



Cultural & Community Services

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League Schedule and Standings: <http://www.teamsideline.com/oxnard>

General Rules

I. The league coordinator will have jurisdiction over all the rules and regulations herein not covered.

- A. In the event the league coordinator is not on-site or contactable, a recreation specialist will have jurisdiction over all the rules and regulations herein not covered.**

II. Registration

- A. In order to register, teams must submit the YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUE REGISTRATION INFORMATION (Appendix I) and a YOUTH SPORTS ROSTER (Appendix II) at the City of Oxnard's Cultural and Community Services office.**
- B. In order to participate, all players must have the following forms signed with ink and returned to the City of Oxnard's Cultural and Community Services office two weeks prior to the first scheduled game:**
 - 1. MINOR RELEASE FORM (Appendix III), WAIVER FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (Appendix IV), AND CODE OF CONDUCT (Appendix V).**
- C. Only players and coaches on the official roster may be on the bench.**
 - 1. Injured players may sit on the bench only if they are dressed in their casual clothing.**
- D. All Coaches must be at least 18 years of age.**
- E. No player may participate if they reach age 15 prior to December 31.**

III. Adding/ Dropping From the Official Roster

- A. Adds/drops to a team roster must be made prior to the second scheduled game of the season.**
 - 1. Requests to amend a roster must be requested on the ADD/ DROP FORM (Appendix VI) that is included with the registration packet found on Oxnard's teamsideline page.**
 - 2. The ADD/DROP FORM must be submitted to a Recreation Specialist or the Recreation Coordinator 24 hours prior to the next scheduled game.**
- B. All added players must have the completed registration forms submitted the business day prior to their first scheduled game.**
 - 1. Changes will not be accepted at gametime or gameday.**
- C. In the event that a team must withdraw from the season, the following policies will be enforced:**

1. Prior to the release of the game schedule, refunds/credits may be issued without penalty, subject to Recreation Coordinator approval.
2. After the game schedule has been released, 20% penalty fee per refund/credit request, subject to supervisor approval.
3. After the first games begin, no refunds/credits will be issued.

IV. Forfeits

- A. Game time is forfeit time.
- B. Coaches must submit lineups to the scorekeeper prior to game time.
- C. Late arrivals may enter the game after the coach has notified the scorekeeper of the players' arrival. If the coach has not notified the scorekeeper of the player's arrival prior to the substitution, the team will receive an infraction.
- D. Rescheduling games will be considered on a case-by-case basis, but is not guaranteed.
- E. In the event a team needs to forfeit, the team must notify a Recreation Specialist and/or Coordinator 24 hrs in advance.

V. Protests

- A. All protests must be made prior to the end of the game. Procedures for protesting:
 1. Coaches must inform the referee.
 2. Referee will notify the opposing team and the scorekeeper.
 3. Coach must submit a written protest to the Recreation office to the league coordinator within two working days of the protest.
 4. The League Coordinator will make a ruling as soon as possible.
- B. Judgment calls are NOT protestable.

VI. Tie Breaker Rules

- A. In the event that two or more teams are tied at the end of league play, the following tie breaker rules will be used:
 1. Head-to-head record
 2. Head-to-head differential (volleyball only)
 3. Total points scored in the head-to-head game(s)
 4. Sportsmanship points
 5. Total points scored during the regular season
 6. Total points allowed in the head-to-head game(s)
 7. Total points allowed during the regular season
 8. Coin toss

VII. Code of Conduct

- A. The Head Coach and Assistant Coach agree to support and influence good sportsmanship, high moral standards, and be responsible for the conduct and acts of themselves, their players, and their spectators.
- B. Penalties for violating Code of Conduct Rules:
 - 1. Depending on the seriousness of the infraction, disciplinary actions may include a formal warning, ejection from the game, suspensions, and/or expulsions from the league.
 - 2. Any player, coach, or spectator displaying unsportsmanlike conduct may be ejected from the game.
 - a) If the person who committed the violation does not leave when asked to do so, the team responsible for the infraction will be charged with a forfeit, suspension(s), and/or expulsions from the league.
 - b) Profanity or vulgar language will not be tolerated and receive an automatic ejection.
 - 3. Any ejections carry an automatic one-game suspension to be served at the next scheduled game and the individual(s) must leave the area immediately.
 - a) The City of Oxnard adopts an “out of sound, out of sight” approach to define “leaving the area”.
 - 4. Any ejected/suspended individual is also suspended from participating in any other City of Oxnard sporting event/programming (i.e spectator, coach, etc.) until their suspension has been served.
 - 5. Enforcement of the Code of Conduct at a game site will be based on the site monitor’s best judgment and may be rescinded, increased, or upheld by the Recreation Coordinator.
 - 6. The terms of the Code of Conduct may be found on the City’s teamsideline webpage and under appendix V contained herein.

