



# NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION

2026 SPRING SEASON  
MARCH 4, 2026 | 7 P.M.  
JENN PARK

WITH MUCH APPRECIATION...

THANK  
YOU!



# OVERVIEW

# THE STATE OF OYO IS VIBRANT

**1168**

SPRING + FTT PLAYERS

Largest total ever

**1050**

SPRING PLAYERS

Largest total ever

**764**

FALL BALL PLAYERS

2nd Largest total ever

**59**

UMPIRES

Largest total since 2014

**10**

ALL-STAR TEAMS

2nd most since 2010

**66**

BOARD MEMBERS

Largest board to date

**151**

SPONSORSHIPS

Largest total ever

**\$74K**

SPONSOR PLEDGES

Largest total ever

**\$50K**

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

3rd consecutive year of \$50K+ spending at VMP

**82%**

COMMITMENT

Best score in five years

**\$1,940**

GIVING TUESDAY

Largest single-day total secured from event

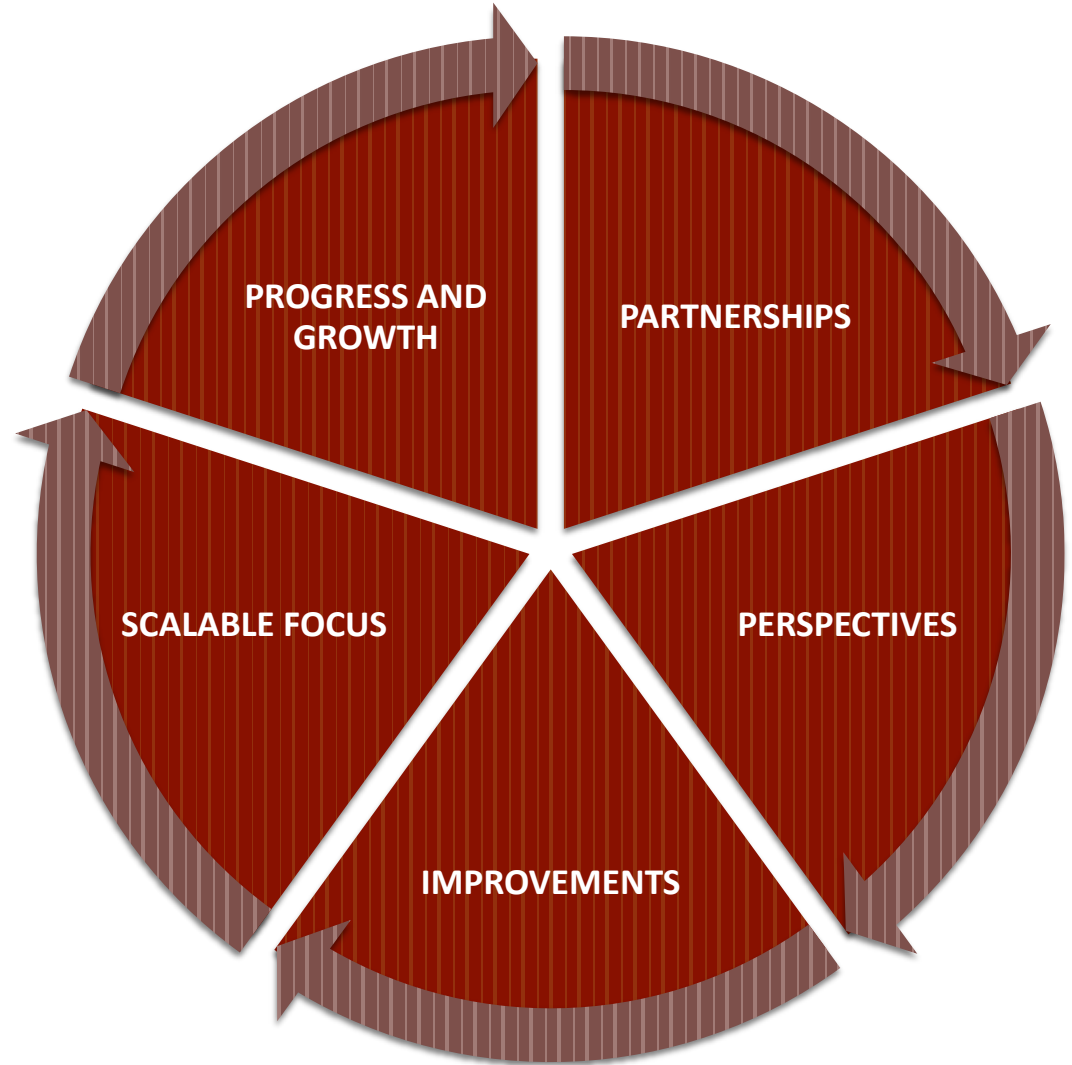
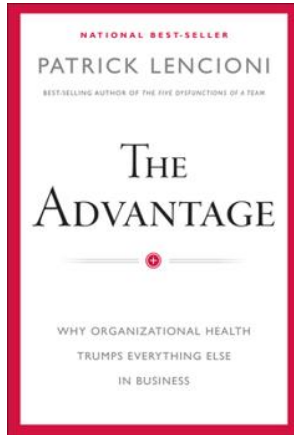
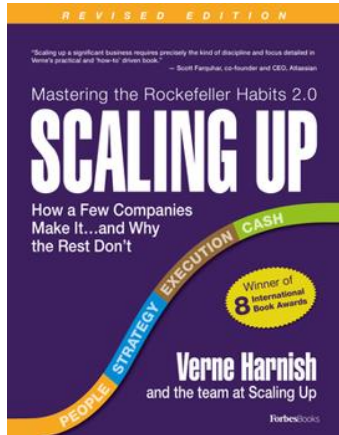
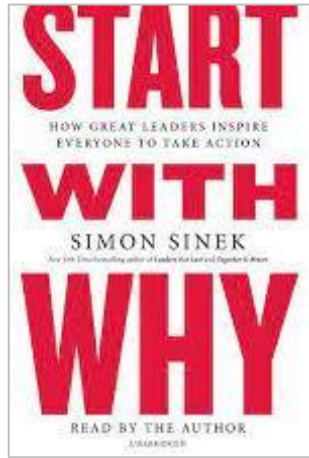
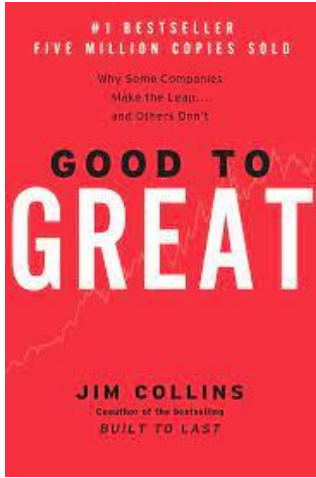
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NEW FACILITY

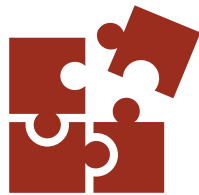
Featuring renovation of The Bullpen on Lee Road



