

2024 Youth Baseball Bits

Dates to Remember

Feb 2 \$10 discount ENDS Feb 9 Refund Deadline Feb 9 Registration Ends at 5pm **TBD** Evaluation Day (Ages 7-12) **Mar 25** Coaches Meeting - Virtual **Mar 27** Equipment Pick Up | 8am-6pm **Mar 29** You should hear from your coach. Apr 1 Practices begin (weather permitting) Week of May 6 Games Begin (Ages 7-14)



May 11

Games Begin (Ages 4-6)

A player's age on 4/30/2024 will determine which division they play in this year. Must be 4 years old by 4/30/2024. Please contact your division manager or Donner Center (812) 376-2680 with any questions.

Practice Cancellations

If you have any questions regarding the status of your child's practice, please call your child's coach. The Parks & Recreation staff will NOT have this information.

Game Cancellations

If the weather is questionable, check the Remind App, listen to local radio stations, check the baseball webpage or check out the Parks and Rec Facebook page.



Evaluation Day

Information on evaluation day will be distributed to those signed up via email when finalized.

Game Days

T-Ball (Ages 4-5)	Saturday Mornings
Jr Coach Pitch (Ages 5-6)	Saturday Mornings
Machine Pitch (Ages 7-8)	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Minor (Ages 9-10)	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Major (Ages 11-12)	Tuesdays & Thursdays
Senior (Ages 13-14)	Tuesdays & Thursdays

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Background Check & Code of Conduct

In a continuing effort to provide a pleasant environment for youth to learn as well as reduce the potential for abuse of children in its programs, the Parks and Rec Dept. will continue to enforce the Code of Conduct adopted in 2004 and require background checks for all department employees and volunteer coaches. Both the Background Check Policy and the Code of Conduct are available on our website -- www.columbusparksandrec.com.

All parents <u>must</u> read the Code of Conduct!!!

Please feel free to call or email Collin Lollar at
(812) 375-2741 or clollar@columbus.in.gov with an questions.

League President

The League President is the critical link between the coaches and the baseball board, as well as between Parks and Recreation and the coaches. The League President is empowered to handle many situations as they arise throughout the baseball season. Their closeness to practices and games of the other coaches make them the perfect accessible contact.

Ross Thomas, League President (317) 371-8580

Questions and Answers

Frequently Asked Questions

When will I hear from my child's coach?

The coaches will receive their rosters on March 27. You should receive a call / email from your child's coach by March 29. If you do not hear from them by this time, call Donner Center at (812) 376- 2680.

Can my child change teams if they cannot make a practice?

Unfortunately, no. We instead require coaches not to cut a child's playing time simply because they are unable to attend practice.

What if I have a problem?

Go to your coach first. If that does not help, please contact the division manager for your child's age group.

What about uniforms?

Each player ages 4-8 will receive a t-shirt and cap. Minor, Major, and Senior teams also receive hats and t-shirts which are sponsored by local businesses. Coaches will distribute uniforms prior to the first game.

How can I get involved?

We are actively looking for people to serve on our volunteer baseball board. Call or email Collin Lollar at (812) 375-2741 or clollar@columbus.in.gov

Questions	T-Ball Jr Coach Pitch	Coach Pitch Minor Major
What happens if a game is	Make up games are played on	Make up games are schedules for the first
cancelled because of bad	Sunday with games	available weekday. Coaches will let players
weather	beginning at 1pm.	know make-up dates.
	There are 6 games begining	It is an 8 game season with a single
How long is the season?	May 11, all on Saturdays	elimination tournament.
Are there awards?	Yes! All participants receive an award.	1st and 2nd place awards