. All equipment must be kept inside the dugout.
10. No metal spikes are allowed.
11. The bases are 70ft and the pitching distance is 50ft.
12. The pitching rules are on pages 43 – 44 of Dizzy Dean rulebook.
13. There are no intentional walks. Every batter must be pitched to.

14. **The infield fly rule will be enforced in this league. This is defined as a fair fly ball that, in the judgment of the umpire can be caught with ordinary effort when there are runners on first and second or first, second, and third and less than two outs.**
15. **Leading off and stealing will be allowed in this age group.**
16. **Balks will be called.**
17. **A courtesy runner can be used for the catcher only anytime during the game. The runner can be anyone not in the immediate 9-man line-up. This includes substitutes who have entered the game and have been removed.**
18. **If there is a close play at home the runner must slide. This is a judgment call by the umpire and can not be protested.**
19. **No Jewelry. A medic alert bracelet may be worn, but must be taped securely to the body.**
20. **The head coach is responsible for the conduct of players, parents and fans. One warning will be given to the head coach and then ejection takes place. The ejected person has one minute to get to the parking lot. Failure to do so will result in forfeit for the offending team. Standing by the outfield fence will be considered the playing field. No second warnings will be given. Any player or coach ejected from a game will have to sit out their team's next game. NO EXCEPTIONS.**