



2012 Field Use Guidelines

OBA is allowed to use the fields on which we play through contracted agreements with the OUSD and the City of Orinda. The 2 diamonds at Del Rey where the Pinto and Mustang divisions play and the Wagner Ranch diamonds are on OUSD property. The Orinda Sportsfield where the Pony and Bronco divisions play is technically EBMUD land that is managed by the City of Orinda. The fees that OBA pays to use the fields represent our second largest league expense after umpires.

Each set of fields has their own set of 'use guidelines' that we must adhere to or we run the risk of having our permits pulled and baseball stopped. OBA has a very good working relationship with both OUSD and the City and all participating families in OBA must help to preserve this.

Outlined below are the specific guidelines that need to be followed:

1. OUSD FIELDS (Del Rey and Wagner Ranch): in the early season when weather conditions are variable, there will be a daily announcement by 10 am regarding the status of the fields. Your commissioner will be notified each day and will communicate with you regarding the status of your fields that day. This information will also be posted on the website, but messages from your commissioner will supersede the website. In the event and afternoon decision is made, the commissioners will be notified and they will notify the teams impacted. If the fields are indeed CLOSED, that means DO NOT USE THE DIAMONDS OR THE GRASS AREAS, PERIOD! This is primarily a liability issue for OUSD. On weekends, OBA will make the call if fields are playable and you will be notified through your Commissioner.
2. DEL REY FIELDS: Our permits only allow us to use the 2 baseball diamonds and the grass area in between. The Del Rey Dolphin club after-school program uses the Blacktop and the grass area adjacent to the baseball fields until 5pm each day. Use of these 2 areas is not permitted until after 5pm – NO EXCEPTIONS. Later in the season, OYA T-Ball and Soccer will be played on the grass field so when those programs are present, we must yield this field to them and use our 2 fields only.
3. DEL REY AND WAGNER BLACK TOP AREAS: If the fields are closed, but weather conditions have dried out the black top, they may be used. Wagner is usable at any time we normally would use the fields. We are not allowed to use the Blacktop area behind the school. The Del Rey Blacktop is only usable after 5pm.
4. Wagner Batting Cage: Please use the master schedule for the Bronco and Mustang divisions. This schedule will be posted at the Cage. Adult coach supervision is required for all Batting Cage use. Only use the yellow machine balls in the machine. Lock the machine away and lock the cage if you are the last team of the day.
5. Other OUSD facilities: Our permits do not allow us to use any other OUSD facility. This is a liability issue. If you choose to have your team practice elsewhere, OBA's insurance may not cover you or your players. If you take your team to a hitting facility, please have parents sign the waivers for those facilities to protect yourself.
6. Sportsfield: If these fields are closed, your Commissioner will notify you.
7. NO Alcohol policy: OBA has a No Alcohol policy for all OSUD fields and the Sportsfield. This applies to coaches, spectators both during games and for post -game activities. This policy also applies to any field at which an OBA team is playing. If you are ever involved in scheduling a game with a team from outside our league, please inform them of this policy.

8. Sheds and Storage: The number one Safety issue we face is the use of our equipment. Equipment for each field is kept in the shed adjacent to that field. The 'last team' of the day at any field is responsible for pulling the bases, replacing the mushrooms, returning all the tools and lining equipment, and locking the shed. Please make every reasonable effort to keep the sheds organized and inform your commissioner if chalk is low or tools break and need replacement. Please keep the shed doors closed and locked during games. This is especially important at the Pinto field as young children always seem to find their way into the shed. The use of the Field tractors is at the discretion of the Fields Director (currently Jeff Schwarz). If you are interested in being 'certified' to use the tractors, please contact the Field Director.
9. First Aid: Each team bag has a basic First Aid kit. Additional ice packs will be in each shed. Please notify your Commissioner if you need additional First Aid supplies and he will let the Equipment manager know.
10. Hitting nets: There are large green hitting nets located at each field for soft toss drills. Do not hit soft toss against fences. If you are having a black top practice and use a hitting net, please return it to its designated field location when you are done.
11. Restrooms: the School building restrooms at Del Rey and Wagner are off limits. Portable restrooms are in place at each field. Please notify your Commissioner or the Baseball Operations Director if a porta-potty needs servicing.
12. Trash at Fields: Dugouts MUST BE CLEANED OUT after every practice and game. Make this a routine for your players and remind them that they would not want to walk into a dugout littered with wrappers and plastic bottles. Trash receptacles are located at each diamond. TAKE CARE OF IT!
13. Wagner Ranch Scoreboards: The scoreboards are operated by battery powered control boxes found in each shed. We will attempt to keep extra batteries at the Snack Shack. The HOME TEAM is responsible for the controller and it should be returned to the shed or presented to the HOME TEAM that follows your game. Power switches for the scoreboards are on the poles and should be turned off at the conclusion of that day.
14. Parking: Del Rey – please remind families not to block driveways adjacent to these fields or school buildings.
15. Wagner Snack Shack and play area: Please remind families that foul balls are constantly flying through here and OBA assumes no liability for injuries due to foul balls.
16. Outfield fences: Please keep your players off the fences. They are still 'portable' fences and must be treated this way.

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