



Pitching Machine 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.

Season: 8 games, June 5th – July 7th. Days and times of the games will be determined following registration. Games may be played in the daytime or evening.

Fee: **\$50** per player which includes a shirt.
\$25 fee for the (1) child of the Head Coach. Thank you so much for coaching!!!

Registration: Iona City Building, 3548 N. Main St. Iona
Opens – Monday, April 10th @10:00 am
Closes – Thursday, April 12th @5:00 pm

Registration Guidelines:

- 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 2020 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.
- DO NOT staple your packet together. Please use a paperclip or a manila envelope to secure your 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 \$10.00.
- 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.
- **Disclaimer:** If the season is canceled prior to start date, a refund will be issued minus a \$5 administration fee and \$10.00 shirt per player.

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

Pitching Machine Rules

1. 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 more warnings!
2. Each batter will get the regular 3 strikes, 4 balls.
3. The "at-bat" for each team will end when three outs are made. If three outs are not made, the team's "at-bat" will end when 10 batters have batted.
4. One base will be allowed on an overthrow. A runner cannot advance home on an overthrow.
5. A team must begin each game with at least 6 players.
6. No bunting is allowed.
7. Runners may not lead off the base. On a hit, the runner can advance as far as he can go. The ball will be considered dead when it gets to the pitcher. The area of the pitcher will be at the discretion of the umpire. Please be compliant with the umpire's discretion if you are asked to send a runner back to a base.
8. No stealing.
9. 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 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.
10. No coaches on the field in play area, except in between innings. A 1st and 3rd base coach will be allowed for the team at bat, but they must stay behind the foul lines. When your team is on defense, all coaches must stay on grass area directly outside the dugout for safety reasons.
11. Games are scheduled for 5 innings or 1 hour 5 minutes. If weather conditions begin to be unfavorable during the course of the game, 3 innings will constitute a complete game.
12. Please treat umpires with respect and understand there may be some discrepancies as you will not always have the same umpire each game. Please be compliant. We may find another coach for your team, or you may be asked to not coach or attend games if this rule is not followed.
13. Rain Outs: Please check the City of Iona website or our Facebook page for rain outs. Coaches will then be responsible to contact all team members. Be prepared to play make-up games on Friday of the same week as the rainout. If your team has two rainouts in one week, you will only remake the first rained out game. Make-up games will not be rescheduled if you are unable to attend.

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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.

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