



OBGC Colt Rules

Colt League will use the National Federation of High School Association (NFHS) rules except for the changes listed below:

SPORTSMANSHIP

- Players will not taunt or tease players on the opposing team. Clapping of hands or wildly waving a bat with the intent to distract or deceive players on the opposing team will not be permitted
- Parents and fans watching the game are not to abuse the Umpire or other team's players or Coaches. Head Coaches are encouraged to talk with their parents before the season to remind them that the Umpires are mostly high school kids who are doing their best and that we need to set a good example of sportsmanship for our kids
- Deliberately removing the batting helmet when on the field while the ball is alive will not be permitted
- A player ejected from the game by the umpire must sit out the team's next played game, playoff game included. Ejected players will be allowed to stay at the field and watch the game while sitting on the team bench.
- league president explaining the incident, so the Umpire coordinator can correct the understanding of the rules if the Umpire made an error
- Remember, regular season games do not determine playoff seating.

GENERAL GUIDELINES (REGULAR SEASON)

- Home team will use the bench on the 3rd base line
- Each team will provide one (1) new game ball to the umpire
- Only players and coaches should be allowed in the dugouts or on the playing field during a game. No team bat boys are allowed.
- After the game, please make sure that the dugout areas are clean
- If there is no game before you, the visiting team can take the field for practice 1/ 2 hour before the game, with the home team taking the field 15 minutes before game time.
- THERE IS NO BATTING PRACTICE AT THE OBGC FREEMAN FIELDS BEFORE A GAME

DEFENSE

- Each player must play at least 5 innings in the field before the 7th inning, of which one (1) innings must be in the infield before the 7th inning.
- A player must not play the entire game at one position

OFFENSE

- All players will bat in a continuous batting order consisting of all available players each game
- All bats must be BESR (Bat Exit Speed Rating) approved. BESR denotes that non-wood bats limit the maximum exit speed of a baseball under laboratory conditions; they have met momentum-of-inertia requirements as well as maximum diameter of the bat and a minus three (-3) differential difference between the length and weight of the bat. The bat states that the bats may be either wood or non-wood.

PITCHING

- Pitchers may not pitch more than four (4) innings in a single game.
- One (1) pitch in an inning constitutes one (1) inning
- When a pitcher is removed from the pitching position for any reason, he may return to the pitching position once

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- Management at Olney Manor and OBGC Community Park will determine if a game is cancelled. Their decision is final.
- At game time or any time during a game, if field conditions worsen, both coaches and the umpire should assess the playing field before canceling the game.
- If lightning is seen or thunder is heard, seek shelter immediately (For more, read OBGC's Lightning Policy).

GAME TIME-LIMIT

- Regular season games will end two (2) hours after their scheduled start time. Games should not end before the two-hour limit, unless completed.
- If the scheduled umpire is not there five minutes prior to the start of the game, get a parent or coach to umpire. Do not wait for game time to notice the umpire is not ready to start the game. Please notify the league president after the game if an umpire does not show up.

PLAYOFFS

- Regular season win/loss records will not be used to determine playoff seeding. Playoff seeding will be determined by a blind draw.

- A coin flip will determine the home and away team with the team on the top of the bracket calling heads or tails.
- If an umpire is not at the field 10 minutes before game time, please call the league President as soon as possible so they can call the Umpire coordinator right away to try and get someone to you. You may need to use a mutually agreed upon coach or parent.
- Playoff games will be played to completion but the Mercy rule will be in effect. If the home team is leading by 10 runs or more after 4 ½ innings, the game will be called and the home team is the winner. If the visiting team is leading by 10 runs after the 5 completed innings, the visiting team is the winner.