

KIDS OF GRACE SPORTS



BASEBALL HANDBOOK



Hello Baseball Fans!

Thank you so much for registering for Kids of Grace Spring Baseball! We are excited to have this fun season with you. Please read the following rules and regulations for this year's baseball season.

Our mission is to share the Gospel of Jesus and disciple kids in the faith through the structure and systems of Sports. We recognize there is more to life than sports. However, we know that sports are terrific vehicles to share the truth of Jesus and to provide objective lessons for discipleship.

To glorify Christ and to respect each other, we ask that all participants and spectators exhibit Christ-honoring behavior. This behavior includes but is not limited to the use of foul or unfitting language, overly competitive attitudes, and any physical altercations whatsoever. Please supervise your kids who are not participating.

See you on the field! To God alone be the glory!

Stay Strong in Christ,

Nate DeCoste
President

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League Details

Tee-Ball Co-ed

Blue Jays - Tee Ball Level A - 4yrs-5yrs- \$75 Beavers

- Rookies (Tee Ball Level B) - 6yrs-7yrs - \$90

Baseball - Boys

Badgers - Minor League - 8yrs-9yrs - \$100

Bears - Junior League - 10yrs-12yrs - \$120

Softball - Girls

Blaze - Softball Level A - 8yrs-9yrs - \$100

Bobcats - Softball Level B - 10yrs-12yrs - \$120

Logistics

Season: Friday, April 12th- Friday, May 31st

The first two weeks will be practice/ability assessment weeks followed by six weeks of micro-practice then games.

Schedules are still being determined but will be in the timeframe of 5pm-8pm.

Before each game there will be a "chalk talk" (Bible devotional)

Location: Riverside High School - 2900 SW Borland Rd, Tualatin, OR 97062

Gear and Supplies

Each registered family will need to contribute an unused case of baseballs.

What Kids of Grace will Provide:

- Baseballs
- Jerseys
- Baseball hats
- All the necessary field equipment

What You'll Need to Provide

- Batting helmet
- Baseball Mitt
- Bats
- Batting gloves*
- Solid Gray baseball pants**
- Baseball cleats
- Any game accessories *

*Optional

**Gray Sweatpants are OK for Tee Ball

Jerseys and Colors

There will be two different colors (red and blue). We will be doing an assessment first two weeks so when can split the kids up evenly. When we split into two teams we will divide them into a red and blue team. The hat will be a standard navy blue that will go with either color.

Tee Ball



BLUE JAYS - LEVEL A - 4 YRS-5 YRS



Beavers - Rookies (Tee Ball Level B) - 6yrs-7yrs



Blue Jays - Tee Ball Levels A - Co-ed

At this level the intentions are to enforce the basic concepts of hitting, fielding, and to introduce base running. Additionally, we want to coach and play in such a way where the kids have fun and are relaxed around a baseball coming towards them.

Beavers - Rookies (Tee Ball Level B) - Co-ed

End of Season Goal

- How to stand and swing a bat
- How to throw the ball accurately to teammates
- Begin to understand the idea of hitting the ball and running to a base

Rules

- Every player bats and plays in the field.
- The ball is hit off a batting tee; there is no pitching.
- There are no walks or strikeouts.
- The ball must travel 10 feet or it is a foul.
- No fielder may cross the playing line until the ball is hit.
- No stealing. Player stays on the base until the ball is hit.
- An inning is over when all the players have batted once.
- Standard game is four innings.
- Scores are not kept at this age level

Positions

- 1st Base
- 2nd Base
- 3rd Base
- Modified Centerfield (ten feet behind and between 1st and 2nd Base)
- Modified Shortstop (closer to where the pitcher would traditionally be)
- Modified Right field (closer)*
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**Expendable if there are not enough players*

Equipment

- Safety helmets must be worn.
- Bats - 25"/26" long & 2¼" diameter, max. 17 to 20 ounces.
- Ball - 9" to 9½" around; 4 to 5 ounces. (Softer than a standard baseball)

Field

- 50 feet between the bases.
- A real or imaginary playing line is between first base and third base or an
- arc 40 feet from home plate.

Minor League



BADGERS

Badgers - Minor League Level A - 8yrs-9yrs



BEARS

Bears - Minor League Level B - 10yrs-12yrs

Minor League

Badgers Level A

At this level the intentions to see the ball hit the ball, begin fielding instincts, and to continue base running. The goal is for kids to begin to feel comfortable hitting the ball and running to bases. Additionally, we want to coach and play in such a way where the kids have fun and are relaxed around a harder baseball.

End of Season Goal

- Hit the ball off a pitch
- Throw between the bases
- Know when to run the bases

Rules

- Every player gets to bat and play the field.
- Each batter receives a maximum of five pitches.
- Three Strikes, Four balls - total of seven pitches per batter
- The ball must travel 10 feet
- No stealing. Player stays on the base until the ball is hit.
- An inning is over when all the players have batted once.
- Standard game is six inning - game should not last longer than an hour.
- No game should go beyond six innings.
- Score is kept
- After the 4th inning use the Tee if players are showing fatigue or have not hit the ball

Positions

- 1st Base
- 2nd Base
- 3rd Base
- Catcher
- Centerfield
- Shortstop
- Leftfield
- Rightfield

Equipment

- Standard hard baseball
- Bats: 26"

Field

- 60 feet between the bases.

Bears - Level B

At this level the intentions are to see the kids grow in hitting the ball, fielding instincts, and to self-guided base running. The goal is for kids to begin to feel comfortable hitting the ball and running to bases.

End of Season Goals

- Hit the ball off a pitch
- Know the functions of each position
- Self-guided Base Running

Rules

- Every player gets to bat and play the field.
- Each batter receives a maximum of five pitches.
- Three Strikes, Four balls - total of seven pitches per batter
- The ball must travel 10 feet after being hit
- No stealing. Player stays on the base until the ball is hit.
- An inning is over when all the players have batted once.
- Standard game is six inning - game should not last longer than an hour.
- No game should go beyond six innings.
- Score is kept
- After the 4th inning use the Tee if players are showing fatigue or have not hit the ball

Positions

- 1st Base
- 2nd Base
- 3rd Base
- Catcher
- Centerfield

- Shortstop
- Leftfield
- Rightfield

Equipment

- Standard hard baseball
- Bats: 26"

Field

- 60 feet between the bases.

Softball



BLAZE

Blaze - Softball Level A - 8yrs-9yrs



Bobcats - Softball Level B - 10yrs-12yrs

Softball

Girls - Slow Pitch Softball

We want to see kids hit the ball, develop fielding instincts, and to understand base running. The goal is for kids to begin to feel comfortable hitting a larger ball and running to bases.

End of Season Goal

- Hit the ball off a pitch
- Throw between the bases
- Be able to underhand pitch
- Know when to run the bases

Rules

- Every player gets to bat and play the field.
- Each batter receives a maximum of five pitches.
- Three Strikes, Four balls - total of seven pitches per batter
- The ball must travel 10 feet
- Pitching must be hit-able and thrown under hand
- No stealing. Player stays on the base until the ball is hit.
- An inning is over when all the players have batted once.
- Standard game is six inning - game should not last longer than an hour.
- No game should go beyond six innings.
- Score is kept

Positions

- 1st Base
- 2nd Base
- 3rd Base
- Pitcher
- Catcher
- Centerfield
- Shortstop
- Leftfield

- Rightfield

Equipment

- Standard slow-pitch softball
- Bats: 26"

Field

- 60 feet between the bases.
- Pitcher stands approx. 45' away