



# NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION

2024 SPRING SEASON  
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WITH MUCH APPRECIATION...

THANK  
YOU!



# ABOUT OYO

ABOUT OYO

# 50 YEARS STRONG!





ABOUT OYO

# IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!



# HISTORY

## GETTING STARTED



FOUNDED IN 1975

## VOLUNTEER RUN



45 BOARD MEMBERS  
FILL 51 POSITIONS

## FULL-SERVICE PARK



14 FIELDS, 3 LIGHTED  
3 BATTING CAGES  
2 CONCESSION STANDS

## PROGRAM FOR ALL












50TH SPRING SEASON  
17TH FALL BALL SEASON  
21ST FULL-TIME SEASON

## SERVING MANY



SPRING | 950 PLAYERS, 89 TEAMS  
FALL | 800 PLAYERS, 69 TEAMS  
FTT | 150 PLAYERS, 12 TEAMS

# OUR VISION OFFERS HOPE, PROMISE

-  Leverage teamwork to truly accomplish more
-  Keep rec league recreational and instructional
-  Try new things while staying true to OYO's roots
-  Be good stewards of our finances, assets
-  Keep The OYO Way as backbone to all decisions
-  Build OYO to continue to be a safe, happy place
-  Create plans that stand the test of time
-  Emphasize coaching is an absolute privilege
-  Establish OYO the place for baseball and softball or whatever level they may wish to play

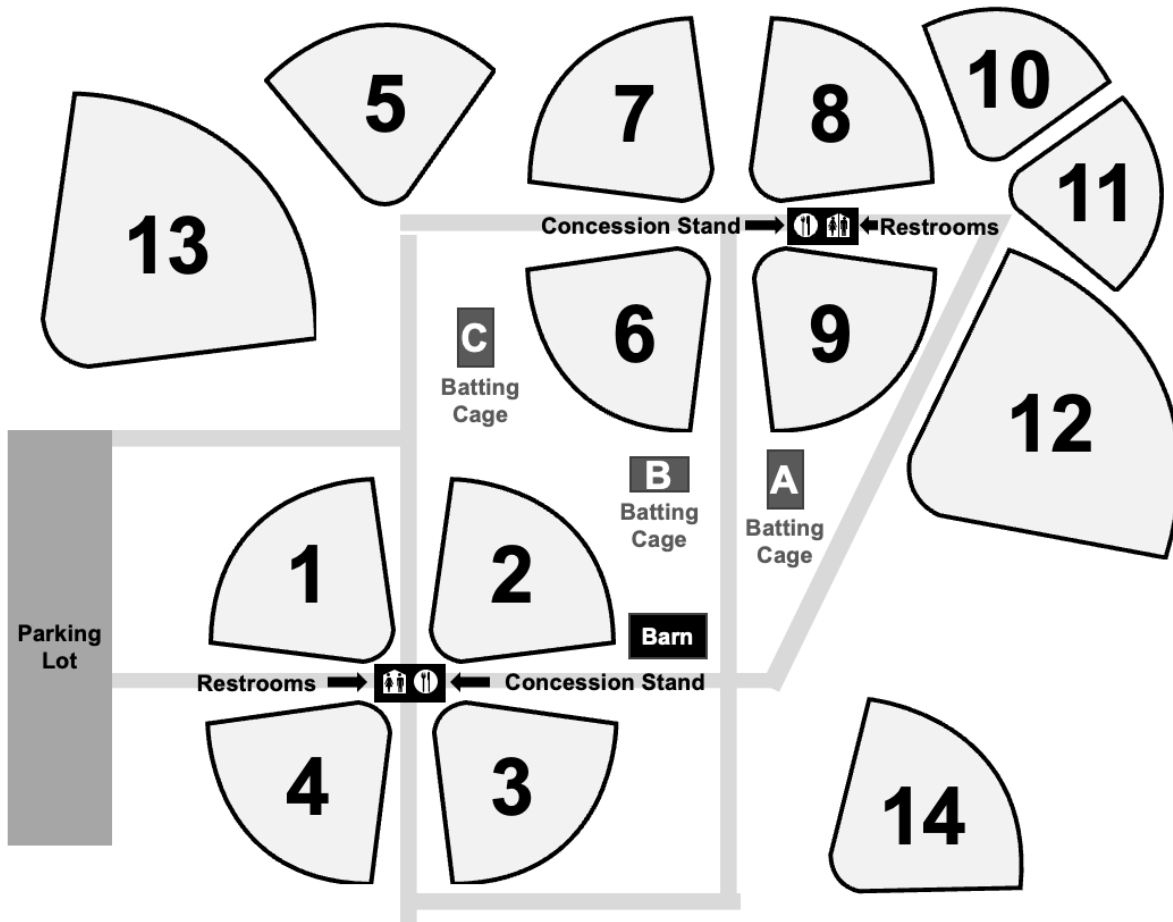
# MAXIMIZING YOUR EXPERIENCE

| LEAGUE           | AGES         | FIELDS                               | # OF GAMES<br>SPRING SEASON ONLY | TOURNEY |
|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| CHALLENGER       | 4-18<br>Coed | 14                                   | 14                               | NO      |
| Tee Ball         | 4-5<br>Coed  | 1-11, 14<br>(Practices: Field 12-14) | 14                               | NO      |
| Junior Rookie    | 6<br>Coed    | 5-11                                 | 12                               | YES     |
| Rookie           | 7-8          | 5-11                                 | 15                               | YES     |
| Minor            | 9-10         | 1, 4                                 | 15                               | YES     |
| Super Major      | 11-12        | 2, 3                                 | 15                               | YES     |
| Junior Baseball  | 13-16        | 12, 13                               | 10-12                            | YES     |
| 8U Softball      | 6-8          | 5, 8, 9                              | 15                               | YES     |
| 10U Softball     | 9-10         | 5, 8, 9                              | 15                               | YES     |
| 12U Softball     | 11-12        | 5, 6, 7                              | 15                               | YES     |
| 14U/16U Softball | 13-16        | 5, 6, 7                              | 13-15                            | YES     |



