

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How old must my child be to participate in T-ball?

We place the children on T-ball teams based on the **grade** they are in school, not by age. For instance T-Ball is for children in first and second grade.

2. What team will my child be on?

We group the children according to schools. Some schools don't have enough for a team on their own so we do group some schools together to make a team. We do not assign teams until after the "Last day to register" see Calendar of Events, usually early March.

3. How many players are on a team and is this program just for boys?

There are 12-15 players on a team. The number depends on the amount of kids we have signed up for each school and how many late enrollments we get.

This program is for any child (male or female) who wants to have fun and learn the game of baseball.

4. When will my child be notified of the team they are on?

Coaches do not get assigned until after the teams are formed. We then hold a coaches meeting sometime during the middle of March – see Calendar of Events for coaches meeting. Coaches will be given a roster of players and schedule of practices and games. Coaches will call their players by the last week in March or the first week of April. See Calendar of Events for first practice.

5. What is the season?

See Calendar of Events – practices usually start the first part of April and the season ends by the first week in June about the same time as when school is done.

6. What is the time commitment, how many practices, how many games a week?

There are two events a week. At the beginning of the season, you have two practices a week. Then once you start games you have one practice and one game a week. Then later in the season you have two games a week. These games/practices can be any day Monday-Friday and depending on makeup games we may have an occasional Saturday. A schedule of practices/games is handed out by the coach, usually at the first practice.

7. What time is practice or games?

Games are at 6PM and the practices are up to the coaches, but usually don't start until 6pm.

8. Where are the practices and games?

Practices and games are at Hillsboro School district fields. We are assigned fields based on the number of children we have sign up. Every effort will be made to have practices at a school close to where your child attends school, but we must share the fields with all of the baseball/softball programs in the area, so our options are sometimes limited. We do try and have the games played on a field that has a dirt infield and a backstop. However, practices can be in a grassy area of a school ground. Again, a schedule of the practices and games, with the locations, is handed out usually the first week of practice.

9. What equipment does my child need to participate?

Players just need to provide a baseball glove. HBBA provides the bats, the catching gear and the bases. Baseball shoes are optional, games are usually in dirt infields and practices are on grass, tennis shoes work just fine. HBBA provides each player a baseball cap and a shirt, the kids usually wear sweat pants or shorts depending on the weather.

10. Who are the coaches?

Parents volunteer as coaches for the T-Ball teams. If you are interested, please mark your registration form or let the coordinator know so we can get you involved. We are always looking for people to help. If you can't coach, please help out at the games and practices when you can. Volunteer your help to the coach to keep track of the gear, to watch the kids waiting to bat, etc. We want to make this an enjoyable experience for the children, yet make it as safe as possible. We need all spectators to be supportive of all players and their coaches and to remember this is a game for the kids, let's make it fun for them!