

# Spring 2009

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



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

1. All Ocee Park Spring 2009 **softball** program participants ranging in age from **8-16 must attend a pre-season player assessment session** (with one noted exception for Majors NGFA League players from Spring 2008). 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, 2008.** Please consult the Ocee Park Babe Ruth League Softball Age Chart for 2009 that can be 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](mailto: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 (7-8, 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. All 10-year olds are eligible to tryout for the Major League – this is not considered playing up.
6. **Tee League (Ages 5-6)** – a softball tee league will be offered in Spring 2009 for the first time. This league will provide a softball specific tee and coach pitch league experience for girls that intend to pursue a fastpitch softball track in the Ocee Park program. Players are not required to attend assessments for the softball tee league as teams will be assigned by the Player Agent as they are done for the baseball tee league.
7. **Farm League (Ages 7-8)** – Only 8-year old softball players from this age group are required to attend assessments. 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 2009 as was done in 2007 & 2008 (in contrast to team drafts used in other softball leagues).

8. **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 Major League should instead attend the player assessments for the Major League. 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 League so that player need not attend both the AA and Major League player assessment sessions.
9. **Major Leagues (In-Park & NGFA) (Ages 10-12)** – All players league age 11- and 12-years old must attend the Major League player assessment session (with one exception – see Returning Majors NGFA Players). Any 10-year old player that wishes to be considered for the Major League must also attend the Majors player assessment session. Any 10-year old player that does not attend the 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 automatically to a Majors In-Park League team.
10. **Returning Majors NGFA Players** – Any 11- or 12-year old player that played on a Majors NGFA League softball team during the Spring 2008 season is not required to attend player assessments and will be assigned to the same team for the 2009 season. Due to league expansion or contraction, a returning Majors NGFA player may be assigned to a new team but is guaranteed a spot in the Majors NGFA League regardless.
11. **Notes on the Major Leagues** – The Majors In-Park (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 Majors NGFA League. The Majors NGFA League offers 33 or 44 roster spots to the highest assessing players and some of those roster spots will be filled with returning Majors players from 2008. This leaves some number of openings in the Majors NGFA League for 2009. All 11- and 12-year old players will be assigned to either the Majors In-Park or Majors NGFA League for 2009. A select number of 10-year old players may be drafted into the either Major League based on skills assessment and roster needs.
12. **Senior League (13-16)** – As in 2008, 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.

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@ocepark.com).