<u>FAQs</u>

What are the Age/Birthday requirements?

Your child's age group for a particular season is determined by their age on April 30th of the following year. For example, your child is in the t-ball age group if they will be 4 or 5 years old on the next April 30th. They would play in the 6U age group if they turn 6 prior to the next April 30th. This continues at each age group until they complete their 12U season.

My son/daughter has never played or has little experience, can he/she play down in a younger age group?

Dizzy Dean and OP rules do not allow for playing down an age group. Because OP is a Recreational Baseball Park, there will always be kids that are new to baseball. That is OK and we welcome players of all skill levels and experience. Your player will fit right in.

When does the season start/when does registration open?

Fall registration signup starts in July and the Fall Seasons begin in August and are finished by the end of October.

Spring registration signup starts in November and the Spring Seasons begin in February and are finished by the end of May.

What is the weekly schedule/time commitment?

For Fall seasons, each team is scheduled for one game during the week (Monday – Thursday) and one practice on Saturday. Coaches might schedule additional practices when field time permits. They might also schedule a practice at another location.

For Spring seasons, each team is scheduled for one game during the week (Monday – Thursday) and one game on Saturday. Coaches might schedule practices when field time permits, or, they might schedule a practice at another location. OP teams are not allowed to have more than 4 events in any given week, however, in reality, there is generally no more than 2 or 3 events per week.

What does the park provide with my registration fees?

The price you paid for registration will include the following:

*Fall Season each player will receive a jersey and a hat

*Spring Season each player will receive a pair of pants, belt, baseball socks, a jersey and a hat

*Please note that upon registration for the Fall you will be required to select the jersey size for your player and in the Spring you will be required to select the jersey size and pant size for your player. The head coach of your player will receive all of the park provided uniforms and distribute to each player before the first game. The coach will have names and numbers placed on the jerseys for a fee to be discussed with each parents of the team.

The park does provide catcher's gear.

What type of equipment does my player need?

Your player should have the following equipment for each season:

Required:

Baseball Glove, Baseball Bat (bat requirements located below), Cleats, and a Helmet with a facemask (this is not optional and is required by the rules of the park). 9U-11/12U helmets (kid pitch only) can have either a face mask or optional C flap.

Optional:

Baseball socks (thinner than sports socks), bat bag, batting gloves.

What bat does my player need?

Bat Rules: Any bat used at Oregon Park must have an easily identifiable stamp/logo showing that it is a USA or USSSA 1.15 BPF certified bat. Wooden bats are also permissible.

Why is my player waitlisted?

Each age group has a capacity set at the beginning of each season. As more registrations occur we extend those capacities if we are able to field even amount of teams. Players change their minds and if a spot becomes available we assign it to the next registered individual that is on the waitlist.

What if I want my player to play with a friend or have a specific coach?

*Tee Ball is the only age group that we allow special requests to play with a friend and to request a specific coach.

*Please note that for tee-ball requests, we will make every attempt to assign your player with the requested friend and/or specific requested coach but that it is not guaranteed. At times the requests for same coaches exceeds the amount of available spots.

What if I want my player to play up in the next age group?

If you are interested in your child playing in the older age group please send a request in writing to your <u>current Age Group Coordinator*</u> and <u>Athletic Director*</u> by the date that is identified on the registration information. Determination is based on skill level during skill evaluation (must be assessed as being in the top 20% of the league they are playing up to) and available spots. Your player must attend both their current age group as well as the league they are trying to play up to on the day of the assessments.

*You can locate your Age Group Coordinator and the Athletic Director's under the League Information tab on the home page and the Registration Information is located under the Documents tab on the home page.

Do I need to have my player at the Skills Assessment?

All players will need to attend the skills assessment. If your player is trying to play up, they must be assessed in their current age group as well as the age group they are trying to play up to. All dates and times will be posted on the website and on Facebook as the dates approach. Rain out dates are typically the following weekend.

Tball players <u>do not</u> participate in skills assessment. There are no make-up dates for skills assessment.

What happens after the Skills Assessment?

After each player is assessed they will be drafted to a team within one week of the skills assessment. Your player's coach will contact you by the Sunday before the first practice.

What is your refund policy?

Refunds are date specific and identified on the season's Registration Information*. Please note that the dates and date ranges are specifically set for each season where prior to a specific date there is a full refund, then a partial refund, and no refund after the assessment is complete.

*You can locate the Registration Information is located under the Documents tab on the home page.

How can I get notified on Practices, Games, and Field Status?

Once you register, you will have the opportunity to receive text and email alerts for practices, games, schedule changes and field closings.* If fields are closed do not use any part of the field, infield or outfield.

*You can sign up for text and email communications on the home page by clicking on the Communications Sign Up tab.

Where can I find Oregon Park's Rules and Regulations?

Oregon Park rules and regulations are located under Documents tab on the home page. This includes information regarding playing on a travel team and playing recreation baseball. Any specific rules question should be directed to your Age Group Coordinator.*

*You can locate your Age Group Coordinator and the Athletic Director's under the League Information tab on the home page

What can Oregon Park do about the parking situation?

Oregon Park is a Cobb County Park and the Oregon Park Baseball Association does NOT have any control over the parking or parking lot. DO NOT PARK in red lined areas or on the grass. It is necessary for emergency vehicles to be able to use the space and it is enforced by Cobb County. We currently have a golf cart that will be available on game days to shuttle family members to and from their vehicles.

How can I become a coach?

When you sign up your child to play, you will be asked if you would like to volunteer as a head coach or assistant coach. Please indicate your interest at that time. Returning coaches are given priority for the new season.

I would like to join the Board of Directors, when are elections?

Oregon Park Board of Directors: Elections are held the 3[™] week of April. If you are interested in being a board member please email questions@oregonpark.com . There are no paid board member positions.

Allstar Player and Coach Selections

Please refer to the OP All Star Rules document located under the Documents tab on the website.