PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRESSION

At OYO, we are committed to working with our coaches to provide continuous leadership, coaching and encouragement while developing each and every ballplayer in our rec league program. Explore below how OYO coaches will maximize your ballplayer's skill development in each of the following critical areas of the game at each level.



SOFTBALL	8U	10U	12U	14U/16U
THROWING	 Momentum toward target Follow through Harder throws 	 Underhand toss for close plays Not holding ball 	 Call for cut off Crow hop throws Quick release throw from glove 	Long-toss throws with momentum for distance
FIELDING	 Cover bases Charge the ball Two-hand catches Shuffling feet Get ball to infield 	 Cut-offs Fly ball form, step back Backhand catch Back-up plays 	 Field bunt, steal Infield fly Turn double play Execute rundown 	 Crossover Drop-step Infield communication
HITTING	 Pitch selection Knuckles lined up Swing loaded up Back foot planted, step forward 	 Ball-Strike, count Stance/position Bunting Avoid getting hit 	 Complete swing execution Power hitting Contact hitting 	 Situational hitting Two-strike count options Bunt types
BASERUNNING	 Proper decisions for batted balls Multiple bases Look at base coach Sliding 	 Stealing base Banana curl run Fly ball tag up Round the base 	 Coach signals Release from the base Tag-ups React to batted balls 	 Steal breaks Delayed steals 1B-3B situations
PITCHING (position)	N/A	 Accuracy, form Push off mound Covering home on passed ball 	 Pitching motions Form Illegal pitch understanding Accuracy 	Different pitch typesAccept signals
CATCHING (position)	 Proper squat position Field short batted balls Cover home Stop thrown balls 	 Form mechanics Throws to bases Recover passed ball Block pitches Framing Run backs 	 Block pitches Position for defensive plays Field bunts Dropped 3rd strike 	 Issue pitcher signals Coach the defense Elevated squat
THE BASICS	Force out v. Put outPitch counts	Situational playsKnow outs, counts	Communicate with teammatesMake plays without coach help	Players manage independent game situations