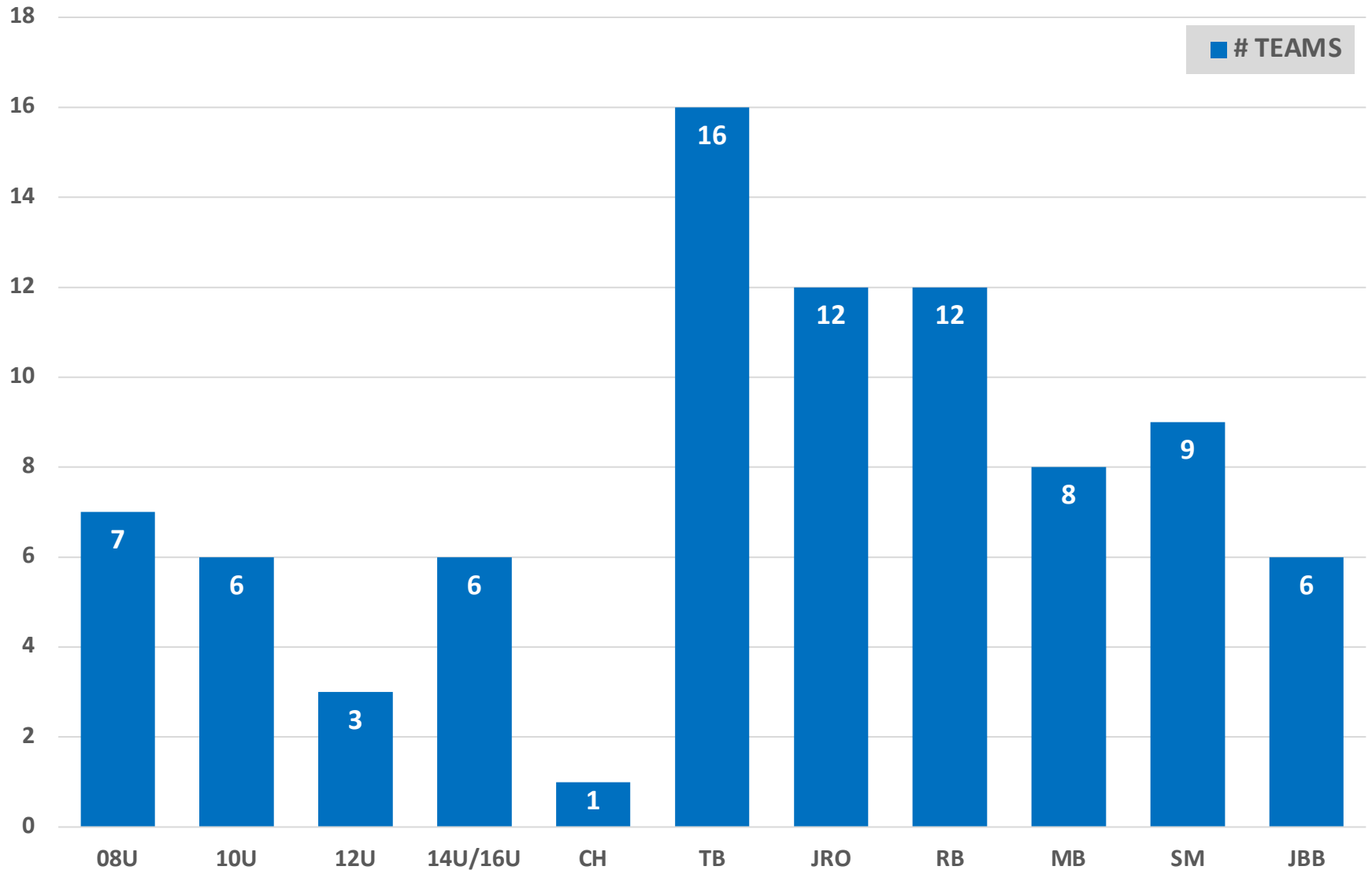


# VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

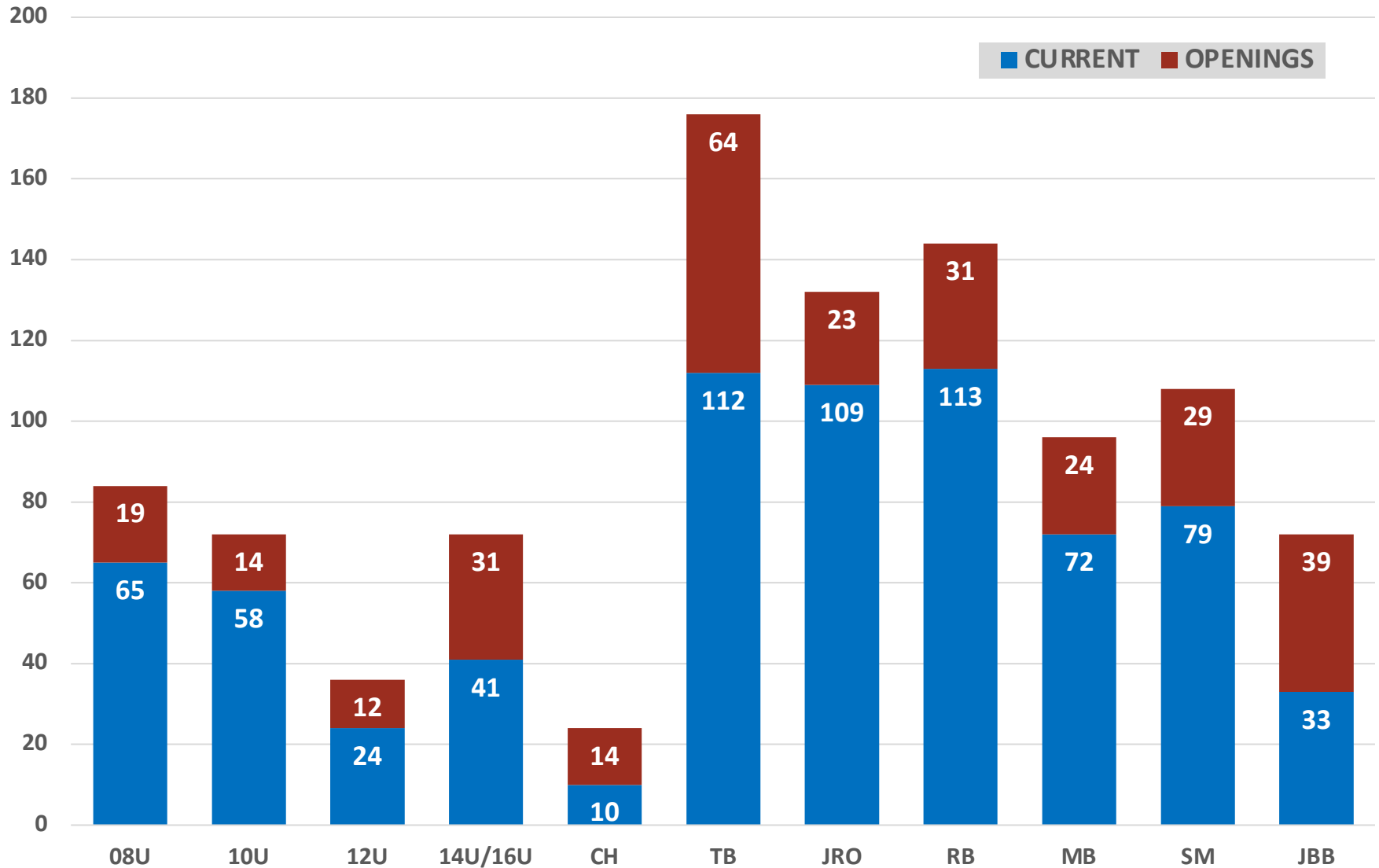


| DIV | FIELDS     |
|-----|------------|
| TB  | 14 (+1-11) |
| JRO | 5-6, 9-11  |
| RB  | 5-6, 9-11  |
| MB  | 1-4        |
| SM  | 1-4        |
| JBB | 12-13      |
| 8U  | 5, 8, 9    |
| 10U | 5, 8, 9    |
| 12U | 5, 6, 7    |
| 14U | 5, 6, 7    |

# TEAMS PER DIVISION



# PLAYERS BY DIVISION | REFER A FRIEND



# PARK RULES

**WATCH & PLAY  
AT YOUR OWN RISK**  
**NO PETS ♦ NO SMOKING ♦  
NO FIREARMS**



- No pets
- No cars past parking lots
- No alcoholic beverages
- No weapons or firearms
- No roller blades, bikes, or skateboards
- Smoke-free, including vaping
- No swinging of bats outside the fields or batting cage areas
- No throwing of balls outside the fields or warm-up areas



