

RICHMOND EVENING OPTIMIST
RULES OF CONDUCT

The Richmond Evening Optimist Baseball Park is on private property, and such is governed by the rules and regulation of the Evening Optimist Club. The following rules shall not be construed to be all-inclusive but should be viewed as a guide for other situations, which may occur. These rules apply equally to everyone while on the Richmond Evening Optimist Property. Violations of the rules may result in suspension from games or in some cases the ballpark as well.

These rules of conduct must be read and signed by the parents or guardian of the youth at sign-up. By signing this form the participant affirms having read it.

- A. Any adult, parent, or guardian who steps onto the playing field with a game/matches in progress will automatically be removed from the REO grounds and banned from grounds pending the results of a Board inquiry. Violators will have to appear before the Board during this inquiry.
Penalties for this violation will be banning of the person or persons for a number of games to be determined by the REO Board.
A severe case will merit a total season banning.
Penalty for not attending the Board inquiry will be total season banning.
EXCEPTION: A medical emergency on the field would override this rule.
- B. Control of Spectators is part of the responsibility of coaches and their respective teams. If an official warns any spectators to refrain from continuous verbal or physical disagreement/harassment, the coach or manager of the respective team will be directed to help control his or her spectator. The individual will be warned that continued action will result in his or her ejection.
If ejected, the individual must leave the premises within 2 minutes, or the police will be called to have the violating spectators escorted from the REO premises.
- C. Coaches shall not continually argue an official judgment call. Any coach who proceeds to question, dispute, argue, or in any way displays disapproval with judgment calls such as, but not limited to, balls, strikes, outs, fair or foul balls, obstruction, interference, unsportsmanlike conduct, or balks, shall be removed from the game.
If a coach is removed from the game, he or she must leave the area of the dugouts and field. Continued harassment of any kind from the coach or others will result in removal from REO premises.
If the coach fails to leave the area designated above, their team will forfeit the game/match.
- D. Firearms or weapons of any kind are prohibited at all REO league facilities. The use or possession of any alcoholic beverage or illegal substance is strictly prohibited on any Richmond Evening Optimist Property.
- E. Glass or metal containers (except those associated with the normal operation of the facility) are prohibited due to safety, littering and equipment damage considerations.
- F. Spectators, players, coaches and officials are responsible for ensuring that all debris is placed in trash containers as provided.
- G. REO Property abuse will not be tolerated. This also shall include all team equipment (bats, helmets, facilities etc.)
- H. Batting or throwing against backstop or fences is prohibited due to damage considerations. Climbing over or on fences is prohibited due to safety and damage considerations. Anyone observed abusing these assets of the REO facilities could be suspended for the next game/match.
- I. No playing catch, throwing, hitting will be allowed outside the playing fields or volleyball courts.
- J. Verbal abuse or threatening language directed toward anyone will not be tolerated and may result in suspension.
- K. All riding toys including trail bikes, three wheelers, skateboards, **scooters, mopeds**, and roller blades are prohibited on REO property.
- L. Pets are prohibited on the REO property.
- M. Any player under a doctor's care for any injury must present a medical release form the doctor to their respective league commissioner before they can participate in games or practices.
- N. REO is not responsible for personal injury or damage to any motor vehicle on the REO league property.
- O. There will be no pick-up games/matches played on empty fields or courts without permission.
- P. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to provide transportation for their child to and from games or practices. Repetitive absences from practices or games may result in discipline from coaches.
- Q. It is mandatory for all players to participate in the fundraiser or buyout of the fundraiser. The only exceptions will be REO Board approved "hardship cases."