



BEHAVIORAL GUIDELINES

Mission:

To organize, structure, and maintain the highest quality youth baseball program in a family oriented environment with the overall goal being to educate the boys and girls and young men and women of our community in the ideals of sportsmanship, teamwork, competition, and the rules of fair play and citizenship such they will be better able to conduct themselves in future years in a manner becoming of good citizens of our community, the State of Florida, and the United States of America.

With this mission in mind, the following behavioral guidelines will be in use in conjunction with the rules and regulations set forth in the Okeehelée Baseball Association (OYBI) league By-Laws, Standard Operating Procedures and the annual League Rules and Regulations.

Action	1 st Occurrence		Further Occurrence	
	Player	Coach/Volunteer / Fans	Player	Coach/Volunteer/Fans
CONDUCT/OFFENSES				
<i>Profanity, Gestures, etc.</i>	1-2 game suspension	1-2 game suspension	3 game suspension and probation	4 game suspension and probation
<i>Throwing Objects</i>	1-3 game suspension and probation	1-3 game suspension and probation	Suspension for remainder of season	Suspension for remainder of season



<i>Fighting (physical contact, outside of the scope of the game) to include physical or verbal threats</i>	2 game suspension up to permanent banning (as determined by OYBI board)	5 game suspension up to permanent banning (as determined by OYBI board)	1 or more years suspension up to permanent banning (as determined by OYBI board)	1 or more years suspension up to permanent banning (as determined by OYBI board)
<i>Bench clearing</i>	Forfeiture, or double forfeiture, plus 2 game suspension up to permanent banning (as determined by OYBI board)	Forfeiture, or double forfeiture, plus 5 game suspension up to permanent banning (as determined by OYBI board)	Forfeiture, or double forfeiture, plus 1 or more years suspension up to permanent banning (as determined by OYBI board)	Forfeiture, or double forfeiture, plus 1 or more years suspension up to permanent banning (as determined by OYBI board)
<i>Game Ejection</i>	Leave area plus 1 game suspension (must be in attendance but cannot be on fields)	Leave area plus 1 game suspension (must be in attendance but cannot be on fields)	Leave area plus 2 or more game suspension (As determined by OYBI board)	Leave area plus 2 or more game suspension (As determined by the OYBI board)
<i>Trash Talking</i>	Verbal warning	Verbal warning	Game ejection plus punishment to be determined by OYBI board	Game ejection plus punishment to be determined by OYBI board



<i>Harassing Umpires/ Staff</i>	Verbal warning	Verbal warning	Game ejection plus punishment to be determined by OYBA board	Game ejection plus punishment to be determined by OYBI board
<i>Unsportsmanlike Conduct (conduct detrimental to OYBI, it's players, personnel, or facilities; as determined by OYBI)</i>	Verbal warning up to permanent banning (As determined by OYBI board)	Verbal warning up to permanent banning (As determined by OYBI board)	Verbal warning up to permanent banning (As determined by OYBI board)	Verbal warning up to permanent banning (As determined by OYBI board)
USE OF INELIGIBLE PLAYERS				
<i>League Boundaries</i>	See Rules as outlined by Babe Ruth Baseball and Okeeheelee Local League rules	See Rules as outlined by Babe Ruth Baseball and Okeeheelee Local League rules	See Rules as outlined by Babe Ruth Baseball and Okeeheelee Local League rules	See Rules as outlined by Babe Ruth Baseball and Okeeheelee Local League rules
<i>Pitching Violations</i>	See Rules as outlined by Babe Ruth Baseball and Okeeheelee Local League rules	See Rules as outlined by Babe Ruth Baseball and Okeeheelee Local League rules	See Rules as outlined by Babe Ruth Baseball and Okeeheelee Local League rules	See Rules as outlined by Babe Ruth Baseball and Okeeheelee Local League rules
<i>Illegal Substitutions</i>	See Rules as outlined by Babe Ruth Baseball and Okeeheelee Local League rules	See Rules as outlined by Babe Ruth Baseball and Okeeheelee Local League rules	See Rules as outlined by Babe Ruth Baseball and Okeeheelee Local League rules	See Rules as outlined by Babe Ruth Baseball and Okeeheelee Local League rules
INTOXICATION/POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR TOBACCO				
<i>Intoxication (being under the influence of alcohol or drugs)</i>	Leave area plus punishment determined by OYBI board	Leave area plus punishment determined by OYBI board	Leave area plus punishment determined by OYBI board	Leave area plus punishment determined by OYBI board
<i>Alcohol (possession or consumption at OYBI)</i>	Full season suspension and probation	Full season suspension and probation	1 year suspension up to permanent	1 year suspension up to permanent banning (as determined by OYBI board)



<i>facilities or events)</i>			banning (as determined by OYBI board)	
<i>Tobacco (use at OYBI facilities or events)</i>	Game ejection plus probation	Game ejection plus probation	2-4 game suspension and probation	2-4 game suspension and probation

- ❖ Probation is the period of time which allows the suspend player/volunteer to continue participating in the league with the knowledge that ANY further inappropriate behavior will result in suspension from the league for the remainder of the season up to permanent banning. If a coach/volunteer participates on multiple OYBI teams they cannot participate with any of the team's games, during the suspension.
- ❖ All ejections, suspensions, and penalties are subject to review by the OYBI Board of Directors.
- ❖ When multi-game suspensions occur and there are not enough games left in the season, for the suspension to be served, the OYBI Board of Directors will make a determination as to whether the suspension will be carried over into the next season.
- ❖ The OYBI Board of Directors reserves the right to review, amend, adjust and otherwise change the actions outlined in this guide at any time. **All situations, including those not listed, will be reviewed by the OYBI Board of Directors and the appropriate actions will be taken with regards to all parties involved.**