# OPERATIONAL MODEL



# THE SIX P'S OF OYO



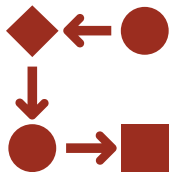
PROMISE



PEOPLE



PAYOFF



PROCESS



POTENTIAL



PARTNERSHIP



**PROMISE**

# HISTORY!

## GETTING STARTED



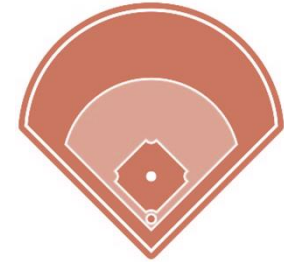
FOUNDED IN 1975

## VOLUNTEER RUN



66 BOARD MEMBERS  
FILL 70 POSITIONS

## FULL-SERVICE PARK



14 FIELDS, 3 LIGHTED  
3 BATTING CAGES  
2 CONCESSION STANDS

## PROGRAM FOR ALL



52ND SPRING SEASON  
19TH FALL BALL SEASON  
23RD FULL-TIME SEASON

## SERVING MANY



SPRING | 1100 POLAYERS, 95 TEAMS  
FALL | 800 PLAYERS, 70 TEAMS  
FTT | 100 PLAYERS, 9 TEAMS

# OUR VISION FOR ALL



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

# 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

PROMISE

# OYO IS FOR ALL SEASONS!



OAKLANDON YOUTH ORGANIZATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 3, 2025

## City of Lawrence Partners with OYO to Open New Indoor Training Facility *Facility upgrades will create a dedicated training space for OYO athletes, opening January 2026*

Lawrence, IN – Lawrence Mayor Deb Whitfield announced today a new partnership with The City of Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department and Oaklandon Youth Organization (OYO) to provide OYO athletes with access to a new indoor practice facility. The Lee Road indoor practice facility will serve as the new home for year-round baseball and softball training and player development for all interested youth baseball and softball players in Lawrence and the surrounding communities.

"I want to thank and congratulate our Parks Board and OYO on this exciting new initiative", Mayor Whitfield said.

"We're proud to partner with OYO to maximize development opportunities for all the baseball and softball athletes in Lawrence," said Eric Martin, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Lawrence. "Families continue to embrace OYO's commitment to welcoming new families, programs and now facilities under their umbrella, which is evident with their continued growth in the community."

Renovations scheduled for this fall will add batting cages, upgrade bullpens and maximize training space. These improvements will transform the building into a dedicated space for ballplayers to grow and compete throughout the year.

"The Lee Road indoor facility represents a new chapter for OYO," said Michael DeSanto, OYO President. "By investing in this space, we are investing in the development of the community and every athlete who aspires to grow by making baseball and softball a year-round experience."

The facility is expected to open in early 2026, with a ribbon-cutting celebration for January. Families and community members will be invited to the ribbon-cutting event, and updates on the renovation process will be shared through OYO's website and social media channels.

### About Oaklandon Youth Organization

Founded in 1975, Oaklandon Youth Organization (OYO) is one of Central Indiana's largest volunteer-led youth baseball and softball programs. Serving more than 2000 ballplayers and 1400 families from Lawrence and surrounding communities, OYO is built on *The OYO Way* – a commitment to fair play, player development, community connection, and a welcoming experience for every athlete and family.

**Photos available:** High-resolution images of facility and OYO athletes are attached.

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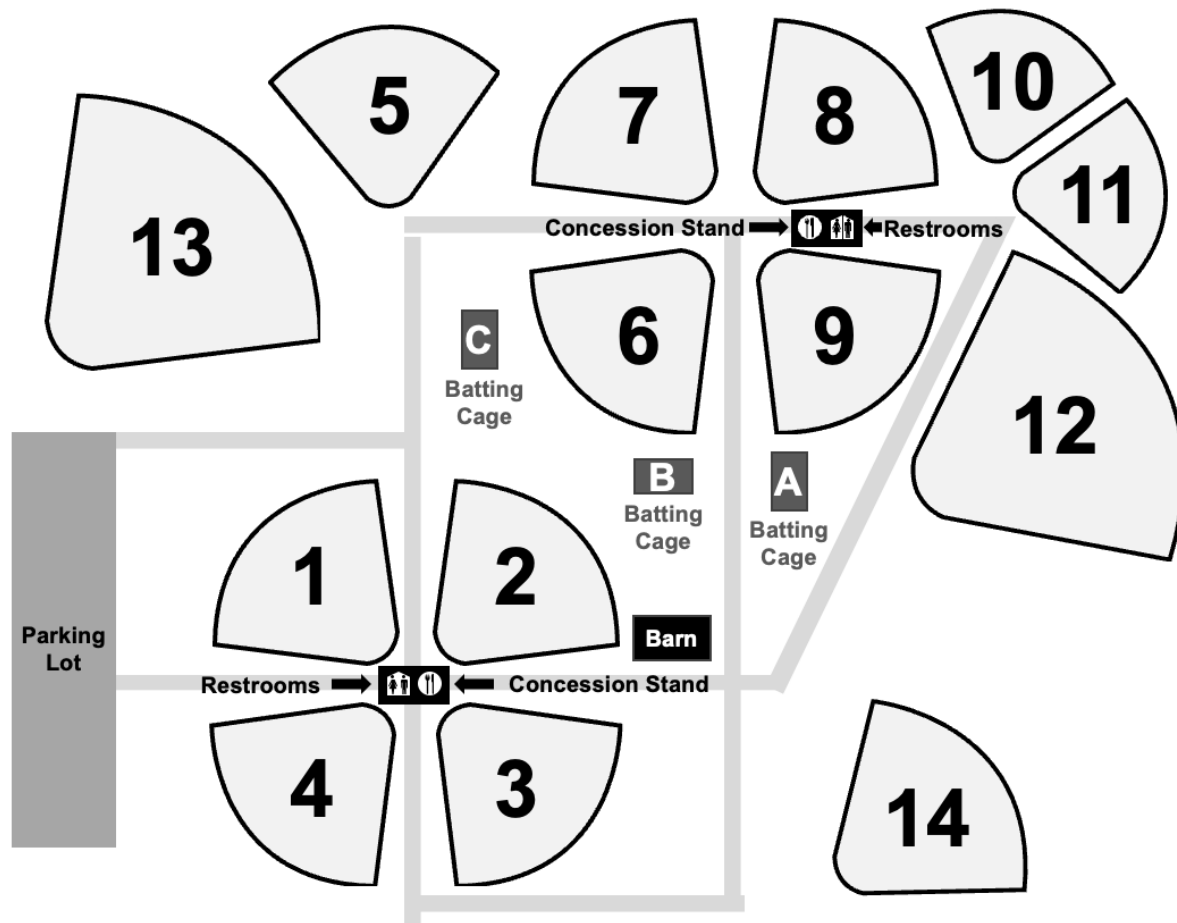


# MAXIMIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE

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



# VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK



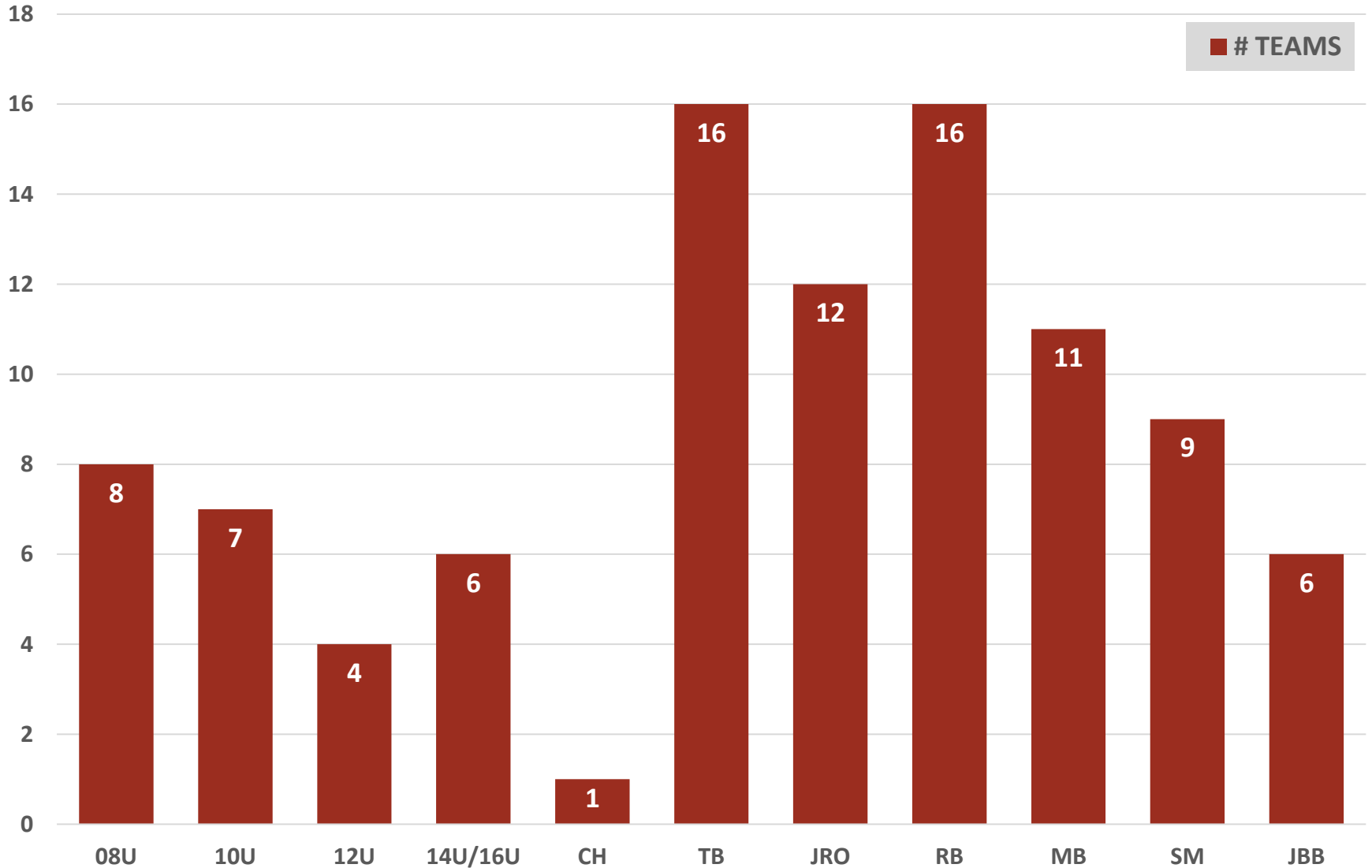
DIV	FIELDS
TB	14 (+1-13)
JRO	5-6, 9-11
RB	5-6, 9-11
MB	1-4
SM	1-4
JBB	12-13
8U	5, 8, 9
10U	5, 8, 9
12U	5, 6, 7
14U	5, 6, 7



