

GOALS

1. To provide the youth in our community an opportunity to develop and improve their baseball skills through practices and games.
2. To provide a quality program that will give the participants a chance to develop physically and socially in a recreational setting.
3. To provide the participants an opportunity to learn about teamwork, sportsmanship, fair play and the vital role of each participant of the team.

GUIDELINES

I. Coaches Training

- A. All Head Coaches are encouraged to attend a Coaches Training as well as an informational meeting before the league/season begins.
- B. Coaches will receive written responsibilities, guidelines, practice times and rules of the league.

II. Scorers/Timers

- A. Baseball: umpires will keep official score and time and turn in scorecards to league director. Scoreboards will be out at fields if a parent would like to volunteer to scorekeep as courtesy.
- B. Any discrepancies will be reviewed by the umpire and league director.

III. Officials

- A. All Parks and Recreation League games will be officiated by our own league officials.
- B. All Parks and Recreation Officials will be required to attend league clinic training as well as an informational meeting before the league/season begins.

IV. Entry Deadline

- A. All registrations and payments must be received and processed by our office before a youth can participate in practice/games.
- B. Registration forms must include all information requested and parent/guardian signature must be on the form.
- C. Make sure all information is correct especially if signing up online. We can only go by what information is provided by the parent/guardian.

V. Eligibility

- A. Our youth league is open to all boys and girls in the following groups:
Boys and Girls 5 years to 13 years of age.
- B. The baseball league is formed per **age** divisions. Each player will be assigned to the age level as of April 1st 2024.
COED Tball: 5/6yrs
Girls and Boys coach or machine pitch: 7/8yrs
Boys Kid Pitch: 9-10yrs or 11-13yrs
Girls Kid Pitch: 9-13yrs (will split if enough signups)

Exceptions to this rule are as follows:

1. Players may play one level above the assigned age group, if approved by parents, participant, coach, and Recreation Staff. A player **may not** play in both age divisions.

2. A player may only play on one team in the league.
3. Players may play on outside travel teams or leagues.

VI. Rosters

- A. Rosters are mandatory. Each coach will receive a complete roster. These rosters will be kept on file for verification and emergency contact numbers.
- B. Coaches will receive a copy of their roster. If a change is made, it must be done and verified only by the Recreation Staff. The new/changed roster will be submitted to the coach, following verification by the Recreation Staff.
- C. Roster size is a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 13 players.
- E. Cut off date for final rosters will be at the Coach's Meetings. Once practices start, rosters are final.
- F. Hardship Additions: Player(s) being added to a team after the registration deadline due to a loss of player(s). Approval will be at the discretion of the League Supervisor.

NOTE: Every effort will be made to ensure each team in each grade level is balanced with an equal number of players; the goal being at least 9 and a maximum of 13 on each team. This of course, will depend on the number of registered players in each age group and volunteer coaches.

VII. Practices

- A. All age groups will be scheduled to practice one evening per week.
- B. 3-4 practices are guaranteed before games start.
*Additional practices may be granted if space permits.

VIII. Scheduling

- A. *Scheduling Procedure for Practices:*
Practices will be held once per week for one hour for all teams these times are arranged by the volunteer coaches and league director. Coaches may pick times that best fit with their schedule. Coaches should call in advance to cancel practice in order to make those times available to others.
- B. *Scheduling Procedure for Games:*
Tball games will be either Monday/Wednesday nights or Tuesday/Thursday nights
Boys Coach/Machine pitch: Monday/Wednesday nights
Girls Coach/Machine pitch: Tuesday/Thursday nights
Boys 9-10: Monday/Wednesday nights
Boys 11-13: Tuesday/Thursday nights
Girls 9-13: Tuesday/Thursday nights

If weather conditions are too severe for practices and/or games, the recreation staff will email, and text all coaches. Text blasts and posts on Facebook will also be made. The Perryville Parks and Recreation makes final decisions by 3:00 pm. You may call our office at (573) 547-7275 if you have questions. If you do not receive a notification, please follow your practice/game schedule. Missed games may not be made up due to inclement weather if we are too late into the season.

IX. Facility Usage

- A. Each field is operated and maintained by part-time parks and recreation staff. Our use of the facilities depends upon our respect of the facility and equipment. The city provides equipment for coaches and players.

- B. Please observe all general rules and safety at each facility. The following rules must be followed when using facilities:
1. No hitting into fences.
 2. Please do not allow your players to disrupt other players, parents, coaches and/or spectators during practices and games.
 3. Siblings of players need to be supervised within reason.
 4. Only correct rubber cleats are to be worn on the fields
 5. Only players and coaches are allowed on the field for practices/games.
- C. Damage to facilities and/or equipment may result in practice being eliminated, games forfeited, or replacement/reimbursement of damaged equipment.

RULES: See attached

PLAYER/COACH/SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR AND EXPECTATIONS

COACHES

Each coach shall be responsible for his/her conduct and of the players, team assistants and parents. It is the responsibility of each coach to ensure that the actions of the team, on and off the field, do not bring disrespect upon the league. All rules of conduct apply to before and/or after a game, in or around practice and game facilities.

