

# Spring 2009

## Ocee Park Babe Ruth League Spring 2009 Baseball Player Assessment Guidelines



Contact: Ocee Park Player Agent (playeragent@OceePark.com)

1. All Ocee Park Spring 2009 **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 session or sessions appropriate to their age. 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, 2009. Please consult the Ocee Park Babe Ruth League Baseball Age Chart for 2009 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 player assessment session or sessions to attend. If you have any questions, please contact the **Ocee Park Player Agent** prior to the player assessments in January (playeragent@oceepark.com).
4. **Tee Ball (Ages 5-6)** - Tee Ball players are not required to attend player assessments and will be assigned to Tee League teams automatically for the Spring 2009 season. This includes all 5- and 6-year old players registered for Tee Ball baseball.
5. **Farm/A Leagues (Ages 7-8)** – Effective for Spring 2009, all 7-year old players will be assigned to teams in the Farm League and all 8-year old players will be assigned to teams in the A League. Players in these age groups should attend the assessment session for their age group. Separate assessments will be held for 7- and 8-year old players instead of combining them for evaluation purposes in previous years. No 7-year old players will be drafted to A League teams and no 8-year old players will be drafted to Farm League teams.
6. **AA League (Age 9)** – All league age 9-year old players are assessed together and will be assigned to the AA player pitch league. All 9-year old players must attend the appropriate 9-year old assessment session.
7. **AAA League (Age 10)** – All league age 10-year old players are assessed together and will be assigned to the AAA player pitch league. All 10-year old players must attend the appropriate 10-year old assessment session.

8. **Major League (Ages 11-12)** – For Spring 2009, 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 11-12. There will be 4 teams in Majors National and 8 teams in Majors American (subject to change based on registration). The Majors National League is the more competitive of the two leagues and players are drafted to teams in this league based on the results of player assessments. Players not selected for Majors National League teams are drafted to teams in the Majors American League. Only 11- and 12-year old players are eligible for the Major Leagues. Effective this Spring (2009), no 10-year old players will be permitted to play in the Majors.
9. **Returning Majors National Players from Spring 2008** – Any 11- or 12-year old player (league age for Spring 2009) that played in the Majors National league during the Spring 2008 season is not required to attend player assessments. Players from Majors National teams in Spring 2008 that are again eligible to play in the Majors for Spring 2009 will be returned to their Spring 2008 team without the need to assess. In the event of league expansion or contraction that affects a player's prior year team, that player will be drafted to another Majors National League but is guaranteed a spot in the league regardless.
10. **Majors National 70/50 Program (Ages 11-12)** – The Majors National 70/50 program is designed for the most skilled baseball players ranging in age from 11-12. 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 2008 season are guaranteed a roster spot in the league on their 2008 team. As a result, a number of the total 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.
11. **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 2008. The league is open to players with league ages ranging from 11-12. 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.
12. **Senior Leagues (13-15 & 16-18)** – In 2009, we will again offer the 13-15 Junior baseball league and the 16-18 Senior baseball league. 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.

13. **Assessment Schedule & Make-Ups** - 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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@ocepark.com).