

Oakland Recreation Commission Travel Sports Rules and Policies

The following rules and policies have been formally adopted on November 26, 2018. Any changes must be brought before the recreation commission and voted on prior to any tryout. All rules are to be posted on the Recreation website at least 2 weeks prior to any tryout.

I. Rules for Injured player who cannot participate in a tryout:

1. Commissioner of sport must be notified prior to the tryout.
2. Parent must submit doctor's note with expected return to sport participation
3. If child cannot tryout due to injury evaluation will be based on last year's scores.
4. If child did not play the travel sport last season he/she will be placed on the lower level team.
5. If no lower level team exists, commissioner and/or coaches of the team will evaluate player when healthy, if player qualifies for travel team he/she will not displace anyone only be added to roster.

II. Rules for playing above child's age and/or grade level

1. Each sport will have its own set criteria due to the age bracketing of each sport and each league
2. Rules for age/grade level play may be found below under the sport in question.
3. If a child trying up for the a travel team does not qualify for that level team after the evaluations he or she will not be placed on the lower age/grade A team. He or she may be placed on a B or C team of the age he or she tried out for assuming one exists. If none exists he or she will not be playing that travel sport for that season.

III. Rules for allowing genders to play in other gender sports.

1. Oakland Recreation follows the rules governed by Title IX. These rules may be found on any Internet search.
2. Participation in Oakland Recreation Travel Sports is subject to league rules of each of individual sport.

IV. Evaluators are determined by the sport, rules may be found located for the sport below.

V. Each parent will be permitted to see their child's evaluation once teams have been determined. This is to help the child learn their strengths and weaknesses. At no time will other children's evaluations be shared with any other parent.

VI. Additional Rules for Travel Basketball

All rules as written above with the following additions:

1. No parent shall be allowed in the tryout room.
2. No coaches shall be allowed in the tryout room.
3. The only people permitted in the tryout room are the evaluators, commissioner and sports director – unless any of those people are a parent or coach of a team being evaluated.
4. Allowing players to play up an age/grade is permitted as to the rules of the league Oakland Travel Basketball allows. Rules to the league will be posted on the Oakland Recreation website at time the tryout information is announced.
5. Players are only permitted to tryout for one team per season per sport.
6. Hired outside evaluators will make the determination of which team all players participate? Coaches, directors or Commissioners will have no say as to which team and or cuts are made to any team.

VII. Additional Rules for Travel Baseball

All rules as written above with the following additions:

1. No parent shall be allowed in the tryout area for indoor tryouts. For outdoor tryouts parents will be asked to leave the field area.
2. The only people permitted in the tryout area are the evaluators, commissioner and sports director – unless any of those people are a parent or coach of a team being evaluated.
3. Players will tryout for teams by age as defined by Little League age groups. See Link for proper age brackets:
 - a. <https://www.littleleague.org/news/update-implementation-little-league-baseball-age-determination-date>
4. A player MUST participate in at least 1 scheduled travel baseball tryout. Failure to participate in at least 1 tryout will not qualify a participate to play travel baseball.
5. Hired outside evaluators will make the final determination of which team all players participate.
6. In order to tryout for Oakland Travel Baseball, you MUST participate in Oakland Rec baseball for ages 11U (5th grade and under). This includes any out of towners.. Oakland Travel baseball does not accept out of town travel players who do not participate in our Rec Baseball Program.
7. Oakland Travel Baseball does ALL it can to create Blue / (2nd) Teams in all the age groups.
8. The Blue / 2nd Teams are NOT GUARANTEED to take place. These teams are created at the discretion of the Commissioner and Director – due to the many factors that goes into putting teams together (plenty of available players, safety issues, enough pitchers to be complete, etc). THIS DETERMINATION IS DONE SOLEY AT THE COMMIONER and DIRECTOR LEVEL.

VIII. Additional Rules for Travel Softball

All rules as written above with the following additions:

1. Travel softball tryouts are evaluated by the Rec Softball Commissioner, Travel Softball Director and any non-Dad or Coach (chosen at the discretion of the Commissioner & Director) who does not have a daughter trying out in that specific age group.
2. In order to tryout for Oakland Travel Softball, you MUST participate in Oakland Rec Softball. (that includes any out of towners, ie: Franklin Lakes or Wyckoff). Oakland Travel Softball does not accept out of town travel players who do not participate in our Rec Softball Program.
3. Oakland travel softball will ALWAYS have a minimum of 2 tryouts dates afforded to players to show their skills. A 3rd tryout will ONLY take place at the discretion of the Travel Softball Commissioner and Director – if they feel they need a 3rd tryout date to make their final selections.
4. A player MUST participate in at least 1 (of the 2 or 3) scheduled travel softball tryouts. Failure to participate in at least 1 tryout will not qualify a participant to play travel softball.
5. An injury precluding a player from trying out will refer back to Oakland Recreation Commission Travel Sports Rules and Policies stated above.
6. Travel Softball players have the options of trying out: “With their grade” or if they are young enough – they can tryout out for “their actual age group below”.
7. It has been determined, that after 1 tryout, if a girl decides that she has made a mistake with her decision – she DOES have the opportunity to go to the other age group tryout for Tryout #2 and / or #3 (if necessary)
8. There is no circumstance that a travel softball player is permitted to play ABOVE their age group. Example (a 6th Grader who is a 12U player) does NOT have the option of playing UP with the 14U Team, regardless of her skill level. A travel softball player ONLY has the ability to play “down” (to her actual eligible age).
9. ALL FINAL CUT DECISIONS are made by 2 people (and 2 people only) – the Rec Softball Commissioner and the Travel Softball Director.
10. Oakland Travel Softball does ALL it can to create B / (2nd) Teams in all the age groups.
11. The B / 2nd Teams are NOT GUARANTEED to take place. These teams are created at the discretion of the Commissioner and Director – due to the many factors that goes into putting teams together (plenty of available players, safety issues, enough pitchers to be complete, etc). THIS DETERMINATION IS DONE SOLEY AT THE COMMIONER and DIRECTOR LEVEL.

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