

McMinnville Parks & Recreation Youth Baseball/Softball 2021

GENERAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

1. The 2021 Youth Baseball/Softball program will be slightly restructured from past seasons in order to comply with requirements due to Covid-19. **Registration deadline is Thursday, May 6.**
2. The Recreation program provides a recreational skill based learning opportunity for players in pre-K (entering Kindergarten fall of 2021) through 6th grade (baseball)/8th grade (softball).
3. The season will consist of 8 games beginning June 12 and ending July 31. Teams will also have weekly practices as scheduled by the volunteer coaches.
4. All games will take place at Joe Dancer Park:
5. Schedules will be posted on the Parks and Recreation web pages.
 - [Softball information](#) (link)
 - [Baseball information](#) (link)
6. Participants will pre-register for the program in [Activenet](#) and they will be assigned a coach and placed on a team. Team requests are not guaranteed. Some leagues have combined age groups, which need to be balanced.
7. Volunteer coaches will be given training on concussion and Covid-19 safety protocols, as well as age appropriate softball/baseball drills.
8. Spectators will only be allowed in designated areas: out-of-play area adjacent to outfield beginning at 1st or 3rd base and behind outfield fence.
 - a. All spectators in attendance will wear a face covering, and will ensure that physical distancing of at least six (6) feet between individuals from different households is maintained at all times. Games may be cancelled if spectators do not follow physical distancing and face covering protocols.
 - b. Extreme Risk level allows for 100 spectators. If Yamhill County is in the Extreme Risk level, then each player will be allowed a maximum of 3 spectators. Other risk levels do not require a limit on spectators, based on space available.
 - c. Only registered participants, coaches, and staff will be permitted on fields, and in the area behind benches/backstops from 1st base to 3rd base.
 - d. Teams will use the bench/dugout, bullpens, and area behind the backstop to comply with physical distancing requirements.
9. Cleaning: Restrooms and equipment will be cleaned according to OHA Outdoor Recreation and Fitness Guidance.
10. Portopotty use (under current OHA guidance):
 - a. Portopotties will be assigned for use by field.
 - b. Participants (players, coaches, staff, spectators) may only use portopotty assigned to their field.
 - c. General public park users cannot use portopotties assigned to fields, but will have other units available for use.
11. Participants will be asked to use hand sanitizer or handwash station prior to starting activities each day. McMinnville Parks & Recreation will provide disinfectant and hand sanitizer, but participants are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer.

12. McMinnville Parks & Recreation will provide staff to assist with safety protocol enforcement, physical distancing reminders, and to clean equipment/high touch areas between sessions. Failure to comply with face covering, physical distancing, or spectator limits may result in cancellation of games.

EQUIPMENT/ATTIRE

1. All participants must wear face coverings over the nose and mouth at all times at games and practices. Masks can be moved off the mouth briefly to drink. Face shields are not allowed for players, coaches, or staff.
2. Participants will be asked to provide their own water bottle. Water fountains are turned off.
3. Some sharing of equipment is unavoidable (balls, bats, catcher's gear). Balls will be cleaned between innings. Bats and catcher's gear will be cleaned between player use. Players cannot share gloves, other than catcher's mitts, which will require use of hand sanitizer after use.
4. **BATTING HELMETS – It is not feasible to clean batting helmets between players, so players are highly encouraged to provide their own batting helmet. McMinnville Parks and Recreation will provide a batting helmet to those players who do not have one. These helmets will be the responsibility of the player (parents) to bring to each practice and game during the season. Helmets will need to be returned at the end of the season. Players without helmets will not be allowed to bat or be a baserunner during practices or games, but can participate as a fielder.** (Information on helmet pick-up will be released soon. Helmets have been ordered but not delivered.) Lost/replacement helmets will cost \$20.

This plan was written in compliance with Oregon Health Authority Guidance. <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>