

# Spring 2008

## Ocee Park Babe Ruth League Spring 2008 Baseball Player Assessment Guidelines



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1. All Ocee Park Spring 2008 **baseball** program participants ranging in age from 7-18 must attend a pre-season player assessment session. Please read carefully all of the information on player assessment sessions below. Players must attend the sessions appropriate to their age even if they are interested in playing up in the next league. Players that do not attend assessments will be assigned to a team but may find their league placement affected by the failure to assess.
2. A baseball player's league age is that child's age as of April 30, 2008. Please consult the Ocee Park Babe Ruth League Baseball Age Chart for 2008 found on the Ocee Park website to determine the league age for a baseball player.
3. Please use your child's league age as described above to determine the appropriate assessment session(s) to attend. For 10-year old baseball players interested in trying out for the Majors Divisions, refer to special notes for these assessments. If you have questions, please contact the **Ocee Park Player Agent** (playeragent@oceepark.com).
4. **Tee Ball (Ages 4-6 with no Tee Ball experience)** - League age 6-year old baseball players that have not completed a year of Tee Ball are not required to attend player assessments and will be assigned to the Tee League for the Spring 2008 season. League age 6-year old baseball players that have completed a year of Tee League but either do not wish to tryout for Farm League or are not drafted into the Farm League will be assigned to the Tee League for the 2008 season. All league age 4- and 5-year old baseball players will be assigned to the Tee League for the Spring 2008 season.
5. **Tee Ball (Age 6 with Tee Ball experience)** - League age 6-year old players that have completed at least one season of Tee League may optionally tryout for Farm League baseball (male or female). Players wishing to tryout for the Farm League in baseball must attend the special assessment session for 6-year olds aspiring to the Farm League (**these players must not attend the 7-8 year old player assessments**). This special session is open only to league age 6-year olds with at least one year of Tee Ball experience. Selection to the Farm League for 6-year old

baseball players will be determined based on assessment scores, roster openings in the Farm League, and on the league drafts.

6. **Farm/A League (Ages 7-8)** – League age 7- and 8-year old players assess to play in the Farm and A machine pitch leagues. The leagues will be divided in 2008 based on skill level as they were in the 2007 season. Placement of players in the Farm and A leagues will be determined based on assessments and not on age. A very limited number of 8-year olds may be assigned to the AA player pitch league but this will be based solely on assessments and on draft needs. All 8-year old players must attend the 7-8 year old assessments.
7. **AA League (Age 9)** – All league age 9-year old players are assessed together and will be assigned to the AA player pitch league. A limited number of 9-year old players may be drafted to the AAA league based on assessments and on draft needs. However, all 9-year old players must attend the appropriate 9-year old assessment session.
8. **AAA League (Age 10)** – All league age 10-year old players are eligible for the AAA, Major American, and Major National leagues. Any 10-year old player that wishes to try out for the Majors Division must attend the assessment session(s) for the Majors (see below). Players attending the Majors assessments are not required to attend the 10-year old assessments. If a 10-year old player is not drafted to the Majors, their Majors assessment score will be used to draft them to a AAA League team. Any 10-year old player that does not wish to tryout for the Majors Division need only attend the 10-year old assessments and they will automatically be drafted to the AAA League.
9. **Major League (Ages 10-12)** – For Spring 2008, the Majors Division will be comprised of the Majors National League (70/50 program) and the Majors American League (60/46 program). These leagues are open for tryout by all players of league age 10-12. There will be 6 teams in Majors National and 8 teams in Majors American (subject to change based on registration).
10. **Returning Majors National Players from Spring 2007** – Any 11- or 12-year old player (league age for Spring 2008) that played in the Majors National league during the Spring 2007 season is not required to attend player assessments. Players from Majors National teams in spring 2007 that are again eligible to play in the Majors for Spring 2008 will be returned to their Spring 2007 team without the need to assess.
11. **Majors National 70/50 Program (Ages 10-12)** – The Majors National 70/50 program is designed for the most skilled baseball players ranging in age from 10-12. As such, the evaluation process for this league is more stringent than others. All players wishing to be considered for the 70/50 program must attend the initial Major League player assessment session

appropriate to their last name. Majors National players returning from the Spring 2007 season are guaranteed a roster spot in the league on their 2007 team. As a result, some number of the total 72 roster spots in the Majors National league are pre-allocated to returning players thereby reducing the number of roster spots available to players attending the assessments. Open roster spots in the Majors National league will be filled based on the highest assessing players. Only a limited number of roster spots exist in the Majors (National or American leagues) for 10-year old players.

12. **Majors American 60/46 Program (Ages 10-12)** – The Majors American 60/46 program will be conducted almost identically to the Majors American program in Spring 2007. The league is open to players with league ages ranging from 10-12. Selection to Majors American is based on a number of factors. Any 11- or 12-year old player that fails to qualify for the 70/50 program will be assigned to a team in the American League. Remaining roster spots in the American League will be filled with league age 10-year olds based on assessment scores and draft needs. It will be assumed that any 10-year old player that attends assessments for the Majors Division is interested in being drafted to the National or American Leagues. Any 10-year old player that is not drafted to the Majors Division will be assigned to a team in the AAA League.
13. **Senior Leagues (13-15 & 16-18)** – In 2008, we will again offer the 13-15 Senior baseball league. New for 2008 is the addition of a Senior baseball league specifically for 16-18 year old players. A combined assessment for all 13-15 year old players and another assessment for 16-18 year old players will be held although sessions will be broken into groups based on the first letter of the player's last name for efficiency in conducting the player assessment sessions.
14. Refer to the detailed assessment schedule on the Ocee Park web site for more information on session dates and times including rainout makeup session dates and times. Also, please consult the Ocee Park web site for the latest information on league alignment and player assessments.
15. **Documentation Requirements** – The league is responsible for verifying the age and residency of each player. While registration has been automated and is now an easy online process, collecting and verifying age and residency documents remains a manual procedure. Please bring with you to your child's first team practice copies of the following documentation for that child that may be retained by the league on file:
  - Copy of birth certificate (see web site for more information)
  - Proof of residency (see web site for valid documents)

16. Please check the Ocee Park website on the day of assessments for your son or daughter in the event player assessments are postponed due to weather. Schedule contingencies have been made in the event of cancellations and updates will be made to the web site and broadcast via email. It is imperative that assessments be completed in a timely manner so the start of the season can begin on time so please bear with us in the event of weather postponements as we re-schedule sessions perhaps even on short notice.
17. Please make sure you provide a valid parent email address at the time of registration. Please do not use the player's email address or an address that is not checked frequently since Ocee Park league officials will utilize broadcast emails to communicate a variety of important information to parents. While the registration form permits multiple emails to be entered, only the primary email address entered at the top of the form is used by the broadcast email system.
18. If you have questions concerning player age groups, the appropriate division in which to register a child, or the appropriate assessment sessions to attend, please contact the **Ocee Park Player Agent** (playeragent@oceepark.com).