

## Official 2018 OCWA League Format

We are one month away from the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Opening Day Tournament, and we're getting our details out early. Our 2018 format is very similar to the 2017 version, with a few minor tweaks. Check it out:

**GENERAL:** We will be running four tournaments between early May and the end of August, followed by playoffs in September. At most events, you will be guaranteed FIVE GAMES, mostly coming from round robin, and then either a single or double elimination tournament based on how many teams show up. At each event, you will earn points based on winning games and overall finish in the tournament. The points system is as follows:

- Every round robin win = 1 point
- Tournament winner gets 5 points
- Second Place gets 3 points
- Third and Fourth get 2 points each
- All other teams get 1 point

Each point a team earns will put them in a better seeding position for the playoffs. In order to qualify for playoffs, each team needs to attend AT LEAST TWO of the FOUR regular season events. Every team that does this will qualify for playoffs, however, if more than 16 teams qualify for playoffs then the top 16 in points will qualify.

**ROSTERS:** Rosters are completely flexible as long as they fall within the 2-3 player range. However, in order for your team to continue to accrue points and qualify for playoffs, they need to register with the SAME CAPTAIN AND TEAM NAME for every tournament they attend. IF YOU CHANGE TEAM NAMES, IT WILL BE TREATED LIKE A NEW TEAM. Also, IF THE SAME TEAM NAME IS USED WITH A DIFFERENT CAPTAIN, YOU MUST NOTIFY EITHER RYAN OR MYSELF. These rules are important for playoff qualification as well as stat keeping, so please try not to make our jobs (read: Ryan's job) any harder.

**PLAYER QUALIFICATIONS:** A player must play in AT LEAST TWO of the FOUR regular season events in order to be eligible for playoffs. There are two cases of qualification:

1. A player plays for one team all season: In this case, the player would be eligible for that team only.
2. A player plays for multiple teams: In this case, the player is eligible for the team he/she played the most events with. If it is a tie, the player can choose either team so long as the team also wants them.

**INTERESTED PLAYERS:** If you are interested in playing but can't put together a team, notify either Ryan or myself and we will do our best to either place you on a team or build a team

around you. Our goal is to get as many players as possible to come out and experience our tournaments, so we encourage individuals to reach out to us.

**PAYMENT:** Each player will pay a \$10 entrance fee per tournament. 100% of the money for that day goes to the tournament winner. In the playoffs, the entry fee will be \$20, with the runner up receiving \$60 and the champion receiving the rest of the money.

**REGULAR TOURNAMENT INFO:** Registration will open for each tournament shortly after the previous tournament, and will be announced on Twitter and Facebook. All tournaments will be medium pitch under the same format. Our schedule can be found on the 2018 Info page of our website ([ocwawiffle.com/info](http://ocwawiffle.com/info)). The playoffs will be a triple elimination tournament with seeding based on point accumulation over the course of the season.

**C.A.R.E.S. TOURNAMENT INFO:** The C.A.R.E.S. Tournament will be held at Tennent Park in Caledonia, NY on a TBD date. The entrance fee is \$25 per team and there will be no payout, as all proceeds benefit the Cal-Mum Alumni Remembrance Educational Scholarship. This tournament will feature base running and 4-5 players per team, and each team is guaranteed at least 3 games. This tournament will not be OCWA sanctioned, and no points for teams will be given. However, it will count for an event attended for every player there, regardless of who you play with. We strongly recommend attendance at this tournament and hope to see you all there. More info and tournament registration can be found at [www.carestournament.com](http://www.carestournament.com).

**CONTACT INFO:** If you have any questions about any of the rules, tournaments, interest in playing, or just want to say hi hello, you can reach Justin Tomkins at (315) 521-8478 or at [jtomkins084@gmail.com](mailto:jtomkins084@gmail.com).