



Summerville Family YMCA

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Welcome to YMCA Youth Baseball/T-Ball

Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing the YMCA as the organization for your child's sports experience. We hope that you and your child enjoy this season and the experience of YMCA sports. The YMCA is dedicated to providing a quality sports experience in a Christian atmosphere while focusing on the development of character in our youth. Our goal is not only to develop the player, but to also develop the person. We communicate and teach the values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. We regard each player and team as winners despite skill level or winning percentage. We work to instill the values of sportsmanship and fair play. Our hope is that you and your team enjoy the fellowship of the game and take with you great memories from your experience with us.

The information contained in this packet is for your review. Please take the time to read it carefully. If you have any questions, please call us or e-mail us at the contact information listed below.

Again, thank you for your participation in YMCA sports. We look forward to a great season!

Make sure to visit our site at <http://www.summervilleymca.org/sports/>

Thank you,

Your Sports Department
843-821-1028

YMCA Co Ed Baseball

General Information for Parents

How and where do I register?

You can register at any YMCA location or online at <http://www.summervilleymca.org/sports/>. Any registrations after registration ends (April 8th) will incur a \$15 late fee.

When you register, please indicate any days or times of the week that you CANNOT practice. Please make sure to include all phone numbers and email addresses for our office and your coach to call you. Please also make sure to indicate the division in which your child will be playing.

What does my child need to be ready for baseball/t-ball?

We will provide your child's jersey and hat. Your child will need cleats (Coach Pitch and Kid Pitch only), baseball pants, socks, and a glove. We provide one bat to each T-Ball team and five helmets to Coach Pitch and Kid Pitch teams. We suggest parents provide their own bat and helmet if you choose not to share with the entire team. Any additional jerseys or a different jersey size than what you indicated on your registration form can be ordered for \$10.

When will we hear from our child's coach?

You should hear from your child's coach **no later than April 26th**. If you have not heard from your child's coach by April 26th, please contact the Sports Department at 821-1028.

When do practices start?

Practices will begin the week of **April 29th for youth and T-ball**. Your child should have one (1) or two (2) practices per week depending on their age group. Practices are Monday through Friday, 5:30 OR 6:30pm. Please indicate on your registration form what days/times you cannot practice. **Micro T Ball** will have practices the first four Saturdays (May 11 – June 1) and games the last four Saturdays (June 8 – June 29).

When does the season start and end?

Games are May 11th- June 29th. Games are played mainly on Saturdays, with the possibility of one or two weekday games throughout the season. Your team WILL have at least one week night game.

How can I help my child's team?

Coaches are usually in search of two volunteers: an assistant coaching and a Team Parent. Assistant Coaches assist the Head Coach in coaching the team. Team Parents help the coach by garnering funds from the other parents of the team to purchase trophies and organize the end-of-the-season party. If you are interested in helping out, let your child's coach know that you are available.

Interested in becoming a Head Coach or Umpire?

Please contact by e-mail at JILL@summervilleymca.org for more information or attend the Coaches Meeting.

• **Coaches Meeting: April 10th at 6:00pm** in the Oakbrook Childcare gym. For Coaches Only!

League Structure

- The league is structured according to the following age divisions:
 - Micro T-Ball: **age 3 ONLY**
 - T-Ball: ages 4-5
 - Minors Coach-Pitch: ages 6-7
 - Majors Coach-Pitch: ages 8-9
 - Minors: ages 10-12
- Age Restrictions - Please be advised that age divisions are set up to accommodate players of that particular age as of **May 1st**. If you wish to move your child up to an older division, we will allow it. However, keeping an older child back in a younger age division is not permitted unless mental or physical limitations preclude a child from participating at their age level.

Prayer

- We strive to develop players' character and implement Christian principles through 2 main practices.
 - Prayer – Before the start of each game and after the final out is called, both teams gather at their respective baselines for a prayer. The prayer can be lead by a coach, a player, a parent, or the umpire. We encourage you to take part in the prayer by volunteering to lead it, having your child volunteer to lead it, or by taking part in it from the stands.

Oakbrook Sports Complex – Property Rules

Property rules are put in place in order to ensure a safe, clean, and enjoyable atmosphere for all spectators and players. Please follow these rules and be considerate of the YMCA property and the people around you.

- **NO SMOKING** anywhere on YMCA property
- **NO PETS** are permitted on YMCA property
- NO ALCOHOL is permitted on YMCA property
- NO WEAPONS are permitted on YMCA property
- NO SOLICITING is permitted on YMCA property unless given permission by the Oakbrook Branch Director.
- NO SPEEDING is permitted on YMCA property. The speed limit on YMCA property is 10mph.
 - Adhere to all STOP signs located on the property.
 - Adhere to all NO PARKING signs on the property.
 - Adhere to all CAUTION areas located on the property – do not park in or enter these areas.
- Please dispose of all TRASH in the cans provided throughout the property.
- Please park in designated parking areas and park in such a manner as to be considerate of others' need to enter and leave parking areas without being encumbered.
- Please report any restroom problems to the staff in the Snack Shack.

Rules for Parents to Follow at Games and Practices

- It is important for us, as adults, to conduct ourselves in a positive manner in order to create an atmosphere for our children that is conducive to learning, sportsmanship, and development. The YMCA has a **Zero Tolerance Policy** for parents throughout the season. If any of these rules are broken, you will be asked to leave the property immediately. Please

follow these rules throughout the season in order to provide the best experience possible for you and your child.

- Spectators/Parents are not permitted to talk to or yell at umpires.
- Spectators/Parents are not permitted to stand or congregate behind backstops.
- Spectators/Parents are not permitted on the field of play at any time, unless instructed to by the umpire or coach in the case of an injured player.
- Spectators/Parents should stay outside the dugouts and fence lines at all times.
- Spectators/Parents are not permitted to use foul language, taunt, or make inappropriate comments about, or gestures toward, other parents, spectators, players, coaches, or referees.
- Spectators/Parents should only use language that is supportive of the children on the field of play.
- Spectators/Parents should be supportive of both teams and lend encouragement at all times.
- Spectators/Parents are not permitted to engage in any form of physical or verbal confrontation on YMCA property.
- Spectators/Parents should approach the coach in a professional and respectful manner with questions or concerns regarding their child or the team.

As with any rule, there are of course consequences for actions that are deemed infractions of the rules. Any spectator/parent infringing upon the above stated rules will be subject to the following consequences:

- First Offense – Warning by the umpire, coach, or Director. Depending on the severity of the infraction, the spectator/parent may be subject to a ban from the YMCA property.
- Second Offense – Spectator/Parent will be required to leave the YMCA property. Depending on the severity of the infraction, the spectator/parent may be subject to a ban from the YMCA property.
- Third Offense – Spectator/Parent will be banned from YMCA property.

Pictures

The photographers will be at the Oakbrook Sports Complex the second **(5/18)** and third **(5/25)** Saturday of the season. **We ask that all pictures are taken on 5/18 unless your team absolutely cannot do so! May 25th is a makeup day only!** Your child's coach will inform you of the photographers' location. You will need to have your child at the photographers' location or the location designated by your child's coach one (1) hour before game time on that particular weekend. Your coach will provide you with order forms. Pictures will be available for pick up on the second-to-last Saturday of the season.

The Snack Shack

The Snack Shack will be open each Saturday of the season from 9am-1pm. All proceeds garnered from Snack Shack sales go directly toward the support of YMCA sports programs. The Snack Shack is the "hub" for Saturdays' events and operations. Please report any concerns to the YMCA Staff located in the Snack Shack. Your concern will be addressed in a timely manner.