

CITY OF BROOKFIELD DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY



SUMMER 2023 YOUTH T-BALL, BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

REGISTRATION: Online

Program Fees:

T-Ball: \$64 Brookfield resident/\$96 EBSD resident/\$128 non-resident

Baseball & Softball: \$79 Brookfield resident/\$118.50 EBSD resident/\$158 non-resident

Begins: Monday, Feb. 6th @ 8 a.m. Ends: Friday, March 10th @ 5 p.m.

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Youth Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Information Sheet

We are pleased to have your son or daughter participating in our youth baseball or softball program. Below is some helpful information so you can prepare. During the season our website will also have information posted in regards to practices, game schedules, standings etc. ci.brookfield.wi.us

IMPORTANT DATES 2023

You registered for a sport league, now what? Next steps

Coaches Meeting: Multi-purpose Room inside Brookfield City Hall

May 3, 2023 6PM- Baseball,

May 4, 2023 6PM- Softball

Practices Begin: Week of May 15, 2023

Games Begin: Week of June 5, 2023

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The primary purpose of the leagues is to offer youth an opportunity to participate and enjoy a recreational experience in a healthy competitive setting. The emphasis is upon participation, character development, good sportsmanship, and enjoyment.

NOTE: All games will be played according to the WIAA rule book. Local rules and adaptations will supersede where applicable. Two competing teams or coaches may not agree to alter any rules.

ELIGIBILITY & ROSTERS

Teams are formed randomly each season by the Brookfield Parks & Recreation Department staff. Coaches cannot add players to the team roster at any time.

TEAM FORMATION

Special requests for team placement or co-coaching cannot be honored.

The first 10 players to register from a school will be assigned to that school's team. If sufficient players register, two teams will be formed based on the order they registered. Example (1-10 on team A, 11-20 on team B).

Resident players registering after a school's limit has been reached will be assigned randomly to a team. The department will make an effort to keep players from the same school together if possible. This may require players from multiple schools to be placed together.

Any registration received after the designated program deadline will be placed on a team if space is available.

For more information on team formation please read the **Team Formation Policy**

GRADE BREAKDOWN & TYPES OF PLAY

Grade is based on current school year to be eligible

K4: T-Ball. Children enrolled in K4 or age 5 by September 1st of the current calendar year

K5: T-Ball. Children enrolled in K5 of the current calendar year

Grades 1 - 4: Machine Pitch leagues

Grades 5 - 8: Player Pitch leagues

In all leagues children will play with official size baseballs & softballs made of softer material to help prevent injuries. All baseball & softball leagues may require travel outside of Brookfield for away games.

PRIMARY NIGHTS OF PLAY

Day/Grade	K T-Ball	1 & 2 Softball	3 & 4 Softball	5 & 6 Softball	7 & 8 Softball	1 & 2 Baseball	3 & 4 Baseball	5 & 6 Baseball
Monday	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х
Tuesday	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	Х
Wednesday	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х
Thursday	Х		Х	Х	Х		Х	Х

Note: The above grid is a sample, game days are subject to change. Depending on program enrollment, grade levels may be combined. Leagues may play/practice on other days during the week which may include Friday or Saturday if necessary (i.e., rain make ups).

SCHEDULE

All teams will practice on weeknights or weekend days, once a week, sometimes twice a week based on the coach's discretion. The baseball season will run from May-August.

Practice times and locations will be selected by the coach at the league meeting. Practices will be held at various locations.

- K4-K5 T-Ball will play 8 games beginning the first week of June. There is no separate practice. Players are coached by volunteer coaches.
- Grades 1-8 will play 10 games with a separate weekly practice. The location, date, and time of the practice is selected by the parent volunteer coach. Practices will begin on or about mid –May, with games to begin the first week of June.
- The coach's meeting will be held during the 1st week of May.
- Games will NOT be rescheduled to accommodate teams with players not available on scheduled dates.

PRACTICES

At least once a week at the coach's discretion. Selected by coach at coaches meeting.

COACHES

Volunteer to coach! FAQ

Each team must have a volunteer parent coach to play or practice. Parents are encouraged to volunteer.

Coaches will be assigned by Brookfield Park and Recreation staff.

Special requests for team placement or co-coaching cannot be honored.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

All head and assistant coaches will be screened for a criminal background check. This screening is provided by <u>Sterling Volunteers</u> an online background check service. Coaches can expect to receive an email directly from Sterling Volunteers prior to the first game requesting a background check, follow the steps provided in the email to complete this screening.

SPORTSMANSHIP / CODE OF CONDUCT / CONCUSSION AWARENESS

Each player, coach and parent should exhibit good sportsmanship throughout the season.

All coaches, parents and athletes are required to sign both a Code of Conduct form and a Concussion Awareness form per sport, per season. This requirement is completed on the City of Brookfield website here. There is no reason to print the forms, our office will track who hasn't completed the process and follow up accordingly. The link will open on the Code of Conduct page first; once that portion is complete, it will automatically direct you to the concussion page. Please complete these forms electronically prior to the first game of the season. All forms must be completed prior to participation.

Detailed instructions on how to complete the above requirements will be presented at the coaches meeting.

COACHES MEETING

Thank You Coaches- Watch!

Coaches are required to attend a mandatory coaches meeting prior to the season. At the meeting, the following will take place:

Receive player roster/equipment League rules Select practice time Questions/other trainings All coaches must be present at practices and games or arrange for a suitable replacement.

All coaches must provide a positive, safe and fun environment for youth.

Coaches will contact each player after this meeting to relay team and practice information to the parent's/players. Participants can expect to be notified in the days following the meeting. If you do not hear from your coach in a reasonable amount of time please let our office know 262-796-6675.

Schedules and team rosters will not be available until the coaches meeting.

UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT

Team T-shirts are provided by the Department as part of the registration fee which should be worn at all games. **LONG** pants are recommended.

Tennis shoes are recommended. Molded rubber spikes may be worn (metal spikes are not allowed).

Batters, base runners, and on-deck batters are required to wear batting helmets.

Balls

- Softball Grades 1 4 11" Jugs Softball
- Baseball 1 4 9" Jugs Baseball
- Softball Grades 5 6 11" Softball
- Baseball Grades 5 6 9" Baseball
- Softball Modified Fast Pitch Grades 7 8 12" Softball

Two game balls will be provided by the field supervisor or umpire for each game. One ball will be given to each team at the conclusion of the game for practice use if available. If only one ball, the home team will receive it.

Batting helmets are required for all leagues including T-Ball. The Department will have a limited supply of helmets for use, families are encouraged to purchase their own.

JEWELRY/CASTS

For safety and injury prevention, all exposed items that are judged to be hazardous or potentially dangerous by the field supervisor and/or umpire may not be worn during the game.

PLAYING TIME

Each player will play a 50% of each game. It is the responsibility of the coach to be sure that the minimum playing time is reached for each player.

AWARDS

1st place: Individual award for 1st place in league play

Note: The above information is based on previous seasons and is subject to change