

2017 YMCA T-BALL AND COACH-PITCH BASEBALL

BOYS & GIRLS: THREE YEARS OLD (MUST TURN 3 ON OR BEFORE JULY 28TH) THROUGH SECOND GRADE (2017-18 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR)

The YMCA is a Christian organization. Good sportsmanship and positive character values are expected by all participants including: players, coaches, parents, siblings, and fans. We emphasize our mission, goals, core values, and methods as a basis for all decisions about this program – from how it is led, whom it serves, what is taught, and how it is managed. Y sports are about children and giving boys and girls the chance to succeed and reach their highest potential.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS:

Encourage your child to play sports, but do not pressure.

Understand what your child wants from sports and provide a supportive atmosphere for achieving these goals.

Set limits on your child's participation. Do not make sports everything in your child's life; make it a part of their life.

Help your child set challenging but realistic performance goals rather than focusing only on "winning the game."

Help your child understand the valuable lessons sports can teach.

PURPOSE OF THE LEAGUE: To offer children the opportunity to fully participate in an organized league and learn the basic fundamental skills of baseball. An emphasis is placed on total participation, team play and sportsmanship. The YMCA's philosophy of development of the total child will be stressed. Participants must be at least 3 years old by the Registration Deadline-July 28th. This is an instructional league and neither scores nor team standings will be kept. **Children will be divided into age/grade - appropriate divisions.**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Registration begins July 3rd and the deadline for registering your child to play will be July 28th (July 26th-online). You may register from your home computer or stop by the YMCA to register. Fees are \$35.00 for YMCA Members. The fee for non-members is \$64.00. Should any openings remain after the registration deadline, players may still sign up, however there will be a \$10.00 late registration charge in addition to the regular fee. Financial Assistance is available through our Scholarship Program to anyone who meets the qualifications. See Member Service Staff for Scholarship Applications).

NO TRYOUTS: As long as space is available, everyone who registers will be placed on a team and play. After teams are full, applicants will be placed on a waiting list in the event space becomes available.

TEAM ORGANIZATION: Players will be assigned to teams via a coaches' pick draft. **ONLY** immediate family will be assured to be on the same team. **NO HARDSHIPS** (car pool, "will only play for a certain coach", etc.)

- **T-Ball:** 3-5 Year-Olds
- **Coach-Pitch:** Kindergarten (T-Ball Option) through 2nd Grade

PRACTICES: Coaches or the Team Parent will contact their players with team practice and game schedules. Teams usually practice twice per week (M-F) and perhaps on Saturdays before the season begins. Once the season begins, teams usually do not practice.

GAMES: are tentatively set to begin by mid-September. Game days are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. There will be an emphasis for players to learn and play different defensive positions. Score is not kept, as this is a true training league for the kids.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: Parents are urged to serve as coaches and team parents. Please indicate your preference on the application.

COACHES / VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers will be **NEEDED!** Please consider helping. Any adult interested in coaching or being a team parent should contact the Y during the weeks of registration. All coaches must agree and comply with the YMCA Coaching Philosophy and Volunteer Code of Conduct. For the participant's safety, all new coaches will be required to fill out a volunteer application and provide a copy of their driver's license so that a background check can be completed.

UNIFORMS: Each player will receive a Tee Ball shirt and cap. Molded rubber cleats are allowed but not necessary. All children will need a glove. A soft T-Ball, rather than a regular baseball is used.

INFORMATION: Call the Greene County YMCA at 423-639-6107 or email dannys@greene-county-ymca.org. The YMCA is located at 404 Y Street in Greeneville, Tennessee 37745. Our website is: www.greene-county-ymca.org. You can also find us on Facebook.