

# FAQ for T-Ball and Coach Pitch Baseball Parents



## Summary

1. Registration runs [February 27-March 26](#). Starting [March 27](#) a \$10 late fee applies. T-ball is for boys and girls ages 3-4 and coach pitch baseball is for boys and girls ages 5-6 and 7-9. The fees for t-ball are \$30 for members and \$49 for nonmembers. Coach pitch baseball fees are \$40 for members and \$59 for nonmembers.

## Participation and Rosters

1. How do I know what age group to sign my child up for?
  - a. Whatever your child's age is as of [April 1, 2023](#) determines which age group he/she is in.
2. My child played last season. Will he/she go back on the same team?
  - a. If your child played last year and is playing again this year, then he/she will go back on the same team unless he/she aged up to another age group bracket.
3. I have multiple children in the same group age. Will they be placed on the same team?
  - a. If you register on time and not late, siblings in the same age group will be placed on the same team.
4. My child has advanced baseball skills for his age. Can I register him/her for a higher age group?
  - a. Yes, your child can always play up in an age group if both you and the sports director are comfortable with that. However, you can never play down in an age group.
5. I requested my child to be on a certain team or with another player. Can you accommodate my request?
  - a. Teams are split up as evenly and fairly as possible based on experience, age, and gender. We also take into consideration when you can practice due to your busy schedule. Any other type of request is not guaranteed to happen.
6. How do I know when my child's practice is and what team my child is on?
  - a. You'll receive contact from a coach by no later than [Sunday, April 2](#). If you don't email the sports director or call the Y.
7. Due to circumstances my child can't play anymore. What do I need to do?
  - a. Let your coach know. Call or email the sports director too and let him know.
8. Can I get a refund if my child isn't playing anymore?
  - a. Full refunds are only given prior to the first practice. After the first practice, only partial refunds may be given out. All refunds are subject to a processing fee.
9. Does the Y provide trophies or awards to the players?
  - a. No, it's up to the discretion of each individual coach and team if they want to get trophies/awards.

## Practices

1. When do t-ball (3-4 year olds) and coach pitch baseball (5-6 and 7-9 year olds) seasons start and end?
  - a. Depending on which session you register for, it starts either [April 3 or 4](#) and ends [May 22 or 23](#).
2. What are the t-ball sessions and when are they?
  - a. There is a Monday/Thursday session and Tuesday/Friday session. Practices are from either 5:30-6:30 pm or 6:45-7:45 pm.
3. What are the coach pitch baseball sessions and when are they?
  - a. There is a Monday/Thursday 7-9 year old session and Tuesday/Friday 5-6 year old session. CPB practices are from either 5:30-6:30 pm or 6:45-7:45 pm.
4. Does my child's team practice on the same two days, at the same time, and at the same location each week?
  - a. The session you signed up for are the days you practice. Your child's team will practice at the same field location each time. However, once games start, teams do not practice. Game times and field locations may be different than your practice time and field location.
5. Where are practices held and how long do they last?
  - a. All practices are held on the front or back fields of the Y and last at most one hour.
6. Is there practice over spring break and Easter?
  - a. There are no practice/games [April 8-16](#).
7. There is threatening weather outside. Is practice cancelled? If practices are cancelled, will they be made up?
  - a. We generally don't make a decision to cancel practices due to inclement weather or poor field conditions until after 4:30 pm during the week. In the event we do have to cancel, we will notify the coaches as soon as possible and they in turn will contact you. If you're unsure or haven't received any contact from a coach, check our website or Facebook page or sign up for Remind. However, there may be times when it's a game time decision. We typically don't offer make up practices due to time and field constraints.

