

Youth Sports Optimist

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Park Owners: Mike Estep & Heath Browning

Youth Sports Optimist Club operates Del City Ball Park and is dedicated to providing a place for kids to learn the rules and fundamentals of baseball/softball. These rules are established to help achieve the highest standard of sportsmanship and fair play while maintaining a safe and enjoyable environment. All announcements made at the ballpark on day of games will be official rules of play at the parks.

Girls Fastpitch Rules and Regulations

Youth Sports Optimist Club operates Del City Ball Park. We will play by local park rules in conjunction with Oklahoma Highschool Rules published by the OSSAA. Local park rules will take precedence. Ball Park staff will determine field playing conditions. The age cut-off for Softball is January 1st of the current year. (Example: Whatever age a player is prior to January 1st, that is the age division they will play this season).

PLAYER LIMIT: Each team will provide ballpark with a completed roster. Maximum number of players on roster is 15. Each team will be required to provide ballpark staff with copies of birth certificates (no hospital certificates) for each player in the event a team is protested for player eligibility. It is the responsibility of each coach to ensure all information on their teams roster is correct. Any discrepancy in the roster could lead to suspension, forfeiture of game(s), and forfeiture of any and all fees paid.

LEAGUE GAME PROTEST: A protest which involves an umpires judgment in not permitted. If a protest is based on an interpretation of the playing rules the protesting head coach, (the coach listed as the head coach on the teams official roster) must, at the time the play/ruling occurs, notify the home plate umpire, the opposing coach and the scorekeepers that the game is being played under protest. The coach must state what rule/ruling he is protesting. The plate umpire will make a note of the time and situation of the game, and instruct the scorekeepers to make notes in each teams scorebook. The game will continue and be completed. The protesting coach **MUST**, immediately following the game, report the protest to the park officials and pay a \$100.00 protest fee. Protest fee must be paid in certified funds. Protesting coach will state, in writing, the purpose of protest. The protest will be heard by the park Protest Committee within seven (7) days. The Protest Committee will be made up of two park officials, head umpire, and two impartial coaches from another age division. All involved parties will be heard. A decision will be made by the Protest Committee and will be announced to all parties. In the event the protest is ruled invalid, the protest fee is forfeited. If the protest is ruled valid, the correct ruling will be applied, from the time of the protest, and the game will be played from that point forward. Both teams will be advised of the rescheduled game time and date. The decision of the Protest Committee will be final. Protest for player eligibility will follow the same process, except, the umpire will immediately stop the game and bring the protest to the ballpark office staff. The ballpark office staff will hear the protest, review all documents, and rule on the protest. If the protest is ruled valid, the game will be forfeited and the fee will be refunded. If the protest is upheld, the fee will not be refunded and the game will resume where it was stopped.

TOURNAMENT GAMES PROTEST: Protests during tournament games will not be allowed, except for player eligibility, including age. In the event a coach wishes to file a protest, based on eligibility of a player, the head coach, (The coach listed on the teams roster on file with the ballpark) must notify the home plate umpire of their desire to file a protest. This must be done during the game in which the player being protested is participating. The home plate umpire will immediately suspend the game. There is a \$100.00 protest fee for each protest filed. The protest fee must be in certified funds. The umpire will direct the head coach to the ballpark office where the protest fee is due immediately upon arrival. The protesting coach will be asked to put in writing his/her protest. Once this is done, park officials will review all documents, including rosters, scorebooks, birth certificates, etc, to determine if the protest is valid. In the event park officials determine the protest is not valid, the protest fee is forfeited and the game will resume from the time and place it was suspended. If the park officials rule the protest is valid, the game will be declared a forfeit, with the offending team being declared the losing team and the protesting team being declared the winners. In the case of a valid protest, the protest fee is refunded in full.

