

## 13-16 Baseball

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

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

1. Games shall consist of seven (7) 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. The game will be called if a team is up by 15 after the 4th inning or 10 after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning or beyond.
4. There will be a 6 run limit per inning except for the 7<sup>th</sup> inning or any inning after the 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be no run limit in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning or any inning after the 7<sup>th</sup>.
5. Teams will be allowed to play with 8 players. Less than 8 players will constitute a forfeit. Teams will take an out for their 9<sup>th</sup> player. The first game of the night will have a five minute grace period.
6. The head coach, assistant coach, 1 helper and the 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 will be allowed in this league.
9. All equipment must be kept inside the dugout.
10. No metal spikes allowed.
11. The bases are 90ft and the pitching distance is 60' 6".
12. Pitching rules are on pages 43– 44 of the Dizzy Dean rulebook.

- 13. 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.**
- 14. Leading off and stealing will be allowed in this league.**
- 15. Balks will be called.**
- 16. A courtesy runner may be used for the catcher only, anytime during the game. The runner can be anyone not in your immediate 9- man line-up. This includes substitutes who have entered the game and have been taken out.**
- 17. 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.**
- 18. No Jewelry. A medic alert bracelet can be worn, but it must be taped securely to the body.**
- 19. 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 a 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.**