



# George I Theisen Family YMCA Spring 2024 T-Ball FAQ's

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Registration is from March 11-April 1st.

Late registration is from April 2<sup>nd</sup>-April 8th (\$20 late fee)

Practices begin the **Week** of April 29th.

Games are scheduled from May 11<sup>th</sup>- June 15th.

**Please note information is subject to change.**

## WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING?

AGE	CLEATS	DRESS	WATER BOTTLE	Glove	Bat/ball	Helmet
3 T-ball Co-ed	Recommended, but not required	Dress comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	YES	Foam Bat Not required	Preferred
4-5 T-ball Co-ed	Recommended, but not required	Dress comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	YES	Not required	Preferred
6-7 Super T-ball Co-ed	Recommended, but not required	Dress comfortably (shorts, t-shirt)	YES	YES	Not required	Preferred

## WHAT IS PROVIDED IN MY REGISTRATION FEE? MEMBERS- \$80, NON-MEMBERS- \$115

The YMCA is committed to providing the highest quality program for you and your family. Staff is provided to oversee all operations of the practices and games. Fields are maintained and kept in safe and presentable conditions. Additionally, your child will be provided with a team jersey and hat. Every child will receive an end of the year trophy. Six games are scheduled, with a guarantee of five games.

## DOES THE YMCA GUARANTEE MY REQUESTS?

The YMCA cannot guarantee any requests that are made for practice days, times, coaches, etc. Please note, that if you want to switch teams after jerseys have been ordered if you have the wrong size, there will be a \$12-\$20 additional fee added to your account. This covers the new jersey and the shipping fee.

## WHAT AGE GROUP SHOULD MY CHILD BE IN?

Your child should be in an age group based on their age on the first day of practices. Example: If the child is 5 at the time of registration, but turns 6 before the first day of practices, the child would need to play in the 6-7 age group.

## WILL THE YMCA COMMUNICATE INFORMATION WITH ME?

Yes, but the primary form of communication is through a program called PlayerSpace and email. If you do not receive email correspondence by April 22<sup>nd</sup>, a week before practices start, please email [russell.webb@ymcagreenville.org](mailto:russell.webb@ymcagreenville.org) or [gitsports@ymcagreenville.org](mailto:gitsports@ymcagreenville.org) with your child's name and age group, to make sure we have the correct email address. The YMCA will communicate practice schedules, game schedules, and other important information throughout the season through PlayerSpace.

## Who are the coaches for the T-Ball/Baseball teams?

The YMCA relies on parents and volunteers to serve as coaches for all T-Ball/Baseball teams within the organization. If you or anyone you know may be interested in serving as a volunteer coach during the upcoming spring season please contact Russell Webb @ [russell.webb@ymcagreenville.org](mailto:russell.webb@ymcagreenville.org) and he will provide you with the information you need to complete to become a volunteer coach.

## WHEN SHOULD I HEAR FROM THE COACH?

Coaches are expected to review their rosters and contact their players the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have not heard from your coach by Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> contact Lindsey or Russell.

## **PRACTICE INFORMATION**

Practices begin the **week** of April 29th. All practices will begin at 5:30, 5:45, 6:00, 6:30, or 6:45pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, **Wednesdays**, or Thursdays. Coaches will choose the practice day/time for the team he or she coaches.

- 3yr. old age group will have two practice days (one each week) before moving to games only. Practices most likely will be held on Tuesday's.
- Ages 4-5 will practice once a week.
- Ages 6-7 will practice once or twice a week depending on coach's availability, and if he or she chooses to have the team practice twice during the week or not.

## **WHEN WILL THE GAMES BE PLAYED?**

- After completing two weeks of practice, the 3yr. old age group will begin playing only games with a brief 5-10 minute warm up/practice before the game. The games will be played during their regularly scheduled practice days. Games may also be scheduled during a Saturday morning or a weeknight different from their regular practice day if there is a need for a make-up game or an additional game.
- Games will be on Saturdays for 4-7year olds beginning May 11th and ending June 15<sup>th</sup>. Games will be played at the GIT YMCA **and/or any of the other YMCA branches.** We will also have one or two weeknight game during the season.
- No games will be played/scheduled on May 25<sup>th</sup> during Memorial Day weekend.

## **WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL PICTURES?**

After the game schedule has been created, we will send it to the photographer, and they will develop a picture schedule. As soon as we get this, we will pass it along to coaches and parents through email. PortraitEFX is the photography company. After your picture day has passed, they will process all orders and mail them out after the season is over. Any inquiries regarding problems with picture orders or not receiving your pictures should be sent to Todd Rogers at (864) 616-7999 or [trogers@portraitefx.com](mailto:trogers@portraitefx.com).

## **IS THERE AN END OF SEASON PARTY?**

Trophies will be given to coaches before the end of the season. It is up to coaches to pass them out after the last game or at a party. If you would like your team to have a party to pass out trophies, get with your coach and/or team parent to help set one up.

## **IS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE?**

Yes, please ask the front desk for the paperwork needed to apply for financial assistance. For questions on this process, please call the front desk at (864) 834-2400.

## **WHAT ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER AND CANCELLATIONS?**

- Practices**-The Sports Director will call practices under severe weather (lighting, thunderstorms, tornado watch), ongoing hard rain, snow/ice, fields unplayable, and/or any possible weather threats. **Otherwise, any other weather conditions such as small rain showers will be at the discretion of the coach. This is for all ages. Please get a contact list of the Head Coach, Assistant Coach, and Team parent to see if practice is called off.** If the YMCA does call practices, the decision will be made by 4:45pm. Always check with your coach to see if it's cancelled.
- Games**- The Sports Director will call games at the earliest time possible. The Sports Director will call or email all coaches as soon as a decision is made. **This decision will be made by 4:45pm for weekdays and 8:00am on Saturdays.** After this time all decisions will be made on the field and information will be given to the Member Services desk at the YMCA. Always check with your coach to see if it's cancelled.

## **HOW CAN I GET A REFUND/ CREDIT?**

Refund Policy-

<b>DATE</b>	<b>REFUND/CREDIT</b>
March 11th- April 1st	A full refund will be issued.
April 2nd-April 26th	Credit or refund minus \$20
April 27 <sup>th</sup> and after	No refund. (Unless emergency and/or doctor's note)

## **HAVE A QUESTION NOT LISTED HERE?**

Please direct all questions and concerns to:

Lindsey Hardin

Operations Director

(864) 834-2400

[lindsey.hardin@ymcagreenville.org](mailto:lindsey.hardin@ymcagreenville.org)

Russell Webb

Youth and Family Assistant Program Director

(864) 689-4704

[russell.webb@ymcagreenville.org](mailto:russell.webb@ymcagreenville.org)