STARTING THE GAME: Teams will have line-up completed and be ready to play at the scheduled game time. **GAME TIME WILL START AT THE COIN FLIP.** (Do not delay in getting your players on the field, the game clock is running) A team may start a game with as few as seven players, taking two automatic outs in the 8 and 9 position in the batting order. If a player arrives late they will take the batting position in the line-up here the first automatic out is listed, and so on. Any team not fielding at least 7 players at any

time during the game will forfeit. There will be a five minute grace period. EXCEPTION: If the ballpark staff is advised of a problem concerning a team not being on time, at the discretion of the ballpark staff, the game may be held until the team arrives.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT: Both teams must provide a new of like new softball for each game. Approved Softballs will be as follows: 10 & Under—11” .47 core, leather cover, 12 & Under and older—12”, .47 core, leather cover. Protective head gear (batting helmets with Masks) must be worn by all offensive players while on the playing field. Shin Guards, protective cup, chest protector, catchers mask with throat protector, must be worn while catching. Coaches will make certain all their players have required equipment, It is the coach and parents responsibility to ensure all players have proper equipment for safety. **Metal cleats can be worn in 14 & Under and Up.**

DIAMOND SIZE:

10 & Under 60’ bases 35’ Pitching
12 & Under 60’ bases 40’ Pitching
14 & Under and Up 60’ bases 43’ Pitching

REGULATION GAME: Inning & Time Limits

10, 12, 14, 16 & Under 6 innings or 1:10 w/5 minute rule (No new inning w/less than 5 minutes) The inning will be completed when the defense records 3 outs. **In 10U softball we will play 7 runs, maximum 10 per inning or 3 outs.**

RUN RULE:

12 runs after 3 innings, 2-1/2 if the home teams is leading
10 runs after 4 innings, 3-1/2 if the home team is leading
8 runs after 5 innings, 4-1/2 if the home teams is leading
20 runs after any completed inning

INTERNATIONAL TIE-BREAKER RULE:

If, at the end of regulation play, the game is tied extra innings will be played. Starting at the top of the extra inning and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn with the player who is scheduled to bat LAST in that respective half inning at second base. Each team will be allowed to score 7 runs maximum 10 runs before the defensive team records 3 outs.

SUBSTITUTION RULE: In the event of an injury or illness to a player in the line up, when all players on the bench have previously appeared in the game, the last player removed from the game may re-enter, in the batting position of the injured or ill player, subject to tournament/league director approval.

THROWING THE BAT: For safety reasons, any player that throws their bat after swinging at the ball will be declared out, no warnings, no base runners will advance. Please teach the players to hit and ball and drop the bat. Kids get hurt every year by thrown bats. The umpire will be the judge of a thrown on dropped bat.

MALICIOUS CONTACT: If, in the umpires judgment, an offensive player make malicious contact with a defensive player, in an attempt to dislodge the ball or impede the play, that player will be declared out and ejected from the game. If, in the umpires judgment, a defensive player makes malicious contact with an offensive player, the offensive player will be safe and the defensive player will be ejected from the game.

RAIN-OUTS: Three innings or 2-1/2 if the home team is ahead, or one half of the official game time has expired will constitute a complete game. If the visiting team is batting when the game is called as a result of field conditions or weather, the final score will revert back to the last completed inning to determine a winner. If the last completed inning was tied, the game will be rescheduled and finished from the point in which it was stopped. Ball Park staff will make every effort to prepare the fields for play. For league games, a decision will be made concerning rain outs after 4:00pm daily, not before. For Tournament games, decisions will be made as soon as possible. Coaches can call our rain out numbers for either ballpark to check on rain outs. Del City Ball Park: 672-5055 Please do not leave a message concerning rain outs as we do not have time to return all calls as we are trying to get fields ready to play. If games are delayed or cancelled, the recorder will state that information. If you get the regular message at the numbers above, that means we are playing and not delayed or cancelled.

GATE ADMISSION: Children 15 and under are admitted free. Those 16 and older will pay a daily admission to the ballpark. Each will receive a hand stamp to re-enter the park during the same day. If you leave the park and do not have a hand stamp, you will not be permitted to enter without paying admission. **NO REFUNDS** of gate fee will be made under any circumstance.

MISCELLANEOUS: No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the park! No outside food or drinks may be brought into the park. No ice chests of any kind or size, this includes small soft side ice chests. No animals permitted in the park, except those assisting a disabled person. No fighting, profanity, abuse, heckling, unsportsman like conduct, no soliciting of any kind in park or parking lots area. Water jugs are permitted in the park. The ballpark does have some water jugs available for use. If you need one, just let us know and of course they are free to use.

For additional questions, call the Optimist Club office at: (405) 672-5055.