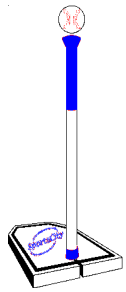


Parents T-ball / Coaches Pitch Information:



Our T-ball league is for kids who will turn 3-5 years old by the first game. Anyone that will turn 6 yrs old during the session cannot participate. Our Coaches Pitch league is for kids who will turn 6-8 years old by the first game. Anyone that will turn 9 years old during the session cannot participate.



Both leagues are eight (8) weekly Saturday indoor games played on our south field which has a net so we can divide the field into two playing areas. There's two teams playing a game on each half. Depending on the # of teams is when the first game will start. For example, if your schedule time is 9:00am that means from 9:00-9:30am is practice followed by:

T-ball: an approximately 1 hour game or three (3) innings - whichever comes first.

Coaches Pitch: an approximately 1 hour game or six (6) innings - whichever comes first.

The next set of games follow the same pattern. It takes about 1.5 hours a week but it's only one day instead of a practice one day and game another day though teams may practice more if they want.

Cost includes the players shirt, field time, and tax. Though we supply all equipment, except gloves which are optional in T-ball, players may bring their own bats. Any type of shoe as long as they do not have metal cleats is allowed. They can wear shorts, jogging pants, baseball pants, etc. - it doesn't matter. The shirts are t-shirts and numbered 1-__ depending on the number of players on a team. Mouth guards strongly suggested.

Players/coaches shirts are not available until the 1st game. Parents may also purchase team shirts for themselves or other family members. These shirts are not available until the 2nd game.

Once the entry deadline has passed, it will take a couple of days to divide kids up onto teams and assigned to coaches. Coaches are then to contact the players but we always follow up to make sure. All coaches are volunteers but some do return from the previous year. So some have experience and some, like the players, are learning.

The first practice is a one (1) hour meet the team / practice and this is when everyone will receive their schedule. The following week is when everyone will get their shirts and start their half (1/2) hour practice followed by their game.

There is a photo day and info regarding that will be supplied once the date per session has been set. You are not required to purchase photos but we do ask that everyone show for the team photo. It's really depressing to look at a team photo and only see 3-4-5 kids when you know there's more on the team.

During the session kids can have treats but must be off the field. No gum or sunflower seeds on the field. Water only is allowed on the field. There is a **TEAM PARTY** at the end of each session. Kids will receive a free lunch & drink along with an award.

T-BALL is strictly for fun. There's no scores kept. There's no outs. Everyone bats on the team before they have to take the field and the other team comes in to bat. Though for fun it does teach them the basics and getting them use to an organized sport. The parents are encouraged to be out there on the field both during practices and games. Sorry but one coach cannot control 8-10 players 3-5 yrs old so any parental help is greatly appreciated. We do ask that you limit it to one parent per child. Spectators can sit along the walls on the field. See Coaches Info for rules.

COACHES PITCH is more structured. There are outs. Score is kept. Gloves required. Parents can not be out on the field to help. Spectators can not sit along the walls on the field. See Coaches Info for rules.

Players may sign up individually or with a friend. If you sign up with a friend be sure to note their name on your form so we can match you up. SportsCity forms the teams which are co-ed and we try to put equal # of players (boys/girls) on the teams and we try to put an equal mixture of ages as best we can. We don't want an all 5 year old team playing an all 3 year old team. Even though there's no scores kept, it's just not fair. Coaches may sign up whole teams for Coaches Pitch otherwise players will be placed on teams in the same manner as T-ball players.

You can sign up any time before the deadline. Registration form & waiver can be found on our web site home page. Once on our home page scroll down and locate on the left side the **Click Here for t-ball** link. You can sign-up on line, over the phone or in person. If on line and need help, you can call the office 816-229-1314 and ask for assistance.

Thanks
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