

Spring 2009

Ocee Park Babe Ruth League Spring 2009 Baseball/Softball League Alignment & Policy Changes



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There are several league alignment changes going into effect for the Spring 2009 season that will affect 5 & 6 year old tee ball players (baseball and softball) and 7 & 8 year old baseball players. Additionally, a policy change regarding playing up is also going into effect for Spring 2009. Please read carefully to see if and how these changes will affect you.

League Alignment Changes

Tee Ball (Baseball) – the current baseball tee league combines 5 & 6 year old players together in a single league. For Spring 2009, the tee league will be broken into 2 leagues with all 5 year olds playing together and all 6 year olds playing together. The 5 year old league will be beginner focused using a tee for hitting and the 6 year old league will be more advanced in instruction and will feature coach pitch.

Tee Ball (Softball) – a softball tee league for 5 & 6 year old girls will be offered for the first time. This league will use a combination of tee and coach pitch hitting. All 6 year old softball players will now play in this league instead of in the machine pitch league for 8U players which will now be exclusively for 7 & 8 year old players.

Farm/A (7 & 8 Year Old) Baseball – for Spring 2009, the Farm League will become the 7 year old league and the A League will become the 8 year old league. Player assessments will not be used to divide the 7 & 8 year olds between the two leagues but instead players will be placed in the league appropriate to their age.

Policy Change in Baseball

Playing Up – effective for Spring 2009, playing up to the next age group in baseball is no longer permitted. Players will be required to play in the tee ball or baseball league designated for their age group based on their baseball league age (age as of 4/30/2009). In baseball, all players 10-years old and under have a league specific to their age group whereas 11-12, 13-15, and 16-18 year old players are grouped together in the upper divisions of play. Players should attend the player assessment session, if relevant, for their age group. Exceptions will **not** be made to the play up policy based on skill level, proximity of a birth date to a league age cutoff, team mate requests, car pool requests, desire for siblings to be placed on the same team, etc. Please direct questions regarding this policy change to the VP of Baseball for Spring 2009.