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Fall Youth Baseball Frequently Asked Questions

Do you honor participant requests?

It is the philosophy of the City of Grove City Parks and Recreation Department to treat all persons fairly and equally, including offering equal recreational baseball experiences for all leagues and teams. In adhering to this philosophy, there will be a maximum of four players who may be automatically assigned to each team. These players consist of the head coach's child, two assistant coach's children and the respective sponsor's child. *No other participant requests are honored.* There will no longer be a coach's draft; players who are not automatically assigned will be placed on teams by the Grove City Parks and Recreation Department.

Is it possible to exchange uniforms for a different size?

Uniforms are ordered immediately following registration. Due to the timely nature of uniform ordering, exchanges cannot be honored, (i.e. no team changes). ***Please double check the size order to be correct (sample clothing is available at sign-ups).*** Uniforms consist of the following: Grove City Parks and Recreation uniform shirt, hat and socks; pants are not provided in the fall. Sponsor names are placed on the back of each jersey. If the customer orders the wrong size, a new jersey can be ordered at the cost to the customer. If unsure, order a larger size.

Which league will I play in?

League placement is based on age as of April 30 of current year, except T-ball.

- Age 5 (Aug. 1 of current year): T-Ball
- Age 6: Peewee 6
- Age 7: Peewee 7
- Age 8-9: Minor
- Age 10-12: Major
- Age 13-15: Pony
- Age 16-17: Colt

What days will I play on?

Teams play *two* days per week with one weekday game and one Saturday game. Game days are subject to change depending on the number of teams in each league.

- T-Ball: Monday/Wednesday/Saturday
- Peewee 6: Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday
- Peewee 7: Monday/Wednesday/Saturday
- Minor: Monday/Wednesday/Saturday
- Major: Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday
- Pony: Monday/Saturday
- Colt: Tuesday/Saturday

How do I know what team I am on?

Coaches call all team members shortly after the coaches' meeting on Sunday, July 21.

When does the season start and end?

Teams will have their first practices during the week of Aug. 5. Practices are scheduled Monday through Saturday on various nights. Practice schedules are given to coaches at the meeting and are not available during registration. First games of the season will be played on Opening Day, Saturday, Aug. 25. The season ends in mid-October (dependent upon weather). ***Rain-out practices will not be made up.**

When will teams get their pictures taken?

Picture Day for fall baseball participants is Saturday, Sept. 7 at Windsor Field 6.

What size bat should I buy for my child?

Please be sure to adhere to the following guidelines when purchasing a bat for your child. These guidelines are in place to ensure the safety of our participants. Bats for T-Ball, Peewee 6, Peewee 7, Minor and Major must be labeled "Little League Approved." and bats must not exceed a barrel size of 2¼ inches. Pony/Colt league players must use a bat with no more than a 3-ounce drop (-3) or a bat approved for Minor or Major league use. The drop is the difference between the number of inches in the bat's length and the number of ounces bat's weight, i.e. a bat 33-inches long and weighing 30 ounces, has a drop equal to (-3).

VOLUNTEER COACHES

Mandatory Coaches' Meeting

A mandatory coaches' meeting will be held **Sunday, July 21** at **City Hall**. Only head coaches may attend the meeting due to facility space. Head coaches for all leagues will meet at **1 p. m.**

What am I required to do as a coach?

To participate as a coach in our program, please complete a volunteer coach application available at www.grovecityohio.gov or in the Grove City Parks and Recreation office, 4035 Broadway. Background checks are performed on all coaching applicants. Once approved to be a coach, you must take online training for coaches through NYSCA before the coaches' meeting at [http://www.nays.org/Coaches/Nysca Online.cfm](http://www.nays.org/Coaches/NyscaOnline.cfm). Coaches in all sports are required by state law to also complete the [National Federation of State High School Associations Concussion in Sports training](#) (free).

What is NYSCA?

The National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) helps volunteers understand the psychology of coaching children. The program gives coaches practical skills to help all participants have fun and maximize their athletic skills. It also provides continuing education, support and valuable resources to develop coaching skills and enhance relationships with parents, officials and children involved in youth sports programs.

Do coaches have to be NYSCA certified?

Yes! All head coaches in the Grove City Youth Baseball Program are required to be certified through the NYSCA. NYSCA provides volunteer coaches a website where they can get certified in the comfort of their own home. The initial certification fee is \$25. The Grove City Parks and Recreation Department will issue a credit in that amount to coaches as reimbursement. *Bring in a receipt or membership card to receive your credit.* Visit www.nays.org/nyscaonlineclinics.

How often do I have to renew my certification?

The Grove City Parks and Recreation Department has great news for all head coaches! We will cover the annual \$20 fee for each head coach who requires a new or renewed certification. Coaches who **have never been** certified must complete the clinic that outlines philosophies about youth sports. **Important:** Current head coaches who receive a renewal notice in the mail from the NYSCA must bring it into the Parks and Recreation Department for processing. Assistant coaches also are required to participate in the NYSCA program, but are not required to become official members unless they want to pay the membership fees on their own accord.

The benefits of NYSCA membership

Any volunteer youth sport coach who undertakes NYSCA training becomes eligible for NYSCA Honor Roll. The honor roll is a privilege of membership extended to coaches who live up to the Coaches Code of Ethics throughout the year. **Initial Membership benefits** include: \$1,000,000 excess liability insurance, Youth Sports Journal quarterly magazine and Introduction to Youth Sports publication, membership card and discounts for selected hotels, car rentals, theme parks and products. **Continuing Membership benefits** include: \$2,000,000 excess liability insurance; \$250,000,000 excess accident/medical insurance (\$50 deductible) for injuries sustained while performing coaching duties; Youth Sports Journal quarterly magazine; membership card and decal, and discounts for selected hotels, car rentals, theme parks and products.

If you have additional questions, call the
Parks and Recreation office: 614-277-3050
or visit Parks.GroveCityOhio.gov

For daily weather updates or cancelations, call the
Grove City Parks & Recreation Sports Hotline: 614-277-3060