



**The City of Reynoldsburg**  
**Parks & Recreation Department**  
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 Activity Status Hotline (614) 322-6834

## YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL INFORMATION SHEET

**Cost:** Recreation League Fees: \$29 early bird for Reynoldsburg Residents (between March 1 and March 11), \$36 for Residents (between March 12 and March 31); \$44 for Non-Residents (between March 12 and March 31). Grade level for the spring season is based on the grade the child is in for the 2010-2011 school year. Registrations after March 31 will be put on a waiting list.

**Leagues:** Tentative grade divisions (subject to modification/merging based on final roster numbers):

League	Session #
Kindergarten Coed T-Ball	3023.206
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Coed T-ball/Coach Pitch	3023.207
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Boys Coach Pitch	3021.214
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Minor League	3021.215
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Major League	3021.216
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Pony League	3021.217
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Girls Coach Pitch	3032.216
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Junior League	3032.217
6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Intermediate League	3032.218

**Registration Form** ALL sections on the registration form **MUST** be completed in its entirety. This includes the bottom half of the front page (sport information) and the consent forms (back page). The new sport information section must be completed entirely (shirt size selection, height/weight, etc.). Both consent sections **MUST** be signed by the parent/guardian. **Failure to sign or complete ANY section will result in an incomplete form, and your child will be ineligible to participate until all sections are completed.**

**Youth Sports**

**Advisory Board:**

The Parks and Recreation Department has developed a Youth Sports Advisory Board. The board comprises six members of the community. The objectives of the Board are to assist the City of Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation Department in:

1. To give every boy and girl eligible the opportunity to play sports in a league with players of approximately equal ability.
2. To surround those sports with such safeguards as to warrant absolute public confidence in its integrity and its administration.

3. To protect and promote the mutual interest of sports teams and sports players.
4. To educate every eligible boy and girl in proper moral, mental, and physical values so that they may become assets to American citizenry.
5. To promote scientific instruction and training in sports.

**National  
Standard  
for Youth  
Sports:**

A wide variety of youth sports experiences are available today. Historically, many programs have been modeled after adult-oriented programs using rules, skill expectations and competitive requirements replicated from high school, college and professional levels. Today, programs must be designed and administered so that every child, regardless of their abilities, has an opportunity to positively benefit from participation.

Participation in youth sports provides children with an opportunity to gain many valuable life skills and develop an appreciation for physical fitness, all of which can lead to a lifetime of healthy activity. This can only occur, though, when organized sports programs are designed and administered to ensure a safe, positive and fun environment for everyone.

The National Standards for Youth Sports place in motion a national policy for children's sports. These Standards serve as a blueprint for all youth sports programs and must be incorporated into the delivery of every youth sports experience to best ensure that the needs of every child are met.

As a parent of a youngster involved in youth sports, you have a responsibility to make sure that your child is enrolled in a program that adheres to the Standards. Prior to signing your child up for a sport it's important that you review the Standards so when you're taking a look at how the program operates you can be sure that it is a good fit for your child.

Reynoldsburg Parks & Recreation Department follows the National Standard for Youth Sports. Our philosophy includes, but is not limited to:

- i. Equal participation.
- ii. Gaining life skills through sports.
- iii. De-emphasized competition – there is a value in competition, but this should not be a priority in recreational leagues. Scores, standings, tournaments, etc. are either not kept or de-emphasized.

Please view a copy of the National Standard for Youth Sports at [www.ci.reynoldsburg.oh.us/sports.aspx](http://www.ci.reynoldsburg.oh.us/sports.aspx). Additional information is available on the NAYS website at [www.nays.org](http://www.nays.org).