**THE OYO WAY**

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

## DEVELOPMENT



Teach solid fundamental baseball and softball skills to all players

## RESPECT



Create a positive feeling of esteem and memorable experiences for every individual you interact with

## LIFE LESSONS



Take advantage of opportunities to show players how teamwork can overcome challenges

## FAIRNESS



Apply fair play standards that encourages rec league players to be rotated regularly

## CHARACTER



Lead by example and demonstrate the impact of volunteerism to all parents and players



# INSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT FIRST

## OYO IS AN INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE

- We do not keep records or standings
- Tournament is a computerized blind draw through LeagueApps



## WE LOOK FOR A PLAYER'S COACH

- Publicly Praise, Privately Criticize
- Follow Fair Play Rules
  - every player to play in the infield and outfield one inning each game
  - no player may sit out a second inning before all sit out once
- Teach good fundamentals, skills
- Teach all kids, not just the more talented players

## PLAYER-COACH RELATIONSHIPS LAST A LIFETIME



# SUPPORT OUR UMPIRES

- OYO operates a youth/adult Umpire Training Program
- Kids start umpiring at age 11
- The umpire is in charge, regardless of his/her age
- Give the umpires the same kind of respect you want them to give you
- Coaches and fans do not change the calls an umpire has made
- **BE A POSITIVE EXAMPLE TO THE YOUNG BALLPLAYERS AND YOUNG INDIVIDUALS AROUND YOU**



# OPERATION TEAMWORK





# CODE OF CONDUCT | ACCOUNTABILITY

- Each of you agreed to the OYO Code of Conduct during the registration process
- Review the Code of Conduct with your child at the beginning of the season and before the tournament

## THE OAKLANDON YOUTH ORGANIZATION SPORTSMANSHIP CODE OF CONDUCT

### DEVELOP A STRONG, CLEAN, HEALTHY BODY, MIND AND SOUL.

Any form of alcohol, tobacco or drugs are strictly prohibited from any and all OYO premises; first offense – will result in a two-game suspension and second offense will result in an indefinite suspension for individual involved with possible reinstatement by the OYO Executive Board of Directors the following year.

### DEVELOP A STRONG URGE FOR SPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT.

OYO will hold all participants, players, coaches and spectators accountable for any actions that may be deemed detrimental to either the safety of play or the safety of anyone present.

### DEVELOP UNDERSTANDING OF AND RESPECT FOR THE RULES.

Knowing the rules, makes for better players, coaches and spectators.

### DEVELOP COURAGE IN DEFEAT, TOLERANCE AND MODESTY IN VICTORY.

Good sports make it fun for all! We are out here to teach our kids life lessons!

### DEVELOP CONTROL OVER EMOTIONS AND SPEECH.

Respect our umpires, coaches, players and spectators. If it's not a positive comment, it's probably not a good one. Profanity, degrading remarks, acts of violence or any form of intimidation will not be tolerated. Anyone using profanity will be asked to leave the park immediately. If this person does not leave the park and delays the game, that player will be suspended for 10 days. If a second offense occurs, player will be suspended indefinitely and reinstatement by OYO Executive Board of Directors approval will be required. It is up to the Coaches to communicate this respectful attitude to their players and families.

### DEVELOP SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND TEAM PLAY.

Play with our best effort, striving to make one another better.

### DEVELOP INTO REAL, TRUE CITIZENS

All players, coaches and spectators are part of our OYO community and are accountable for their actions.

\*OYO expressly reserves the rights to revoke any and all privileges in respect to playing, coaching or watching any games at Veterans Memorial Park. If an act is considered in violation of our "code of conduct", immediate suspension until the OYO Executive Board can evaluate such act. Any type of ejection from a game, whether player, coach or spectator, will result in a second game suspension. This person ejected would need to be reinstated by the OYO Executive Board prior to any additional participation. Any review by the OYO Executive Board may result in a penalty up to and including expulsion from the league.



# SAFETY MATTERS

## SAFETY POLICY

When your child plays at OYO, we take everyone's safety seriously. We have policies for:

- **Extreme Heat**
- **Thunderstorms & Lightning**
- **Hit Stick Usage**
- **Warm-up Areas**

## BACKGROUND CHECKS

Every Executive Board Member:  
**Criminal and Civil Background Check**

Every Board Member and Coach:  
**Criminal Background Check**

# GAME RULES | ALL LEAGUES

- **Non-Standing League** | wins and losses have no bearings on tournament pairings
- **Fair Play Rule** | all players must play one inning in the infield and one inning in the outfield every game – this rule is waived during the tournament
- **Position Maximum** | no player may play a position more than three innings in a game – this rule is waived during the tournament
- **Mercy Rule** | There is no run-lead mercy rule for the regular season; continue playing until game is complete or time limit kicks in







# BALANCED TEAMS

# PLAYER EVALS FOR TEAM BALANCE

- **Who completes evaluations?**
  - Head Coach with input from assistant coaches
  - All feedback remains confidential
- **What criteria will players be evaluated on?**
  - *Basic Skills:* Hitting, Fielding, Throwing, Baserunning
  - *Battery:* Pitching, Catching (in applicable leagues)
  - *Intangibles:* Game Knowledge, Sportsmanship
- **Who reviews data?**
  - VP and League Commissioner reviews input
  - Data is utilized to determine proper round assignment for player in team selection process
  - Data is not be released to players, families

**2009 Player Evaluation (S)**

**Caches**

OYO is committed to creating the most positive experience for all young baseball and softball players. OYO is asking for your help in evaluating your team's players. Using the evaluation process, we believe your candid assessments will result in even more positive careers for our players in the future. Please use the following guidelines and criteria for evaluation.

Please note: this report will only be available to you (the evaluator) and the OYO Commissioner of the League in your area.

If you have any questions, please contact your league commissioner or an executive board member.

| Rating | Caliber            | Criteria (in comparison to age group in your league) | Playing Experience           |
|--------|--------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 5      | All-Star Performer | Best on-class performer in most parts of the game    | Advanced                     |
| 4      | All-Star Potential | Solid performer but still needs to improve a game    | Variety of # of OF positions |
| 3      | Steady Contributor | Understands basic fundamentals, needs more practice  | Select positions             |
| 2      | Improving Player   | Player has limited ability, needs more coaching      | Utility or 2nd player        |
| 1      | Beginner           | Limited skills and understanding of game             | Limited position assignments |

Use a half-point (.5) for any player who is between rating points. (Examples: 1.5 or 2.5)

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Failure to submit this card fully completed by 8:00 a.m. on June 2, 2009 to your commissioner will result in the following tournament penalty:  
The Head Coach will be restricted from participating in the 2009 tournament as a coach or captain.

**2009 Player Evaluation (S)** Team # - Team Name

See instructions above for completing the following skill evaluation sheet for each of your team's players.

