

HELPFUL INFO FOR THE 2012 SPRING SEASON

| POSITION | NAME | PHONE | E-MAIL |
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| Umpire-In-Chief | John Haller | 417-0881 | none-please call |
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| Mustang Commissioner | John Haller | 417-0881 | none-please call |
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| Manor Rainout # | 272-9037 |
| Northwest Rainout # | 452-1080 |
| Oak Hill Rainout # | 892-2460 |
| OSE Rainout # | 244-151 |
| Town & Country Rainout # | 331-0438 |
| UHO Rainout # | 453-6852 |

NAO 2011 House Rules can be found on the NAO Website – www.naopt.com – or from any Board Member

IMPORTANT DATES & INFO

Administration Fee - A nonrefundable \$25 administration fee will be retained from the registration fee for every player who withdraws from the program after being placed on a team. NO Refunds will be given after the season has started.

Returned Check Fee – NAO charges a \$25.00 fee on all checks returned for insufficient funds.

Try Outs – February 18, 2012

Spring Break – March 12-16, 2012

Season Starts - Tuesday, March 19, 2012

Opening Day Ceremonies/Carnival – Saturday, March 24, 2012

Field Duty - Assigned by Head Team Rep.
Concession Duty - Assigned by Head Team Rep

Picture Day – Sunday, April 1, Time TBD

Daylight Savings Time – March 11, 2012

Easter Weekend - April 6, 7, 8, 2012. No games this weekend.

NAO Mid-Season Tournament – April 19-22, 2012 for Shetland thru Bronco Divisions

NAO Mid-Season Tournament – April 26-29, 2012 for Pony Baseball & Softball Div.

Closing Day Ceremonies – May 19, 2012

BASEBALL BOARD

The baseball board is an all volunteer group. They will endeavor to have a board member present each day during scheduled games. He/She will normally station themselves close to the fields and/or the concession stand. Their duties are to offer assistance, answer questions or direct you to someone who may have the answers.

UMPIRES

If you do not agree with the umpire's call, please try to understand that he/she is trying to do the best job they can. They will miss some calls, but generally their call will be more accurate than yours. Remember, they are only a foot or two away from the action and you are several yards away. All of NAO's Baseball and Softball officials must be PONY certified. If you are interested in becoming an umpire, please contact a baseball board member. You will find it's a harder job than you think. **SUPPORT YOUR UMPIRES!**



FIELD DUTY & CONCESSION STAND DUTY

Each team will be assigned to Field Duty & Concession Stand Duty throughout the season. All team coaches & parents must sign-in at the concession stand when they report for the assigned team duties in order to be credited for their participation. If a team does not work on their assigned field duty or concession duty date the head coach for that team will be suspended from the following game and will not be allowed to coach. Remember Parents & Guardians, you agreed to participate in the team's assigned duties when you signed your child's registration form. NAO cannot succeed without your participation! We need your help!



NAO BASEBALL FYI

On game day, the home team of the first game is responsible for preparing the field at least fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled game time. (Responsibilities include; chalking the field, placing the bases, and raking the playing areas as needed, connect scoreboard controls). Both teams of the last game of the day will return the bases and scoreboard controls to the designated areas. Both teams will also water and rake the infield for ten minutes after the game.

All NAO players must pick up trash in the dugouts and around the bleachers after each game and/or practice before leaving the field, no matter if it is at our fields or any other field.



TEAM BANNERS / RAFFLES

The baseball board encourages each team to make a banner showing off their team name and team members / coaches to hang on the outside of their dug out during each of their games.

Each team is required to bring a raffle item to be raffled off at each game. It can be a cake, a plant, anything – be creative. The concession stand will sell \$5 gift certificates for those who forget to bring their raffle items to be raffled.

RESOLVING DISPUTES & RESOLUTIONS

Always the first line of dispute resolution is through the head coach. If this does not yield the desired result or if the dispute is with the coach then you contact the Division Commissioner. The next step is to contact the Baseball President.

Resolving disputes are always best handled in a calm and positive manner. Do not confront someone out of anger. Discussions with the coach should always be after a game or practice or by phone and always discuss your differences away from the children, parents and other spectators.