**PEOPLE**

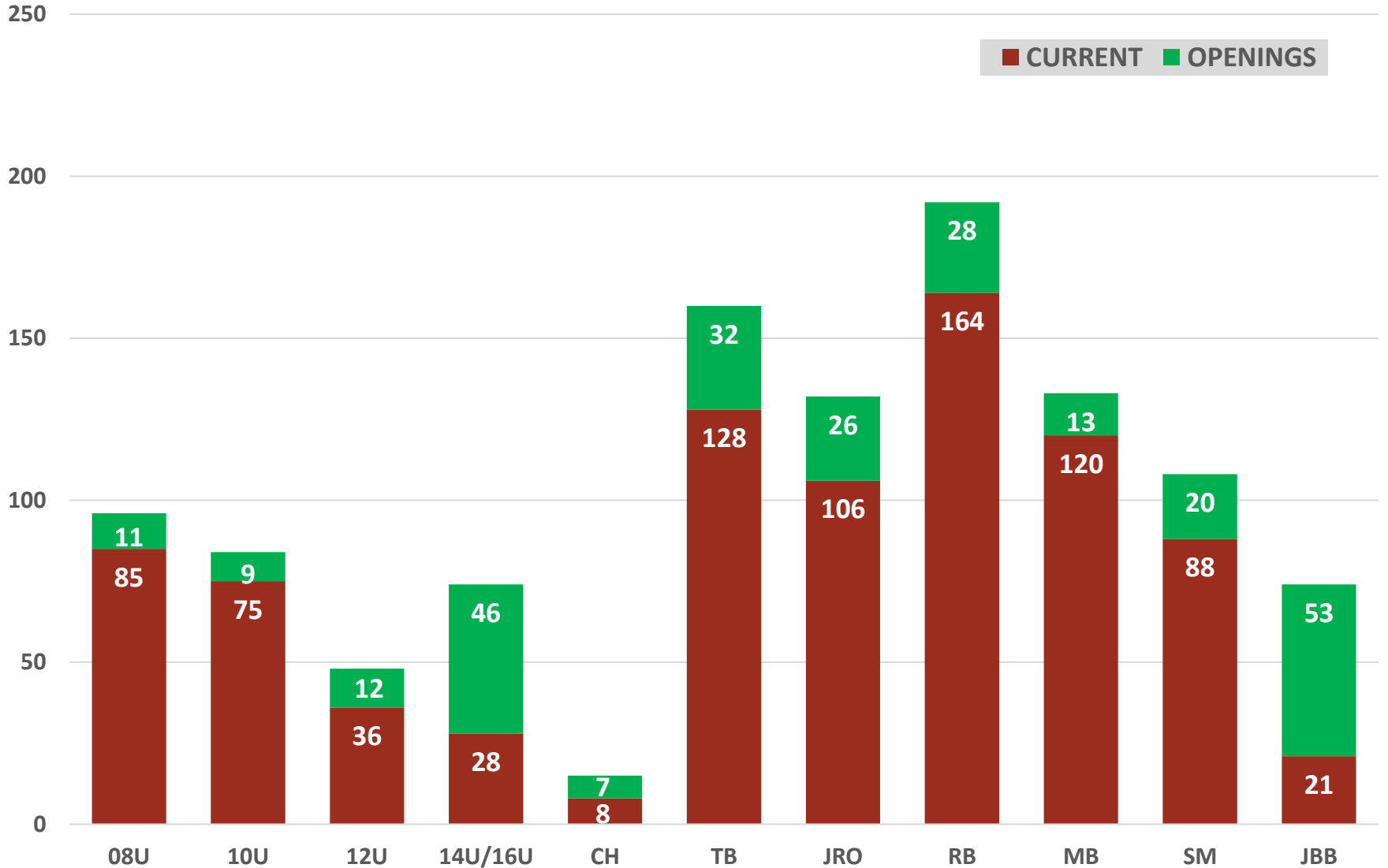


# ROBUST DIVISIONS



# PEOPLE

# ROOM FOR ALL (LAST UPDATE | 3.4.26 @ NOON)



# 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**



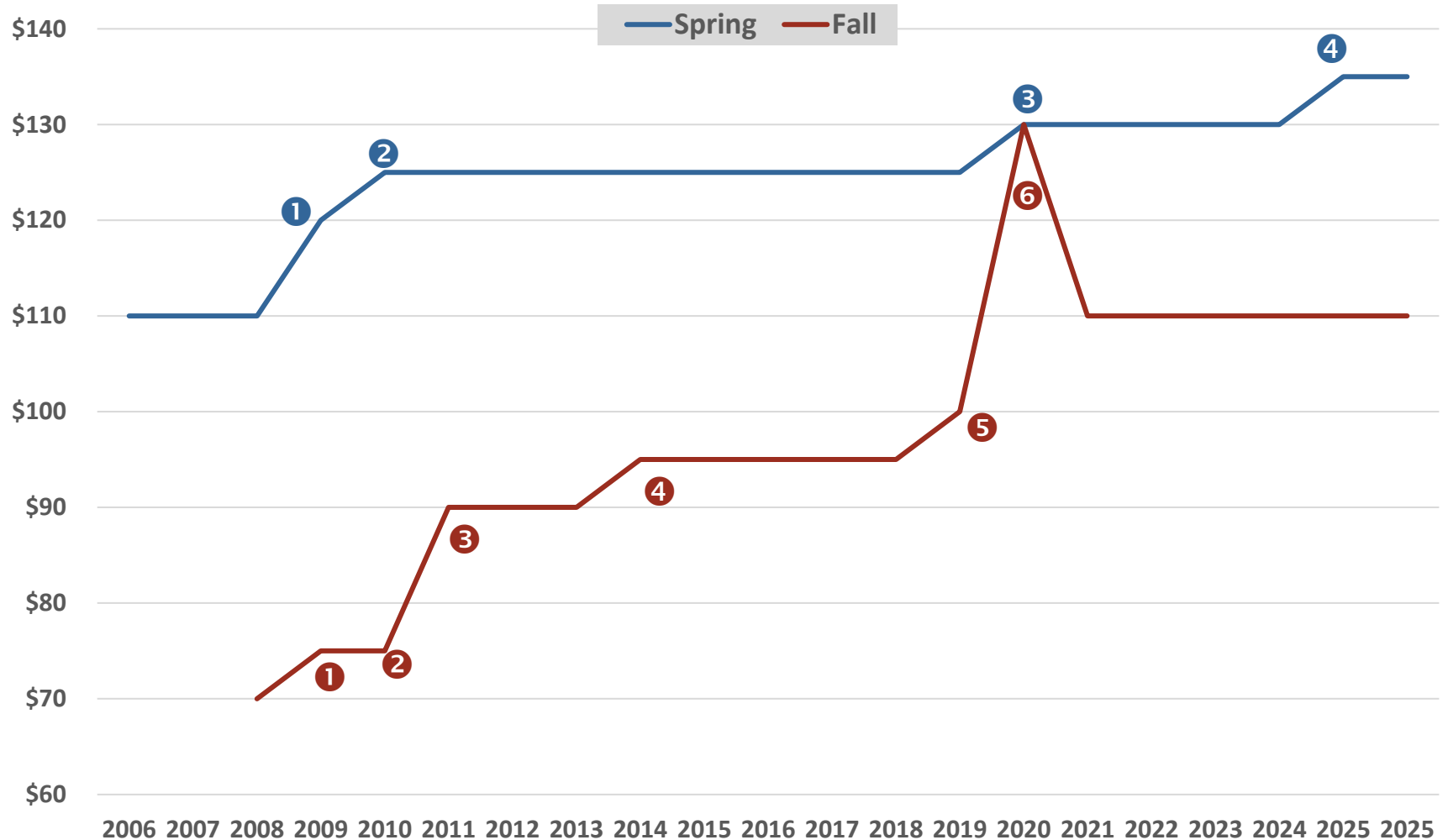
# OPERATION TEAMWORK





**PAYOFF**

# KEEPING OYO AFFORDABLE



# PAYOFF

# THE PLAYER FEE GAP

## TB | \$90

CATEGORY	COST
Uniforms	25.00
Umpires	0.00
Park Imp	18.00
Maint/Grnds	12.00
Lawn Care	8.00
Insurance	8.00
Capital Exp	6.50
BB/SB Equip	7.50
Trophies	10.00
Utilities	4.50
Sponsors	3.50
Advertising	3.00
Technology	2.00
Rec Travel	0.00
Misc	3.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$111.00</b>
<b>GAP</b>	<b>\$21.00</b>

## JRO | \$100

CATEGORY	COST
Uniforms	25.00
Umpires	15.00
Park Imp	18.00
Maint/Grnds	12.00
Lawn Care	8.00
Insurance	8.00
Capital Exp	6.50
BB/SB Equip	7.50
Trophies	7.00
Utilities	4.50
Sponsors	3.50
Advertising	3.00
Technology	2.00
Rec Travel	0.00
Misc	3.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$122.00</b>
<b>GAP</b>	<b>\$22.00</b>

## 7U-12U | \$135

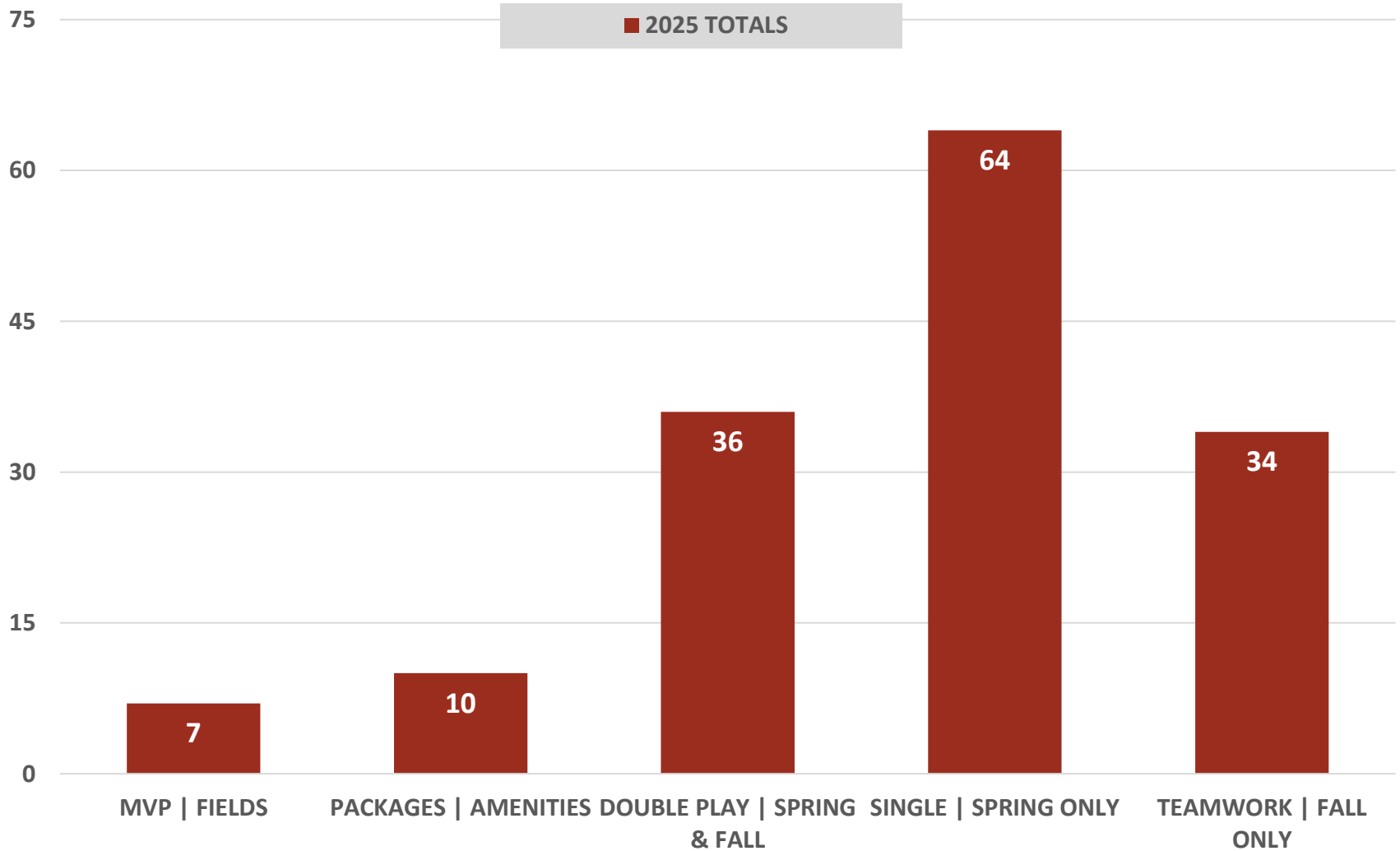
CATEGORY	COST
Uniforms	25.00
Umpires	40.00
Park Imp	18.00
Maint/Grnds	12.00
Lawn Care	8.00
Insurance	8.00
Capital Exp	6.50
BB/SB Equip	7.50
Trophies	7.00
Utilities	4.50
Sponsors	4.50
Advertising	4.00
Technology	3.00
Rec Travel	1.50
Misc	3.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$154.00</b>
<b>GAP</b>	<b>\$19.00</b>

