

Hello Parents/Guardians

I am so happy that we are able to do our summer park and rec programs this year. The main change that will be happening is there will not be a parents meeting. As of right now there is no indoor place that is open for me to have one, and weather is always questionable to have it outside. I am going to try to go over everything in this letter. So here goes. **Please read all the information carefully !**

- 1.) Please fill out registration forms (one per child) turn in by March 26th to school or city hall.
 - a.) Parents must sign back of the Registration form, Parents agreement, Liability waiver, and Concussion form. If these are not signed your child will not play (these documents are posted on OF city website, go to departments Park & Rec. to read in detail)
- 2.) We will need coaches for all the teams so please sign up on the registration form.
- 3.) Coaches will be contacted and I will send out emails if more are needed. I am still going to be having a coaches meeting to pick teams and talk about the season. I will contact coaches with this information as soon as I get it set.
 - a.) coaches pick their own practice times and locations
 - b.) coaches will contact all parents once teams are picked (hopefully April 3rd not finalized)
- 4.) Concession stand - we will have concessions each family is expected to work at least 3 to 4 shifts depending on # of games. Schedule and details will be sent out later with game schedule.
- 5.) Pictures - TBD will keep you updated.
- 6.) Start date will be at the end of May and I will update with a schedule as soon as they are available.
- 7.) **FACEBOOK** Please make sure to like the page on facebook " OF summer park & rec programs" I try to post everything on here this includes about game cancellations.
- 8.) Umps - we may have issues with getting ump, so we will be expecting parents to help out with this. You will be paid if you ump a game, I just need to be notified.

Parent Expectations

*Practice Hard like you play a game. Children must come to practices to play in games. We don't want injuries and if children don't show up for practice and know what is going on that is when injuries will accrue. It will be up to the Coach if the child will play in games.

*Stay informed and encourage your child to keep working hard and focus on the good. *Cheer POSITIVELY. Do not show anger or frustration when your child or other children or teammates perform poorly. I will never use foul language or demeaning words.

*Support the coaches and team in defeats, as well as victories. .

*Do not blame individual players, coaches, or officials for losses. We win and lose as a TEAM with NO EXCUSES.

*Be Coachable. Do NOT coach your child during the games - release them to the coaches.

*SUPPORT the decisions made by the coaches, decisions are based on effort and skills. Allow your child to learn how to resolve their own problems. It will help them in their future

*Continue to learn about rules and the sport of baseball/softball.

*At NO time is a parent allowed in the dugout or on the field unless called to by the coach. If this happens the parent will be TOLD they will NOT be allowed at any future games.

Communication:

Line of communications should follow the chain of command:

Athlete to Coach: The player must come to the coach about an issue; your coach will be honest

Athlete to Parent: The player must communicate what the coach said. Please respect the decision, even if you don't agree with it.

Coach-Athlete-Parent: Can meet to discuss the decision.

Athlete-Parent-Park Rec Supervisor: If you are not satisfied with the decision contact the Park Rec Supervisor

24 HOUR RULE: Parents sometimes disagree with a coach's decision coaching style, officials' decisions or game rules. Parents have to understand that the coach does not only represent a player, but the entire team, and must make decisions from the team perspective first and foremost. For parents, it is important to separate their child's sports development from game emotions. For this reason, we have adopted the "24 HOUR RULE", which simply states that the coach/staff will not discuss game situations until 24 hours after the game has passed. This rule helps to move the discussion away from the presence of the players and allows all parties to have time to put things in perspective and cool down if necessary.