



Oakville Girls Softball Association

Coaches Supplement 2019

Team Managers and Coaches expectations

- 1 Coaches are required to submit a police criminal reference check every two years. Please submit the police criminal reference check to secretary@oakvilleangels.com and vphouse@oakvilleangels.com before being on the field.
- 2 Coaches agree to abide by the OGSA players' Bill of Rights and Code of Conduct Policy
- 3 Coaches shall be responsible for the conduct of their team personnel at all times while the team is on or adjacent to the playing area and shall consult with the league authority if a player/families conduct becomes detrimental to the operation of the team.
- 4 Coaches and players are required to be at the scheduled diamond at the scheduled time unless otherwise instructed by the league/convenor who, has been in direct contact with the league/town regarding possible field closures. It is expected that the coach or coach designate will be the first to arrive at the diamond to prepare the field, welcome the players and prepare for the practice/game.
- 5 The OGSA (and HGSL, MGSA) will be providing all families with game and practice schedules, and for notifying all families of any changes/cancellations prior to games/practices.
- 6 Coaches are expected to balance player rotation for each game and over the course of the season in order for girls to maximize development in *all* aspects of the game
- 7 Coaches agree to ensure that concerted efforts are made to complete a roster with (call-ups for Squirt Divisions and higher) or borrow players in order to avoid unnecessary forfeitures.
- 8 Coaches Shall be held responsible for all equipment issued to their team by the League and for returning all League equipment at the conclusion of the house league season.

9 Coaches agree to submit accurate player rating information at or before the conclusion of the regular season.

10 Coaches of both teams are required to report the game results to the Convenor or designate within 24 hours.

Divisions

1 The League will operate divisions based on registration numbers, and that fall under the Softball Canada guidelines and adhere to the Town of Oakville CORE youth policies and procedures.

Current Divisions

BlastBall	U6
Tyke	U8
Mite	U10
Squirt	U12
Novice	U14
Bantam	U16
Midget/Junior	U18 + U21

2 All divisions are considered OPEN which allow under age players to move up division, but only upon request and at the discretion of the league executive. Players who wish to play down not allowed unless there is a valid physical or mental reasoning associated with the request and deemed extraordinary circumstances.

Registration

1 Players *should* be permanent residents within the boundaries provided by the OGSA. The league executive will have jurisdiction in approving players outside of boundaries in adherence with division registration capacity and Town of Oakville CORE membership residency guidelines.

2 To become a bona fide member/player, a player's registration form must be complete and fees paid before being assigned a team. Proof of age may be required.

3 Falsification of age or any registration information shall mean immediate suspension.

4 Registration fees shall be set each year by the league executive.

5 All players must be registered through the Registrar & Website.

BLASTBALL U6 GAME

- Ball: 10" Blastball Softie
- Diamond Dimensions:
 - 40 feet between bases
 - 56.5 feet between home base and second base
 - 26 feet distance from home base to pitcher
 - 8 feet in circumference the pitching circle

Objective:

The defensive players take any position in the field to ensure maximum coverage. A blastball is placed on Tee and the first batter hits the ball and runs to the best base. If the batter reaches the base (the only base used) before a defensive player either catches the blastball in the air (an automatic out) or fields it and yells "Blast", they score a run.

If the ball is caught or fielded and "Blast" is yelled before the runner gets to the blast base, then the runner is out. The Blast Base is audible emitting aloud "honk" that kids love whenever the runner stops on the base. When fielding, the defensive player can throw back to the coach near home plate. (A player will not be playing in the catcher position). Once all players had been at bat ends the (half) inning.

Modifications:

- Defence team make a play at first
- Used additional bases halfway through season to teach gradual plays to 2nd, 3rd and Home Base

TYKE U8 GAME

- Ball: 10' RIF softie
- Diamond Dimensions:
 - 40 feet between bases
 - 56.5 feet between home base and second base
 - 26 feet distance from home base to pitcher
 - 8 feet in circumference the pitching circle
 - Half way through the season, the T is removed to encourage coach pitching

All (10) players on a team play defence in all positions. Rotate the players between batters except the catcher who plays whole inning. If a team is short, then consider sharing a player(s) for the game so that both teams can have full representative on the field.

Coaches will be positioned in the outfield. They will be responsible for ensuring that the players are attentive to avoid injury and to coach the players regarding defensive plays. The coaches will not touch, field or throw the ball at anytime unless protecting a player from being injured.

All (10) players on a team are to be listed, in their batting order (in the sequence they will bat) prior to the start of the games. If a player arrives late for a game, her name is added to the bottom of the batting order and may bat when that turn comes up only. If a player is not present to take their turn at bat, (due to bathroom break, playing, emotional upset, behaviour problems or illness) they will not be counted as "out". They will be classed as "missed" and will be able to take their turn at bat when their turn comes up next time through the batting order.

A game consists of 2 to 3 innings or max time during 45 min. Games shall commence at 7:15 pm and end at 8:00. Players are encouraged to be at the playing field 15 min before the start of 6:30. There is no standings at this division therefore we don't count the number of wins vs loses. However each team can earn points. Offensive players can earn 1 pt for each base they touch (4 total if they reach home). Defensive players earn 1 point for each out. (point system optional)

When the ball is hit by a batter, it is not considered fair until it passes the "fair ball line". The fair ball line is 8 feet forward from the pitcher's plate between 3rd baseline and 1st baseline.

Each inning will end by having a last batter that will continue running around the bases before the defensive player touches home plate with their hand up in the air.

Fair ball rule is the same as regulation softball.

A fielding pitcher must be on the pitching mound when the ball is hit. The pitcher may move off the pitching mound to field a ball or cover bases after the ball is hit. No other players of the defensive team shall be closer to the batter than 26 feet.

All overthrows which result in the ball ending outside of the playing area will not entitle the runners to advance on extra base in addition to the base that they were attempting. Any overthrown ball which ends inside the playing area, including foul territory, is alive and the base runners may not advance any number of bases under the liability of being put out in their attempted advance.

When the ball has been declared dead, no runner may advance until a fair hit is made. A runner cannot leave the base till the ball is hit – no "lead off". A defensive player must be standing anywhere on the infield with their hand in air with the ball to declare the play is dead.

There is no stealing of bases. A runner cannot leave the base till the ball is hit.

Batting helmets are mandatory. Helmets must be wear when batting and while base running. The chin strap must be securely fastened.

Catchers must wear the proper catches equipment (mask, chest protector, shin guards and helmet) for protection.

Players should wear the uniform that was provided from the OGSA. Running shoes or rubber cleat must be worn. No jewellery.

Bunting is not allowed

Coaches to officiate the game. There are no umpires in this division

COACH SELF PITCH GAME

Same rules apply from T-ball except:

The batting team's coach will pitch to their own team at bat. They will be allowed to move forward from the pitching distance (26 feet) towards home plate however, no closer than 12 feet to help the batter hit the ball. Coach pitchers must not interfere with batted balls. However, common sense prevails when a player's (in the pitching circle) safety is at risk. Therefore, the Coach Pitcher must protect the Pitcher (player) from batted ball. The pitching coach must move to allow the fielding pitcher to play the ball. A violation of this rule on a fair hit will entitle the batter to advance to 1st base, if they were put out on their hit, which allows all other base runners to advance by a force.

The fair hit line is removed.

After 5 pitches the batter has not made contact with the ball. Its batter's choice to hit of the T or 6 pitched will be last pitch and if missed then the batter is out.