

2024 BASEBALL INFORMATION SHEET AND IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

- We need help finding team sponsors. They are \$200/team sponsored – call Sabra @ 903-249-3499
- We need more fences sponsor signs. The 3x8 signs are \$225, and we ask that sponsors commit to renewing at least one additional year to offset our cost of having the sign made – call Sabra
 - **New Banner Rewards Promo:** Get 2 new banners in 2024 (didn't have a paid banner in 2023) and get a \$100 reward. Get an additional \$50 for each additional new banner after the first two.
- **Concessions**
 - There will be 2 windows open from 5:30-7:45 for food orders. One east-side window will remain open until 8:45 for drinks and snacks. The other east-side window will be open **ONLY FOR AFTER-GAME FREE SNOW CONES (NO SALES)**.
- **Fundraising**
 - We will be doing the calendar fundraiser again this year.
 - Each team will receive enough copies of the calendar for the team representative to give one to each player and have extras.
 - The team rep will collect completed calendars, give out additional calendars as applicable, and turn in money raised to Sabra Vaughan May 6-10.
 - If a player does not get enough donations to complete their calendar, they will turn in their incomplete calendar and money raised to the team rep.
 - Players returning **completed calendars will receive \$100 reward** per completed calendar.
 - Players can complete as many calendar sheets as they want.
 - All calendar sheets MUST be returned no later than May 10, 2024.
- **Important Dates:**
 - March 4 – 6U & 8U Team Parent Representative Meeting at 6:00 PM at the Ballpark Meeting Room by Field 2.
 - March 5 – 10U, 12U & 14U Team Parent Representative Meeting at 6:00 PM at the Ballpark Meeting Room by Field 2.
 - March 7 – All Leagues' MAKE-UP Team Parent Representative Meeting at 6:00 PM at the Ballpark Meeting Room by Field 2.
 - March 16 (Saturday) – 10U, 12U & 14U Photo Day
 - Team pictures are required. Travel baseball coaches and players must save this date for Optimist league play and team photos. Managers will sit out their next scheduled game if team pictures are not taken.
 - March 18 – Season games start for 6U, 8U, 10U 12U & 14U
 - March 23 (Saturday) – 4U, 6U & 8U Photo Day (First game for 4U)
 - Team pictures are required. Travel baseball coaches and players must save this date for Optimist league play and team photos. Managers will sit out their next scheduled game if team pictures are not taken.
 - March 30 (Saturday) – Team Photo MAKE-UP DAY. Same mandatory requirements/penalties apply to the make-up date as for March 16 & 23.
 - May 6 – (Monday) End of season championship tournaments begin.
 - May 15 – 17 – League Championship Series
 - May 29 – All-star practice begins. All-star players must commit to practice/play from May 29 until the team is eliminated. A team who advances to the DYB World Series could be playing until August 09.
 - The All-star Tournament dates are posted on the calendar @ Parisoptimistbaseball.com

➤ **League Drafts**

- The head coach and the first assistant coach will have one “protected player” each. These players must be named no later than one day before the draft.
- A person shall be a head coach or first assistant coach in only one league.
- There will be a drawing for the order teams will draft. All registered players will be listed on the draft list. The draft will go in a “snake” rotation.
- To promote more parity among teams, teams with the least number of players will continue to draft first until all teams have an equal number of players.
- Players from the previous year who request to be put back into the draft will be “POOL PLAYERS” and will be put into a hat. There will be a drawing for the team they will be assigned.
- There will be no trading of players during or after the draft.
- Players signed up after the draft will be placed on teams from the waitlist in order of oldest to newest registrations. (First on waitlist is first to be assigned to a team.) The League Agent will assign waitlist players to teams according to number of players on teams and the draft order.

➤ **League Rules:**

- It is your duty to report any signs of Child Abuse to the local law enforcement.
- No refunds will be issued after the day prior to the draft. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis where the player cannot continue to play early in the season. In this case, we would need to be promptly notified of the unpreventable event (such as injury) that causes play to end in order for a refund to be considered. Parents requesting a refund should contact Sabra Vaughan @ 903-349-3499 as soon as possible. Coaches who are aware of a player dropping out due to an unpreventable event should also contact Sabra as soon as possible.
- All coaches are given a copy of the Optimist Local League Rules. It is also posted on parisoptimistbaseball.com. Head coaches are given a copy of the DYB Rulebook. It is also posted on parisoptimistbaseball.com under the DYB tab.
- A coach may ask for a 15 min. delay in starting a game if the team has less than 8 players. The 15 min. shall be deducted from the time limit.
- A team with 8 players can play without a forfeit. A game where a team has less than 8 players will be played by using players from the opposing team on defense in the outfield. The game will be a forfeit.
- Coaches are required to have a minimum of one team practice per week.
- All players must be placed in the batting line up. There shall not be any skipping of players in the turns at bat except in case of injury or sickness, etc.
- All players must play on defense (in the field) a minimum of every other inning. They shall not sit out but one inning at a time.
- A courtesy runner **MUST** be used for the catcher when there are two outs. A courtesy runner is also allowed for the pitcher.
- Coaches **must not** sit on buckets outside the dugouts.
- All non-wood bats and multi-piece wood bats must be stamped with the USA BASEBALL mark.
- The use of pine tar or sticky substance on a bat will cause the bat to be disqualified.
- Upon the second occurrence of a batter slinging the bat, the batter shall be called out.
- New penalty for use of illegal bats: A batter who uses an illegal bat shall be called out and all runners shall return to the bases occupied by them at the time such batter took his position in the batter’s box if protested by the opposing team manager prior to the first pitch to the next batter. The bat becomes illegal when the batter receives the first pitch during his turn at bat. He does not have to hit the ball. The batter shall be called out and any runners must return to the base they occupied prior to the first pitch to the batter. 2nd Penalty: After the first occurrence that a batter is called out for using an illegal bat, if a second batter is called out for

using an illegal bat in the same game by the same team, the team manager shall be ejected from the game.

