

RICHMOND EVENING OPTIMIST BASEBALL PARENT INFORMATION

Please read and share info with League Participants

THE RICHMOND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB IS A PRIVATE CLUB AND NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY SCHOOL OR RICHMOND CITY PARK.

Optimist Clubs are not-for-profit organizations with the goal of providing support of charitable, literacy, or educational purposes. Each Club operates independently. The Club's Board of Directors makes all the decisions. The Club operates strictly from all volunteers.

To support the Club activities, several expenses are incurred including paying for mowing, grounds maintenance, management of concessions stand and stocking the stands, utilities all year, umpires, referees, scorekeepers, equipment, and constant maintenance of the park. The volunteers carry out all other jobs, including all Board members, commissioners, coaches, and all other chairperson positions such as fundraiser, sign-ups, equipment, pictures, schedules, and grounds.

- 1. THE BASEBALL & VOLLEYBALL FACILITIES ARE NOW TOBACCO FREE. Violation of tobacco use on the property will result in removal from the grounds. This includes Optimist baseball facility (located behind the Armory Bldg).**
2. Players and coaches are to display good sportsmanship during and after games. Use of vulgar language or fighting by players, coaches, or spectators at any time while on REO property will result in automatic suspension from the League.
3. Rainout games will be completed on the next available rain date. Coaches will be notified of the makeup date as much in advance as possible. If rain starts during a game, teams should stay until the game is officially called.
4. The use or possession of any alcoholic beverage or illegal substance is strictly prohibited on any REO property. This includes all practices.
5. No riding toys are permitted in the park such as trail bikes, three wheelers, skateboards, roller blades, scooters, mopeds, or bicycles. No pets of any kind are allowed on REO grounds. You will be asked to leave the premises.
6. **Parents need to know:** being late (games and/or practices) CAN affect participants playing time. Notification should be given to the coaches in advance of being late or absent. Penalty will be as follows: 2 unexcused absence/tardiness will be 3 innings suspension from field play from the next scheduled game. 3 unexcused absence/tardiness will result in a full suspension of play from the next scheduled game. The coach must provide League officials written proof of the infraction and League officials must approve the suspension. Player must serve the suspension sitting in the dugout during the game. Failure to do so could result in further suspension.
7. It is mandatory that all players participate in required fundraiser and will not receive a team shirt until all money is turned in to REO fundraiser committee.
8. No soft tosses. Batting or throwing anything against backstops, fences, dugouts, or any other REO structures will be allowed. Climbing over or on fences is prohibited due to damage consideration. Anyone observed abusing assets of REO facility could be suspended for the next game.
9. Participants shall not wear jewelry. Religious and medical alert medals are not considered jewelry. A religious medal must be taped down and worn UNDER the uniform. A medical alert medal must be

taped down and can be visible. Any injury that occurs that is caused by undetected jewelry may not be covered by REO secondary insurance.

9. Participants must wear teams shirt to be on playing field. Coaches must wear REO shirt.

10. No pitching, catching, or hitting of baseballs allowed outside the field areas.

11. Players are to remain in their respective dugout while the game is in progress. If the player is not in the dugout when up to bat the team will take an automatic out.

12. One player from each team in the Junior, Minor, Major, & Optimist League Divisions will receive a Junior Optimist Award. This is not a MVP award but rather a mental attitude award.

13. Any player under a doctor's care for any injury or illness must present a medical release from the doctor to their respective League Commissioner before they can participate in any practice or game.

14. Tiny Tot league: no standings kept during regular season, no post-season tourney

. T-Ball: .no standings kept during regular season, no post-season tourney

Junior League: .no team standing kept in regular season. Tourney after season

Minor, Major, & Optimist Leagues: team standings kept regular season, tourney after season

15. Tiny Tot ball: 1 hour limit regardless of game status

T-Ball: one hour time limit regardless of the game status.

Junior League--maximum 6 run rule per inning, 1 hour 45 minute time limit

Minor League-- maximum 6 run rule per inning; 1 hour 45 minute time limit

Major League-- maximum 8 run rule per inning. 1 hour 45 minute time limit

Optimist League- Indiana High School rules apply; 2 hour time limit.

16. Awards per division:

Tiny Tot: all players receive participation award

T-Ball: all players receive participation award

Junior: Player receive participation award with following exceptions: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place tourney winners receive tourney awards only.

Minor.: 1st and 2nd place if non-divisional league; 1st place in each division if divisional play in place; 1st, 2nd, 3rd place tourney awards for any division with more than 5 teams.

Major: 1st place awards in each division if divisional play in place; 1st & 2nd place awards if non-divisional play in place; 1st, 2nd, 3rd place tourney awards for any division with 5 or more teams

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