VIII. Miscellaneous

- A. Coaches must be cleared through the City of Oxnard in order to be on the bench with the team.
 - 1. Cleared coaches must display their badges at each and every game in order to participate.
 - a) Coaches who do not have their badges on will not be permitted to coach the game

- B. No hard hair accessories
 - 1. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.
- C. No jewelry.
 - 1. Tape may not be used to cover jewelry.
 - 2. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.
- D. False nails are not permitted and natural nails must be cut to the length of finger.
- E. No shorts with pockets
 - 1. Tape may be used to close pockets.
 - 2. The City of Oxnard will not provide tape.
- F. No food or drinks permitted inside any of the basketball gyms.
- G. The player's school grade is the sole criteria for determining his/her division.
 - 1. A player may play up one division, but may only play for one grade level
 - a) example: a 3rd/4th grade player may move up to 5th/6th grade division, but must choose one or the other play on.
- H. The City of Oxnard does not offer coed teams for 3rd/4th grade and up, except for flag football.
 - 1. Exception: girls may participate on a boys team if a school does not offer a girls team in that sport.
- I. Youth Sports Uniform
 - 1. Teams must have uniforms of matching color schemes.
 - 2. If only one team has a reversible top then the head official will have that team reverse their uniform. Time will be provided for the team to change their tops.
 - 3. If both teams have reversible uniforms, the home team will use the light side of the jersey and the guest team will use the dark. The head official reserves the right to ask for adjustments in the best interest of an equitable game.
 - 4. If there are no reversible jerseys from either team, one of the following will be decided at the head officials' discretion:
 - a) One team will wear pinnies.
 - (1) A coin flip will occur to decide which team. The winning flip will stay as is and the opposing team will wear the pinnies.
 - (2) pinnies are not provided by the City of Oxnard
 - 5. Referees will use the predominant color on the uniforms/ pinnies to identify calls.
 - a) For example, if one team is blue with stripes, and the other team has red uniforms with stripes then the officials will use blue and red to identify the teams.

6. Violation(s) of the uniform policies may result in infractions and/or being prohibited from entering the game.

J. Cheerleading programs

1. The City of Oxnard does not offer any form of official cheerleading competitions.
2. The City does allow cheerleading programs to be present and support their team, however the following conditions will apply in such cases:
 - a) Cheerleaders and their coaches are considered equals to any other spectator. No special seating arrangements will be honored at any time at any sporting event. Seating is limited and based on a first come first served basis.
 - b) Chants must be positive in nature and may not be directed at anyone other than their own team.
 - c) Performances may not be done during timeouts, but may be permitted during half time intermissions only if the performance does not disturb either team from using the court/field to warm up and/or delays the restart of the game.
 - d) The Recreation Coordinator and/or Recreation Specialist on-site reserve the right to allow or disallow cheerleading programs from entering the playing court/field.
 - e) As with any spectators, teams are subject to disciplinary action should their cheerleading program violate the City of Oxnard's code of conduct or conditions included herein.

IX. Youth Sports Sportsmanship Program

- A. The sportsmanship system is put in place to maintain a fun, positive, and recreational environment.
- B. Teams are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
- C. A team's sportsmanship is demonstrated by players, fans, and coaches.
- D. Sportsmanship does not take place only in the game but also before and after the game.
- E. The head coach and assistant coaches must support and influence good sportsmanship, high moral standards, and are responsible for the conduct and acts of themselves, their players, and their spectators.
 1. This includes but is not limited to unsportsmanlike disagreements with officials.
- F. Details of the Sportsmanship Program are included in Appendix VI as well as downloadable on the City's teamsideline page.

Girls Intermediate Slow-Pitch Softball Rules

*****With the exception of the following modifications, current SCMAF Rules will govern League play.*****

I. The Field

- A. The distance between bases will be sixty feet (60 ft.).
- B. The pitcher's mound will be forty three feet (43 ft.) from the home plate.
- C. The coaches box will be eight feet (8 ft.) from first and third base and ten feet (10 ft.) wide.

II. Game length and Extra Innings

- A. In the event of a tied game, one extra inning will be played and considered open.
 - 1. The last player out from the previous inning will be placed at second base and the inning will start with one out.
 - 2. The player starting on second base may not have a pinch runner until a full at bat is complete.
 - 3. Game time is forfeit time
 - 4. A game shall be seven innings or one hour and 10 minutes.
 - a) The last inning will begin at the one hour mark and be considered open as indicated by the official.

