



Pee Wee Baseball



Program Guide 2024

The Franklin Recreation Department has provided this program and other youth sport programs for the past 23 years, and continues to be successful. The mission of the Franklin Recreation Department is to provide sport opportunities to Franklin youth in a fun, learning environment.

The Pee Wee baseball program will begin April 13-June 15, and we will reserve the week of June 20th for make ups. Please refer to our [baseball website](#) for practice/game schedules for your specific team schedule. The Pee Wee program has 3 distinct age groups that are determined by age (as of May 1-age or September 1-grade). Ages 4, 5 and 6 years old, and they all play in their own age bracket.

All Divisions (4-6 Year-Olds)

All age groups will have a rotating schedule, which means all teams will play games at different times each week. The schedule fluctuates during the season for fairness to all players. Your team will play at least one game each week during 1 of the 4 time slots we have available.

Either (Sat.9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, or Tues.5:30pm). It improves the league by rotating the teams through a scheduling system so that they can play different teams each week instead of the same team. The schedule will be emailed and available online. In all leagues, coaches will be able to use our sign-up genius to schedule additional practice time on off nights.

6-Year-Old League

The 6-year-old league is a coach pitch, developmental league. 12 sessions (3 practices, 9 games). The practices consist of station training in 20 min. intervals (hitting, fielding, throwing, and base running). The games consist of 15-20 min warm up, followed by 1-hour game. 8

Teams of 9-10 players makes for a nice league with different team names and uniforms.

5-Year-Old League

The 5-year-old league is tee ball instruction with some coaches' pitch as players develop. 12 sessions (3 practices, 9 games). Practices will consist of station training in 20 min. intervals (hitting, fielding, throwing, and base running). There will be at least one coach/parent for every team along with assistants. As the players improve through the season, we will progress to real games. At the beginning, it is important for coaches to teach the fundamentals. (See our notes in the back) 8 teams of 9-10 players.

4-Year-Old League

The 4-year-old league is a tee ball instructional league. The goal of this league is to introduce the basic concepts of baseball while letting the kids have fun. Kids should be 4 years old by May 1 age or September 1-grade. This is the [age cutoff](#) for Franklin Youth Baseball as well.

The 4-year-old division is a lot of fun, but requires the assistance of many parents to help with organizing lines, helping teach the kids technique, and participate in drills. Coaches should try to recruit as many parents as possible to help keep the lines short and the instruction plenty.

Rosters tend to be on the lighter side (6-9 players) to keep the repetitions high.

Coaches

All Pee Wee Baseball coaches are expected to attend the virtual coaches meeting held **Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 pm**. Coaches will be introduced to the program philosophy & learn team rules and regulations. This program requires the assistance of good coaches that will teach kids proper mechanics and skills while encouraging team concepts and sportsmanship. We need your help! If you are interested in coaching, please notify us in the note's column upon registration. All coaches should complete and return the [CORI Form](#) to the Recreation Department.

Season Highlights

Practice begins	Saturday sessions will begin Saturday, April 13 , one practice per week lasting 1 ½ hours). There will be at least 3 practice sessions before we begin games.
Practice site	Fletcher Field, Peck Street (near hockey rink/basketball courts)
Practice time	Saturdays: 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm and 3:00pm (age 5 & 6 only) Saturdays: 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm (4 year olds) Tuesdays: 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
First game	Tuesday: April 30th, Saturday: May 2nd
Game sites	Fletcher Field, Peck Street (near basketball court)
Final game	Tuesday, June 11, pending no cancellations Saturday, June 15, pending no cancellations

General Program Information

Equipment	Sneakers or plastic cleats, shorts, sweats, or baseball pants should be worn in addition to the team shirt (provided as part of the program). We will provide bats, balls, bases, and other necessary equipment. Kids should bring their own glove. Batting gloves optional. Age 6 players are permitted to use metal bats, but they will be handled by coaches and Rec. Dept. personnel only. This is for player safety.
Eligibility	Boys and girls ages 4-6 years old may participate in the program. 10 players per team, max 8 teams, accepted into each session.
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IF IT'S RAINING, PRACTICES/GAMES ARE CANCELLED

We will email all participants when we have a cancellation. Make ups will be posted online.