

General Information

T Ball and the Instructional League

T-BALL: *Boys and Girls, ages 4, 5 & 6 (Pre-K, and Kindergarten)*

Kids will begin learning how to throw, catch, field and hit a ball. Emphasis will always be placed on the kids having fun!

Batting is from the provided batting “T”, however, if the coach feels a child is ready to hit a pitched ball, that decision is left to the coaches discretion and a child in this program can begin hitting from a pitched ball thrown by the coach. Most players at this age level will remain hitting from the batting tee throughout the season, however, midway through the season, it is encouraged to begin “soft lob pitches” to the batter. If a hit isn’t had after 4 “pitches” then the ball would be placed on the tee. This was very successful last year and the kids enjoyed it!!

All players will rotate and play all the positions on the field and each inning, every batter from each team gets a chance to bat. Each inning consist of 5 runs scored or three outs. (Usually the 5 runs scored prevails)

Practices and games usually run Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday format with some Saturday games scheduled. Weekday practices and games are always from 6:00-7:30 pm. Saturday times vary from week to week.

Your coach will contact you all individually approx. mid March and let you know when your first practice will be scheduled. Helmets and bats are provided, however if your child wants to use his or her own bat and/or helmet, that is fine. You will need to provide your child’s glove.

Practices will begin the week of April 2nd and the season generally ends mid June. Further Information on the program, schedules, rules, etc. will be provided to you by your coach.

INSTRUCTIONAL: *Boys, ages 6, 7 & 8 (Advanced Kindergarten players, First and Second Grade)*

Players will begin learning more advanced skills; they begin pitching and catching. While having fun is still the emphasis, learning how to play as a team and knowing where a play needs to be made are stressed at this level.

The big difference from T-ball is that the batter will be facing a pitch from the mound. This will either be machine pitch, kid pitch, or coach pitch. Umpires are used (usually coaches or willing parents). Further, more detailed rules will be provided by your coach.

Innings last for 5 runs scored or three outs. A lot of times in this league, the “three outs” prevails. Practices and games usually run Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday format with some Saturday games scheduled. All weekday practices and games run from 6:00-7:30pm. Saturday times vary from week to week.

In this league, a few outside games will be held with other local youth organizations and a tournament is generally held at our facility with these other organizations participating. This has always been a lot of fun for the kids.

Your coach will contact you in mid March and let you know when the first practices are scheduled. Again, all helmets and bats are provided, however, if your child wants to use his own bat and/or helmet, that is encouraged. Again, you will need to provide your child’s glove.

Practices will begin the week of April 2nd and the season generally ends mid June. Further Information on the program, schedules, rules, etc., will be provided to you by your coach.

If any of you ever have any questions or concerns, please don’t ever hesitate to call or email me anytime. We look forward to another great year at the Oley Valley Youth League – the greatest recreational sports facility and program in the County!!!!

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