



Baseball

And Lil' Batters

Dear Parents:

The Child & Youth Services (CYS) Sports & Fitness staff welcomes you to the 2024 Baseball Program. This letter will answer some general questions you may have about the program. CYS Sports hosts a **recreation** league that is inclusive of all youth who want to learn the fundamentals of the game and to have fun. For the player with advanced sports skills and greater ambition, parents may wish to check out alternatives on-line. Any further questions may be addressed to the Sports & Fitness Director. We encourage parents to become involved in our recreational sports program by being a coach, team parent, or offering assistance to staff on game days.

Ages & eligibility Baseball: A child must be 5 yrs old and no older than 15 yrs by 13 July 2024 in order to play in games.

The team ages will be divided as follows: 5-6 yrs, 7-8y yrs, 9-11 yrs, & 12-15 yrs.

Ages & eligibility Lil' Batters: A child must be 3 yrs old and no older than 4 yrs old by 13 July 2024.

There will be two 30 minute practices per week throughout the season. There are **NO GAMES** for this age group. The goal is to learn some fundamentals and to have fun. Parents are encouraged to participate with their child.

Current sports physical: Sports physicals with the doctor's medical stamp are good for 12 months and must be current through the end of the sport season. Parent Central will accept a copy of the medical form you may have obtained for school, provided it has the required documentation on it.

Placement Requests & Practice Day/Time Request: Please stop by the sports office and submit your sports request for preferred practice days & times. We normally offer JBLM Lewis and JBLM McChord practice locations. The practice day & time requests may include Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday practice with a 1700 or 1800 time request.

Lil' Batter's (ages 3-4yr) may request a practice time as early as 1630.

We will do our best to accommodate but cannot make guarantees.

Parent Meetings: First Day of Practices with your coach on the field.

The practice days and times are 2 times per week between 1630 and 1900. CYS Sports is limited to three hours per week including practices and games. **During practice and games, the parents/guardians are responsible for the supervision of the siblings that are not participating in the sporting activity.**

League Play: The Little Batter's will practice 2 times per week with **NO GAMES**. Last day for Lil' Batter's is July 31st or Aug 1st depending on your days of practices. Games for teams ages 5 - 15 yrs will be played Saturday's at JBLM McChord youth baseball fields. Your child's coach will furnish schedules and directions to the game locations.

Snacks: A list of acceptable snacks will be provided. Please adhere to the suggestions as we are trying to encourage healthy habits at a young age. Snacks should be nutritious in content. Please dispose of snacks in designated trash cans located near the bleachers.

Fees: Your registration fee is regulated by Department of the Army (DA). This fee covers medals, certificates and a team photo for all players posing in the photo. This fee also helps offset field maintenance, labor and officials fees. **REFUNDS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED.**

Pictures: **Picture days are scheduled for July 15-18, 2024.** Plans are to have pictures taken outside on the ball fields. Inclement weather will require them to be taken at McChord's Carter Lake Elementary School or in the Sports Gym on Lewis. That call will be made on picture day. Picture schedules for team times will be given to the coaches a few weeks into the season and will be on one of your practice days during those dates.

Volunteers: In order to coach or assist a team, a background check and a coach's certification training is **mandatory**. CYS Sports Coaching Vouchers are available for coaches and assistants, once the background check is **cleared & all required trainings are completed.**
Please contact the CYS Sports Office, at (253) 967-2405 if you are interested.

Sports Refunds: The sports activity fee is **non-refundable**.

Uniforms: **If we have a sponsor for the season, our athletes will be able to keep their t-shirts or jersey.** Uniform pants must be turned into your coach by the last day of games or to your CYS Sports Office to receive your team photo. Otherwise your CYS account will be charged \$15 for pants. **The only equipment you need to provide for your child is a ball mitt.**

Appropriate Conduct: Parents and coaches are reminded that comments should be kept to a minimum and foul language will **NOT** be tolerated at the games. **Adherence to the Parents Code of Ethics will be enforced.** Incidents of inappropriate behavior will be reviewed and corrective action will be taken. Remember to role model Pursuing Victory with Honor - Character Counts both on and off the field.

The CYS Sports & Fitness team thank you in advance for your support.



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