

SPRING SEASON 2020

New Families Orientation

March 3, 2020 | 7 p.m.
Jenn Park

With Much Appreciation…

THANK YOU!

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About OYO

Fun! Fun! Fun! Ballplayers Ages 4-18















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History

- OYO is a volunteer-run organization
- 46th Spring Season | OYO was founded in 1975
- Baseball was played on a single field behind Oaklandon Elementary
- We have grown to service many ballplayers and families from surrounding areas
  - SPRING | 800+ players, 70+ teams
  - FALL | 600+ players, 50+ teams
- 13-field, 2-concession stand facility at Veterans Memorial Park
- 2020 Board of Directors includes more than 35 volunteers

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Veterans Memorial Park



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Park Rules

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

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League Summary

LEAGUE SUMMARY

70+ Teams | 800+ Players

BOYS' LEAGUE	AGE	GIRLS' LEAGUE
Tee Ball (co-ed)	4-5	Tee Ball
Junior Rookie (co-ed)	6	8U Softball
Rookie	7-8	8U Softball
Minor	9-10	10U Softball
Super Major	11-12	12U Softball
Junior Baseball	B: 13-15 | G: 13-16	14U/16U Softball
Senior Baseball	16-18	--

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Game Specifications | Baseball

League	Code	Ages	Fields	# of Games	Tourney	Specifics
Tee Ball	TB	4-5 Coed	1-11 (Practices: Field 13)	14	NO	60’ bases, coach-pitch and tee, if necessary All players play in field, all players bat
Junior Rookie	JRO	6	1-11	12	YES	NFHS Rules, 60’ bases, coach-pitch 16-foot pitcher’s helper circle, 30-foot hashmarks All players play in field, all players bat
Rookie	RB	7-8	6-11	15	YES	NFHS Rules, 60’ bases, coach-pitch 16-foot pitcher’s helper circle, 30-foot hashmarks All players play in field, all players bat
Minor	MB	9-10	1, 4	15	YES	NFHS Rules, kid-pitch 46’ pitcher’s mound, 65’ bases Nine players in the field at a time, all players bat
Super Major	SM	11-12	2, 3	15	YES	NFHS Rules, Modified High School Rules 50’ pitcher’s mound, 70’ bases Nine players in the field at a time, all players bat
Junior & Senior Baseball	JBB -- SBB	13-15 --- 16-18	13	10-12	YES	NFHS Rules 60’ pitcher’s mound, 90’ bases Nine players in the field at a time, all players bat

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Game Specifications | Baseball (cont'd)

League	Code	Ages	Innings Per Game	Time Limit	Run Limits
Tee-Ball	TB	4-5 Coed	4	N/A	N/A
Junior Rookie	JRO	6	5	1 hour 30 minutes	5 runs per inning, every inning including 5th inning
Rookie	RB	7-8	6	1 hour 40 minutes	5 runs per inning for first 5 innings 10 runs per inning for 6th inning ***Tournament:*** Unlimited run limit in 6th inning
Minor	MB	9-10	6	2 hours	5 runs per inning for first 5 innings 10 runs per inning for 6th inning ***Tournament:*** Unlimited run limit in 6th inning
Super Major	SM	11-12	6	2 hours	5 runs per inning for first 5 innings 10 runs per inning for 6th inning ***Tournament:*** Unlimited run limit in 6th inning
Junior & Senior Baseball	JBB --- SBB	13-15 --- 16-18	7	2 hours	5 runs per inning for first 6 innings 10 runs per inning for 7th inning ***Tournament:*** Unlimited run limit in 7th inning

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Game Specifications | Softball

League	Code	Ages	Fields	# of Games	Tourney	Specifics
8U Softball	8U	6-8	5, 7, 8, 10, 11	15	YES	NFHS Rules, 60’ bases, coach-pitch 16-foot pitcher’s helper circle, 30-foot hashmarks All players play in field, all players bat
10U Softball	10U	9-10	5, 7, 8, 10, 11	15	YES	NFHS Rules, 60’ bases 35’ pitching distance 10 players play in field, all players bat
12U Softball	12U	11-12	5, 6, 9	15	YES	NFHS Rules, 60’ bases 40’ pitching distance 10 players play in field, all players bat
14U/16U Softball	14U/ 16U	13-16	5, 6, 9	13-15	YES	NFHS Rules, 60’ bases 40’ pitching distance 10 players play in field, all players bat

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Game Specifications | Softball (cont'd)