**Player Evaluations:** There will be player evaluations prior to the start of the season for all leagues above coach pitch. Parks and Recreation Staff and coaches will be administering the evaluations. **The evaluation date is scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2011.** The schedule is as follows (subject to change):

4-5 grade Junior Softball: Kennedy Park - Diamond 1

- Last name begins with A to K, 1:30pm - 2:10pm
- Last name begins with L to Z, 2:20pm - 3:00pm
  - *Weather cancellation make up Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> on Diamond #1*
  - *(Last name A to K @ 5:30pm...L to Z @ 6:00pm)*

6-8 grade Intermediate Softball: Kennedy Park – Diamond 1

- Last name begins with A to K, 3:15pm - 3:55pm
- Last name begins with L to Z, 4:05pm - 4:45pm
  - *Weather cancellation make up Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> on Diamond #1*
  - *(Last name A to K @ 6:30pm...L to Z @ 7:00pm)*

3-4 grade Minor Baseball: Kennedy Park – Diamond 4

- Last name begins with A to K, 1:30pm - 3:00pm
- Last name begins with L to Z, 3:15pm - 4:45pm
  - *Weather cancellation make up Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> on Diamond #4*
  - *(Last name A to K @ 5:30pm...L to Z @ 6:30pm)*

5-6 grade Major Baseball: Kennedy Park – Diamond 10

- Last name begins with A to K, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
- Last name begins with L to Z, 2:45pm - 3:45pm
  - *Weather cancellation make up Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> on Diamond #10*
  - *(Last name A to K @ 5:30pm...L to Z @ 6:15pm)*

7-8 grade Pony Baseball: Kennedy Park – Diamond 10

- All participants, 4:00pm - 4:45pm
  - *Weather cancellation make up Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> on Diamond #10*
  - *(All participants @ 7:00pm)*

\*note – there are no player evaluations for grades K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Boys, and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Girls.

Players need to sign in at the concession stand. A staff member will take attendance and give the player a number corresponding to their name. The numbers will need safety pinned on the front of the players' shirt (safety pins provided). Players are required to bring their own glove. Prospective coaches should be present to assist with evaluations.

Evaluations will be held rain or shine. In the event of severe weather (snow, too cold, etc.) please call the activity status hotline at 614-322-6834. If player evaluations are cancelled due to weather, the make up date will be Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The make up times are listed above.

**It is highly encouraged that ALL registered children participate in player evaluations.** The primary goal for Parks & Recreation Youth Leagues is to balance teams evenly. **Failure to attend evaluations could dramatically affect the level of balance in teams.**

**Coaches Meeting:** The coaches meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. The general time frame for the coaches meeting is as follows:

- 9:00am – coaching certification video (only for new 1<sup>st</sup>-time coaches)
- 11:00am – coaches meeting (pass out equipment/apparel, etc.)
- 12:00pm – coaches training (coaches will be notified of training by letter)

Coaches that are selected will receive notification in the mail. **Remember, each season our Department requires a coaching application submitted. If we do not have a coaching application submitted by the registration deadline, you will not be considered as a coach.**

Coaching Applications are available in our Parks and Recreation Office as well as on our website at <http://www.ci.reynoldsburg.oh.us/Coaches.aspx>.

**Starting Date:** The coaches meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Coaches will receive their team roster at the meeting, and are encouraged to make phone calls that weekend. **If you do not hear from your coach by Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, please call the Recreation Office at 322-6806.** All of our coaches are volunteers - not all are able to attend the coaches meeting. Practices can start as early as the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>. This **does not** necessarily mean that practices **will** start that week. You still need to hear from your coach regarding practice times. **Please wait until Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, to call the Recreation Office if you have not heard from your coach.**

**Season:** Each league participates on the same, specific dates. The prospective dates and times for each league are below (subject to change):

### **Kindergarten Coed T-Ball**

**Practice Dates:** 5/11 (Wed), 5/14 (Sat), 5/18 (Wed), 5/21 (Sat), 5/25 (Wed), 5/28 (Sat), 6/1 (Wed), 6/8 (Wed), 6/15 (Wed), 6/22 (Wed), 6/29 (Wed), 7/6 (Wed), 7/13 (Wed)

