

Decatur Youth Baseball & Softball

2024 Early Registration Form



Decatur
• PARK DISTRICT •

Register by February 21 to receive
discounted Early Registration rate.

Parent/Guardian Information

Father/Guardian	Mother/Guardian
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

Circle best parent/guardian to contact
Email address is necessary for league communication.

<u>Volunteer Sign Up</u>	<u>Sponsors</u>									
<p>Decatur Youth Baseball and Softball needs your help to be successful! Please consider volunteering for one of the following positions:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Position</th> <th style="width: 45%;">Volunteer's Name</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Division</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Head Coach</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Assistant Coach</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Position	Volunteer's Name	Division	Head Coach			Assistant Coach			<p>*Please see sponsor page for more information</p> <p>Triple Level: \$250 Home Run Level: \$350 All Star Level: \$500+</p>
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Head Coach										
Assistant Coach										

**This year players will have the opportunity to participate in our division skill nights. These nights will be in April at Rotary Park. Please see the attached Q&A for more details.*

Decatur Youth Baseball & Softball Code of Conduct

Please read our new code of conduct and our parent coach communication guidelines. Repercussions for not following the code of conduct may result in removal from the game to the extent of not being allowed back.

Child (1) Name: (PRINT) _____

Child (2) Name: (PRINT) _____

Child (3) Name: (PRINT) _____

Child (4) Name: (PRINT) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please check the box next to your chosen division. When registering multiple children, please register them in order from oldest to youngest.

Child 1:

Name: _____ Gender: _____ Birth Date: ___/___/___

Age: _____ Current Grade: _____ School: _____ Baseball Softball

As of 5/1/24 Circle one

<u>Boys' Divisions/Birth Date</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>VSI#</u>	<u>Girls' Divisions/Birth Date</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>VSI#</u>
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Shirt Size (circle one):

Youth XS Youth Small Youth Medium Youth Large
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Medical conditions or allergies: _____

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Name: _____ Gender: _____ Birth Date: ___/___/___

Age: _____ Current Grade: _____ School: _____ Baseball Softball

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(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

Amount Paid: _____ Cash [] Check #: _____ Verified By: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

CC#: _____ Exp: _____ CVV: _____ #RT Given: _____

Decatur Park District – Youth Baseball/Softball Waiver & Release

Important Information

The Decatur Park District is committed to conducting its recreation programs and activities in a safe manner and holds the safety of participants in high regard. The Decatur Park District continually strives to reduce such risks and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to protect the participants' safety. However, participants and parents/guardians of minors registering for this program must recognize that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in recreational programs/activities. You are solely responsible for determining if you or your minor child/ward is physically fit and/or adequately skilled for the activities contemplated by this agreement. It is always advisable, especially if the participant is pregnant, disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician before undertaking any physical activity.

Warning of Risk

Baseball is intended to challenge and engage the physical, mental and emotional resources of each participant. Despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury. All hazards and dangers cannot be foreseen. Certain risks include, but are not limited to, the acts of pitching, throwing, fielding and catching the ball, the swinging of the bat, being struck by errant balls, being struck by another player's bat, running, jumping, stretching, sliding, diving, collisions with other players and with stationary objects, acts of God, inclement weather, horseplay, unsportsmanlike conduct, dangerous playing conditions, poor field conditions, defective equipment, equipment failure, premises defects, slip and falls, failure in supervision and officiating, and all other circumstances inherent to the sport of baseball. In this regard, it is impossible for the Decatur Park District to guarantee absolute safety.

Waiver and Release of All Claims and Assumption of Risk

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in this program/activity, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with this program/activity (including transportation services and vehicle operations, when provided).

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this program/activity, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in this program/activity against the Decatur Park District, including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees.

I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims. If registering electronically, my electronic signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.

Photo Waiver

I understand that my child/ward or I may be photographed or videotaped while participating in a Decatur Park District program. I give permission for photos and videotapes of my child/ward or me to be used to promote the Park District. Such photos and videotapes will remain the property of the Decatur Park District.