## 13U+ | \$140

CATEGORY	COST
Uniforms	25.00
Umpires	45.00
Park Imp	18.00
Maint/Grnds	12.00
Lawn Care	8.00
Insurance	8.00
Capital Exp	6.50
BB/SB Equip	7.50
Trophies	7.00
Utilities	4.50
Sponsors	4.50
Advertising	4.00
Technology	3.00
Rec Travel	1.50
Misc	3.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$159.00</b>
<b>GAP</b>	<b>\$19.00</b>



# THE VALUE OF SPONSORSHIPS






**POTENTIAL**

# 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)** 


**Coaches**  
 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 instructions and criteria for evaluation.  
 Please note: this report is for informational purposes only. It is not to be used for any other purpose.  
 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-of-class performer in most parts of the game	Advanced
4	All-Star Potential	Solid performer but still needs to improve game	Variety of IF/OF positions
3	Steady Contributor	Understands basic fundamentals, needs more practice	Select positions
2	Improving Player	Player has limited ability, needs more coaching	Utility/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 disqualified 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.

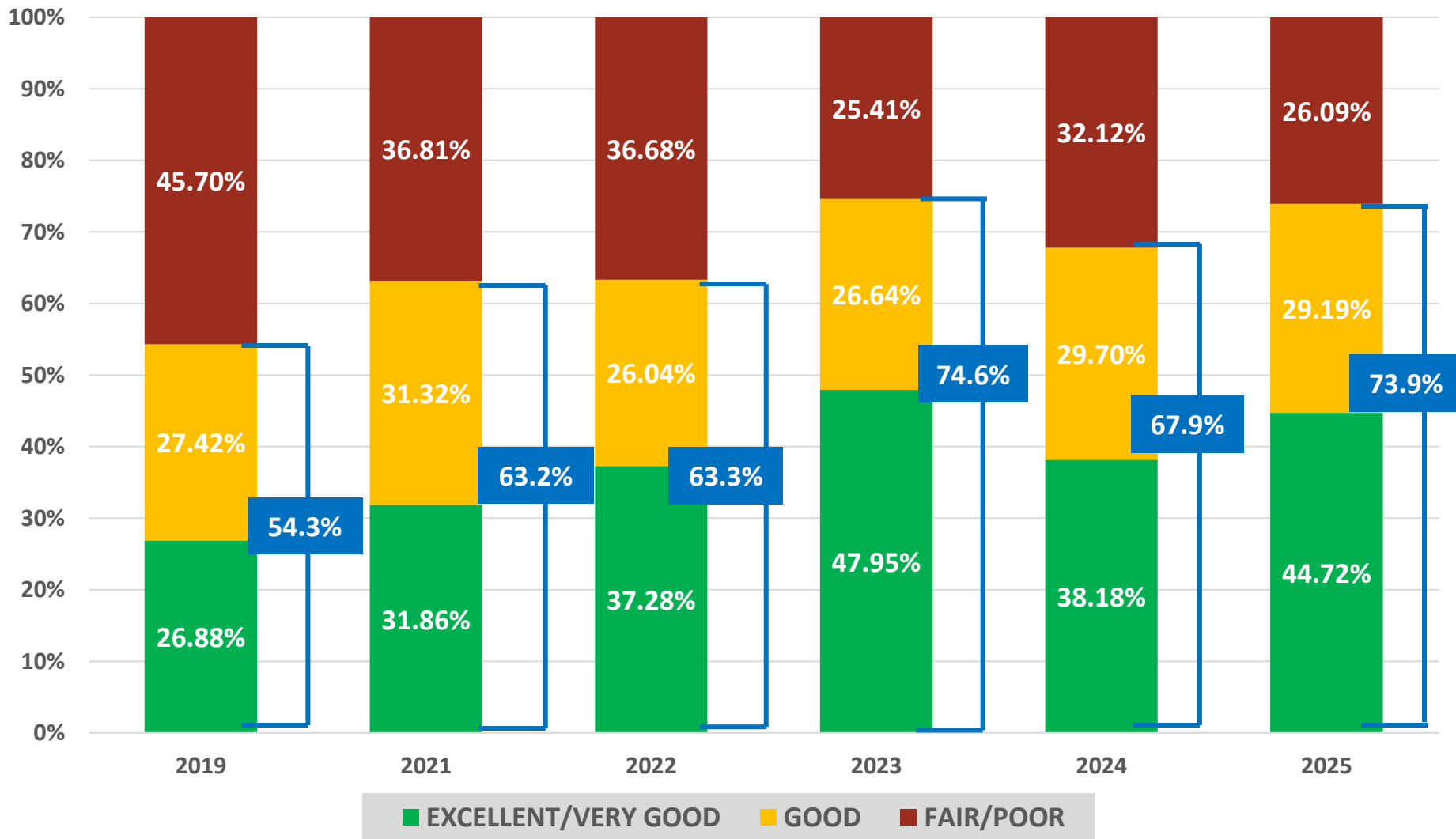
Player ID #	Pitching		Fielding		Throwing		Baserunning		Team Intangibles	
	Rating	Comments	Rating	Comments	Rating	Comments	Rating	Comments	Rating	Comments
PLAYER 1										
PLAYER 2										
PLAYER 3										
PLAYER 4										
PLAYER 5										
PLAYER 6										
PLAYER 7										
PLAYER 8					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

Using the above rating system, how would you rate the player in your respective league this year?  **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



# POTENTIAL

# FAIR AND BALANCED TEAMS



# POTENTIAL

# EMPHASIS ON PLAYER INSTRUCTION

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRESSION

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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 up</li> <li>Round the base</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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<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
	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
	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, 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
	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 SOFTBALL | PRACTICE PLAN DRILLS

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.