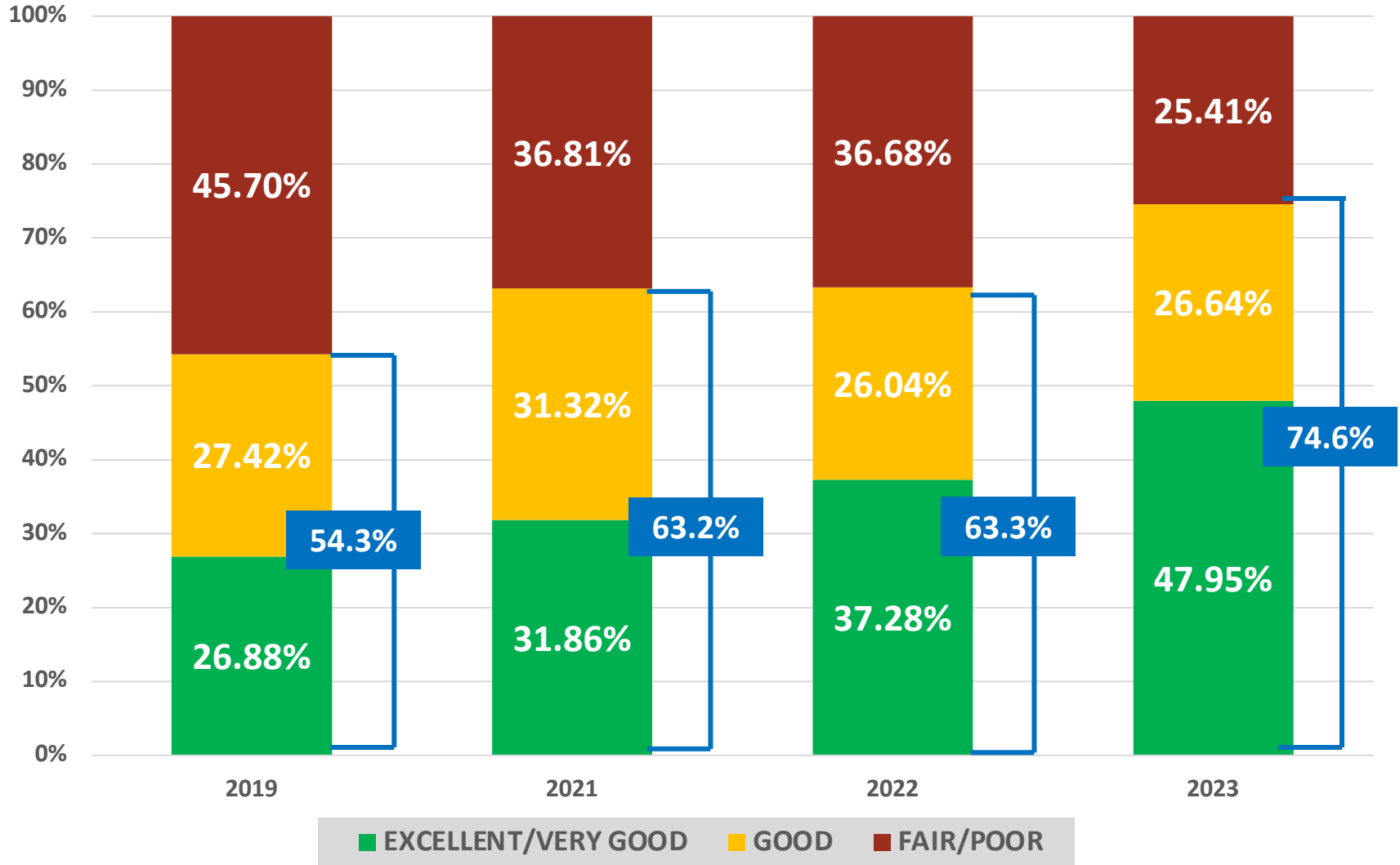
| Player ID # | Pitching |          | Fielding |          | Throwing |          | Baserunning |          | Team Intangibles |          |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|------------------|----------|
|             | Rating   | Comments | Rating   | Comments | Rating   | Comments | Rating      | Comments | Rating           | Comments |
| PLAYER 1    |          |          |          |          |          |          |             |          |                  |          |
| PLAYER 2    |          |          |          |          |          |          |             |          |                  |          |
| PLAYER 3    |          |          |          |          |          |          |             |          |                  |          |
| PLAYER 4    |          |          |          |          |          |          |             |          |                  |          |
| PLAYER 5    |          |          |          |          |          |          |             |          |                  |          |
| PLAYER 6    |          |          |          |          |          |          |             |          |                  |          |
| PLAYER 7    |          |          |          |          |          |          |             |          |                  |          |
| PLAYER 8    |          |          |          |          |          |          |             |          |                  |          |
| PLAYER 9    |          |          |          |          |          |          |             |          |                  |          |
| PLAYER 10   |          |          |          |          |          |          |             |          |                  |          |
| PLAYER 11   |          |          |          |          |          |          |             |          |                  |          |
| PLAYER 12   |          |          |          |          |          |          |             |          |                  |          |
| PLAYER 13   |          |          |          |          |          |          |             |          |                  |          |

Using the above rating system, how would you rate the player if your executive board is the year?

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# STRIVING FOR EVEN MORE BALANCE



# EMPHASIS ON PLAYER INSTRUCTION

## 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.



| BASEBALL                   | TB  | JRO   | RB  | MB  | SM | JBB/SBB |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|---------|
| <b>THROWING</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grip of ball</li> <li>Shoulder to target</li> <li>Make a "T"</li> <li>Throwing hand v. glove hand</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Step and throw</li> <li>Thumb to thigh, palm to sky, circular motion</li> <li>Opposites (foot/hand)</li> <li>Hit a target</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4-seam grip</li> <li>Momentum toward target</li> <li>Follow through</li> <li>Harder throws</li> </ul>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Underhand close plays</li> <li>Not holding</li> </ul>  |    |         |
| <b>FIELDING</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field/receive ball with glove</li> <li>Glove out, butt down</li> <li>Down and ready</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk into stance</li> <li>Fingers up, down</li> <li>Alligator hands</li> <li>Learn to play a position</li> </ul>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cover bases</li> <li>Charge the ball</li> <li>Two-hand catches</li> <li>Shuffling feet</li> <li>Get ball to infield</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cut-offs</li> <li>Fly ball form back</li> <li>Backhand catch</li> <li>Back-up plays</li> </ul>   |    |         |
| <b>HITTING</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand position on bat, basic stance</li> <li>Feet spacing</li> <li>Contact with ball, not tee</li> </ul>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand-eye coordination</li> <li>Finish level swing</li> <li>Proper bat grip</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pitch selection</li> <li>Knuckles lined up</li> <li>Swing loaded up</li> <li>Back foot planted, step forward</li> </ul>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ball-Strike, count</li> <li>Stance/position</li> <li>Bunting</li> <li>Avoid getting hit</li> </ul>   |    |         |
| <b>BASERUNNING</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to run after ball is hit</li> <li>Know when to run to next base</li> <li>Order of the bases</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Run through 1B</li> <li>Follow coach instructions</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proper decisions for batted balls</li> <li>Multiple bases</li> <li>Look at base coach</li> <li>Sliding</li> </ul>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stealing base</li> <li>Banana curl</li> <li>Fly ball tag</li> <li>Round the bases</li> </ul>   |    |         |
| <b>PITCHING (position)</b> | N/A   | N/A   | N/A   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accuracy, form</li> <li>Stretch position</li> <li>Push off mound</li> <li>Cover home on passed ball</li> </ul>                             |    |         |
| <b>CATCHING (position)</b> | N/A   | N/A   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proper squat position</li> <li>Field short batted balls</li> <li>Cover home</li> <li>Stop thrown balls</li> </ul>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form mechanics</li> <li>Throws to bases</li> <li>Recover passed ball</li> <li>Block pitches</li> <li>Framing</li> <li>Run backs</li> </ul> |    |         |
| <b>THE BASICS</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which direction to run</li> <li>Touch bases</li> <li>Understand field</li> </ul>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Score runs</li> <li>Safe v. Out</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Force out v. Put out</li> <li>Pitch counts</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Situational plays</li> <li>Know outs, counts</li> </ul>  |    |         |