Child (1) Name: (PRINT) _____

Child (2) Name: (PRINT) _____

Child (3) Name: (PRINT) _____

Child (4) Name: (PRINT) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Decatur Youth Baseball & Softball Code of Conduct

PARTICIPANT CONDUCT

Players participating in the Decatur Park District's Youth Baseball and Softball League represent their community, team, family, and themselves to others. Therefore, the player should represent the highest moral, emotional, and physical values set forth by the Decatur Park District and adhere to the following rules:

- A. All participants are expected to dress appropriately when representing the Decatur Park District (as designated by using an approved uniform handed out or approved by the Decatur Park District).
- B. Participants will be expected to show good sportsmanship on and off the athletic field.

PRACTICE SESSIONS/GAMES

- A. The coach will provide practice times; the participants are expected to be dressed and ready to participate at the proper time.
- B. The coach must be notified in advance if a participant misses practice or a game.
- C. Coaches will not tolerate profane language during a practice session, game, or program activity.
- D. No horseplay (as interpreted by the coach) will be allowed in the practice or game area.

PARTICIPANT CONDUCT CONSEQUENCES

Any violation of the above policies will result in disciplinary action taken by the coach and/or Youth Baseball and Softball Supervisor and can result in a one-to-five-day suspension from the program. Repeated violations can be cause for dismissal from the program.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT POLICY PLAYERS/PARENTS/SPECTATORS

This rule is in conjunction with IESA Bylaw 2.090 and IHSA Bylaw 6.011 & 6.012.

Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as and will include fighting, verbal abuse/dissent directed toward an official or opponent, racial or ethnic slurs, profanity/obscene gestures, flagrant/violent fouls, taunting, trash-talking/baiting, cheating, throwing, abusing equipment, physical intimidation, or abuse of an official or opponent, and unauthorized leaving of the team bench area.

SPORTSMANSHIP AT THE DECATUR PARK DISTRICT

Doing the right thing can be challenging. In most cases, it is easier to ignore poor sportsmanship than to confront it. But if we are going to improve sportsmanship in our activities, we must have the courage to act. As participants, fans, and parents, we should all do the following:

1. Positively support your team! Please do not taunt or show lack of respect for the opponents.
2. Respect officials and the difficulty of their tasks.
3. Comply with local regulations concerning conduct at activities.
4. Remember that the game is a learning experience for the young involved, and mistakes will happen.
5. Remember, a ticket to a game is a privilege to observe a game and not a license to be obnoxious to players, coaches, and officials!
6. Encourage other fans to be positive in their support for their team.

Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are precisely those that will promote a successful life after childhood. We hope to provide a program that makes the athlete and guardians' experience with the Decatur Park District more enjoyable.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT CONSEQUENCES

Any coach, player, parent, or fan ejected from a game or practice will result in the following disciplinary action:

First Offense:

1. A one-game suspension from participation in the program, whether held on the same day or subsequent days. If the season does not allow the player, coach, parent, and/or fan to complete the suspension successfully, the rest will carry over to the next season.
2. The athlete, coach, and or parent must submit in writing a statement of the incident within 48 hours after the incident took place to the Youth Baseball and Softball Supervisor.

Second Offense:

1. Player, Coach, parent, or fan will be removed from the team and/or Decatur Park Districts' ball fields for the remainder of the season, including all season and post-season activities.

The Decatur Park District/The Youth Baseball and Softball Supervisor reserves the right, given the severity of an offense, for immediate and/or permanent suspension from the program or all Park District activities, without prior consequences and/or warning.

PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP

Both parenting and coaching are challenging vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefits to our student-athletes. As parents, when your athlete becomes involved in our program, you have a right to understand the expectations. This begins with clear communication from the coach concerning their program.

COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM YOUR SON'S/DAUGHTER'S COACH

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations the coach has for your athlete as well as all the players on the team.
3. Location and times of all practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, fees, special equipment, and special team rules.
5. Procedure should your athlete be injured during participation.
6. Discipline that results in the denial of your student's participation.