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 were released on March 4 (for players 12 and under)
  - Email notification will be sent, details available in LeagueApps



# TRAVEL OPPS FOR PLAYERS, COACHES



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

FTT TRYOUTS TAKE PLACE IN JUNE  
ALL-STAR TRYOUTS TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER  
*\*12U ALL-STARS SEEKING FEW MORE PLAYERS*



**5+ FULL-TIME TEAMS**  
**4 ALL-STAR TEAMS**

FTT TRYOUTS TAKE PLACE IN JUNE  
ALL-STAR TRYOUTS TAKE PLACE IN OCTOBER



# PROCESS

# 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.



# UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

## BASEBALL UNIFORMS



PROVIDED:

- Jersey
- Hat

PURCHASE:

- Pants

## SOFTBALL UNIFORMS



PROVIDED:

- Jersey
- Socks

PURCHASE:

- Pants

## WHAT EQUIPMENT DO YOU NEED?

### Equipment Checklist

DIVISION	BASEBALL		
	MUST HAVE	RECOMMENDED TO HAVE	NICE TO HAVE
Challenger Tee Ball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseball Bat</li> <li>• Helmet</li> <li>• Glove</li> <li>• Baseball Pants (black/gray)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Bag</li> <li>• Rubber Cleats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Bottle</li> </ul>
Junior Rookie Rookie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseball Bat</li> <li>• Helmet</li> <li>• Glove</li> <li>• Baseball Pants (black/gray)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Bag</li> <li>• Rubber Cleats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Batting Gloves</li> <li>• Heartguard Undershirt</li> <li>• Water Bottle</li> </ul>
Minor Super Major	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseball Bat</li> <li>• Helmet</li> <li>• Glove</li> <li>• Baseball Pants (black/gray)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Bag</li> <li>• Rubber Cleats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Batting Gloves</li> <li>• Heartguard Undershirt</li> <li>• Belt for Pants</li> <li>• Water Bottle</li> </ul>
Junior Baseball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseball Bat</li> <li>• Helmet</li> <li>• Glove</li> <li>• Baseball Pants (black/gray)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Bag</li> <li>• Rubber Cleats/Metal Spikes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Batting Gloves</li> <li>• Heartguard Undershirt</li> <li>• Belt for Pants</li> <li>• Water Bottle</li> </ul>

DIVISION	SOFTBALL		
	MUST HAVE	RECOMMENDED TO HAVE	NICE TO HAVE
08U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseball Bat</li> <li>• Helmet with Facemask</li> <li>• Glove</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Bag</li> <li>• Personal Facemask (metal)</li> <li>• Rubber Cleats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heartguard Undershirt</li> <li>• Batting Gloves</li> <li>• Water Bottle</li> </ul>
10U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseball Bat</li> <li>• Helmet with Facemask</li> <li>• Glove</li> <li>• Softball Pants (black)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Bag</li> <li>• Personal Facemask (metal)</li> <li>• Rubber Cleats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Batting Gloves</li> <li>• Heartguard Undershirt</li> <li>• Belt for Pants</li> <li>• Water Bottle</li> </ul>
12U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseball Bat</li> <li>• Helmet with Facemask</li> <li>• Glove</li> <li>• Softball Pants (black)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Bag</li> <li>• Personal Facemask (metal)</li> <li>• Rubber Cleats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Batting Gloves</li> <li>• Heartguard Undershirt</li> <li>• Belt for Pants</li> <li>• Water Bottle</li> </ul>
14U/16U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseball Bat</li> <li>• Helmet with Facemask</li> <li>• Glove</li> <li>• Softball Pants (black)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Bag</li> <li>• Personal Facemask (metal)</li> <li>• Rubber Cleats/Metal Spikes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Batting Gloves</li> <li>• Heartguard Undershirt</li> <li>• Belt for Pants</li> <li>• Water Bottle</li> </ul>

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# 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 (*pitchers have different limitations*)
- **Mercy Rule** | There is no run-lead mercy rule for the regular season; continue playing until game is complete or time limit kicks in



# 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.	All Divisions
11:15 a.m.	All Divisions
1:30 p.m.	All Divisions
3:45 p.m.	All Divisions
6:00 p.m.	All Divisions

***\* Saturday, April 18 (Opening Day) and Saturday, May 9 (Photo Day) will operate on a slightly different schedule with 90-minute games***



# GAME, PRACTICE SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

- **Practice Schedule Overview**

- **Weeknight** | Monday, March 16 and end Friday, May 15
- **Saturday** | March 21 thru April 11
- Every team assigned one weeknight, one Saturday practice time

- **Game Schedule Overview**

- Opening Day on Saturday, April 18
- Weeknight Games begin Monday, May 18

- **OYO Spring Season Picture Day is Saturday, May 9**

- **Most leagues have one of the following combos every week in mid-May/early June**

- One Saturday game, two weeknight games
- Two Saturday games (doubleheaders), one weeknight game

- **MVP Classic Games scheduled for Friday, May 22**

- No Rain Date | All divisions will have one game (*excluding Tee Ball*)

- **No games scheduled for Memorial Day weekend (May 23-25, 2026)**

**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 8**
  - Drawing is random through LeagueApps
  - Tournament Schedule (dates/times) posted by Friday, May 22
- **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



# PARK RULES FOR SAFETY

**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



# 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**



**PARTNERSHIP**

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

DATE	ACTIVITY
Thursday, March 5	Coaches Contact All Players
March 6-9	Dick’s Sporting Goods Shopping Days (Castleton Location Only)
Monday, March 16	Rec League Practices Begin
Friday, March 27	Game Schedule Released
Saturday, April 11	Last Saturday Practices
Saturday, April 17	Uniforms Distributed to Coaches/Team Parent
Saturday, April 18	OYO Parade   Opening Day
April 18-May 2	Spirit Wear Store
May 1-17	Jim DeSalle Leadership Award Nominations
Saturday, May 9	OYO Picture Day
Monday, May 18	Weeknight Games Begin
Friday, May 22	Tournament Brackets Released
Friday, May 22	All-Star Games (for all divisions for players ages 6-12)
June 8-13	Umpire Appreciation Week
June 8-20	Double Elimination Tournament (could extend longer with rainouts)
Saturday, June 20	Challenger and Tee Ball Seasons End   Future of OYO Parade