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| SOFTBALL                   | 8U  | 10U   | 12U  | 14U/16U   |
|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| <b>THROWING</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Momentum toward target</li> <li>Follow through</li> <li>Harder throws</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Underhand toss for close plays</li> <li>Not holding ball</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call for cut off</li> <li>Crow hop throws</li> <li>Quick release throw from glove</li> </ul>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long-toss throws with momentum for distance</li> </ul>                               |
| <b>FIELDING</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cover bases</li> <li>Charge the ball</li> <li>Two-hand catches</li> <li>Shuffling feet</li> <li>Get ball to infield</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cut-offs</li> <li>Fly ball form, step back</li> <li>Backhand catch</li> <li>Back-up plays</li> </ul>                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field bunt, steal</li> <li>Infield fly</li> <li>Turn double play</li> <li>Execute rundown</li> </ul>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crossover</li> <li>Drop-step</li> <li>Infield communication</li> </ul>               |
| <b>HITTING</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pitch selection</li> <li>Knuckles lined up</li> <li>Swing loaded up</li> <li>Back foot planted, step forward</li> </ul>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ball-Strike, count</li> <li>Stance/position</li> <li>Bunting</li> <li>Avoid getting hit</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete swing execution</li> <li>Power hitting</li> <li>Contact hitting</li> </ul>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Situational hitting</li> <li>Two-strike count options</li> <li>Bunt types</li> </ul> |
| <b>BASERUNNING</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proper decisions for batted balls</li> <li>Multiple bases</li> <li>Look at base coach</li> <li>Sliding</li> </ul>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stealing base</li> <li>Banana curl run</li> <li>Fly ball tag up</li> <li>Round the base</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coach signals</li> <li>Release from the base</li> <li>Tag-ups</li> <li>React to batted balls</li> </ul>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steal breaks</li> <li>Delayed steals</li> <li>1B-3B situations</li> </ul>            |
| <b>PITCHING (position)</b> | N/A   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accuracy, form</li> <li>Push off mound</li> <li>Covering home on passed ball</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pitching motions</li> <li>Pick-off form</li> <li>Illegal pitch understanding</li> <li>Accuracy</li> </ul>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different pitch types</li> <li>Accept signals</li> </ul>                             |
| <b>CATCHING (position)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proper squat position</li> <li>Field short batted balls</li> <li>Cover home</li> <li>Stop thrown balls</li> </ul>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form mechanics</li> <li>Throws to bases</li> <li>Recover passed ball</li> <li>Block pitches</li> <li>Framing</li> <li>Run backs</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Block pitches</li> <li>Position for defensive plays</li> <li>Field bunts</li> <li>Dropped 3rd strike</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue pitcher signals</li> <li>Coach the defense</li> <li>Elevated squat</li> </ul>  |
| <b>THE BASICS</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Force out v. Put out</li> <li>Pitch counts</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Situational plays</li> <li>Know outs, counts</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicate with teammates</li> <li>Make plays without coach help</li> </ul>                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Players manage independent game situations</li> </ul>                                |

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# PRACTICE PLAN DRILLS FOR COACHES

| 10U                 | DRILL 1  | DRILL 2   | DRILL 3   | DRILL 4  |
|---------------------|--|---|---|--|
| BASERUNNING         | STEALING BASE  | BANANA CURL RUN   | FLY BALL TAG UP   | ROUND THE BASE   |
|                     | Teach player proper sprint position from the base and best launch position footwork to explode off the base with acceleration when stealing a base upon the pitcher's release of the ball. This drill includes the player watching the pitcher intently to notice the release and begin the steal.             | Line up players at home plate and teach them the art of beginning a curl before they reach 1B to shorten the number of steps needed to reach 2B. This includes lowering the shoulder, making a tight turn at 1B, stepping the bag with their right foot and running hard and straight to 2B.  | Place runners at 1B and 3B with appropriate base coaches. Parent volunteers are in the outfield and in the infield. Coach throws/hits a fly ball to the outfield and runners either   | Place runners at Home and 2B and let them run the base to follow coach instructions on whether to stop, round the base or proceed to next base. The players understand their |
| PITCHING (position) | FORM   | ACCURACY  | <h2>10U SOFTBALL   PRACTICE PLAN DRILLS</h2> <p>These drills can be used interchangeably to help provide quality instruction and positive practice experiences for players. Each drill can run approximately 20-30 minutes and 4-5 drills can be combined to develop a robust practice plan that can involve stations to teach specific skills as outlined in the Player Development Progression framework.</p> |  |
|                     | Working with players individually, teach each player the step-back rule, hands-together-once rule, and proper form for pitching. Effective pitching involves square-stride-finish criteria, including squaring the body, striding out and finishing strong with the arm, including an effective release point. | Help players build pitching confidence by pitching at distances of 15', 20' and 35'. Once a player is warmed up and able to successfully pitch three strikes in a row, encourage them to back up 5' and continue again. The progressive distancing helps build control and confidence.        |   |  |
| CATCHING (position) | FORM MECHANICS   FRAMING   | BLOCK PITCHES   RUN BACKS   | <h2>10U</h2>  |  |
|                     | Teach the catcher proper positioning, including directly behind the plate, hand behind the back, squat low enough for umpire to see the pitch and re-positioning the glove on a close pitch to help aid the pitcher earn the benefit of a close call.  | Using either softballs or tennis balls, the catcher drops to her knees and let the ball bounce forward off chest protector to keep runners from advancing to the next base or score on a passed ball. This also includes slow walk back of the runner to 3B while still protecting the plate. |   |  |
| THE BASICS          | SITUATIONAL PLAYS  | KNOW OUTS   | <h2>DRILL 1</h2>  |  |
|                     | Great way to get everyone involved. Work on baserunning, fielding and decision making simultaneously. Place base coaches by bases and defensive coaches in field with one coach hitting balls and players fielding and running. Conduct a "simulated" game.  | During simulated game in the situational play drill, make it fun by awarding points for players who can answer how many outs there are. The first player to indicate where the ball will go with the ball if hit to them, keeps players engaged in drill.                                     |   |  |