**Game Dates:** 6/11 (Sat), 6/18 (Sat), 6/25 (Sat), 7/9 (Sat), 7/16 (Sat)

**Practice Start Times:** Either 6:00pm or 7:00pm weekdays; either 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, or 3:00pm on Saturdays

**Game Start Times:** Either 9:00am, 11:30am, or 2:00pm on Saturdays

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Coed T-Ball/Coach Pitch**

**Practice Dates:** 5/11 (Wed), 5/14 (Sat), 5/18 (Wed), 5/21 (Sat), 5/25 (Wed), 5/28 (Sat), 6/1 (Wed), 6/8 (Wed), 6/15 (Wed), 6/22 (Wed), 6/29 (Wed), 7/6 (Wed), 7/13 (Wed)

**Game Dates:** 6/11 (Sat), 6/18 (Sat), 6/25 (Sat), 7/9 (Sat), 7/16 (Sat)

**Practice Start Times:** Either 6:00pm or 7:00pm weekdays; either 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, or 3:00pm on Saturdays

**Game Start Times:** Either 9:00am, 11:30am, or 2:00pm on Saturdays

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Boys Coach Pitch**

**Practice Dates:** 5/9 (Mon), 5/11 (Wed), 5/14 (Sat), 5/16 (Mon), 5/18 (Wed), 5/21 (Sat), 5/23 (Mon), 5/25 (Wed), 5/28 (Sat), 5/30 (Mon), 6/1 (Wed), 6/6 (Mon), 6/13 (Mon), 6/20 (Mon), 6/27 (Mon), 7/4 (Mon)\*

**Game Dates:** 6/8 (Wed), 6/11 (Sat), 6/15 (Wed), 6/18 (Sat), 6/22 (Wed), 6/25 (Sat), 6/29 (Wed), 7/6 (Wed)

**Practice Start Times:** Either 6:00pm or 7:00pm weekdays; either 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, or 3:00pm on Saturdays

**Game Start Times:** Either 9:00am, 11:30am, or 2:00pm on Saturdays; either 6:00pm or 8:00pm on Wednesdays

\*Optional

### **3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Minor League**

**Practice Dates:** 5/10 (Tues), 5/12 (Thurs), 5/14 (Sat), 5/17 (Tues), 5/19 (Thurs), 5/21 (Sat), 5/24 (Tues), 5/26 (Thurs), 5/28 (Sat), 5/31 (Tues), 6/2 (Thurs), 6/7 (Tues), 6/14 (Tues), 6/21 (Tues), 6/28 (Tues), 7/5 (Tues)

**Game Dates:** 6/9 (Thurs), 6/11 (Sat), 6/16 (Thurs), 6/18 (Sat), 6/23 (Thurs), 6/25 (Sat), 6/30 (Thurs), 7/7 (Thurs)

**Practice Start Times:** Either 6:00pm or 7:00pm weekdays; either 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, or 3:00pm on Saturdays

**Game Start Times:** Either 9:00am, 11:30am, or 2:00pm on Saturdays; either 6:00pm or 8:00pm on Thursdays

### **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Major League**

**Practice Dates:** 5/9 (Mon), 5/11 (Wed), 5/14 (Sat), 5/16 (Mon), 5/18 (Wed), 5/21 (Sat), 5/23 (Mon), 5/25 (Wed), 5/28 (Sat), 5/30 (Mon), 6/1 (Wed), 6/6 (Mon), 6/13 (Mon), 6/20 (Mon), 6/27 (Mon), 7/4 (Mon)\*

**Game Dates:** 6/8 (Wed), 6/11 (Sat), 6/15 (Wed), 6/18 (Sat), 6/22 (Wed), 6/25 (Sat), 6/29 (Wed), 7/6 (Wed)

**Practice Start Times:** Either 6:00pm or 7:00pm weekdays; either 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, or 3:00pm on Saturdays