League	Code	Ages	Innings Per Game	Time Limit	Run Limits
8U Softball	8U	6-8	6	1 hour 40 minutes	5 runs per inning for first 5 innings 10 runs per inning for 6th inning ***Tournament:*** Unlimited run limit in 6th inning
10U Softball	10U	9-10	6	2 hours	5 runs per inning for first 5 innings 10 runs per inning for 6th inning ***Tournament:*** Unlimited run limit in 6th inning
12U Softball	12U	11-12	7	2 hours	5 runs per inning for first 6 innings 10 runs per inning for 7th inning ***Tournament:*** Unlimited run limit in 7th inning
14U/16U Softball	14U/ 16U	13-16	7	2 hours	5 runs per inning for first 6 innings 10 runs per inning for 7th inning ***Tournament:*** Unlimited run limit in 7th inning

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The OYO Way

Coaching Philosophy

OYO Is an Instructional League

- We do not keep records
- We do not use records to seed for the tournament

We Select a Player's Coach

- Publicly Praise, Privately Criticize
- Take advantage of life lesson opportunities
- Teach good fundamentals, skills
- Teach all kids, not just the more talented players
- Rotate kids regularly

Player-Coach relationships last a lifetime



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Support Our Umpires

- OYO operates a youth and 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

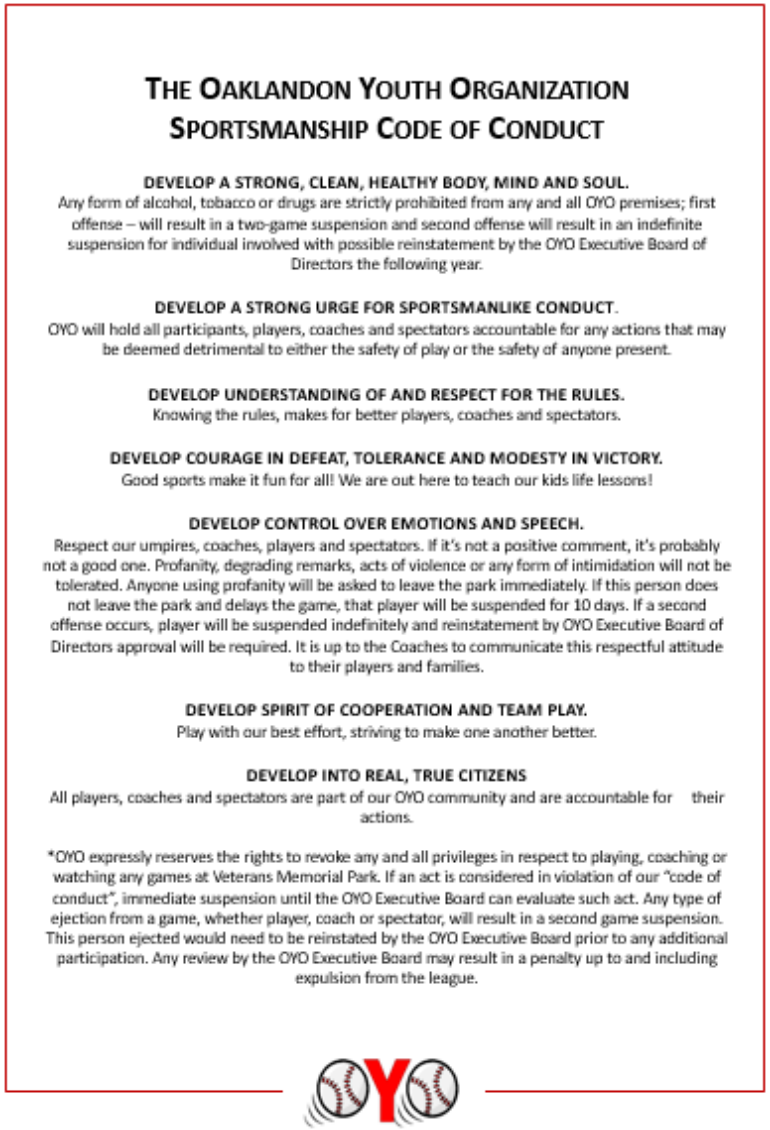


- Coaches and fans do not change the calls an umpire has made
- **BE A POSITIVE EXAMPLE TO THE YOUNG BALLPLAYERS AND YOUNG INDIVIDUALS AROUND YOU**

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Code of Conduct | Accountability

- Each of you agreed to the OYO Code of Conduct during 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.

