

2025 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
- **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 a discount card this year.
 - League Agents will be responsible for assigning out the cards to teams to get to players to sell.
- **Important Dates:**
 - March 17 – First night of games for 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U & 14U
 - March 22 – First day if games for 4U
 - March 22 (Saturday) – 4U, 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 29 (Saturday) – 4U BYE week
 - March 29 (Saturday) – 6U & 8U Photo Day
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 - April 5 (Saturday) – Team Photo MAKE-UP DAY. Same mandatory requirements/penalties apply to the make-up date as for March 22 & 29.
 - April 26-27 – Woodall Classic (Optional for DYB rec teams only)
 - May 5 – (Monday) End of season championship tournaments begin.
 - May 19 – 21 – League Championship Series
 - May 22 – All-star practice begins. All-star players must commit to practice/play from May 22 until the team is eliminated. A team who advances to the DYB World Series could be playing until August 7.
 - 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 team 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.
- 10U, 12U and 14U teams may have no more than 3 coaches inside the playing field. There must always be a dugout coach.
- T-Ball & Coach Pitch
 - In the past, there was no score kept in the regular season games (scoreboards were not used). This year we will have Scorekeepers and utilizing GameChanger, so Scoreboards will be used, and score kept both during the league and 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.
- 14U League

- The 14U League will play DBB rules [Home Page \(dbbusa.org\)](http://dbbusa.org) and local league rules. There may be some 14U rulings that come out during the season.
 - 10U, 12U and 14U 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
 - 6U – 55 minutes
 - 8U – 1 hr. 10 min.
 - 10U – 1 hr. 30 min.
 - 12U & 14U – 1 hr. 35 min.
- NOTE 1:** 10U, 12U and 14U 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.

➤ **10U, 12U and 14U Pitching Requirements:**

- 10U & 12U Pitching Requirements: 1 – 30 pitches (no rest), 31 - 45 pitches (1 day rest), 46 – 65 (2 days rest), 66 plus (3 days rest).
 - 10U – maximum of 75 pitches in one game or one day.
 - 12U – maximum of 85 pitches in one game or one day.
- 14U: 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. (Could go as late as August 8 depending on how far the team advances.)** 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.
- **Player of the Week**
 - There will be a Player of the Week chosen from each age division each week.
 - Coaches will submit one name from their team for Player of the Week to their League Agent by Friday.
 - League Agents must submit names 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 gift certificate.