



A Parent's guide to
City of Livingston Parks and Rec Department
Tee Ball League

What is Tee Ball?

Tee Ball is a non-competitive program focused on fun, fitness and fundamentals where players are between the ages of 4 and 5, and are first introduced to the basics of baseball and softball. We are dedicated to teaching the fundamentals of the game in a fun environment while incorporating physical activity. The Parks & Recreation Department's philosophy is to offer each child an opportunity to learn to play tee ball in a non-threatening, fun environment under the supervision of competent and concerned adults. Tee ball is a skill building, learning experience. The volunteer parent coaches are positive and patient and offer constructive feedback. Tee ball should be an enjoyable experience for players, parents and coaches. All volunteer coaches go through a training and thorough background check.

LEAGUE BASICS

- Tee ball is the entry sport to baseball and softball, we serve youth ages 4-5 years old.
- Members of Tee Ball will have a practice and a game the same day on Saturdays.
- At games two teams will take turns each inning hitting the ball off a tee set at home plate.
- The elimination of pitching allows children to participate without fear of being hit by a pitched ball.
- Tee ball develops the skills of hitting, running, fielding, throwing and cooperating with other children

FEES

\$65.00 City of Livingston Residents / \$75.00 Non-residents

*A late fee will be added if player is registered after the last day of registration.

REGISTRATION available at the Livingston Civic Center, 229 River Drive or online:

<https://secure.rec1.com/MT/livingston-recreation-department/catalog>

TEAMS

Will be formed to best accommodate requests that are made. i.e. practice time to fit guardian(s) work schedule, practice location etc. Please provide this information in the request section of registration. There will be no more than 10 participants on each team.

COACHES

Parents have graciously volunteered their time to coach. Please ask your coach if you can help in any way. During games, coaches establish the line-up and help the batter. Your coach will be setting up the tee for batters and a coach or parent may also be at first and third base when your team is up to bat. Coaches are allowed in the outfield with the players in order to help players on defense. All coaches go through a mandatory meeting and background check before the first practice.

SUPERVISORS

The Parks & Recreation Department will provide a supervisor during games. Supervisors will be responsible for ensuring the games are running smoothly and safely. Feel free to contact the field

supervisor with any questions or concerns that may arise. All field supervisors are Parks & Recreation Department staff members and can answer questions.

PRACTICES

May begin the week of April 15th but will depend on the completion of your coach's background check and is also weather dependent! You will be placed on a team practicing in a location that best fits the information you provide us during registration. Please do not limit us to only one available day of the week for your child. Teams will practice twice the first week and one time per week following that.

GAMES

Games begin April 27 and will end the week of June 1, 2024. Games will be played **on SATURDAYS** at Miles Park Baseball Fields. Coaches will provide the players a game schedule.

GAME CANCELLATIONS

Games will be canceled when there is lightening, thunder and / or heavy rain or snow resulting in unsafe conditions. We will make every attempt to play and will base cancellation decisions on safety rather than comfort, so please dress accordingly. Parks and Recreation Department staff will make cancellation decisions **by 8:00 am on Saturdays** and post to our Facebook Page and our Phone Hotline 406-223-2233. Games may still have to be canceled at the field if conditions change at the last minute.

UNIFORMS

The Parks & Recreation Department will provide each player with a ¾ sleeve baseball t-shirt with team name & sponsor name as well as a Livingston Rec adjustable baseball cap. Athletic shoes are required and rubber cleats are allowed. No metal cleats please. Each player will need to provide his/her own glove. If you need help with this, please talk to your coach or contact the Parks & Recreation Department.

PICTURES

Team and individual pictures will be taken early on in the season. The photographer will give coaches order forms to distribute. Pictures will be ready before the end of the season. Purchase of pictures is optional. The photographer will collect the money and distribute the pictures prior to the end of the season. Picture day may not coincide with your regular practice / game days, please plan accordingly.

Rule Overview

- The ball is hit off a tee at home plate.
- There are no walks or strikeouts.
- If the batter hits the tee and not the ball, the coach will place the ball back on the tee.
- The coach will use their discretion to decide if the batter hits the ball and should run.
- The game will consist of 3 innings with each player having a turn at bat during their half-inning.
- The batting order will be different each inning so all players have a chance to cross home plate. After the last batter hits, all runners run around the bases.
- All team members play defense.
- Outs from a caught ball, a force out by the defense, or a thrown bat are recognized as an out, but the child may stay on the base and run the bases.
- There is no stealing of bases.
- Players stay on the base until the ball is hit.
- Runners may advance one base on a hit or over-throw.
- Score is NOT KEPT.

SAFETY RULE - When the ball is hit, players must set the bat down and not throw the bat. All players must remain behind the batting line (or cone) until the bat is set down. If a player throws the bat, they will be brought back to pick up the bat and set it by home plate. Players must listen to the coach and try to follow directions.