# 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



# NO CONCESSION ASSIGNMENTS!



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

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

# 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

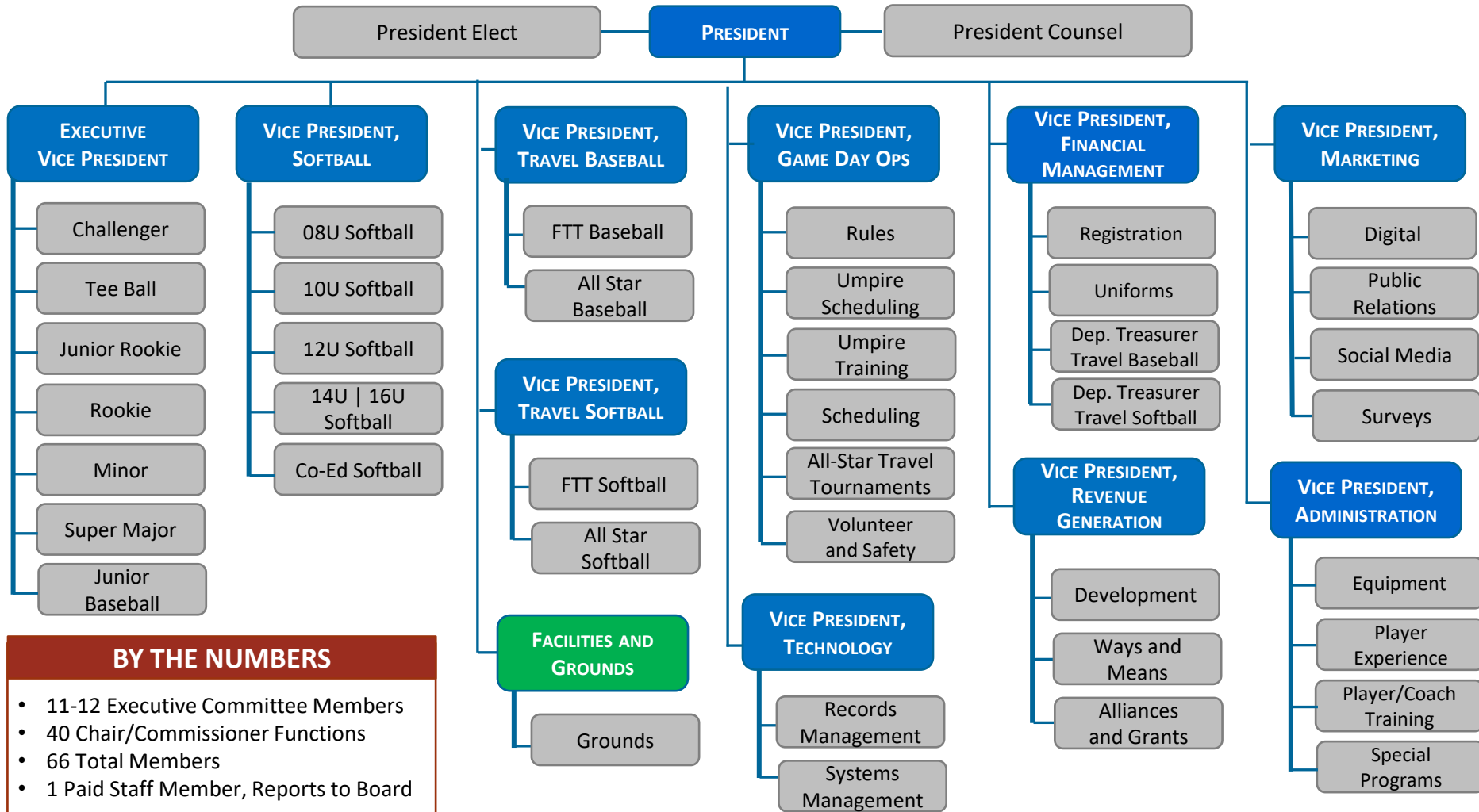


## INCENTIVE TERMS

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 2026, Winter Workouts 2027 or Spring 2027.

# ALL-VOLUNTEER BOARD | TODAY



**BY THE NUMBERS**

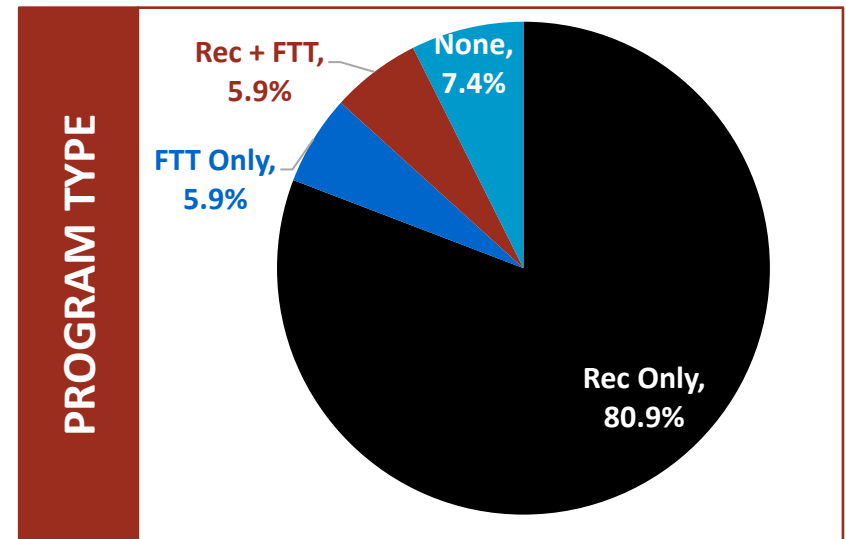
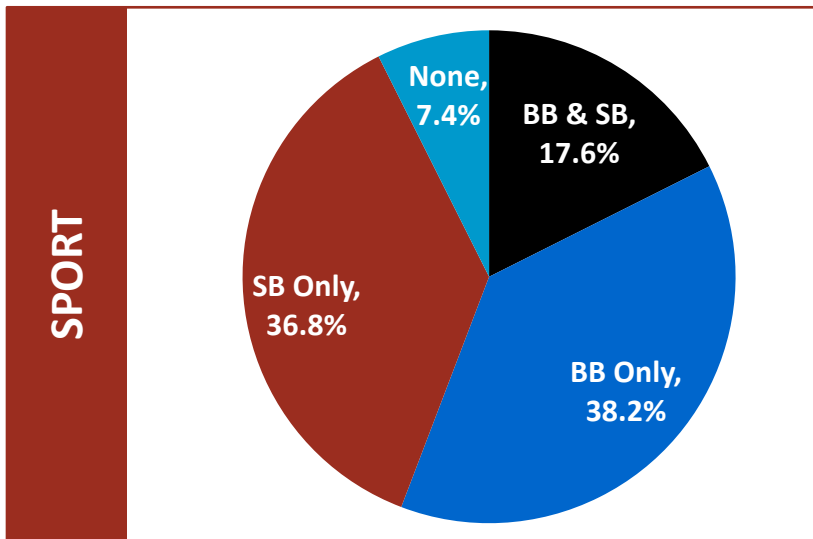
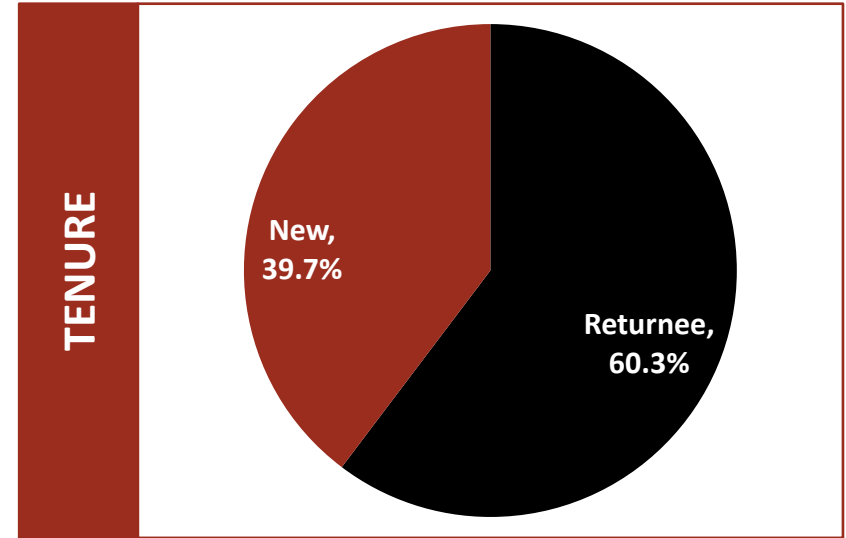
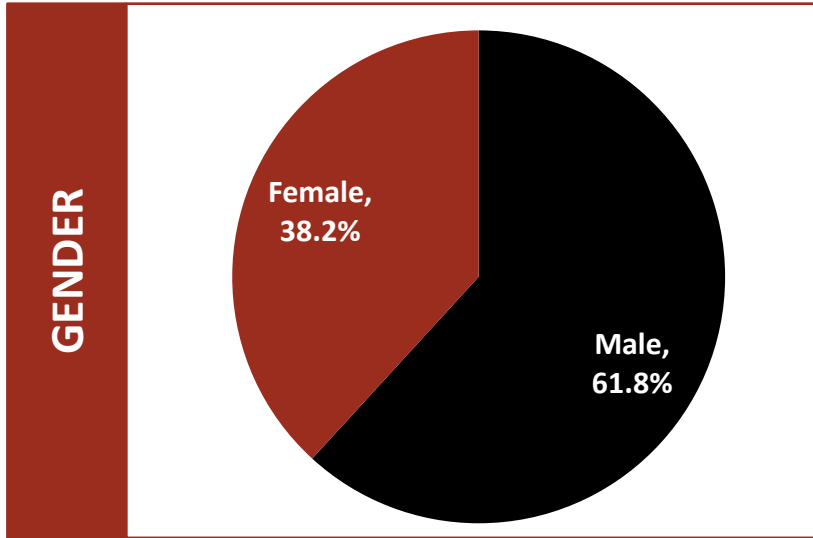
- 11-12 Executive Committee Members
- 40 Chair/Commissioner Functions
- 66 Total Members
- 1 Paid Staff Member, Reports to Board

