

Coaches-2021 INFO

DRAFT

When: March 22-March 24

Where: Tri-Township Park Community Center Upper Level Social Distanced or ZOOM

Who: Draft is for HEAD Coaches Only-if you cannot make it, send your assistant or let us know. If you need an assistant, let us know so we can try to pair you. One Coach allowed per team. Kids/players are not allowed at the draft table. Draft and Equipment pick up. Ball bag, score book (Rookie and up) schedule, rules, and code of conduct. Tee Ball does not draft. Equipment can be picked up during draft or from the park office.

- Equipment Pick Up is after draft. If you cannot make the date, your assistant or a responsible parent car pick up your items or you can pick them up the next week at the park office.
- When you get to draft you find your table for your division and you will find a folder with the following: Any players Assigned to your team, a list of unassigned players with their Ages, DOB, and grade. You will have in your folder a list of coach's contacts in your division, rules, a Code of Conduct that will be signed by the Coaches, Kids and Parents (You will need to get these signatures at the first couple of practice-Game Schedules will not be disbursed without these), your practice Schedule and a Scorebook (Instructional up), and BI and GI a key/Code for Pitching Machines.
- You will draft under the guidelines of the Coordinators.
- Once you are done, we will go over a few things--this is a great way to meet other coaches, exchange numbers in case you need to swap practice dates. You will leave with the kid's names that you drafted, and you will be emailed your full roster information Monday. Please call your kids that week. Once the kids are on the rosters, we will be assigning sponsors and getting uniform orders in.
- By Draft date-March 22- we will need any date(s) you cannot coach. We will not accept million dates--but if you know a couple you will be out of town, we need this emailed to us by March 22 or given in writing at draft.
- Game conflicts-you will need to rely on your Assistants and Parents. You can also borrow a player from another team in the same division-they must wear their own team shirt. We had many calls that "the team does not have enough to play" --rescheduling is difficult on other teams and got way out of control. Once rescheduling Games are set--we reschedule for field conditions only.
- Call and contact your players ASAP after draft. March 27 will be the call by date.

Rules

- Please find here: ([Link to Rules](#))

Practices

- Practice schedules will be given out at draft. If your day does not work--you will need to swap with another coach. Field space is LIMITED. If you know prior that you cannot practice on a certain day-LET US KNOW. You will be designated a field, day and time for practice. If you do not wish or cannot at that time, FIELDS ARE OPEN SATURDAY AFTERNOONS AND SUNDAYS MOST WEEKENDS.
- Once games start, assigned practices stop.
- Tee Ball, you have throw down bases and can practice anywhere.
- We do not call rain/weather for practice. Use your best judgement-light rain is playable unless it has been raining all day-try not to tear up the fields. Lightening and any other safety concern, practice must be called off.
- If a field is lined, it has a game on it (Select of High School) so it is off limits.

- We do not know the conditions of the fields here in the office.
- If you move a mound or bases, please out them back-mounds are set to each age group.

Games

- Game Schedules will come out by mid-April-sooner if we can. Games start approx. April 27 and run thru June for league play. Tee Ball, your season is over after league games. All other divisions will be scheduled TBD dates for Playoffs for when league play in your division is over. If you do not wish to play in the playoffs, we will need to know by June 10.
- Tee Ball and Instructional do not have Umpires. Rookie up has umpires. (Playoffs for Instructional will have an umpire).
- We will send out a 24-hour review of your schedule by the second week of April. This is for errors. We cannot change games unless it is an error. If we change your game, it affects the other team's schedule. If you have an issue, we need to know by draft date. We cannot accommodate a list of dates--please talk to your Assistants and Parents for help. Game changes due to rain are difficult enough to reschedule, we will NOT reschedule for personal issues. If you do not have enough to play, email other coaches in your division. It is a forfeit for inability to field a team. Many of you know this got way out of hand.
- We call games for our park only. We call by 3:30 during the week and 7:45 Saturday mornings. We update our hotline and post to our Park Facebook Page. If there is a threat of storms, we will not call. We call for FIELD CONDITIONS at the time of 3:30. Anything after that will happen on the fields by the Umpire Coordinator. He is located in UMP shed at Field #4. Stop and talk to him. You are not allowed to call a game unless both coaches agree, and the umpire coordinator approves. (Tee Ball is the only exception. Tee Ball coaches, you will have throw down bases to play in any green space as no refs are needed).
- If you have started games and there is an issue such as lightning or severe weather, our Umpire Coordinator will make this call. He will have an airhorn, he has a Golf Cart, and he will get to you. We follow a 30 min per lightning strike rule within 10 miles. We will push back once if storms look to be passing. If the storms look to be staying, the game may be cancelled after the first lightning strike.

Pictures

- Picture Day is May 15th from 7PM-430PM on Field #6- The Softball Field by the maintenance shed and petting zoo. Times TBD.
- The backup date in the event of rain is May 29th.
- Coaches are required to let your parents know. They do not have to take pictures as individuals or a team, but they need to be given the option. You may not have a game this day. If not-have a practice after. This will be the only picture day. Teams may run late to a game due to pictures.

End of the Season

- We have Medals for Tee Ball and Instructional. Rookie up are 1st and 2nd Place Medals Only.
- We will have Bag Drop times or you can drop off at the Park Office.
- Tee Ball PLEASE TAKE YOUR TEE APART BEFORE TURNING IT IN.

Needed from you as a Coach.

- Concussion Training (Save Certificate and Forward Required)
- Background Check (Required)
- Coaches shirt size. ALL Assistants must do all paperwork to be an assistant.

Logging in Rec Desk for COACHES: Instructions: Hit Login in the top right corner. Scroll to the bottom and click---- "log in as coach/volunteer/instructor" - if you do not click this it will not work! You may not see much when you first log in but after draft we will be moving your rosters over and getting these finalized. Username: Your email address Password: New Coaches this year-we sent this via email.

What you will receive from us and what the players need

- We supply a Team bag with helmets and balls, catchers gear for Instructional and up and TBALL-you bag will also have a T and throw down bases. Instructional will receive a bat.
- Head Coaches and 2 assistants will receive a shirt.
- The players will receive a shirt and a hat. The kids will need a glove and to bring a water bottle to practice. Boys Instructional up need a cup. Tee Ball-your kids can wear black shorts, the rest of the divisions you will decide your pant color, sock choice, etc.
- We have a Borrow Program-We have some gloves, cleats, and some baseball pants at the park office to borrow and bring back when they are done. All are in great condition.

Draft and Equipment Handout-Head Coaches-March 22 & 23

Practices Start-Week of April 1

League Games Start-Week of May 1

Pictures-May 15

League & Tee Ball Games End-Pending weather-June 30

Max End Date with Reschedules, Rainouts and Playoffs-July 17