

Oregon State University Beaver Baseball

Outfield Play

Team Defensive Philosophy: “Minimize the bases we allow.”

“You will never know how good you are unless you go out on a limb. That is where the fruit is!”

Our Expectations:

- We expect you to properly prepare for games by practicing at game speed. How you practice today affects your performance tomorrow.
- We expect you to hustle on and off the field (no dogs).
- We expect you to communicate with each other. The centerfielder must initiate communication. Everyone needs to be on the same page.
- We expect you to adjust pitch to pitch according to the hitter’s count.
- We expect you to make good decisions based upon game situation, score, runner’s speed, etc.
- We expect you to go from a set to a “ready” position on every pitch (helps with getting good jumps on a hit ball).
- We expect you to throw through the cut person’s chest. We will not tolerate over throws. Our defensive philosophy is to minimize the bases we allow. We will keep the double play in order.
- We expect you to thoroughly understand hitters tendencies based upon scouting reports, swing actions, etc. and to be able to adjust during the game without us having to tell you all the time.
- We expect you to take ownership for your actions. The 1st step in growing up is being personally accountable for your own actions.

Fly Ball Communication & Progression

1. The centerfielder has priority over all outfielders.
2. All outfielders have priority over the infielders unless they wave their hands.
3. “Ball”—Called by corner outfielders when hit in the gap.
4. “Green”—Gapped baseball—telling other OF to go for it—you will back up on the play.

Outfield Rules & Relays: Ground balls

1. Ball hit at you—Throw 2 bases ahead.
2. Ball hit away from play side—Throw to 2nd base.
3. Ball hit to the fence—Double cut—hit the 1st cutoff man

“Sports don’t build character, they reveal it!”