**EXEC COMMITTEE POSITION**      **PAID POSITION, NOT AN OFFICIAL BOARD ROLE**

**MAKE PLANS NOW TO JOIN THE BOARD!**



# THE BOARD REPRESENTS ALL OF US



# YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

**2025 OYO Spring Season**

OVERALL ATTITUDES

\*1. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with OYO?

Excellent

Very Good

Good

Fair

Poor

\*2. Compared to prior Spring Season experiences, how would you rate your overall satisfaction of OYO?

Considerably Better

Somewhat Better

About the Same

Somewhat Worse

Significantly Worse

This is our first Spring Season experience

\*3. How would you rate the overall cost of the OYO Spring Season?

Excellent

Very Good

Good

Marginal

Poor

\*4. Considering the overall quality of the league in relation to its fees, how would you rate the value offered?

Excellent

Very Good

Good

Marginal

Poor

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## TYPES OF SURVEYS

- Spring Season
- Fall Ball
- Winter Workouts
- Coaches' Evaluation
- Ad Hoc/Timely Issues

### WHAT CHANGES ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED TO ACHIEVE GREATER TEAM BALANCE?

This is the second significant change being implemented in preparation for the 2026 Spring Season.

This past offseason, the OYO Board has reviewed trends, processes and results over the past five years for each Spring and Fall Ball season. The good news is, when reviewing the past five years, we recorded our second highest positive score in team balance last spring and our highest score last fall. Our incremental improvements are working, but we understand our families are asking us to take the next step in making improvements. We're also being methodical in our approach. To not lose the momentum we're gaining, we're taking a scalpel approach to fine-tune our efforts rather than a hatchet approach that risks unintended consequences. As a result, below are a series of notable improvements that we will implement in 2026, including:

- **Individual Player Requests To Be Limited in 2026** | We recognize many of our ballplayers choose OYO to create memories while learning key fundamentals about the game of baseball and softball. In short, this is their happy place each and every spring and fall. We will not crush those hopes and dreams of connecting with a friend and having the chance to make a dynamic play on field and celebrating with long-time and new friends, too. Yet, we recognize the need to find a balance between those who thoughtfully request a single teammate with those who request a "team" of teammates. As a result, the following changes are being implemented this spring during the registration process:
  - Where the question requests "Relatives in Same League/Division", only those listed with explanation of the relationship between the two players will be granted
  - Any registration where a player requests more than one player will leave it to the commissioner's judgment which of the players will be eligible to be paired up as teammates
  - We can no longer guarantee placement for any player who requests a specific coach for their ballplayer; however, we will honor the rare, infrequent requests for a player not to be assigned to a team involving a specific coach identified
  - We will continue to honor families' feedback about which weeknights are not convenient for practice
  - In adherence with OYO's 52-year tradition of being a place for every ballplayer financial and timing means notwithstanding, OYO will continue to welcome late registrants until each division is full; however, we will no longer promote a "recruit-a-friend" concept in any division except Tee Ball and Challenger (so, all ballplayers who register after rosters are released will be assigned to the team most in need regardless of comments)
- **Distributing All-Star Players Evenly** | With the new process of selecting a majority of the All-Star team members for each team in the fall, we have a clear understanding of the All-Star Bombers and All-Star Red Storm players in every division. As a result, unless siblings/relatives, these already-selected All-Star players will be evenly distributed among all teams in each division.
- **Follow the Team Selection Process Thoroughly** | For nearly a decade, we followed a rigorous nine-step process in how teams were constructed. In recent years, we softened our thoroughness to try to accommodate the broad range of requests. It goes without saying, that approach resulted in lower overall team balance feedback from our families. In 2026, we will resume our efforts to follow this structured process in tandem with the aforementioned improvements.
- **Run Beta Test on Draft Concept** | We will identify two divisions—one baseball, one softball—to test pilot a draft concept for their divisions. We will evaluate and compare the results following the season to determine if additional long-term changes should be incorporated.

### HOW MANY TEAMS WILL OYO OFFER IN 2026?

At this time, OYO has constructed a robust plan for our re league consisting of 96 teams and 1,110 players. The chart below breaks down our registration targets for 2026. Of course, we'll be flexible, too. If some divisions are showing signs of attracting more players, we will adjust accordingly. That said, to make OYO be the place for everyone who wants to call OYO home for their baseball and/or softball experience, we need coaches. And this specifically indicates we need 96 volunteer head coaches this spring. There are so many rewards that come with this remarkable opportunity to coach, including being a role model players respect, witnessing players growth and development, receiving valuable tools and training from OYO staff and peer coaches in your division, and a rewarding coach incentive at the end of the season to be applied to a future player registration.

DIVISION	# TEAMS	# PLAYERS
CHALLENGER	2	30
TEE BALL	16	160
JUNIOR ROOKIE	16	176
ROOKIE	14	168
MINOR	10	120
SUPER MAJOR	8	96
JUNIOR BASEBALL	6	72



# QUESTION AND ANSWER





# PLAY BALL!

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