

## **ST. WENCESLAUS BASEBALL POLICY**

***The mission of the St. Wenceslaus Athletic Committee is to provide a positive experience while teaching the basics of the game of baseball in a Christian atmosphere.***

This Policy will be made available to all players and parents/guardians before committing to play on a St. Wenceslaus team. At least one of the player's parents/guardians will be required to agree to and affix an electronic signature verifying that they have read the policy and agree to abide by the policies of the Athletic Department and Baseball Program. ***It is a requirement that all players and coaches must register through the on-line registration process prior to participating in a practice or game.***

### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

All baseball coaches (both head and assistant) need to be certified by the Archdiocese of Omaha as having completed the Safe Environment Training and having a background check completed prior to coaching at St. Wenceslaus. The St. Wenceslaus Baseball Committee will be responsible for making sure that all coaches are certified.

Any clinic or camp attended by a team in an environment where a coach, staff member, or volunteer is not Safe Environment trained will need to have a Safe Environment trained coach or staff member in attendance at the entire clinic or camp in which the team is attending.

### **TEAM SELECTION**

In order to play St. Wenceslaus Baseball a player must:

- Meet the eligibility requirements set out by the PAL League
- Attend 5-day School or the St. Wenceslaus Catechetical program
- Be a member of St. Wenceslaus Parish and attend another Catholic school that does not have a PAL League.
- Meet all eligibility requirements set out by St. Wenceslaus School. If a student is deemed ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities due to grades or conduct, the student will not be allowed to attend or participate in practices or any other aspect of the activity until all requirements are met and the student is again deemed eligible.
- Complete an online baseball registration form.
- Remit payment of the fee to the Baseball Coordinator

Tryouts are held for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams in the fall for the upcoming season. Four men with baseball coaching experience are used to grade/judge the players. A proper rating system is used and players are selected based on total score. A total of 12 players each are chosen for both the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams.

## PRACTICES

- Baseball practice begins in early March and due to inclement weather conditions usually the first several practices are held inside the St. Wenceslaus gym. During these practices, only throwing and fielding exercises are worked on with the use of rubber balls. No batting is allowed. Only tennis shoes are permissible.
- Skutt Catholic High School baseball field is considered our home field. However, our teams can only use this field on open dates when Skutt is not using this field. Other fields around west Omaha are used at times for practices if available.
- All players should make a commitment to his/her team and teammates.
- By missing required practices, he/she could see playing time reduced in league games.
- **No practices will be held after 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and before 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.**

## PLAYING TIME

- Playing time will be based on attitude, ability and attendance. However, each player will receive a minimum playing time of at least two innings in the field per game.
- PAL baseball rules will be followed.
- Throughout the season, players will be placed/play at certain positions where they can be successful and benefit the team overall.

## GAMES

- Games will begin during the last week of April and the season will be completed by the end of the second week of July.
- Based on experience, a total number of games played will be between 35 and 40. This includes the Mt. Michael tournament over Memorial Day weekend and the year ending PAL league championship tournament.
- **No home games will be held on or in St. Wenceslaus facilities from 4:00 p.m. on Saturday until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.**

## **GRIEVANCES**

- Grievances will first be addressed by the Chairperson of the sport involved. This Chairperson will then take the grievance to the Committee of that sport for resolution. If the issue cannot be resolved by that Committee, the Chairperson will take the issue to the President of the Athletic Committee. The President, at his/her discretion, will either contact all members by email or call a special meeting of the Athletic Committee to resolve the issue. The Athletic Committee will gather information, follow-up with the aggrieved party to allow for due process, make a decision and follow through with this decision. Anonymous complaints will not be considered.
- In the event that a grievance involves a coach who is also the Chairperson of that sport, the issue may be addressed directly with either the President or the Secretary of the Athletic Committee.

Baseball Chairperson:	Mark Capoun	Phone Number: (402) 498-4405
Athletic Committee President:	Chris Pokorny	Phone Number: (402) 289-5098

## **EVALUATIONS**

In order to improve the overall quality of coaching and the baseball program at St. Wenceslaus, evaluation forms will be available (via the website) to the parents/guardians of the participants at the conclusion of the season. We encourage these forms to be filled out. Responses will remain anonymous and we will make them available to the Athletic Committee and individual coaches.

# **St. Wenceslaus**

## **Baseball Policy**

With my electronic signature, which I voluntarily affix to this agreement, I acknowledge that I have read the Baseball Program policy, reviewed the policies with my child and we agree to abide by the policies as stated.

As a parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the minor listed below. I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend St. Wenceslaus Parish, its officers, directors, employees and agents, and the Archdiocese of Omaha, its employees and agents, chaperones, or representatives associated with this activity, from any claim arising from or in connection with my child participating in this athletic activity or in connection with any illness or injury (including death) or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish, its officers, directors and agents, and the Archdiocese of Omaha, its employees and agents and chaperones, or representatives associated with the activity for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses which they may incur in any action brought against them as a result of such injury or damage, unless such claim arises from the negligence of the parish/diocese.