

RYS

FAQ for Baseball (2012)

1. How many games will my child play?

In previous years:

Tee-ball has played approximately 10 games

Coaches Pitch has played approximately 15 games plus a tournament

Sand Lot has played approximately 11 games plus a tournament

2. Where are the games and practices?

All of the RYS activities will be held at Roanoke Park. The closest street address is 186 West 1st Street, Roanoke. For GPS units, the center of the Park is approximately at 40°57'46"N, 85°22'38"W. The center of the Park is approximately 0.5 miles from the intersection of US 24 and Lafayette Center Road.

3. When will the practices be held?

RYS requires coaches to hold at least one practice per week. The practice schedule is at the total discretion of the coach. If you are concerned about a particular evening, you can consider coaching a team (and thus controlling the schedule) or discussing your schedule with the coach once your child has been assigned to a team.

4. How many practices will my child have per week?

See the previous question. Once the season starts, it is difficult for a coach to accommodate more than one practice per week without getting their mail forwarded to the Park, so it is likely that your child will have only one practice per week during the season.

5. What is the required uniform?

RYS requires that children wear long pants in Coaches Pitch and Sand Lot. It is not necessary that the long pants be baseball-specific pants. Cleats are not required at any level. Spikes (metal cleats) will not be allowed at any level. Parents are encouraged to dress the children appropriately when dealing with wet, cold, or hot conditions.

6. What part of the uniform will RYS provide?

RYS will provide the shirts and hats for all levels. Each coaching staff will receive a head coach and assistant coach shirt.

7. Is it possible to ensure that I play on the same team as my friends?

Except for siblings or relatives, specific requests are not guaranteed. The concept of stacking teams has been abused in the past, resulting in lopsided teams and uncompetitive play. RYS will attempt to keep the core of the team together as they move through the program, but that is not guaranteed. RYS makes every attempt to balance rosters with regard to age and gender of the players.

8. When will the teams be announced and how will I hear who my child's coach is?
RYS will make every attempt to get the rosters and equipment distributed to the coaching staffs prior to Spring Break so that they can contact their teams. The season will start on April 25th and end before July 4th.
9. What about rainouts? Will they be made up?
Time on the diamonds is very limited at Roanoke Park. RYS will make every effort to make games up. It is a very fine line that must be walked when making games up. RYS will try to avoid scheduling make up games that will require a team to play three times in a week and will try to avoid Saturday morning games due to commitments that all families have on weekends. In the end, there is no guarantee that all of the rainouts will be made up.
10. Do we play in the rain?
Yes, games will be held in light rain. Games will NOT be played in thunder or lightning conditions. Games will be stopped for heavy rains. See the rules for any clarification regarding the rain policy.
11. How do I sign up for the texting feature?
In order to sign up for the texting feature, please click the following link and follow the directions. We need your cell phone number, your carrier (AT&T, Verizon, etc.), and the division you are interested in. The texting feature has proven to be a very popular feature and an excellent way for us to get information out to our parents/players/supporters. Please consider signing up grandparents and other supporters. They'll all get the texts and save you the time of contacting them if weather conditions cause a cancellation of some kind.
12. Is it possible to request a different coach than the one my child had last year?
Yes, simply state on the form that you would like to be placed on a different team.
13. Is there a girls' softball program?
Unfortunately, RYS doesn't offer a girls' softball program. The participation numbers were dwindling each year and it was not possible to continue that portion of the program. If there are any young ladies interested in playing Sand Lot, we would strongly encourage it.