## Games

1. When do t-ball (3-4 year olds) and coach pitch baseball (5-9 year olds) games start and what days are they on?
  - a. They are on your session days and depending on which session you registered for start [April 3 or 4](#). Game times may be different than your practice time. Once games start, teams do not practice.
2. Where do I get a game schedule?
  - a. Your coach should email, text or pass them out by your second practice. You can download one from our website at [florenceymca.org](http://florenceymca.org).
3. How long do games last?
  - a. The games are two innings long and last at most one hour.
4. My child won't be able to make the game. What do I need to do?
  - a. Contact your coach and let him/her know.
5. Where do we need to sit during games?
  - a. You can sit anywhere around the field as long as you are not in the field of play and don't interfere with the game.
6. Are there games around Memorial Day weekend?
  - a. Since the season finishes by then, there are no games [May 26-29](#).
7. There is threatening weather outside. Is the game cancelled? If games are cancelled, will they be made up?
  - a. See question #7 above in the practices section. We will try to make up any games that get cancelled due to the weather if we have sufficient time and space.

## Equipment

1. Do I need to get cleats for my child?
  - a. Cleats are optional but recommended.
2. Do I need to get a glove for my child?
  - a. Yes, a glove is required. Please label it with your child's name.
3. Do I need to get a bat and ball for my child?
  - a. No, it's not required. If you do bring a bat and ball, please label them with your child's name.
4. What type of ball does my child's age group play with?
  - a. All age groups play with a 9 inch safety or flexi ball.
5. When do we get uniforms?
  - a. Baseballs shirts/hats are tentatively scheduled to be handed out at practice April 24 and 25. Your child can wear shorts or pants. The Y does not require a certain color however, your coach may request one.
6. My child's shirt is too small/big. What can we do?
  - a. Your child's shirt size was ordered based on the size you selected on the registration form when you signed him/her up. Reordering just one jersey isn't possible. Check with other players on your team to see if a swap can be worked out.

## Rules

1. How much does my child get to play?
  - a. Every child will bat once per inning and play defense and fully participate in each practice.
2. Does my child get to play different positions?
  - a. Yes every coach should rotate players throughout the season to different positions.
3. Can my child wear jewelry during practices or games?
  - a. No, due to safety reasons all jewelry (rings, earrings, beads, bracelets, watches, necklaces, etc.) must be removed prior to playing.

## Facilities

1. Are pets allowed at the Y?
  - a. No, they are not.
2. Is smoking allowed at the Y?
  - a. No, the Y is a tobacco free campus. E-Cigarettes and vaping are also prohibited.
3. I forgot to bring my child something to drink. Where is a water fountain located?
  - a. The closest one to the front fields is located in the front lobby. The closest one to the back field is located inside the building by the entrance to the outdoor pool which is near the indoor pool. Snacks and water are also sold at the desk in the front lobby.
4. Where are bathrooms located?
  - a. There may be a port-a-john located next to the shed that sits between the front fields. There are bathrooms also located in the front lobby of the building. The closest bathrooms to the back field are the ones inside the building in the youth locker rooms which are located close to the indoor pool.
5. Can I bring my own chair to practices and games?
  - a. Yes, you are more than welcome to as we have limited seating. Please label any belongings you bring.
6. Where should I park?
  - a. Please park in the main parking lot at the front of the Y, in the side parking lot adjacent to the childcare entrance, on side of Bob Danner Ave., or the side lot next to the far front field (Field 3). Please do not park on the side of the road of YMCA Lane, Dexter Dr., or Rutherford Dr.

## Pictures

1. Do we take team/individual pictures? Where do I get a picture schedule?
  - a. Yes, each team takes individual and team pictures. The picture schedule will tell you when your pictures will be. Your coach should pass them out at your first practice. You can also download one from our website at [florenceymca.org](http://florenceymca.org).
2. Is there a form I need to fill out?
  - a. Yes, picture order forms will be handed out one week prior to picture day. They can be downloaded from our website, too.
3. How do I pay for pictures?
  - a. Quality Photo Sports takes cash or check.
4. When do I need to pay?
  - a. Payment is expected when pictures are taken.
5. When do I get pictures back?
  - a. Pictures will be returned towards the end of the season. The sports director will give your coach your pictures.
6. I haven't received my pictures yet. Whom do I need to contact?
  - a. Contact your coach to see if he/she has them. If not, then check with the sports director.
7. I have received my picture packet but I am missing some. Whom do I need to contact?
  - a. Contact Gene Robinson at Quality Photo Sports at 843-260-6744 between Mon.-Fri. 9a-5p or by email at [greatpicsinc@aol.com](mailto:greatpicsinc@aol.com).

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