Coaches must be able to demonstrate diligence, enthusiasm, honesty, and professional pride in their individual coaching efforts. They must be able to teach and enforce Perryville Parks and Recreation philosophy as it pertains to the rules and spirit of competition.

The official coaching staff of a team will be no more than 1 head coach and 1 assistant coach. Only one coach will be designated HEAD COACH and allowed to stand and coach. (Per National Federation Rules). Bench decorum will follow National Rules as discussed at The Coaches Meeting.

- A. Coaches may provide direction to their teams on the point of strategy, technique, and positioning from the sidelines if:
1. The tone of voice is informative and not scolding or abusive.
 2. Profanity or profane gestures are not used.
 3. It does not bring about disruptive behavior.

The penalty for any of the above will be: A verbal warning from the umpire or park staff (first offense). After the second offense, the violator will be ejected from the game and facility. If a player is ejected they must leave the field with a coach or parent.

- B. Extreme violations, as judged by the game umpire, or park staff, will result in immediate ejection from the game, field, and possible league; such violations include but are not limited to
1. Attempting to strike, or striking of player, referee, administrator, gym supervisor, coach, or spectator. A zero-tolerance policy will be enforced.
 2. Making loud and lewd or abusive comments to a player, referee, administrator, gym supervisor, parent, coach, or other spectators at close quarters. The Perryville Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to enforce, and act in all situations even if the gym supervisor/and or referee were not able to give warning. Zero

tolerance of coaches and official abuse will be enforced. All incidents will go before a policy board to determine punishment.

PLAYERS / SPECTATORS

- A. Teammates and spectators may encourage and cheer for players if no disruptive mechanical or electrical devices are used.
1. The tone of voice is not scolding or abusive.
 2. Derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, coaches, players or other spectators are not made.
 3. Profanity is not used.

The penalty for the above actions will be: The referee or park supervisor will give a verbal warning to the coaches. If the offender is a player or a spectator or parent, the coaches will be responsible for informing the offender of the warning and consequences of further offenses. After the second violation, the violator will be ejected from the field.

- B. Extreme violations as judged by the referee or gym supervisors, will result in immediate ejection from the game and/or gym. Such violations include but are not limited to:
1. Fighting or threatening players, coaches, spectators, and administrators.
 2. Vandalism or damaging behavior to the gym or game facilities.
 3. The Perryville Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to take any and all additional actions necessary.
 4. All incidents will go before a policy board to determine punishment.

EJECTIONS

A coach, player or spectator who has been ejected from a game will serve an automatic and immediate consecutive 2 game suspension. Coaches and players may attend practices. The spectator may not attend 2 consecutive games.

A coach, player, or spectator being disqualified from two separate games will serve an automatic and immediate 2-year suspension from date of last disqualification.

Any improper physical contact or threat of the same directed at a player, coach, official, city of Perryville employee, or parent, before, during or after a game or practice will result in an automatic and immediate 3 –year suspension from the date of the infraction.

FIRST AID

As a volunteer coach, you are responsible for your team's safety during your practice time. Make sure you meet with each of the parents so you can be aware of any special allergies/medications/ treatments your players may have. Be sure to properly warm-up and cool-down your players, as well as allow them water breaks. To provide a safe environment for the players and yourself; please follow these general requirements:

1. Check field floor for obstacles such as water, dirt, any liquid material, glass or other objects.
2. Keep balls in ball bucket when not in use
3. Do not leave the field unsupervised – either you or your assistant must be at each practice.
4. Be aware of any strangers just hanging out and watching.

Coaches must stay with the team until all participants have been picked up and must have parents' permission before transporting them.

5. Please develop an emergency/evacuation plan for each site where you play.

In case of an accident or injury, please follow these steps:

- A. Assess the situation – is it a life-threatening injury?
- B. Keep the player calm and reassure him/her.
- C. If a field supervisor is present, assist him with what needs to be done.
- D. If a field supervisor is not present, do the following:
 1. Contact 911 if necessary
 2. Contact the community center at 573-547-7275
 3. Contact the parents/emergency contact of the player
 4. If basic first aid is necessary, i.e., bloody nose, scrapes, bruises, use supplies in the first aid kit. Injuries need to be reported to the league supervisor and the parent.

It is best to try to prevent accidents. Do not diagnose an injury. Provide as much treatment as possible and report it to the community center.

Other Important Information:

- Game schedules can be found at <https://secure.rec1.com/MO/perryville-mo/leagues>
- After a cancellation: game schedules will be updated as soon as possible-most likely the following day. Please check these frequently.
- Gear:
Players need appropriate gear based on age divisions
Tball: Tennis shoes and glove. Helmets and bats are shared-provided items.
Machine/Coach Pitch: Tennis shoes or rubber cleats and glove. Helmets and bats are shared-provided items.
Kid Pitch: Rubber cleats, glove, baseball/softball pants. Helmets, catcher gear, and bats are shared-provided items.
- Game balls will be kept by umpires. Practice balls and shared gear will be provided in buckets/bags at each field. Please return at end of each night and lock shed or boxes.
- After 3pm decisions about field conditions will be made by umpires and coaches.
- The Perryville Parks and Recreation uses the Wet-bulb calculation to determine extreme heat cancellations. Parents always have the final say though if they do not want their players to play in different weather conditions.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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