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Safety First | Background Checks

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**

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

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

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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
- **Mercy Rule –** There is no run-lead mercy rule for the regular season; continue playing until game is complete or time limit kicks in.

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Team Assignments & Schedule Matters

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 9
  - Email notification will be sent, details available in LeagueApps

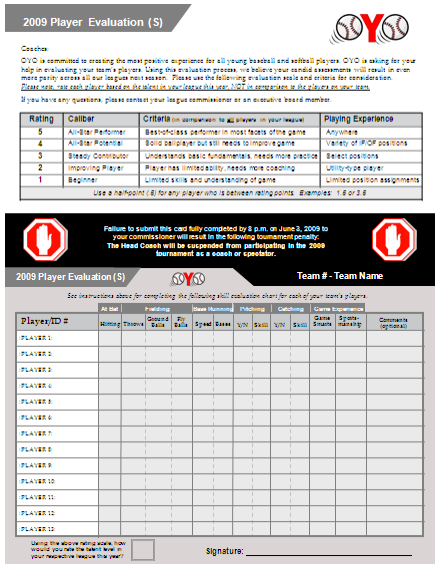
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Player Evaluations for Team Balance

- **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 enters and reviews data?**
  - League commissioner
  - Data is reviewed 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 this evaluation process, we believe your candid assessments will result in even more parity across all our leagues next season. Please use the following evaluation scale and criteria for consideration.

Please rate, rate each player based on the talent in your league this year, NOT in comparison to the players on your team.

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

Rating	Caliber	Criteria (in comparison to all players in your league)	Playing Experience
5	All-Star Performer	Best/top class performer in most facets of the game	Anywhere
4	All-Star Potential	Solid ballplayer 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-type 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 3.5

Failure to submit this card fully completed by 5 p.m. on June 3, 2009 to your commissioner will result in the following tournament penalty:
The Head Coach will be suspended from participating in the 2009 tournament as a coach or spectator.

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

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

	At Bat	Fielding		Base Running		Pitching		Catching		Game Experience		
Player/ID #	Hitting	Throws	Ground Balls	Fly Balls	Speed	Bases	Y/N	Skills	Y/N	Skills	Game Smarts	Sports-manship	Comments (optional)
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 scale, how would you rate the talent level in your respective league this year?

Signature: _____

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Game Times

Weeknights	Details
6 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 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 a.m.	Challenger, Tee-Ball and Junior Rookie Games
11 a.m.	Rookie, Minor, Super Major & 8U/10U/12U Softball Games
1:15 p.m.	Rookie, Minor, Super Major & 8U/10U/12U Softball Games
3:30 p.m.	Rookie, Minor, Super Major & 8U/10U/12U Softball Games
5:45 p.m.	Used as needed when doubleheaders are scheduled

*** Saturday, April 18, will operate on delayed schedule to accommodate our Opening Day parade**

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Game, Practice Schedule Overview

- **Practice Schedule Overview**
  - Practices begin Saturday, 3/14 and end Saturday, 4/11
  - Weeknight practices begin Monday, 3/16 and end Friday, 5/1
- **Game Schedule Overview**
  - Scrimmage games on Saturday, April 11 *(for some teams)*
  - Opening Day on Saturday, April 18
  - Weeknight Games begin Monday, May 4
- **OYO Spring Season Picture Day is Saturday, May 2**
- **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 games
- **All-Star Games scheduled for Friday, June 19**
  - No Rain Date | All divisions will have one game *(excluding Challenger, Tee Ball)*
- **No games scheduled for Memorial Day weekend (Fri thru Mon)**

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

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In-House OYO Rec Tournament

- **Double-elimination tournament**
  - Challengers and Tee Ball do not have tournament
- **Begins Monday, June 8**
  - Drawing is random through LeagueApps
  - Tournament Schedule (dates/times) posted by Friday, May 22
- **Single Championship Day for *all* leagues on Wednesday, June 17**
  - "If needed" games, would be played next night
- **Schedule still indicates tournament runs thru June 20 in the event rainouts force delays**

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

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SCHEDULE MATTERS

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 schedule 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

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Upcoming Activities

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Key Dates (for divisions with players 12 and under)

