



## Youth Baseball/Softball Information Sheet

### 1. Leagues Offered & Eligibility

- Baseball

Wee Ball (ages 3-4) | T-Ball (ages 5-6) | Rookies (ages 7-8) | Minors (ages 9-10) | Majors (ages 11-12)

*\*Leagues and Age Divisions subject to change based on registration numbers*

- Softball

8U (ages 8 and under) / 10U ages 10 and under

*\*Leagues must meet the minimum participation requirement to avoid forfeiting the season. In the event the softball season is canceled due to lack of participation, all players will be given the option to register for youth baseball or receive a full refund.*

### 2. How much will it cost to register my child?

City of Monroe Residents - T-Ball \$20.00/ Rookies, Minors, Majors \$35.00/ Softball \$35.00

Non-City Residents - T-Ball \$40.00/ Rookies, Minors, Majors \$70.00/ Softball \$70.00

***Online Registration highly recommended.***

Cash, checks and credit/debit cards accepted. Please make checks payable to: City of Monroe

*\*Financial Assistance is available.*

### 3. When / where can I register?

Spring Registration is held in January of each year.

Fall Registration is held in July of each year.

**Online:** [www.monroenc.org/departments/parks-recreation/athletics](http://www.monroenc.org/departments/parks-recreation/athletics)

**Office:** 500 W. Jefferson St. Monroe, NC 28110

*\*Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm*

### 4. What is included in the registration fee?

Uniforms consist of a jersey or shirt, and hat.

### 5. What equipment will my child be using?

**ALL players are required to supply his/her own baseball glove.** All other equipment will be provided. Players may bring his/her own batting helmet and bat. ALL bats must have a USA Bat Marking in order to be eligible.

### 6. When is the parent meeting?

There will be a parent information session the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in January (Spring Registration) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in July (Fall Registration) to answer any questions regarding the upcoming season. This meeting is highly recommended for new participants.



## 7. How to be a coach?

### **VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!!!**

Potential coaches must be 18 years or older, fill out a coach's application, and pass a criminal background screening. **Completion of paperwork does not guarantee a coaching position.**

## 8. Skills Assessment(s)

NO skills assessment necessary. All players are assigned to a team at random; Coaches are guaranteed his/her child. Special requests can be made during the only registration process – see below **#15 Special Requests**.

## 9. When will I be contacted?

Please allow volunteer coaches time to contact each participant before contacting our office. Players should receive an email, phone call or text message from a coach confirming practice days and times at least one (1) week before the first scheduled practice. However, please note this may not always be the case.

Spring Baseball practices are tentatively scheduled to begin in March.

Fall Baseball practices are tentatively scheduled to begin in August.

\*The first scheduled practice is dependent on the number of volunteer coaches, coach's availability, and can vary permitting weather and field conditions.

## 10. How many practices will my child have per week?

Teams will receive two practices per week (lasting approximately 1 hour). Once games begin practices may be shortened to one practice per week at the coach's discretion or based on scheduling purposes.

## 11. When/where will games be played?

Once available, game schedules can be found [here](#).

Youth Baseball and Softball game locations may vary across Union County, NC.

### **Monroe Parks and Recreation Field Location:**

**Sunset Park** (306 W. Sunset Dr. Monroe, NC 28112)

*\*Home games and practices will be played here.*

## 12. Team Pictures

Team and individual picture opportunities will be available. Days, times, and location will be announced once scheduled.

## 13. Inclement Weather Hotline

In the event of inclement weather, the weather hotline will be updated. The Parks and Recreation Department will make all weather related decisions for weeknight activities no later than 4:00pm. Any time Union County Public Schools (UCPS) cancels because of inclement weather, all practices and games scheduled for that day at all gyms will be cancelled. If school is cancelled on a Friday because of inclement weather, games scheduled for the following Saturday are also cancelled.



#### **14. Scholarship Opportunities**

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Rae Moore at [rmoore@monroenc.org](mailto:rmoore@monroenc.org) for additional information.

#### **15. Special Request**

Requesting a particular coach, teammate or practice night does not guarantee that request, but staff will do all they can to help grant a request or accommodate a conflict. Each request will be reviewed by the department on a case by case basis.