| 10U      | DRILL 1  | DRILL 2  | DRILL 3  | DRILL 4   |
|----------|--|--|--|---|
| THROWING | UNDERHAND TOSS FOR CLOSE PLAYS   | NOT HOLDING THE BALL   | SHOULDER SQUARE THROWS   | RELAY THROWS  |
|          | Place half of players at 2B fielding position and SS fielding position. Each player at SS has a softball in hand. The player at 2B runs toward the base and SS tosses the ball to the covering player. The players switch sides after the toss and catch. This can be done with or without their gloves.           | Place players evenly in CF or LF. And also place on player each at 2B (base), SS or 3B (base). Coach throws or hits a ball to outfielder or in the gap for CF or LF to field. SS then calls either 2B or 3B and the fielder throws the ball quickly to the designated location.                    | Each ballplayer places their bat in front of their feet while playing catch. The fielder catches the ball from teammate or coach and then turns body so feet are on both sides of the bat and their arm is back and elbow is even with the shoulder. Then player returns the throw from the position.    | Players line up in a straight line all facing the same direction. Ball begins at one end and throws to each cut off. Players catch the ball with two hands, turn toward glove side and quickly and accurately throw the ball to the next cut-off player in line. The ball comes back from opposite direction. |
| FIELDING | CUT-OFFS   | FLY BALL FORM, STEP BACK   | BACKHAND CATCH   | BACK-UP PLAYS   |
|          | Players line up in a straight line all facing the same direction. Ball begins at one end and throws to each cut off. Players catch the ball with two hands, turn toward glove side and quickly and accurately throw the ball to the next cut-off player in line. The ball comes back from opposite direction.      | Players begin in an outfielder's position of a 45-degree angle. The coach hits or tosses a fly ball. Players takes first two steps back, gauges the trajectory of the ball and either continues backward or charges the ball while preparing to catch the fly ball over their head with two hands. | Players line up in multiple lines to match the number of coaches able to execute the drill. Coach throws the ball to player so a backhand catch is required. Player executes a crossover step, turns their body and positions glove for an effective backhand catch and tosses ball back to coach.       | Set up players in RF and LF to back up throws to 1B and 3B, respectively. Coach hits ground balls to either 2B or SS and the fielder throws the ball across the field to the base and the outfielder is positioned at the correct angle behind 1B or 3B to field any overthrows that may occur.               |
| HITTING  | BALL-STRIKE COUNT  | STANCE/POSITION  | BUNTING  | AVOID GETTING HIT   |
|          | Hitters are in the cage or batter's box on the field and receive batting practice. Each set of pitches reflect a batter's experience with 4 balls, 3 strikes or a hit for an effective at bat. This enables the batter to understand pitch count and what steps to take to hit aggressively vs. protect the plate. | All batter's stance in the box is custom for each and every player. However, position in the box can be influenced by the speed of the pitcher. Coach should provide varying speeds of pitches and help batter understand whether they should be in the front, center or back of the box.          | Teaching the pivot bunting form, the batter should aim for angling the bat at a 45-degree angle, and tapping the ball toward the 1B or 3B line by angling the bat accordingly. Based on this skill, the coach should place pylons approx. 25 feet from home for players to target for a successful bunt. | Using tennis balls, wiffle balls or even rolled socks, players should take their position in the batter's box and learn to step away from an inside pitch and, if not feasible, then to turn away from an inside pitch so a pitch may hit them in the back as opposed to their torso.                         |



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# SPECIAL REQUESTS

- **More than half of all players make a special request**
  - Practice Nights, Game Nights
  - Play for Specific Coach, with a Specific Friend
  - Team Name
- **We grant what is possible and feasible | Requests that cannot be considered are...**
  - Game nights
  - Teammate requests when both players are ranked in top round
- **Primary responsibility**
  - Ensuring balanced teams and creating a memorable and competitive experience for all teams
  - Team assignments are scheduled to be released by March 4
  - Email notification will be sent, details available in LeagueApps







# TEAMS AND SCHEDULES

# GAME TIMES

| WEEKNIGHTS | DETAILS   |
|------------|---|
| 6:00 p.m.  | Most common start time for all teams/games  |
| 7:15 p.m.  | Reserved for SM and 12U/14U games on Fields 2 and 6, when preceded by Tee-Ball game       |
| 8:00 p.m.  | Reserved for SM and 12U/14U games on Fields 2 and 6, when preceded by a non-Tee-Ball game |
| SATURDAYS* | DETAILS   |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Tee-Ball and Junior Rookie Games (some 08U and Rookie, too)                               |
| 11:15 a.m. | Rookie, Minor, Super Major & 08U/10U/12U Softball Games                                   |
| 1:30 p.m.  | Rookie, Minor, Super Major & 08U/10U/12U Softball Games                                   |
| 3:45 p.m.  | Rookie, Minor, Super Major & 08U/10U/12U Softball Games                                   |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Used as needed when doubleheaders are scheduled   |

**\* Saturday, April 13 will operate on a slightly different schedule to accommodate our Opening Day parade**



# GAME, PRACTICE SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

- **Practice Schedule Overview**
  - Practices begin Monday, March 11 and end Friday, April 26
  - Every team assigned one weeknight, one weekend practice time
- **Game Schedule Overview**
  - Opening Day on Saturday, April 13
  - Weeknight Games begin Monday, April 29
- **OYO Spring Season Picture Day is Saturday, April 13**
- **Most leagues have one of the following combos every week in May/June**
  - One Saturday game, two weeknight games
  - Two Saturday games (doubleheaders), one weeknight game
- **All-Star Games scheduled for Friday, May 24**
  - No Rain Date | All divisions will have one game (*excluding Tee Ball*)
- **No games scheduled for Memorial Day weekend (May 25-27, 2024)**

This schedule is for all players in divisions with 12 and under players

# IN-HOUSE OYO REC TOURNAMENT

- **Double-Elimination Tournament**
  - Challengers and Tee Ball do not participate in rec league tournament
- **Begins Monday, June 3**
  - Drawing is random through LeagueApps
  - Tournament Schedule (dates/times) posted by Monday, May 20
- **Schedule will be extended in the event rainouts force lengthy delays**

This schedule is for all players in divisions with 12 and under players

# OYO WEATHERLINE | 317.767.5170

- **Practices**
  - Weatherline is **not** used for practices
  - Families will be notified by their coach if practice is canceled
- **Games**
  - OYO Advisors on Duty (AODs) will determine if games are being played
  - Updates will be communicated via Weatherline no later than 45 minutes before game time, possibly earlier
- **Weatherline Protocol**
  - Listen to entire message – some games may get canceled, some won't
  - On Saturdays, check back regularly as updates are left all day long
- **Rainout Games are NOT Rescheduled**
  - We include two additional games for each team
  - Responsibility placed on coaches and parents to make fields playable, but final decision on field use rests with AODs



# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

# KEY DATES (FOR DIVISIONS WITH PLAYERS 12 AND UNDER)

| DATE               | ACTIVITY  |
|--------------------|---|
| Monday, March 4    | Families Notified of Team Assignments   Practice Schedule         |
| Wednesday, March 6 | Coaches Contact All Players                                       |
| Saturday, March 9  | OYO Park Prep Day   |
| Monday, March 11   | Rec League Practices Begin  |
| Friday, March 29   | Final Game Schedule Released                                      |
| Saturday, April 6  | Last Saturday Practices   |
| Week of April 8    | Uniforms Distributed to Coaches/Team Parent                       |
| Saturday, April 13 | OYO Parade   Opening Day  |
| Saturday, April 13 | OYO Picture Day   |
| Monday, April 29   | Weeknight Games begin   |
| Monday, May 20     | Tournament Brackets Released                                      |
| Friday, May 24     | All-Star Games (for all divisions for players ages 6-12)          |
| June 3-14          | Double Elimination Tournament (could extend longer with rainouts) |
| Saturday, June 8   | Challenger and Tee Ball Seasons End   Future of OYO Parade        |







# COMMUNICATION

# DETAILED WEBSITE | WEEKLY EMAILS

## OYO WEBSITE

One-stop shop for team info, schedules, league updates and more



**TWIO | THIS WEEK IN OYO**  
Weekly email message to your inbox summarizing the latest league info





# CONCESSIONS & ONSITE ASSISTANCE

# NO CONCESSION STAND ASSIGNMENTS!



At OYO...  
Your Family Will **Never**  
Be Assigned Concession  
Duty

Just come and watch your  
ballplayer (and visit the  
concession stands)!



