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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

VALPARAISO FAMILY YMCA

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2021 T-BALL LEAGUE JUNE 7TH—AUGUST 7TH

Overview

We believe that Youth Sports should be used to develop a child's character while also giving them an opportunity to be active and enjoy being introduced to a new sport. For more experienced players we still believe in giving all children the opportunity to succeed and always place the emphasis on providing a fun environment for your kids.

Divisions

Ages 3 & 4

Ages 5 to 7

Practice

- ◆ Practices will begin the week of June 15th
- ◆ Practices are 45 minutes in length.

Games

- ◆ Game schedules will be distributed at your child's first practice. All teams will play 6 games (weather dependent).
- ◆ Game dates: 6/26, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7
- ◆ Games will be played up to 50 minutes or 4 full innings.

Equipment

- ◆ The YMCA will provide: Bats, bases, helmets, balls & baseball cap.
- ◆ Parents will be responsible for providing: appropriate footwear (no sandals or boots), baseball mitts, water, snacks.
- ◆ The YMCA Pavilion is equipped with a drinking fountain and restroom.

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Uniforms

- ◆ Jerseys purchased at the time of registration will be distributed at your second practice. If you still need to purchase a YMCA All Sport Jersey, you can do so at the Front Desk.

If you have any questions regarding the YMCA's T-Ball program, please contact the Sports Director, James R. Hinson, at jhinson@valpoyymca.org or at 219-462-4185 at extension 239.

Volunteer Coaches Meeting

Wednesday, June 2th @ 5:30pm out at the YMCA Pavilion



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YMCA T-Ball Rules

Basic Rules

1. All players will play the field each inning.
Fielding zones will be outlined to make positions easier and ensure all players receive an opportunity to field the ball.
2. All players will bat each inning.
 - a. There are no strikes, balls or outs
3. **All offensive players** in the field of play (base-runners & batter) **must wear a helmet.**
4. An inning will be completed once all players receive an at bat.
5. Once the ball is put into play, the batter will advance one base regardless of overthrows.
6. When the last batter puts the ball into play, all players on base will advance to home plate.
 - Outs will not be recorded but fielders are encouraged to field and throw the ball to first base.
7. No score or wins/losses will be kept.

Field & Equipment

1. A 6ft in play arc will be painted in front of the tee
 - a. A ball is considered "in play" if it goes past the 6ft arc
2. A 25ft fielding arc will be painted from 1st base to 3rd base
All defensive players must remain behind the fielding arc until the ball is put into play.
3. All game day and practice equipment will be provided by The Valparaiso Family YMCA.
Players are welcome to bring personal equipment (bats, helmets, etc.)
If you bring a personal baseball, please make sure it has a soft core

Games

1. Games will be 40 minutes in length or 3 innings (whichever occurs first).
2. Coaches will act as umpires or game regulators during game day.



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3. We request that during games, each coach assists their team fielding & batting, while Y staff will assist the baserunners

*Parents are encouraged and welcomed to participate with their child during practices and games. Please remember to stay clear of play during games.

Bad Weather Information

In the event of inclement weather the YMCA will deliver a text alert notifying everyone of a cancellation. Coaches will still be responsible for contacting players if a practice or game is cancelled by the YMCA.

Questions regarding inclement weather can be directed towards the Valparaiso Family YMCA at 219-462-4185.

PLAYERSPACE (Youth Sports Communication System)

PLAYERSPACE provides coaches and parents access to team information such as rosters, game schedules and practice schedules. The system also allows for email and texting capabilities.

PLAYERSPACE will be the primary source of communication for youth sports. Personalized login credentials will be delivered, following this meeting.

Each team will have its very own website. There are 2 ways from your team website to arrive to your roster.

1. Click "Roster" from the menu bar
2. Or Click "Coaches Corner" from the menu bar and then click "Roster"

Here you can find:

- Parents phone numbers
- Email addresses
- You can also export all of this information to excel or PDF by clicking the "export" button