**Game Start Times:** Either 9:00am, 11:30am, or 2:00pm on Saturdays; either 6:00pm or 8:00pm on Wednesdays

\*Optional

### **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Pony League**

**Practice Dates:** 5/9 (Mon), 5/11 (Wed), 5/14 (Sat), 5/16 (Mon), 5/18 (Wed), 5/21 (Sat), 5/23 (Mon), 5/25 (Wed), 5/28 (Sat), 5/30 (Mon), 6/1 (Wed), 6/4 (Sat), 6/11 (Sat), 6/18 (Sat), 6/25 (Sat)

**Game Dates:** 6/6 (Mon), 6/8 (Wed), 6/13 (Mon), 6/15 (Wed), 6/20 (Mon), 6/22 (Wed), 6/27 (Mon), 6/29 (Wed)

**Practice Start Times:** Either 6:00pm or 7:00pm weekdays; either 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, or 3:00pm on Saturdays

**Game Start Times:** 6:00pm on Mondays and Wednesdays

### **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Girls Coach Pitch**

**Practice Dates:** 5/10 (Tues), 5/12 (Thurs), 5/14 (Sat), 5/17 (Tues), 5/19 (Thurs), 5/21 (Sat), 5/24 (Tues), 5/26 (Thurs), 5/28 (Sat), 5/31 (Tues), 6/2 (Thurs), 6/9 (Thurs), 6/16 (Thurs), 6/23 (Thurs), 6/30 (Thurs)

**Game Dates:** 6/7 (Tues), 6/11 (Sat), 6/14 (Tues), 6/18 (Sat), 6/21 (Tues), 6/25 (Sat), 6/28 (Tues), 7/5 (Tues)

**Practice Start Times:** Either 6:00pm or 7:00pm weekdays; either 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, or 3:00pm on Saturdays

**Game Start Times:** Either 9:00am, 11:30am, or 2:00pm on Saturdays; either 6:00pm or 8:00pm on Tuesdays

### **4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Junior League**

**Practice Dates:** 5/10 (Tues), 5/12 (Thurs), 5/14 (Sat), 5/17 (Tues), 5/19 (Thurs), 5/21 (Sat), 5/24 (Tues), 5/26 (Thurs), 5/28 (Sat), 5/31 (Tues), 6/2 (Thurs), 6/9 (Thurs), 6/16 (Thurs), 6/23 (Thurs), 6/30 (Thurs)

**Game Dates:** 6/7 (Tues), 6/11 (Sat), 6/14 (Tues), 6/18 (Sat), 6/21 (Tues), 6/25 (Sat), 6/28 (Tues), 7/5 (Tues)

**Practice Start Times:** Either 6:00pm or 7:00pm weekdays; either 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, or 3:00pm on Saturdays

**Game Start Times:** Either 9:00am, 11:30am, or 2:00pm on Saturdays; either 6:00pm or 8:00pm on Tuesdays

### **6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Intermediate League**

**Practice Dates:** 5/10 (Tues), 5/12 (Thurs), 5/14 (Sat), 5/17 (Tues), 5/19 (Thurs), 5/21 (Sat), 5/24 (Tues), 5/26 (Thurs), 5/28 (Sat), 5/31 (Tues), 6/2 (Thurs), 6/9 (Thurs), 6/16 (Thurs), 6/23 (Thurs), 6/30 (Thurs)

**Game Dates:** 6/7 (Tues), 6/11 (Sat), 6/14 (Tues), 6/18 (Sat), 6/21 (Tues), 6/25 (Sat), 6/28 (Tues), 7/5 (Tues)

**Practice Start Times:** Either 6:00pm or 7:00pm weekdays; either 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, or 3:00pm on Saturdays

**Game Start Times:** Either 9:00am, 11:30am, or 2:00pm on Saturdays; either 6:00pm or 8:00pm on Tuesdays

Practice and Game hours/dates are subject to change. **We can not honor parent requests to practice/play on certain dates/times.** Official schedules will be passed out by your coach at the beginning of the season. You may also view all of our schedules online, once available. Please visit [www.ci.reynoldsburg.oh.us/sports.aspx](http://www.ci.reynoldsburg.oh.us/sports.aspx).