**GET INVOLVED**



# WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## THE HEAD COACH SHOULD...

- Own the team's equipment
- Meet with players and manage Code of Conduct signatures
- Develop practice plans
- Develop game line-ups and fielding assignments
- Participate in pre-game meeting with umpire
- Manage the crowd, as needed
- Complete umpire evaluation after each game
- Complete player evaluation card

- **ASSISTANT COACHES**

- Run stations
- Coach bases
- Coordinate pre-game routines
- Handle the scorebook duties

- **TEAM PARENT(S)**

- Team banner development (optional)
- Opening Day and Picture Day activities
- Dugout management
- Team treat tickets
- End-of-season party, gathering

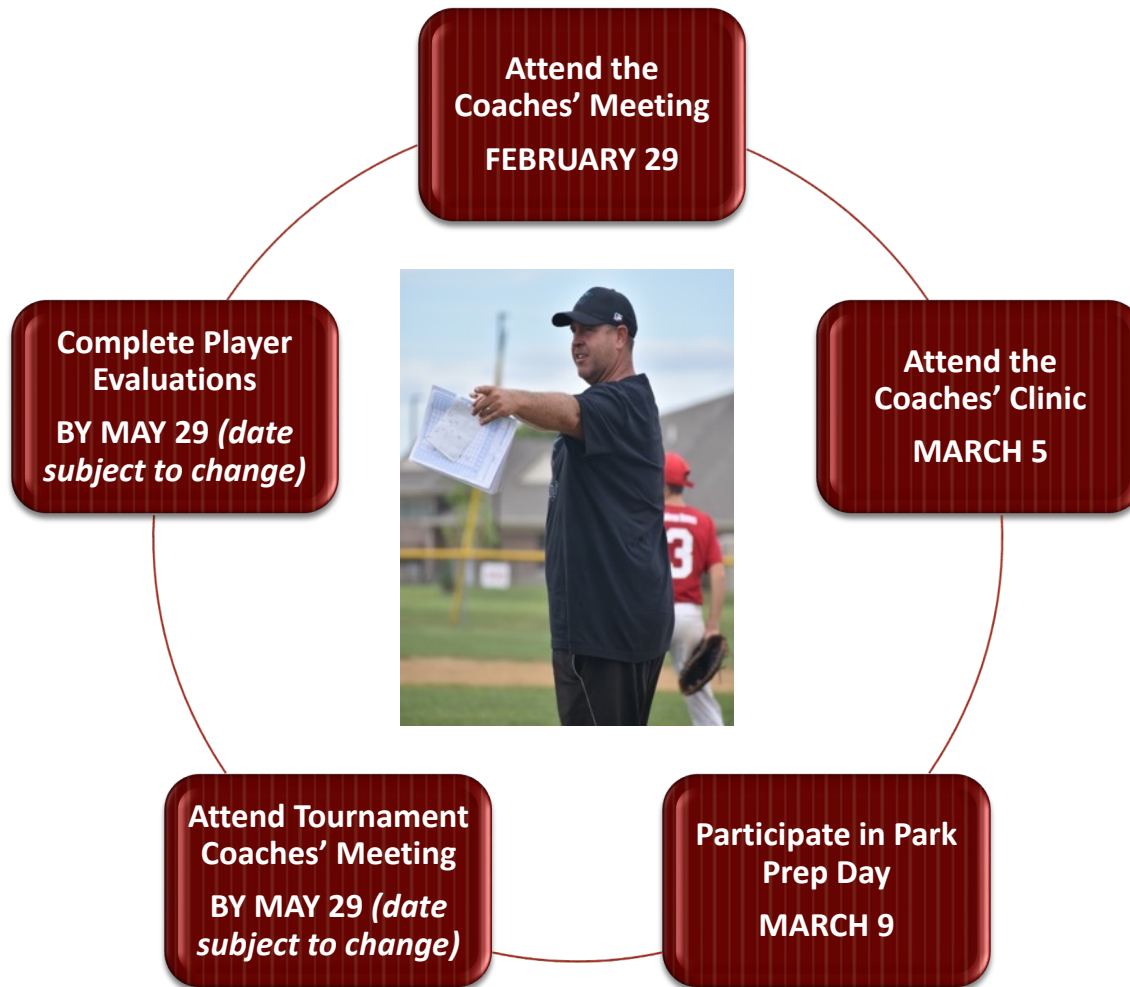
- **ALL PARENTS ON TEAM**

- Pre-/post-game field prep work
- Ensure team follows Code of Conduct





# INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR COACHES

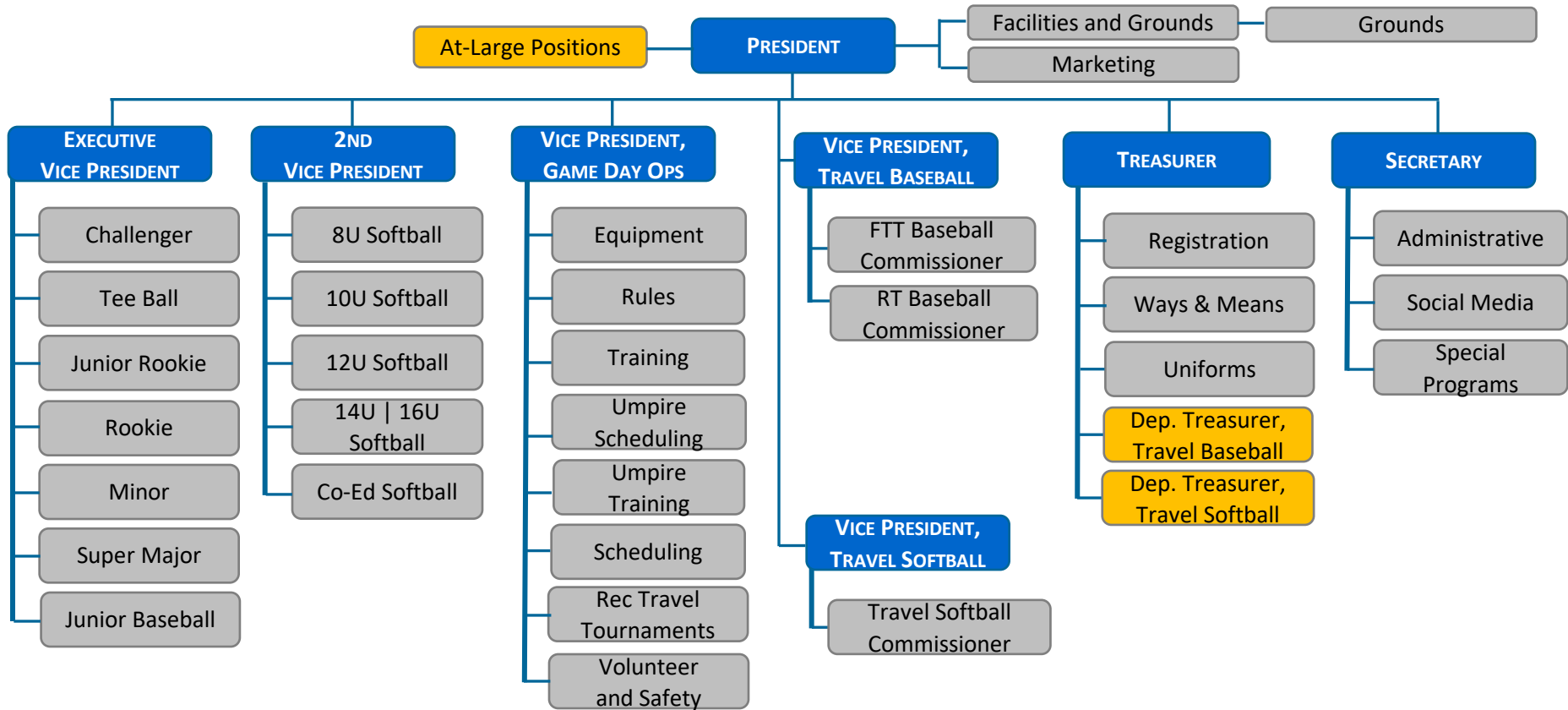


## INCENTIVE TERMS

A coach is eligible to receive one-fifth of the league's registration fee for completing each one of these five milestones. So, if all five requirements are completed, then the coach receives 100%.

