

Spring 2008

Ocee Park Babe Ruth League Spring 2008 Softball Player Assessment Guidelines



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1. All Ocee Park Spring 2008 **softball** program participants ranging in age from 8-16 must attend a pre-season player assessment session (with one noted exception for Major League players from Spring 2007). Players that do not attend player assessments will be assigned to the most age appropriate team for that player.
2. 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.
3. A softball player's league age is that child's age as of December 31, 2007. Please consult the Ocee Park Babe Ruth League Softball Age Chart for 2008 found on the Ocee Park website to determine the league age for a softball player.
4. Please use your child's league age as described above to determine the appropriate assessment session(s) to attend. For 10-year old softball 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).
5. **Playing Up (Softball)** – With the exception of 10-year old players wishing to play in the Major League, all players should attend the assessment session for their age group (6-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-16). Depending on assessment scores and draft needs, a select number of 8-year olds may be drafted into the AA League. As with baseball, 10-year olds are eligible to tryout for the Major League – this is not considered playing up.
6. **Farm League (Ages 6-8)** – Only 8-year old softball players from this age group are required to attend assessments. Both 6- and 7-year old players are not required to attend assessments. All 8-year old players are assessed in an effort to identify the best suited candidates to play-up in the AA (9-10) League and to also help to distribute the 8-year old talent to the various Farm League teams. All Farm League teams are being assigned in 2008 as was done in 2007 (in contrast to team drafts used in other softball leagues).

7. **AA League (Ages 9-10)** – Players ranging in league age from 9- to 10-years old will assess together (with one exception) and will be drafted to teams in the player/coach pitch AA League. The exception is any 10-year old player that wishes to tryout for the AAA or Major Leagues should instead attend the player assessments for the AAA/Major Leagues. If a 10-year old player is not drafted to the Major League, her assessment score will be used to draft her to the AA or AAA League so that player need not attend both the AA and Major League player assessment sessions.
8. **AAA/Major Leagues (Ages 10-12)** – All players league age 11- and 12-years old must attend the AAA/Major Leagues player assessment session (with one exception – see Returning Majors Players). Any 10-year old player that wishes to be considered for the AAA or Major Leagues must also attend the AAA/Majors player assessment session. Any 10-year old player that does not attend the AAA/Majors player assessments will be assigned to a AA League team. Any 11- or 12-year old player that does not attend the Majors assessment session will be assigned to a AAA League team.
9. **Returning Majors Players** – Any 11- or 12-year old player that played on a Major League softball team during the Spring 2007 season is not required to attend player assessments and will be assigned to the same team for the 2008 season.
10. **Note on the AAA League** – The AAA League for 11- and 12-year old players provides an age appropriate league for all 11- and 12-year old players that do not qualify for the Major League. The Major League offers 44 roster spots to the highest assessing players and 50% of those roster spots will be filled with returning Majors players from 2007. This leaves approximately 22 openings in the Major League for 2008. All 11- and 12-year old players will be assigned to either the AAA or Major Leagues for 2008. A select number of 10-year old players may be drafted into the AAA and Major Leagues based on skills assessment and roster needs.
11. **Senior League (13-16)** – As in 2007, the 16U Senior League will include players ranging in age from 13-years old to 16-years old. Players in this age range will assess together and will be drafted to teams accordingly.
12. **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)

13. Please check the Ocee Park website on the day of assessments for your 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.
14. 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.
15. 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).