



Playoff Tournament Rules for 2025

1. All teams **MUST** register at the OSPL headquarters at least a half hour **BEFORE** their first game play of the round robin playoff series or the Playoff series. Any outstanding league fines **MUST** be paid during registration at headquarters of the Saturday playoff series. Failure to register your team results in default of all games till registration is done. This rule applies for both the Saturday games and Sunday Play-off series.
2. All **Regular Season Rules** are in effect. For example, if you playing in the Co-Ed Division Playoffs, then all Co-Ed Regular Divisional League Rules are in effect.
 - a. League approved balls will be supplied by the league for playoff weekend.
3. The playoff tournament is a modified page system style playoff format. The playoffs consist of a three game round robin with the top six teams after completion of round robin play, will play in the championship round. The championship round will consist of quarter-finals, semi-finals and final. The top two teams have a bye to the semi-finals while the next four seeds play in the quarter-finals. Winners the of the semi-finals play for the championship.
4. Playoff games will be eight (8) innings or 90 minutes, whichever comes first. In the event of a tie, the game will end in a tie for round robin play. In quarter-finals, semi-finals and championship games, extra innings will be played until there is a winner. For the extra innings played the international rule where the last out of the previous inning will start on second base will be used. For example: The game is tied and we go into the 9th inning, so the last out of the previous inning in this case the 8th inning, would be placed on second base before the first batter comes to the plate. All extra innings would begin this way.
5. Two (2) points for a win and one point for each team for a tie game.
6. Mercy Rule (Playoff Weekend Only) – A team shall be declared the winner if they are winning by 12 runs or more after 5 innings or 4.5 innings if home team is winning. This rule carries forward to the sixth inning as well.

A team voluntary withdraw from a game if they are losing by 15 runs or more by the end of the 3rd inning.

7. Team finishing higher in the **FINAL REGULAR LEAGUE STANDINGS** shall have the **CHOICE** of being the home or visiting team during the Saturday playoff series.



8. The home team **SHALL NOT BAT** in the bottom of the last inning if they are winning as per Regular Season Rule #23.
9. A +8/-8 maximum runs format shall be used during the round robin playoff tournament. Should the differential in score exceed this format in any game, then the winning team shall automatically be awarded a maximum of +8 runs and the losing team shall be awarded a maximum of -8 runs.
10. In the case of teams tied in points after the round robin playoff series, the result of the game between the two tied teams will determine which team advances to the championship game.
11. In the case of teams tied in points after the round robin games, with playoff Rule #9 in effect, then runs for and against (plus/minus) for the three round robin playoff series games will determine which team advances to the championship.
12. Should there still be a tie, then the actual plus/minus of all round robin games for these tied teams will be used to determine who will advance to the championship. (This rule will only be used if Rules #10 and #11 will not break the tie.)
13. The home team to supply the bases if required. OSPL provides permanent bases as of 2008.
 - a. The home team in the first game of the day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be responsible for putting the first, second and third bases out on the diamonds from the storage bins.
 - b. The home team in the last game of the day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be responsible for putting the first, second and third bases away from the diamonds and place back in the storage bins and lock the storage bins with the supplied lock.
 - c. Home team also supplies the home plate strike mat.
14. Home and Away teams to report all scores to the League's playoff headquarters within 1 hour after completion of game during round robin playoff series. The following system will be used when either all scores or no scores are reported: No score reported by either team, the game will not be counted and no points will be awarded to either team and both teams are fined \$20.00.
15. If the losing team only reports the score then the game will be counted as a tie, with each team getting a single point, but no plus or minus awarded and the winning team is fined \$20.00. If the winning team only reports the score, then the score will stand and the plus or minus is awarded and the losing team is fined \$20.00.



- a. The score book that is completed by the home team during a OSPL game, will be the official score during a discrepancy if there is no resolution between the home and visiting team score books.
16. Awards to be determined by the Executive and qualified team may receive a maximum of 15 awards. **Please note:** Sizes are not selected by the Executive, if you need to change a size it will be the team's responsibility to make the switch with another team willing to trade or by contacting league affiliation.
 17. The team placing higher in the regular season standings shall have the advantage of being home team on Friday and Saturday round robin games. Teams placing higher in the Friday and Saturday round robin series shall be home team for the quarter-final and semi-final games. Team placing higher from round robin playoff series shall have choice to be home team.