



T-BALL Coach's Packet

Thank you so much for coaching!! We are excited to start the new season and hope you and your team have FUN!! If you are not able to fill a team, you may add players from our City of Iona Sports page on Facebook. Players must play at grade level or up, but will not be permitted to play down a level. Practices are held at each coach's discretion; if possible,

please try to hold 2-3 practices before the beginning of the season. There are several options for practice fields near the different elementary schools. We would like to keep the fields at the Iona Square available for the pitching machine and softball teams.

Season (7 games):

PreK (must be 4 by September 1, 2021): June 8th–July 1st Games will be played Tuesday/Thursday during the day.

K-1st: June 7th – June 30th Games will be played Monday/Wednesday during the day. This is for the grade in which they are currently enrolled.

Fee: \$33.00 per player which includes shirt. Head coach gets a \$5.00 discount for 1 child only.

Drop-Off Registration: Iona City Building, 3548 N. Main St. Iona
Opens – Monday, April 26 @10:00 am
Closes – Wednesday, April 28th @5:00 pm

Registration Checklist:

- Please provide **only 1 check per team**. Team members should pay the coach and the coach can write a check for the entire team to the City of Iona.
- Background checks are required for head coaches unless you completed one for the 2021 City of Iona basketball season.
- Please total your shirt sizes on your team roster. Be sure to write if you are coaching more than 1 team.
- Shirt colors and team names will be on a first come, first serve basis. The earlier you get your registration submitted, the more likely you are to get what you requested.
- Make a copy of your roster to keep for yourself, as well as a copy of the rules.
- Please use a staple or a manila envelope to secure all paperwork.
- Please turn in your team registration packet, complete with team roster, one check, signed waivers, background checks, and signed code of conduct to the city office building before the closing date. We are not accepting individual registrations.
- No early, late, or incomplete packets will be accepted. Please don't tell your team members to come sign up individually.**
- Coaches and one assistant will be provided a t-shirt. Extra shirts are \$8.00.
- Please practice social distancing as you drop off your packets.
- We **WILL** accommodate schedule conflicts for coaches with two teams. We **WILL NOT** accommodate other special scheduling requests (girls camp, sports tournaments, etc.) Please let the league director know if your team is unable to attend a game so we can make arrangements for another team to play in your timeslot. Missed games will not be made up and considered a forfeit.
- the entire team to the City of Iona.

For additional information, please contact call or text the Sports Director: 208-716-8907

City of Iona hours: 9 to 5 Monday-Friday Address: 3548 N. Main, PO Box 487, Iona, ID 83427

T-Ball Rules

*A thrown bat will result in one warning and then will be an automatic out. This is for the safety of everyone. After 2 games it will be an automatic out. No warning!!

*No player will strike out. They will all get a chance to hit the ball and run to first base.

For PreK:

*10 batters will bat every inning.

*Outs will only be counted on the score sheet and the player can continue to run the bases.

*Only one base can be taken on a hit. Players are allowed to take extra bases on the 10th batter.

*No running on an overthrow.

*Try to coach from the sidelines, but it may be necessary to be in the field to help. Please use good discretion.

*** New Rule— It will not count as an out if fielders run the ball to the base, unless they are occupying that base.**

They need to throw the ball to get the out. For example, pitchers running the ball and putting it on the tee, or trying to race to tag at home (or any other base) will not count as an out. They need to throw it to the catcher or baseman.

For K-1st:

*The “at-bat” for each team will end when three outs are made. If three outs are not made, the teams “at-bat” will end when 10 batters have batted. One base will be allowed on an overthrow. A runner cannot advance home on an overthrow.

*Coaches may help with batting, but will not be allowed in the field unless there is an injury or need to make a quick switch. Please don't stand in the batting area after you've helped the batter.

*A team must begin each game with at least 6 players.

*No bunting is allowed.

*Runners may not lead off the base. On a hit, the runner can advance as far as they can until the ball is in the infield. Once the ball is in the infield, the ball is considered dead. It will be the umpire's discretion of when the ball is in the infield. Please be compliant if you are asked to send a runner back to a base.

*No new inning will start after 50 minutes. Please be on time. There will be a 10 minute grace period, then a forfeit will be counted.

*It is important to teach players to play all positions. Please do not have them play the same position for more than two innings per game. Please remember they've all paid and deserve to play as much as possible regardless of talent level or practices they have attended. No player should sit more than one inning per game.

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*Players should play their position. Shortstops or rovers must play deeper than the pitcher, and catchers should field anything short. Basemen should play off the bag two to three feet, not directly over top of it. Outfielders should play at least where the outfield grass starts. All players, especially the pitcher, need to learn to throw to the base they are trying to get an out at, instead of running with the ball. If it makes sense to easily tag a runner, or easily touch the base on a force with a few steps, do it, but in the past several kids stand around and watch the pitcher run to get all the outs. Please do not encourage your pitchers to field the ball and then beat the runner home (or to any other base). Please teach them to throw the ball. This will help their development for future leagues.