Payment will be issued in the form of a registration credit to be used within the next 12 months for Fall 2024, Winter Workouts 2025 or Spring 2025.

# ALL-VOLUNTEER BOARD | TODAY

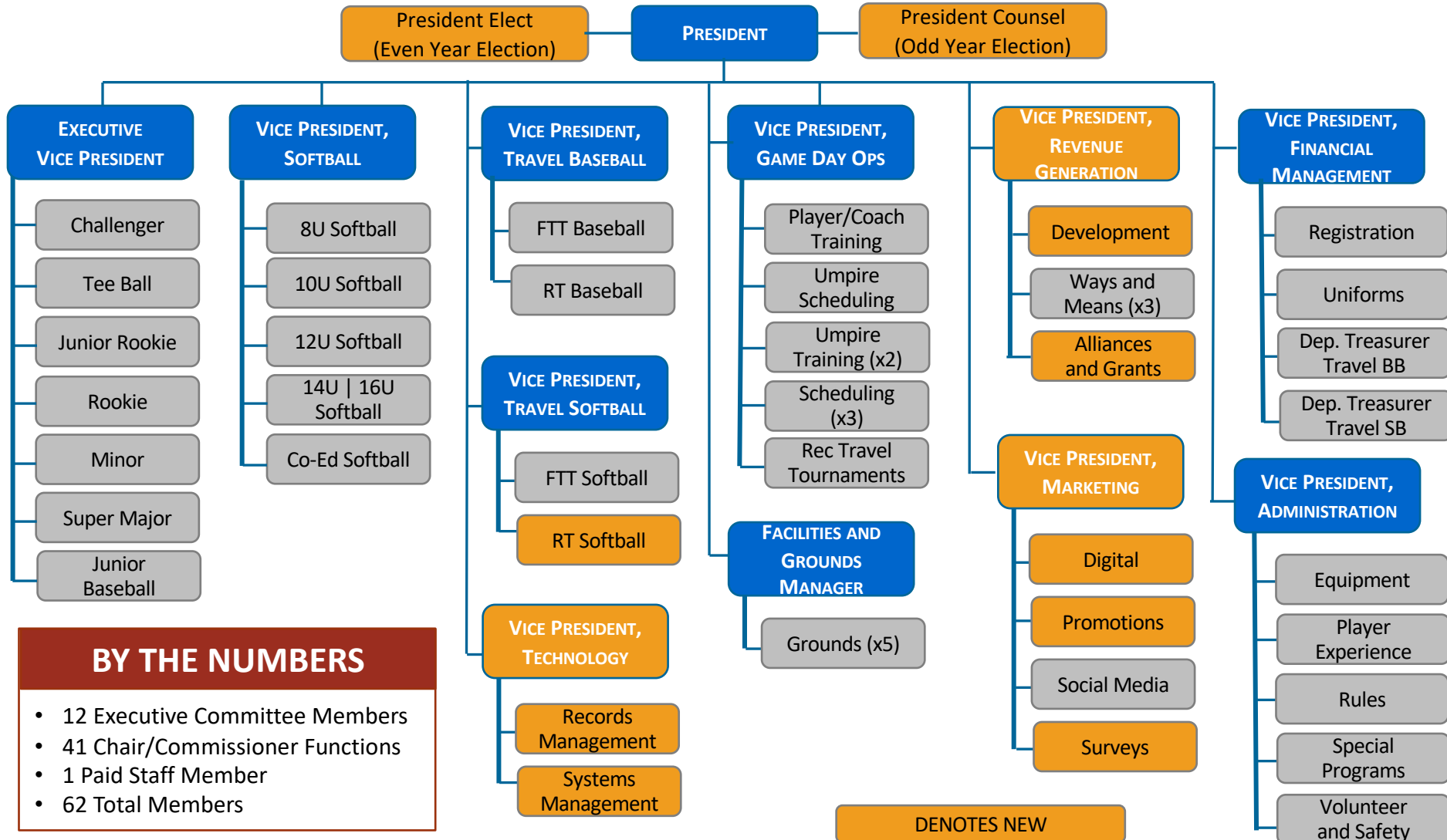


**MAKE PLANS NOW TO JOIN THE BOARD**

**ELECTIONS ARE HELD ANNUALLY DURING AT  
SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING AT JENN PARK**



# REVAMPED BOARD | BEGINNING 2025



### BY THE NUMBERS

- 12 Executive Committee Members
- 41 Chair/Commissioner Functions
- 1 Paid Staff Member
- 62 Total Members

**DENOTES NEW**



# PARK PREP DAYS

- **Spring Season Schedule**
  - **Saturday, March 9 | 9 a.m.-Noon**
  - ***Rain Date: Sunday, March 10***
- Sign-up Genius listing will be posted soon for families to volunteer
- These days help us prepare the park for a full season of baseball and softball
- Bring work gloves
- Check in at volunteer table at the three-garage barn outside Field 2





# TRAVEL PROGRAM

# OPPS FOR PLAYERS, COACHES



**6 FULL-TIME TEAMS**  
**6 ALL-STAR TEAMS**

2024 HEAD COACH OPPORTUNITY FOR  
**08U ALL-STAR TEAM**  
**12U ALL-STAR TEAM**



**6 FULL-TIME TEAMS**  
**4 ALL-STAR TEAMS**

2024 HEAD COACH OPPORTUNITY FOR  
**08U ALL-STAR TEAM**  
**12U ALL-STAR TEAM**



# QUESTION AND ANSWER





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