- T-ball and Coach Pitch teams may have no more than 4 coaches inside the playing field. There must always be a dugout coach.
- AAA, Ozone and Ranger teams may have no more than 3 coaches inside the playing field. There must always be a dugout coach.
- T-Ball & Coach Pitch
 - There is no score kept in the regular season games (scoreboards are not used). Scoreboards will be used, and score kept at the end of season tournaments.
 - A team completes a time at bat when they score 7 runs or 3 outs have been made.
 - A copy of T-ball rules are provided to coaches.
- Ranger League
 - The Ranger League will play DBB rules [Home Page \(dbbusa.org\)](http://dbbusa.org) and local league rules. There may be some Ranger rulings that come out during the season.
- AAA, Ozone & Ranger Run Rules: 20 after 1 inning
 - 15 after 2 innings
 - 12 after 3 innings
 - 10 after 4 innings
 - 8 after 5 innings
 - All players must have batted prior to ending the game.
- Game Time Limits
 - T-ball – 55 minutes
 - Coach Pitch - 1 hr. 10 min.
 - AAA – 1 hr. 30 min.
 - Ozone and Ranger – 1 hr. 35 min.

NOTE 1: AAA, Ozone and Ranger Leagues - In regular season games only, a new inning shall not start with less than 5 minutes left in the time limit. The inning being played will be completed.

NOTE 2: There is free substitution on defense. Players must play a minimum of every other inning on defense. Defensive changes must be reported to the scorekeeper.

➤ Uniforms

- Team colors – Coaches will give parents the team colors.
- Team shirts are included in the registration fee and will be distributed prior to first game.
- Players are responsible for caps, pants, socks & belt. Coaches will decide the colors.
- Coaches will select a cap and inform parents where to purchase.
- Coaches will decide color of pants. Only solid gray, solid white or solid black are allowed – no stripes or other colors.
- Pants and socks/leggings **must** cover the entire leg. **No skin showing.**
- There shall be **no metal cleats** worn on the fields.
- **Pitchers shall not wear cleats to pitch on the artificial turf pitching mounds.** Turf shoes, tennis shoes or athletic shoes with smooth soles shall be worn when a player is pitching.

➤ AAA Ozone, Ranger Pitching Requirements:

- AAA & Ozone Pitching Requirements: 1 – 30 pitches (no rest), 31 - 45 pitches (1 day rest), 46 – 65 (2 days rest), 66 plus (3 days rest). AAA – maximum of 75 pitches in one game or one day. Ozone – maximum of 85 pitches in one game or one day.
- Rangers: 1 – 45 pitches (no rest), 46 – 75 (30 hrs. rest), 76 plus (40 hrs. rest) and maximum of 95 pitches in one game or one day.
- **Note:** Make sure to report pitching changes to scorekeeper.

- **Umpires/Sportsmanship**
 - Umpires are needed. There is an umpire meeting each Sunday at 2:30 PM. Training is provided. Anyone at least 15 years old is accepted. We encourage women to become members of the umpire team.
 - After asking for a time out, the head coach may ask an umpire for a ruling.
 - Profanity, yelling at the umpires or any display of conduct to incite the fans will be cause for ejection.
 - **Parents and fans are subject to the same rules. The umpire has the authority to remove fans.**
- **Equipment** – If needed, notify the League Agent ASAP. Don't wait until a few days prior to the first game.
- **Game Cancellations:**
 - Game cancellations might not be announced until 1 hour prior to the first game. League Agents will notify coaches of cancellations. Coaches will notify parents. Postings will also be put on Facebook, and group messages will be sent through the TeamPass system.
- **All-Star Tournament Teams**
 - The Head Coach and First Assistant Coach will vote for players to play on the All-star teams. Any player who does not want to be considered on a team should notify the Head Coach.
 - Parents who want their child to play All-Stars should check the baseball calendar (**parisoptimistbaseball.com**) and reserve those weeks on their personal calendars. Players **MUST** be able to commit to **practicing/playing the entire All-Star season**. Once a player commits to playing All-Stars, he/she may be disqualified from future All-Star play if they resign from the team before tournament play ends.
- **Kona Ice Player of the Week**
 - There will be a Kona Ice Player of the Week chosen from each age division each week.
 - Coaches will submit one name with player photo from their team for Player of the Week.
 - Names must be submitted to Sabra Vaughan by Saturday at 6:00 PM each week.
 - Voting will take place on Facebook starting on Sunday and ending on Tuesday at 10:00 PM
 - Winners will be announced and recognized on Facebook and given a Kona Ice certificate for a free snow cone size of choice.