*To keep the games moving along, please have your lineups set before the game so that you know each inning where players will play. This will help you keep track of where kids have played and how many times they have sat. If at all possible, have a coach at 1st, 3rd, and someone running the batting order. This will help things run smoothly.

*Rain Outs: Please check cityofiona.org and in case of bad weather. Coaches will be responsible to contact their team.

*Just a note: If you make your batting lineup at the beginning of the season and just rotate the person on the top to the bottom of the lineup every game, everyone gets a chance to bat first and last. If parents know this, they will get the kids to games on time and will not complain that their kid is not batting as much as everyone. If they are late, they will just miss their turn to be first. This is just a suggestion. You may do your line-up however you wish.

T-Ball Team Roster

Team Name: _____

Coach: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell Phone# _____

Email: _____

Coaching another team? Please include name/age group: _____

Circle One: PreK / K-Ist

Player Name	Current Grade	Shirt Size – Circle one (youth xs,s,m,l or adult sizes)
1		YXS YS YM YL YXL AXS XS AM AL AXL
2		YXS YS YM YL YXL AXS XS AM AL AXL
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12		YXS YS YM YL YXL AXS XS AM AL AXL
13		YXS YS YM YL YXL AXS XS AM AL AXL
TOTAL (Coach, please total for each size): YXS___ YS___ YM___ YL___ YXL___ AXS___ AS___ AM___ AL___ AXL___		

Shirt colors and fit guides are available at sanmar.com. Search YST350.

Shirt Color - Choice 1: _____ Choice 2: _____ Shirt Print: Black or White
(Color choice is first come, first serve. If both color choices have been taken, we will call/text you.)

Coach shirt size: _____ (**Circle One:** Regular or Ladies Fit)

Assistant shirt size: _____ (**Circle One:** Regular or Ladies Fit)

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CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

Please read this form carefully and be aware that by agreeing to allow the City of Iona to investigate your criminal background, you will be waiving and releasing all claims for damages you might sustain out of the **criminal background check** and review.

I understand that a successful criminal background check is a condition of my employment/volunteerism with the City of Iona. Furthermore, I understand that providing false information will result in a negative background check and you will not be allowed to be an employee or volunteer for the City of Iona.

I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have against the City of Iona and their officers, agents, servants and employees, as a result of participating in the criminal background check.

I do hereby fully release and discharge the City of Iona, their respective officers, agents, servants and employees from any and all claims from damages which I may have or may occur to me on account of the results of any aspect of the criminal background check.

I understand I will not be able to work or volunteer in any manner until this background check is complete and approval is confirmed through the Iona Police Department.

I understand background checks for employment/volunteerism with the Iona Sports Program will be valid for the current calendar year, the positive check was completed, and the following calendar year.

I have read and fully understand this Waiver and Release of All Claims.

Please read carefully and print clearly.

_____ First Name	_____ Middle Name	_____ Last Name
_____ Date of Birth (00/00/0000)	_____ Sex (M or F)	_____ Social Security Number
_____ Address	_____ City	_____ Zip Code
_____ Signature	_____ Parent/Guardian if 17 or younger	_____ Date

City of Iona

Participant/Coach/Spectator Code of Conduct

Participants (Coaches, Parents, Spectators, and Players) WILL:

- Be respectful to teammates, coaches, opposing coaches and members of the other team, referees/umpires, fans, spectators, and City of Iona property.
- Never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
- Respect the decisions of the referees/umpires, even when their calls do not go in your favor.
- Remember that this is a recreational league to teach skills and enjoyment of the game, and to have fun.
- Help ensure that the game environment, including City of Iona, is free of illegal drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.

Participants (Coaches, Parents, Spectators, and Players) WILL NOT:

- Exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct toward players, referees/umpires, spectators, and opposing team members.
- Use abusive, obscene, profane, or damaging language.
- Begin or engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, referee/umpire, City of Iona Staff, or any other attendee.
- Initiate an argument, fight, or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, referee/umpire, City of Iona staff, or any other attendee.
- Cheer or chant against the opposing team.

Rights of the City of Iona

- The City of Iona reserves the right to eject any offender from the game premises, or to suspend the offender from future City of Iona, who violates any standard of the City of Iona Code of Conduct. This is solely to the discretion of the City of Iona Staff.
- The City of Iona reserves the right to conduct a background check on any coaches as the City of Iona sees necessary.

Acknowledgement

By submitting my team's registration for the City of Iona Baseball or Softball League, I agree:

- My team (parents included) and I have read and will abide by The City of Iona Code of Conduct.
- My team (parents included) and I will report unaddressed violations of The City of Iona Code of Conduct to City of Iona Staff.

Signature: _____

Date: _____