**Oak Lawn Baseball**

**2021 PINTO RULES**

* General
  + Smoking is prohibited at all fields
  + Pets are not allowed at SAC or Kolb.
  + Negative comments and/or berating players, umpires, coaches, etc. will not be tolerated
  + Player chatter and/or cheering for one’s own team is allowed. Chatter or chants directed at opposing team is not allowed
  + Rescheduling of games must be done through a VP. If a game is cancelled for any reason, notify the VP immediately
  + Field dimensions 60ft bases, 38ft front of mound to back tip of home plate
    - Home team will set up bases
    - Visiting team will put bases away
  + Game length is 6 innings
    - A new inning may not start after 1hour 45 minutes
    - Managers will decide when games should be called during a game due to darkness, weather conditions, etc.
  + Each team will supply 1 game ball for every game
  + NO Coaches in the field during the game
* Defense
  + 9 players on field
    - All Outfielders must play in grass (even at Kolb & Sac)
  + All players must play 2 full innings in infield every game
    - Catcher does count as playing infield position
* Pitching
  + A pitcher may pitch a maximum of 2 consecutive innings in a game and a maximum of 4 innings per week.
    - Once pitcher is removed, he cannot pitch again that game
  + Walks Rule
    - There will be a maximum of 3 walks per inning.
      * If a player is “walked,” the batting team’s coach will come in and pitch to the batter during the remaining at-bat. All strikes from player pitch carry over.
    - After the third walk in the inning, the batting team’s coach will come in to pitch for the remainder of the inning to keep the game moving.
    - Coaches should pitch with 1 foot on the pitcher’s mound from a knee.
    - When is batter is hit by a pitch that does not bounce, the coach will come in to pitch to that batter only. If the ball bounces before it hits the batter, it is considered a hit by pitch.
    - Pitcher must be removed after the 3rd hit batter in the game.
* Hitting
  + Continuous batting order including entire team
  + Keep same batting order for entire game
  + A maximum of 5 runs scored or 3 outs per inning. If team has fewer than 10 players, the batting order does turn over to the top.
  + No bunting
  + Beside the batter, the only player allowed inside fence is the on-deck batter, who must wear a helmet and be at least a base length away from home plate.
* Base running
  + No steals
  + No leadoffs
  + No head first slides
  + No sliding into 1st base
  + Base runners can advance if ball is hit in any way to the outfield grass. The runner can keep running until the ball is thrown to the infield dirt and controlled by an infielder.
    - If the infielder holds the ball the play is dead.
    - If the runner is less than half way to the base he was trying to advance to, then he must go back to the base he came from.
    - Runners cannot advance on overthrows.
* Safety
  + Any player batting in a game or practice must wear a helmet
  + On-deck batter must wear helmet
  + Face masks on batting helmets are optional, parental discretion
  + All players not playing in field must sit on bench, unless practicing with a coach
  + All players not batting or on deck must sit on bench, unless practicing with a coach
  + Catchers must wear full catching gear during game including a protective cup
  + Catchers warming up a pitcher between innings must wear a protective cup and helmet with mask
  + No metal spikes allowed
  + Any baserunner that removes helmet when ball is in play will be called out
  + Any batter that throws bat will be called out!
  + All bats must have a “USA,” “USSSA,” or 115 BPF stamp on them to be used