

Oxford Park Commission Adult Wiffleball

OFFICIAL RULES

The Oxford Park Commission Whiffleball League will utilize the same rules used in Major League Baseball's National League, with the following exceptions:

- 1. Sportsmanship** - All teams engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct will be removed from the league IMMEDIATELY at the discretion of the commission! Because of the confined nature of the game and unique umpiring setup, fans and players watching games must refrain from commenting on calls. Failure to comply will result in removal from the park or facility!
- 2. Umpiring** - Teams will umpire their own games. Captains will settle all disputes. The Park Commission will not rule on calls.
- 3. Equipment** - All bats used in league play must be regulation, yellow WIFFLE® bats (subject to change*). They may not be altered in any way, however they may have plastic tape on the handle. Balls must be WIFFLE® (subject to change*), baseball size. Balls and bats will be provided by OPC. Shoes must be worn. Shoes may have rubber cleats (no metal cleats).
- 4. Rosters** - All teams may have seven players on their roster. Each team shall have five players in the game at all times. All rostered players may bat in the line-up.
- 5. Players in a game** - Teams unable to field four rostered players, at any time, for any reason, will forfeit any games scheduled at that time.
- 6. Substitutions** – Substitutions may be made at any time. Any number of substitutions may be made, however, players must re-enter the batting order in their original position.
- 7. Pitching** – Pitches must be delivered flat-footed. Wind-ups will not be allowed. The pitcher must have one foot on, and one foot in front of the rubber (toes pointing towards the batter) when the ball is released. Pitchers must finish pitching to each batter faced. (i.e.- you can't change pitchers in the middle of an at bat)
- 8. At bats** – Batters will have a 4 ball, 3 strike count. After 4 balls, the batter walks. Three strikes is an out. A foul ball after two strikes is an out. Hit batters will not advance. One-handed batting will not be allowed.
- 9. Strike Zone** - A strike zone board will be placed behind home plate. Any pitch that passes through the strike zone hole is a strike. All other pitches are balls.
- 10. Foul Balls** - Foul balls are batted balls that: a) do not pass the 10 ft. radius or b) settle, land, or is first touched over foul territory. Foul territory is the area between the fence and the foul lines from home plate to the first or third base dugouts. Any ball that lands beyond the first or third base dugout inside the fences is a fair ball and in play. (i.e. - a batted ball that hits the 3rd base fence beyond the dugout is a fair ball)
- 11. Intentional walks** - Each team may intentionally walk one batter per six-inning game (including extra innings). The batter will go to first on the command of the pitcher.
- 12. Infield fly rule** will not be in effect.
- 13. Stealing and leading off** - Base runners may not lead off nor may they steal. Runners may leave their base after the batter makes contact with the ball.
- 14. Pegging** - Fielders may throw the ball at runners. Runners struck between the shoulders and the waist (peg zone) will be out. Runners hit in the peg zone with a thrown ball, which first hits any player, a base, or the ground first, will be out. Any player hit in the head or neck will be awarded two bases from the last legally held base; the ball will be dead and no other play can be made. A player hit below the waist is not out, and the ball remains live and in play.
- 15. Runner/ball contact** - Base runners in contact with a legal base that are hit with a batted or thrown ball will be safe. Base runners between bases hit with a batted ball will be out.
- 16. Home runs** - All balls hit over the designated home run fence, fair or foul, will be home runs!
- 17. Length of game** - Game length is six innings or one hour.
- 18. Extra innings** - Each team will begin its half of all extra innings with two outs. The last batter from the previous inning, (whether finished with his, or her, at bat), will go to 3rd base and the next batter will bat first.