DATE	ACTIVITY
Monday, March 9	Families Notified of Team Assignments | Practice Schedule
Wednesday, March 11	Coaches Contact All Players
Saturday, March 14	Practices Begin | Coaches Pick-up Equipment
Sat-Sun, March 14-15	OYO Park Prep Days | Noon-4 p.m.
Friday, April 3	Final Game Schedule Released
Saturday, April 4	Practice Games (most leagues except CH, TB)
Week of April 13	Uniforms Distributed to Coaches/Team Parent
Saturday, April 18	OYO Parade | Opening Day
Saturday, May 2	Picture Day
Monday, May 4	Weeknight Games begin
Friday, May 22	Tournament Brackets Released
June 8-18	Double Elimination Tournament (could extend longer with rainouts)
Saturday, June 13	Challenger and Tee Ball Seasons End | Future of OYO Parade
Friday, June 19	All-Star Games (for all divisions for players ages 6-12)

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Communication

Detailed Website | Weekly Emails

OYO WEBSITE

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



TWIO | THIS WEEK IN OYO

One weekly email message to your in-box summarizing the latest updates



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Concessions & Onsite Assistance

No Concession Stand Assignments Ever!

At OYO…

Your Family Will Never Be Assigned Concession Duty

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

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Get Involved

Ways You Can Make a Difference

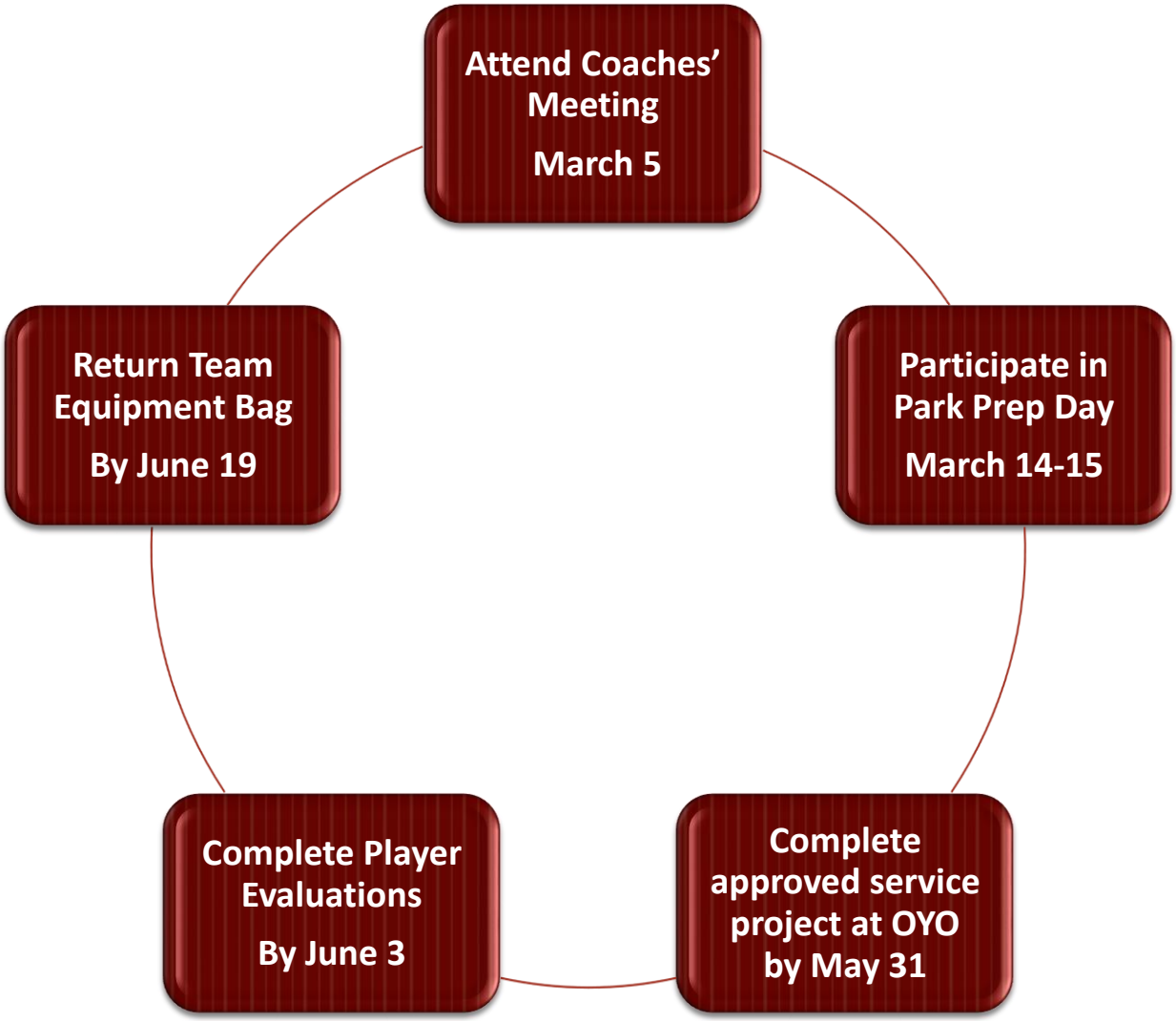
The Head Coach should…

- 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

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New Incentive Program for Coaches



