

Decatur Youth Baseball & Softball

2020 Family Early Registration Form



Decatur
• PARK DISTRICT •

Register by February 28 to receive
discounted Early Registration rate.

Parent 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.

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

Child 1:	<u>Boys' Divisions/Birth Date</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>VSI#</u>	<u>Girls' Divisions/Birth Date</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>VSI#</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3's T-Ball Coed (9/1/16 - 8/31/17)	\$47.00	400000-11	<input type="checkbox"/>	3's T-Ball Coed (9/1/16 - 8/31/17)	\$47.00 400000-11
<input type="checkbox"/>	4's T-Ball Coed (9/1/15 - 8/31/16)	\$47.00	400000-12	<input type="checkbox"/>	4's T-Ball Coed (5/1/15 - 8/31/16)	\$47.00 400000-12
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single A (9/1/13 - 8/31/15)	\$72.00	400000-13	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peanut (5/1/13 - 4/30/15)	\$72.00 401000-20
<input type="checkbox"/>	Double A (9/1/11 - 8/31/13)	\$77.00	400000-14	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pee-Wee (5/1/11 - 4/30/13)	\$77.00 401000-21
<input type="checkbox"/>	Minors (9/1/09 - 8/31/11)	\$85.00	400000-15	<input type="checkbox"/>	Freshman (5/1/09 - 4/30/11)	\$85.00 401000-22
<input type="checkbox"/>	Majors (9/1/07 - 8/31/09)	\$95.00	400000-16	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sophomore (5/1/07 - 4/30/09)	\$95.00 401000-23
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bronco (5/1/07 - 8/31/07)	\$95.00	400000-17	<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior (5/1/04 - 4/30/07)	\$95.00 401000-24
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pony (5/1/04 - 4/30/07)	\$95.00	400000-18			

Name: _____ Gender: _____ Birth Date: ____/____/____
 Age: _____ Current Grade: _____ School: _____ Baseball Softball
(Boys - as of 8/31/20) (Girls - as of 5/1/20) /Daycare

Shirt Size (circle one):

Youth XS Youth Small Youth Medium Youth Large
 Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult XL Adult 2XL

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Request to be with player: _____ Request to NOT be with player: _____
 Request to be with coach: _____ Request to NOT be with coach: _____

Late registrants will be placed on teams as space permits.

Emergency contact name: _____ Phone: _____

Medical conditions or allergies: _____

Child 2:	<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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<input type="checkbox"/>	Single A (9/1/13 - 8/31/15)	\$36.00	400000-13	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peanut (5/1/13 - 4/30/15)	\$36.00 401000-20
<input type="checkbox"/>	Double A (9/1/11 - 8/31/13)	\$38.50	400000-14	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pee-Wee (5/1/11 - 4/30/13)	\$38.50 401000-21
<input type="checkbox"/>	Minors (9/1/09 - 8/31/11)	\$42.50	400000-15	<input type="checkbox"/>	Freshman (5/1/09 - 4/30/11)	\$42.50 401000-22
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**There is a 50% discount on the third child.*

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(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)					
Amount Paid: _____	Cash [<input type="checkbox"/>]	Check #: _____	Verified By: _____	Date: _____	Time: _____
CC#: _____	Exp: _____	CVV: _____	#RT Given: _____		

Decatur Youth Baseball & Softball Waiver and 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 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 on-line or via fax, my on-line or facsimile 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 (please print): _____

Child #2 Name (please print): _____

Child #3 Name (please print): _____

X Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Volunteer Sign Up		
Decatur Youth Baseball and Softball needs your help to be successful! Please consider volunteering for one of the following positions: Please fill out volunteer packet		
Position:	Volunteer's name	Division
Head Coach		
Assistant Coach		

Sponsors

Please see sponsor packet for more information.

\$250 Triple level

\$350 Home Run level

\$500 All-Star level

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Parent Code of Conduct

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Good Citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character." (Little League)

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
18. I will refrain from sitting closer than 20ft behind the backstop fence to observe a game in progress. Anyone being disruptive (umpire's judgment) may be warned and/asked to move and/or leave the park.

Repercussions for not following the above code of conduct may include removal from the game to the extent of not being allowed back next year.

Child (1) Name: (PRINT) _____

Child (2) Name: (PRINT) _____

Child (3) Name: (PRINT) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Decatur Youth Baseball & Softball Frequently Asked Questions

When will my child be contacted by his/her coach?

