

2024 Baseball Common Q&A



T-Ball/Coach Pitch/Baseball/Fast Pitch

GAMES

Games begin **Saturday, April 27-June 15**. Teams will play 8 games and will be scheduled by the Bethel Rec. Director on weeknights (M-TH) between 5pm and 8pm and Saturdays between 9am and 6pm at Bethel School fields. Game schedules will be available on our website at bethelrec.org by Friday, April 19 and will be updated regularly. **If you have any conflicts with any specific dates or days for games, you need to email jmoxley@bethelrec.org by Tuesday, April 2.** Once game schedules are complete, games will not be rescheduled. There will NOT be play-off games this season.

PRE-SEASON UMPIRE TRAINING/PRACTICE GAMES

Our official's training & practice games will be held on **Saturday, April 20**. These games are intended to train our umpires and to give teams some game situation practice. These games are meant to be a fun learning experience for everyone. You will be contacted/emailed after the coaches meeting by the director to possibly schedule your team for a game. *****This is optional and not all teams will be scheduled*****

Training game schedules will be posted and emailed to coaches by **Thursday, April 11**.

UNIFORM SHIRTS

Only uniform shirts (t-shirts) are provided by Bethel Rec. These shirts are to be the outermost garment during games. Shirts will be available for pick-up starting **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**. Shirts may be ready at a later date for kids added to your rosters late. One head coach shirt is given per team. If your assistant coach wants a coach's shirt and they want to pay an additional fee of \$5, you must inform your program coordinator of their shirt size by **MONDAY, APRIL 15**. ****Only coordinators can order extra shirts.** **NAMES:** Teams can add names to the back of their uniforms at a minimal cost (around \$5 per shirt) **only if all parents agree** and there is financial assistance offered for those that cannot afford the additional fee. This is optional and must be ordered by **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**. Coaches will coordinate names on shirts with the shirt company with shirt sizes listed on **team rosters**. These need to be emailed or order dropped off to:

LINE UP: Email: thelineup7@comcast.net Phone: (253) 536-8221

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 10:00AM-5:00PM **Closed** Saturdays & Sundays

LOCATION- 115176th Street South Suite D Spanaway, WA 98387

Additional assistant coach shirt fee (\$5) and the cost for shirt names must be paid when you pick up your shirts! We will contact everyone when the shirts are ready for coaches to pick up!

EQUIPMENT

We ask that all children have appropriate baseball approved shoes or cleats (no steal cleats), protective cups (are mandatory for 3rd-8th grade male catchers) and recommended for males in all grade levels, athletic clothing and No jeans. **No jewelry (includes earrings) or hard hair clips will be allowed.** Taping earrings is not allowed. Each player is required to have their own **Glove**. Coaches will be issued balls, bats, batting helmets and catcher's gear (if required for your league) on loan for the entire season to use during practices and games. K & 1st Grade teams will be issued batting tees, game balls and throw down bases.

CAN'T MAKE THE GAME?

In the event a coach is unable to make a game, we ask that all coaches find an assistant coach/parent the first week of practice that can fill in. Please contact your Program Coordinator to give them the name of your assistant coach so they may update your roster with that information. Games will only be rescheduled due to related weather closures, school closures or unpredicted events. Teams that can't complete a game due to any reason will result in a forfeit. Forfeits will not be rescheduled.

CAN PLAYERS BE ADDED TO MY ROSTER?

The only person that is able to add a child to a roster is your program coordinator and the Bethel Rec. Director. To be added to a roster, the child must be added to the wait list that is on a first come first served basis. Before any child can practice with the team Bethel Rec. must have their full registration form and payment received.

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Practices begin the week of April 15th. **Coaches MUST contact parents by Friday, MARCH 29th** with their team's practice schedule. Practices will be held at your home school unless your school does not have appropriate facilities to practice. Your Program Coordinator will place you at another local school. The head coach and the availability of facilities determine time and days. Bethel Rec. will only allow each team to practice twice a week.

No additional practices will be scheduled to eliminate unfair advantages. Also, when parents register their children, they are committed to attending only two practices a week.

Once games begin each team is allowed only 1 practice per week. Coaches must contact their coordinator to adjust their practice schedule around their game schedule only if there is a conflict. Once all teams are scheduled at least 1 practice per week, if field space is available, a team may request to practice twice a week. Only the Program Coordinator can reschedule practices. Coaches may not contact schools directly to schedule/reschedule practices. It is not a guarantee that practices can always be rescheduled due to availability of space and times once games have begun. League games take precedence over practices at your school.

GAMES CANCELED OR RESCHEDULED

Games will only be rescheduled due to related weather closures and unsafe field conditions, school closures or unpredicted events. For updated game status check on our website at bethelrec.org. We will also attempt to send out emails to parents and coaches if games are canceled. **THE RULE IS: If Bethel Schools are closed for any reason, or released early due to inclement weather, all Bethel Rec. activities are canceled.**

REFUNDS

If practices or games don't work, parents may request a refund. They may go to our website at bethelrec.org and click on the on-line refund request link (located on the homepage). The form must be completed by 3:00PM the day before the baseball program's first games of the season. **After APRIL 26 at 3:00PM, no refunds will be issued for any reason.**

TEAM PHOTOS

This is a league fundraiser and 20% of all sales benefit Bethel Recreation. This money is used directly for our programs including purchasing new equipment and field improvements!

Bethel Rec. has scheduled the dates and facilities for team pictures. Coaches will be emailed a Picture Schedule link to sign-up their team for pictures on the below dates. Coaches will have the link available to sign-up after game schedules are posted to schedule their team pictures around their game times, preferably at least an hour before games, leaving parents enough time to travel to their games.

Bethel Recreation has contracted with Class Act Portraits. Coaches will only be able to schedule pictures with this company on the dates listed below. **Teams are not obligated to take team pictures.**

TEAM PICTURE DATES:

Saturdays, May 4th & May 11th

in the Spanaway Lake High School Cafeteria

(Online sign-up links will be emailed after game schedules are posted)

Class Act Portraits Contact Information:

Phone: 253-569-1627 Email: info@classactportraits.com Website: www.classactportraits.com

Questions, Contact: Jolie Moxley, 253-800-4301 or jmoxley@bethelrec.org