COMMUNICATION COACHES EXPECT FROM PARENT(S)

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
3. Specific concern regarding a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

As your athlete becomes involved in the program, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. At these times, I encourage you to talk with the coach.

APPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES

1. The treatment of your athlete mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your athlete improve.
3. Concerns about your child's behavior.

Accepting your child is not playing as much as you may hope is complicated. Coaches make decisions based on what they believe is best for all athletes. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your son's/daughter's coach. Other things must be left to the discretion of the coach.

SOME SITUATIONS MAY REQUIRE A CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE COACH AND THE PARENT(S)

These are to be encouraged. Both parties involved must have a clear understanding of the other's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

If you have a concern(s) to discuss with a coach, this procedure is to be followed:

1. Call and set up an appointment with the coach.
2. If the coach can't reach you, please call the Youth Baseball and Softball Supervisor, and a meeting will be arranged for you.
3. Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during, or after a game or practice. These can be emotional times for the parent(s) and the coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution.

What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach does not provide a satisfactory resolution?

1. Call and set up an appointment with the Youth Baseball and Softball Supervisor to discuss the situation. The Youth Baseball and Softball Supervisor will set up an appointment to meet with BOTH the coach and athlete present.
2. At this meeting, the appropriate next step will be determined, the Youth Baseball and Softball Supervisor will make the final ruling.

Our goal at the Decatur Park District is to foster an environment in which players can develop a love and understanding of the game, develop their skills, learn to be good teammates, and practice good sportsmanship. Most importantly we want players to play the game and have fun.

Decatur Youth Baseball & Softball Frequently Asked Questions

When will my child be contacted with his/her coaches' information?

-Once teams are selected, parents will be notified via email, with their coach's name and contact information. You should expect to see this email by April 1st. If not, please contact us at baseball@decparcs.com. Parents are **required** to list an email address on registration form.

When does the season begin?

- Individual team practices can begin the first week of April. Your child's coach will contact you regarding specific practice plans.
- Opening Day is on Saturday, May 4th at Rotary Park. All teams will play their first in-house game.
- T-ball, Shetland and Pinto will begin regular season games the week of May 6th.
- The Bronco, Pony and all Girls softball divisions will begin regular season games the second or third week of May.
- Coaches will distribute game schedules to players when they are available.

What is the division skills nights?

-This year all players will have the opportunity to participate in our division skill nights, free of charge. These nights will be at Rotary Park on:

Mondays, April 8, April 15 and April 22 for T-Ball, Shetland, Peanut, Bronco and Pony

5:30-6:30 pm (T-ball)

6:30-7:30 pm (Shetland and Peanut)

7:30-8:30 pm (Bronco and Pony)

Tuesdays, April 9, April 16 and April 23 for Mustang, PeeWee, Freshman, Sophomore and Juniors.

5:30-6:30 pm (Mustang and PeeWee)

6:30-7:30 pm (Pinto)

7:30-8:30 pm (Freshman Sophomore and Juniors)

They will be taught the mechanics of the game, how to play defense and offense, practice throwing, catching, base running, batting, hitting and how to play each position. This program will be taught by local high school and college coaches.

When are team pictures taken?

- Pictures will be taken for teams on Opening Day, Saturday, May 4th.
- Picture price packets will be distributed to each coach approximately two weeks prior to Opening Day.
- We do not offer a make-up picture day.
- In case of rain, pictures will be moved to the DISC.

When will the season schedule be released?

- The schedule for Opening Day will be released by April 13th on www.teamsideline.com/Decatur under the "downloads" tab.
- The season schedules for T-ball, Shetland and Pinto will be made available on www.teamsideline.com/Decatur on/by April 15th.
- Peanut, Pee Wee, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Mustang, Bronco and Pony, check with your coach *after* May 4th.

How do I find out game cancellations due to inclement weather/field conditions or check on field changes?