III. Players and Substitutions

- A. A team must have eight players to start the game.
 - 1. With consent, the other team can provide a courtesy catcher to return the ball back to the pitcher and may not make any plays.
 - 2. If they decline, a cleared coach from the fielding team may serve as the courtesy catcher only to return the pitched ball back to the pitcher and may not actively coach or make plays.
- B. 10 players maximum players on field.
 - 1. Teams must submit a lineup card in their desired batting order before every game.
- C. All players must field a full inning before being eligible for free substitution.
- D. Free substitutions
 - 1. between innings for fielding players.
 - 2. Pitchers may be switched during an inning, but must be done between at-bats.
- E. Players who are removed from the field due to injury may not re-enter the game.
- F. Coaches must remain in the dugout when their team is fielding.

IV. Equipment

- A. Bats for the game will be provided by the City of Oxnard.
- B. Balls for the game will be provided by the City of Oxnard.
 - 1. Eleven inch ball (11 in.) will be used.
- C. A strike zone mat (34 1/2" x 19") will be used and is aligned with the front edge of Home Plate.
 - 1. The city of Oxnard will provide the mat.
- D. Players may not wear jewelry while playing.
 - 1. Jewelry may not be taped to the body.
- E. False nails are not permitted and natural nails must be cut to the length of finger.
- F. Metal cleats are prohibited.
- G. Uniform tops must all match color scheme and include numbers.
 - 1. If tape is needed to alter jersey numbers, the City of Oxnard will not provide the tape.

V. Batting

- A. Three Strike Rule
 - 1. After two strikes, the ball must be fair.
- B. No throwing of bats.
 - 1. After the first warning, the batter will be declared out.
- C. Half swings count as a strike.
- D. Players at-bat must follow the presubmitted lineup.
- E. All players on the line up card must bat during the entirety of the game.
- F. No bunting permitted based on the judgment of the umpire
- G. Maximum five runs per inning.

VI. Pitching

- A. The ball must be pitched in an arch shape where the highest point can only be 12' and the minimum is over the batter's head. Jo
- B. An illegal pitch will be called (verbally to at least the batter) by the umpire when the pitch is either too high or too low.
 - 1. If a batter attempts to hit an illegal pitch, on contact that ball will be considered live.
 - a) On a miss or foul ball, that will be called a strike.

VII. Base Running and Fielding

- A. A base runner can lead off the base on the pitcher's release of the ball
 - 1. If the base runner is off the base prior to the release of the ball, the ball is dead and the runner will be declared out
- B. No Base Stealing
- C. Two courtesy runners are permitted per inning.
 - 1. The same runner can only run once per inning.
- D. The base runner is out if on any play, the ball beats the runner back to the base occupied prior to the attempted play (**force out**).
 - 1. **If a runner is not forced to advance, they must be tagged out.**
- E. Runners must allow the fielder to field the ball without interfering on any play **and vice versa a fielder must allow a runner to run without interference on any play.**
 - 1. Interference may be physical, distractionary, and or verbal **at the discretion of the umpire.**
- F. Double Base
 - 1. On any initial play at first base, the batted runner must make contact with the ORANGE BASE.
 - 2. The defensive person must use the WHITE BASE to put out the batter runner.
 - 3. The batter runner will be called out if she makes contact with the white base and not the orange base during a play at first base.
 - a) This play may not be appealed.
- G. Home Plate
 - 1. A defensive player making a play at Home Plate is allowed to complete the force-out play by touching ANY portion of the strike mat to force any runner out.
- H. Scoring Plate
 - 1. A second home plate is used for score runs.
 - 2. A runner is out if she touches the regular home plate.
 - 3. All outs at home plate are force-outs
 - a) Fielders cannot tag a runner out at home plate.
- I. **Sliding is permitted, except at first base.**
- J. All defensive players must allow the runner to cut inside each base and not make contact without the ball.
- K. Infield Fly Rule
 - 1. With less than two outs and runners on all bases, or first and second, if the batter hits a pop-up **around the infield** that can be caught by any fielder with reasonable effort, the batter will be called out
 - 2. The call will be made at the discretion of the umpire.

VIII. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- A. Swearing, obscene language or actions either on or off the playing field by the players, coaches, or spectators, will not be tolerated.
- B. No player may show baiting or taunting acts or words, which engenders ill will or any delayed, excessive or prolonged act by which a player attempts to focus attention upon himself.



Contact Us

Oxnard Team Sideline webpage:

<https://teamsideline.com/Oxnard>

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Google “Oxnard Team Sideline” > click “City of Oxnard Recreation & Community Services”

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