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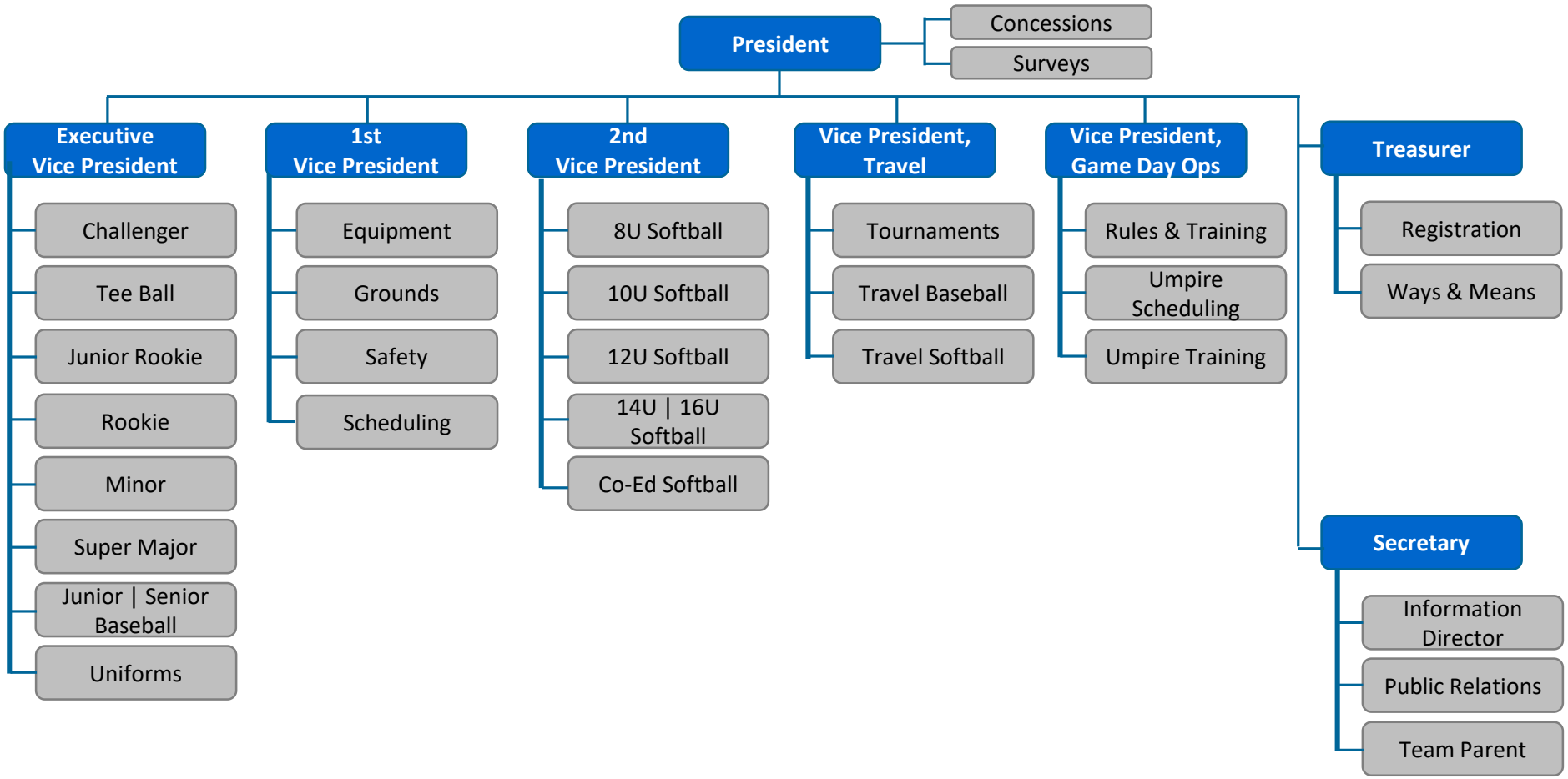
If coach paid for player's registration, then they are eligible to receive one-fifth of the league's registration fee for completing each one of these five milestones. And, if all five are completed, then they receive 100%.

