



BASEBALL



2021 Spring Baseball Handout

1. Registration periods, registration cost, age cut-off date and age groups:

Registration Period:

Monday January 11th – Sunday February 14th

Late Registration Period:

Monday February 15th – Sunday February 21st

*\$10 late fee will be added onto registration fee for anyone registering during late period.

Registration Cost:

YMCA Member - \$60

Potential YMCA Member - \$90

Age Cut-Off Date:

April 30th, 2021

Age Groups:

- **8 and UNDER (Coach Pitch)** – Any child that will be at least 6 years old but not 9 on April 30th, 2021 registers for this age group.
- **10 and UNDER (Player Pitch)** – Any child that will be at least 8 years old but not 11 on April 30th, 2021 registers for this age group.

- **12 and UNDER (Player Pitch)** – Any child that will be at least 10 years old but not 13 on April 30th, 2021 registers for this age group.

*If you the parent or guardian wish to play you child up in age group then you may do so. Your child MAY NOT play down in age group.

2. Coaches' Meetings and Selection of Players.

COACHES' MEETINGS: Coaches' meetings are held for each head coach to go over rules, schedule practice times, guidelines for the upcoming season, key dates for the season, receive rosters, etc.

DATES FOR COACHES' MEETINGS (Coaches' Meetings are for coaches only. NOT PLAYERS):

- **12 and UNDER** – Tuesday March 9th at 5:30pm.
- **10 and UNDER** – Tuesday March 9th at 7pm.
- **8 and UNDER** – Wednesday March 10th at 5:30pm.

SELECTION OF PLAYERS (DRAFT): Each player can return to their 2020 Spring Baseball Season can return to his or her team if they choose to. If the player chooses not to return to their team from last season, then they have the opportunity of getting drafted.

3. Frequently Asked Fall Baseball Questions

A. When/Where are practices? *Practices start the week following the coaches' meetings and they can take place any day during the week. Practices cannot start before 5pm Monday thru Friday, before 8am on Saturday, and before 1pm on Sunday. Locations and times of practices are determined by the head coach. Practices primarily take place at Ducworth and the fields behind the YMCA.*

B. After I register, do I need to purchase anything else for my child to play? *Each participant will need a glove, baseball pants, socks & belt to match jersey. After game snacks and drinks after games, end of season banquet and trophies at the end of the season are all determined by team parents. The YMCA is not responsible for trophies, team banquet, or snacks.*

- C. What about my child's jersey?** *Each child will receive a jersey (shirt) and hat. Both are included in your registration fee. You may use the jerseys at the front desk as try on sizes for your child. Once you have found a size that fits, please indicate that size on your child's registration sheet.*
- D. Can I coach my child's team?** *Coaches are always needed. It is better to have too many volunteers than not enough. Coaches are not paid. But are usually, just dads just willing to volunteer, and not necessarily pros. All returning coaches have the right to return as coach. If you are interested in coaching or being an assistant, please email your interest to sethf@andersonareaymca.org.*
- E. When/where are games?** *8-9 game season. Games will begin in April and could run until the last week of May. Games will be held at the Ducworth/Tucker Sports Complex. First games of the day will start at 5:30 pm. The second game of the day will start around 7:00-7:30 pm. Games will be played on Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays, and Fridays. **In the event of a rainout, games will be made up on Wednesdays.***
- F. How do I find out who my child's coach is?** *Wait until Sunday March 14th to hear from your coach. If you have not received a call by Sunday March 14th please call the front desk (864) 716-6261 to find out what team your child is on.*
- G. Can I get a refund?** *After Sunday February 21st, the YMCA will not issue a full refund UNLESS the parent can provide a doctor's excuse as to why their child cannot participate. Anyone requesting a refund prior to the Sunday February 21st date will have to choose 1 of 2 options.*
- **Voucher-** *YMCA voucher for a 100% that can be used toward anything at the Anderson Area YMCA.*
 - **Money Back-** *The YMCA Athletic Department will issue check for everything paid minus a \$10 processing fee. Once this refund is requested, it will take up to 2 weeks to receive a check in the mail.*

H. Can we be on the same team as last spring? Yes. Please put your 2020 spring coach's name in the section label "Medical Comments/Requests/Miscellaneous Info**" on your child's registration form. This is only from for 2020 spring baseball season.**

REGULATIONS FOR 2021 SPRING BASEBALL

FIELD DIMENSIONS: *For the **12 and UNDER age group only:** the 12U age group will play under new field dimensions: 50/70..... 50 feet pitching distance and 70 feet base to base.

BAT REGULATIONS FOR 8U, 10U, and 12U: Bats shall not be more than 34" inches in length; nor more than 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end. If a player wishes to use his/her 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ barrel bat, they may do so. Any bat that reaches the new 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ standards, MUST HAVE THE "USA Baseball" certification stamp. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ barrel bats do not have to have the certification stamp.

If you are unsure if a bat does or does not meet the new regulations, please go to this link: <https://usabat.com/>

This link is a list of all bats approved by USA Baseball.

4. COVID-19 in relation to Spring Baseball

As you all know, COVID-19 is very prevalent at this time. We would like to remind all spectators and participants of the precautions to take which are advised by the CDC:

- Social distancing (6 feet apart)
- Wash hands for 20 seconds frequently
- Wear masks in public places (recommended)
- Cough or sneeze in elbow
- *Immediate family only during practices/games

If anyone in your household shows or experiences the following symptoms below, please stay at home:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Even with all measures in place, it is not possible to ensure 100% safety from exposure to contagions. **OUR PROTOCOL:** If a coach, program participant, or spectator tests positive for COVID-19, that particular individual will be asked to refrain from attending any YMCA function for a minimum of 10 days and/or cleared by a doctor. It is important for every athlete and family to understand that by participating in any organized practice or game, a measure of personal risk is assumed and that the Anderson Area YMCA, its coaches and staff cannot be held liable should illness occur.

Any other questions please send to sethf@andersonareymca.org