- Once teams are selected, parents will be notified via email by Cortney by April 15th with their coach's name and contact information. Teams will be selected in early April. Your child should be contacted by April 15th. If not, please contact Cortney at cbenton@decparcs.com. Parents are **strongly** urged to list an email address on registration form.

When does the season begin?

- The practices can begins mid-April. Your child's coach will contact you regarding specific practice plans.
- Opening Day is on Saturday, May 2nd at Rotary Park. All teams will play their first in-house game.
- T-ball, Single A, Double A, Minors, and Majors will begin regular season games the week of May 4th.
- Bronco, Pony baseball and Girls Softball will begin regular season games the second or third week of May. Coaches will distribute game schedules to players when they are available or check on www.teamsideline.com/Decatur.

When are team pictures taken?

- Pictures will be taken for teams on Opening Day, May 2nd.
- Picture price packets will be distributed to each coach approximately two weeks prior to Opening Day. For more information about photos, please call Inter-State Studios at 217-422-7607.

When will the season schedule be released?

- The schedule for Opening Day will be released by April 22nd on www.teamsideline.com/Decatur under the "downloads" tab
- The season schedules for T-ball, Single A, Double A, Minors, and Majors will be made available on www.teamsideline.com/Decatur on/by April 28th.
- **Peanut, Pee Wee, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Bronco, Pony check with your coach after May 6th.**

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.decatour-parks.org > Cancellations & Closures
- www.facebook.com/DecaturYouthBaseballSoftball
- www.teamsideline.com/Decatur
- *Players in Country Girls Softball League/Tri County Baseball can call 217-427-3485 or visit www.rainoutline.com and search for Tri-County Baseball and Country Girls Softball.*

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 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.

I heard there will be an in-house All-Star game this year?

- Yes! We will have two All-Star teams per division! Players will be selected by division coaches and will be invited to play in their division's All-Star game! Number of players selected from each regular season team will vary based on enrollment in each division. Eligible players will be pulled from Single A – Pony, Peanut – Junior. No All-Star team for T-ball. Games are scheduled for Saturday June 27 at Rotary Park. Check out our Facebook Page www.Facebook.com/DecaturYouthBaseballSoftball for more details as the information becomes available.

What parks are the games played at?

- Decatur based games are played at Graceland Park, Hess Park, South Shores Park, and Sinawik Park. Other neighborhood parks may be used as needed. Please check TeamSideline 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 returned on Opening Day. Drawing will be held on Opening Day, May 2nd at Rotary Park at 12 p.m.

What are the prizes of the raffle drawing?

- Prizes includes: (1)\$100 & (1)\$50 Park District gift cards, Scovill Zoo, Family Fun Pack, Splash Cove Family Pass, 1 year DISC Track & Court Family Pass, and Family Fun Pass to Overlook Adventure Park.

When are Little League All-Star Tryouts?

Decatur Park District Little League will now be operating under 1 division. We were previously split into a north and south division.

We will send 1 team from the Minors division and 1 team from the Majors division to the Little League District 2 Sectional. The sectional tournament will be held near Champaign and around/after the 4th of July – specifics to follow.

Tryouts for the Little League All-Star tournament team will begin on Tuesday June 2nd at South Shores Park

--Minors will be on Field #3 from 6-8 p.m. on 6/2/20 and 6 p.m. on 6/4/20 if needed

--Majors will be on Field #4 from 6-8 p.m. on 6/2/20 and 6 p.m. on 6/4/20 if needed

--Results from the tryouts will be finalized by Friday June 5th. Parents will be notified via email.

To check the weather status of tryouts, please visit www.decatour-parks.org and click on the cancellations and closures link for more information. More information about tryouts will be distributed via email to Minors and Majors parents and players by May 22nd

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

The following divisions have rules regarding legal bats:

Boys Divisions: All bats in Minors and Majors **MUST** have the new USA Baseball logo.

Minor/Major Divisions: It shall not be more than 33 inches in length; nor more than 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end. **NOTE:** Solid one-piece wood barrel bats do not require a USA Baseball logo

Bronco & Pony Boys Division

Bronco and Pony Divisions will be following bat rules from IESA standards which include the USA Bat standard.

Girls Divisions: Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Divisions

All fast pitch softball bats must have a 2 1/4 inch barrel diameter and must not be over 34 inches in length and 31 1/2 oz. in weight. Bats must be marked with the ASA Certified 2000 or 2004 stamp. These bats should perform within the limits of the 98 mph batted ball speed standard. Bats can be made from aluminum or other metals; fiberglass, graphite or other composite material; or wood. Bats can be made from one or multiple pieces.