The time and location for practice is left to the discretion of the coach. Practices may also be cancelled at the discretion of the coach. It is important that players attend practices. There is just as much obligation to attend practices because this is where skills and strategy are taught. The registration fee covers the expenses of the league. Playing time is earned by attending practices.

#### **Picture Day:**

Individual and team pictures will be taken at Huber Park next to the parking lot. The date is scheduled for Saturday, June 4. The rain-out date is Saturday, June 11. Please be sure to call the Weather Hotline at 614-322-6834 if weather is in question. Team coaches will hand out picture information. Picture schedules will also be online at [www.ci.reynoldsburg.oh.us/sports.aspx](http://www.ci.reynoldsburg.oh.us/sports.aspx) once available.

- Uniforms:** **Parents must select the appropriate shirt size for their child on the registration form.** Sample sizes (Youth Small – Adult Extra Large) are available at the Parks and Recreation Office during normal business hours (8am-5pm, Monday-Friday). The following rules apply for shirt selection:
- Shirt number requests will not be accepted.
  - The Parks and Recreation Department is not responsible for shirt replacement if the shirt size requested on the registration form does not fit the child.
  - If the shirt size is not selected on the registration form, the Parks and Recreation Department will make every inquiry to obtain the shirt size for the child. If we do not hear back from the parent prior to ordering shirts, a generic size will be ordered.
- Teams:** All teams are selected by blind draw. Teams are placed in alphabetical order by head coach's last name. Coach's children are then placed on their team. The remaining players are divided by grade level and gender. Players are further divided by evaluations, height, position, degree of experience, unknown experience or inexperienced. The players from each category are distributed one at a time to the teams. Through this process, teams receive even numbers of males/females, grade levels, performance evaluation scores, and experience levels. Our department makes every effort to inquire on the experience level of a player if that portion of the registration form has been left blank.
- No Play Dates:** Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> (JFK Park) and Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Weather Hotline:** The decision to cancel a game and/or practices will be made by the Recreation Office by 4:00pm on weekdays and by 8:00am on Saturdays. Please call the **Activity Status Hotline at 322-6834** to find out if events have been cancelled. If school has been called off due to inclement weather, practices and games for that day will also be cancelled.
- Background Checks:** All coaches (head & assistant) will receive a background check before coaching in the Reynoldsburg Parks & Recreation Department. All head coaches require certification through the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA), which expires 1 year from the registration date.
- Honoring Requests:** Balancing talent levels on each team is the primary goal in assembling teams in each division. Unfortunately, **we do not accept player's requests**. The only exception is for brothers and sisters and for children living in the same household where age and gender would place them in the same age division. **We can not honor parent requests to practice/play on certain dates/times**. The Parks and Recreation Department has the right to honor certain requests that may arise.
- Coaches Needed:** Coaches are needed for all grade divisions. Coaching Applications are available in our Parks and Recreation Office as well as on our website at <http://www.ci.reynoldsburg.oh.us/Coaches.aspx>. A coaching application must be submitted each season for prospective head and assistant coaches.
- NYSCA Coaches' Clinics:** All head coaches in our sports programs will be required to be certified through the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) in order to coach. Certification consists of a 90 minute training video and an exam. The Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation Department will pay the annual fee for all head coaches. If you would like to participate as a head or assistant coach in our program, call 322-6806 to get a Volunteer Coach application. You may also stop in the office for an application, or visit our website at <http://www.ci.reynoldsburg.oh.us/Coaches.aspx> and print off an application.
- Note: Coaches are not required to attend this certification clinic year in and year out. Once the initial clinic is attended, the certification is renewed on an annual basis.**