

# Harrison Recreation Rookie League

The Rookie division is co-ed and tailored to our youngest athletes aged 3 & 4 years old. Harrison Recreation's Rookie program is intended to serve as an introduction to the games of baseball & softball. Since it is primarily an instructional division, emphasis is placed on having fun and on skill development.

The children hit off of the tee for the entire season, with the potential of switching to coach pitch depending on the individual player's development. Because a strong emphasis is placed on making the game fun and enjoyable, as well as informative, no scores are kept and innings do not end until every child has had the opportunity to bat.

Although coaches are very involved on the field, they will need the assistance of many parents. As you can imagine, trying to keep a team of 3 & 4 year olds focused, takes the efforts of more than one individual.

T-Ball games are typically played once / twice per week . The season begins in early April and concludes in late May. Practice times are left up to the coaches of the individual teams. Games last 1 hour.

Harrison Recreation will provide each child with a shirt and cap. Parents are responsible for providing a baseball glove, cleats, and a helmet. You may also choose to purchase a bat for your child. All of this equipment can be purchased rather inexpensively at any sporting goods retailer.

1. Each team will be comprised of 6-8 players.
2. Each team will be there entire roster before switching in and out on defense.
3. Last batter in your lineup will hit and run every base to clear all the bases.
4. Each batter will hit off a tee, with the potential of switching to coach pitch depending on the development of the player. Remember, there is nothing wrong with hitting off a tee!!!!
5. No outs or score will be counted
6. We will play base to base on offense. This means when the batter hits the ball, they will run to first base and stop. Runner on 1<sup>st</sup> base will run to 2<sup>nd</sup> base, etc.
7. We encourage to teach the defense the fundamentals of getting outs. You can work on teaching them to tag runners, throw the ball to appropriate bases to get force outs, but no outs will be counted.
8. Each game will last 1 hour and there will be a game administrator to oversee and make sure the game is moving along in a timely manner
9. Remember, this division is not about winning, its about learning some basic fundamentals, and most of all having fun!

