

Kid's Pitch Rules (3rd and 4th) Osceola Youth Baseball

All games will be 6:30-8:30 for the entire season

Please review the schedule online at www.osceolayouthbaseball.com

- Practice/warm-up is required for the first 30 minutes of each game night (6:30-7:00)
- No new inning should begin after 8:15
- Games will be played on Field 1 and 2 at OES, Field 6 at OMS or Field 9 at OHS
- First team listed on the schedule is home team and should provide game ball

Equipment:

- OYB sponsored T-shirts
- Rubber soled shoes or rubber spikes only – no metal spikes allowed
- Helmets must be worn by all players on team batting and the pitcher on defense
- Catcher must wear full catcher's gear
- Big barrel bat acceptable with -11 differential, if -12, must be 2 ¼ diameter bat

Positions:

- No player should play the same position for more than 2 innings during a game
 - Exception is if player has physical restriction or other condition but should be discussed with opposing coach
- All players should play multiple positions to gain experience throughout the season
- Fielding all 10 or 11 players is acceptable (must be in the outfield)

Pitching (42' pitching rubber):

- Two innings per game max – one pitch constitutes an inning pitched
- Pitcher will throw live to batter - (Coach umpires from behind pitcher)
 - Strike/Ball count begins immediately once a strike is thrown
 - If no strikes are thrown, on the first three (3) pitches, count begins on pitch #4
 - If pitcher walks 3 consecutive batters, move to coach/parent pitch for the remainder of the inning
 - Coach/parent of hitting team will throw live count beginning with pitch #1

Base running:

- Advancing one base on an overthrow on a play to 1st base is allowed
- Leading off allowed after ball crosses home plate; **NO** stealing
- Sliding is required on close plays for safety reasons

Scoring/Outs

- Team at bat will be deemed out after 5 runs are scored in an inning **OR** if defensive team successfully get 3 outs
 - Batter automatically out on dropped third strike
- Ten run rule does not apply

Batting:

- All batters will be pitched to as live baseball (strike/ball count) – batter may walk (see pitching above)

Other information

- Throwing of helmets and/or bats is not acceptable – first violation is warning, next time may be an automatic out (coaches discretion)
- Coaches must **NOT** leave children unattended after a game until parents pick them up – **NO EXCEPTIONS**