

## Welcome to Dickinson Parks and Recreation T-Ball!



Thank you for giving Dickinson Parks and Recreation coaches and staff the opportunity to teach your child the fundamentals of baseball/softball. We are committed to providing a positive learning environment that stresses the fundamental skills of t-ball. The priority of the program is learning, not winning. When coaches select field positions for their teams, they will assure that athletes are placed in positions in which they will remain safe.

Athletes will require some special equipment or attire for t-ball. Most importantly, athletes will need his/her own t-ball mitt. Athletes are asked to wear tennis shoes for the safety of all athletes—no cleats of any kind. Athletes do not need helmets, baseball/softball pants, sliding shorts, sliding mitts, bats, or eye black. Dickinson Parks and Recreation will provide bats. Due to the differences in t-ball versus both baseball and softball, sliding is not necessary; therefore, sliding apparel is a mute point. If children are nervous or apprehensive about getting hit with a ball, a helmet may be a reasonable purchase.

Athletes will be expected to stay on the field with their team and coach for the duration of the practice/game. They will be discouraged from visiting spectators at practice or games. Athletes shall only bring water onto the field or into the dugout. Only t-ball staff and athletes shall be present on the field and in the dugout. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer for the t-ball program, please visit the Dickinson Parks and Recreation office and ask for human resources. A volunteer form must be completed and photo identification must be submitted.

The first three days of practice athletes will remain on their home field. Coaches will rotate to each field to relay their specific knowledge to each player. An email will be sent by July 10th specifying on which team your athlete is placed. Starting Monday, July 13th, athletes will join the team that he/she will practice and play games with for the duration of the season. If an athlete must be with another athlete please let Coach Tibor know after the conclusion of the parent meeting. Starting on July 13th, practices will occur on Mondays and Tuesdays, and games will occur on Wednesdays. An email with the game schedule will be sent by July 10th.

If you have any concerns or comments, please find Desirae Tibor, the t-ball coordinator at North Complex. If you need to get in touch with the t-ball coordinator outside of t-ball hours, text a message to 701-690-4112.

Thank you for entrusting Dickinson Parks and Recreation with the opportunity to teach your child t-ball. We look forward to an engaging educational experience.

***Dickinson Parks & Recreation  
T-Ball Coordinator & Staff***