Payment will be issued in the form of a registration code to be used during a future season's registration for any ballplayer.

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GET INVOLVED

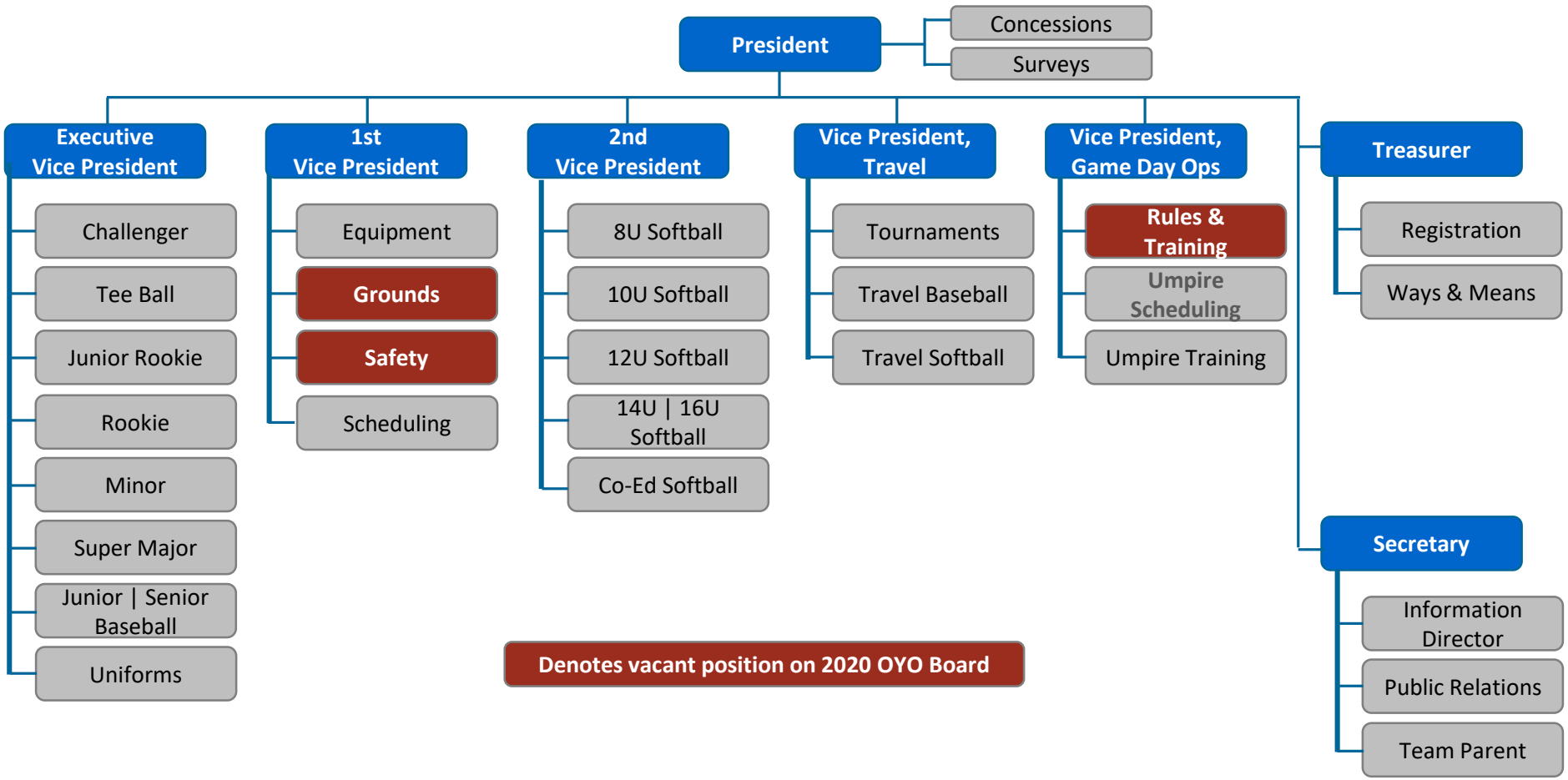
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Park Prep Days

- **All Work Days run from Noon to 4 p.m.**
  - **Saturday, March 14**
  - **Sunday, March 15**
- These days help us prepare the park for a full season of baseball and softball
- Wear clothes you would wear when working in your yard
- Bring work gloves
- Check in at volunteer table at the three-garage barn outside Field 2



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Question and Answer



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Play Ball!

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