Game/Field Status is updated at 4 p.m.

Check one of the following after 4 p.m.:

-Call Rainout Line 217-427-3488

-Sign up for text alerts at www.decaturnparks.org > Cancellations & Closures

-www.facebook.com/DecaturYouthBaseballSoftball

-www.teamsideline.com/Decatur

Please utilize one of the above options *before* calling the DISC.

What equipment is provided to my child by the Park District?

-The Park District provides all players in the league with a uniform shirt and hat. We supply each team manager with game balls, bats, catcher's equipment, and batting helmets.

What equipment do I need to purchase for my child?

Players are responsible for providing their own glove, pants/shorts, socks, belt, protective cup (males) and shoes. We recommend players to have cleats but they are not required. Due to sanitary reasons, we strongly recommend each player purchase their own batting helmet. We do provide helmets to be shared by all members of the team. Equipment can be purchased at Play It Again Sports 217-872-2434. We encourage all players to have a fielder's mask.

Will we have and All-Star game this year?

Unfortunately, our leagues will not be participating in Little League, therefore we will not be holding All-Star games.

What parks are the games played at?

Decatur based games are played at Graceland Park, Rotary and South Shores Park. Other neighborhood parks may be used as needed. Please check Team Sideline for field locations in other towns.

What are the raffle tickets that I was given at registration?

In an effort to minimize costs to families, the raffle tickets are a way for the parents to recoup some of the cost of registration fees by selling the tickets to co-workers, friends, and family members. Tickets should be returned to the Decatur Indoor Sports Center (DISC), 1295 W. Wood Street, Decatur, IL 62522 or turned in Opening Day. Drawing will be held on Opening Day, May 4th at Rotary Park at 12 p.m.

I want to purchase a bat for my child. What are the regulations regarding legal bats?

For up-to-date information on legal bats and equipment for Baseball, please refer to www.iesa.org or www.ihsa.org

For up-to-date information on legal bats and equipment for Softball, please refer to www.usasoftballofillinois.org.

**Decatur Youth Baseball & Softball
Team Sponsorship Packages**

Check One

All-Star Sponsorship **\$500+** **Amount:** _____

- Includes the name of your business on the back of player and coach jerseys for one regular season team.
- Business name on sponsor banners at the championship diamonds at Decatur ballparks.
- Customized sponsor plaque with a photo of your regular season sponsored team.
- Business listed on www.teamsideline.com/Decatur an All-Star level sponsor.
- A personalized team gift: Either a replica team jersey customized to your size and number or an autographed baseball/softball from all of the players on your team.

Home Run Sponsorship **\$350**

- Includes the name of your business on the back of player and coach jerseys for one team.
- Business name on sponsor banners at the championship diamonds at Decatur ballparks.
- Customized sponsor plaque with a photo of your sponsored team.
- Business listed on www.teamsideline.com/Decatur as a Home Run level sponsor.
- A personalized team gift: Either a replica team jersey customized to your size and number or an autographed baseball/softball from all of the players on your team.

Triple Sponsorship **\$250**

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- Business name on sponsor banners at the championship diamonds at Decatur ballparks.
- Customized sponsor plaque with a photo of your sponsored team.
- Business listed on www.teamsideline.com/Decatur as a Triple level sponsor.

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Contact Name _____ Email: _____

Name of Business _____
(Please print **exactly** as you want the name to appear on the team shirts & banner)

Address _____ Phone _____

Team Request (Circle Choice) **Boys** or **Girls** Write in: player, coach or age group _____

If this team is unavailable, will you please sponsor a different team? Yes No

Would you like to be invoiced for your sponsorship? Yes No

Please make checks payable to Decatur Park District and mail to:

Decatur Indoor Sports Center
Attn: Casey "CT" Henderson
1295 W. Wood ♦ Decatur, IL 62522

To ensure that your company name is printed on shirts prior to the start of the season, please return completed form and payment to the DISC by March 15th, 2024. Thank you!