

PARKLAND YOUTH CENTER

SPRING 2025 BASEBALL REGISTRATION



BASEBALL FOR BOYS AGES 4-18

\$125 – T-BALL AND COACH PITCH

\$150 – ALL OTHER AGES

**REGISTRATION WILL REMAIN OPEN THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2025. REGISTER EARLY AS TEAM ROSTERS MAY NEED TO BE CAPPED OR ADDITIONAL TEAMS ADDED.*

REGISTRATION FEES WILL INCREASE AFTER 2/1/2025

PYC BASEBALL IS COMMITTED TO PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AND OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLAYERS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES! WE FOCUS ON CREATING AN EXCITING BASEBALL EXPERIENCE FOR PLAYERS AND FAMILIES!

COACHES WANTED! EXPLORE THE REWARDING EXPERIENCE OF COACHING YOUTH SPORTS! PYC OFFERS COACH TRAINING, MENTORSHIPS, AND PATHWAYS TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL SEASON REGARDLESS OF EXPERIENCE.

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WHO WE ARE:

PARKLAND YOUTH CENTER (PYC) HAS BEEN PROVIDING YOUTH SPORTS TO MEMBERS OF THE PARKLAND COMMUNITY SINCE THE 1960'S. WE HAVE TRADITIONALLY SERVED THE KRATZER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND CENTRAL PARKLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOODS; HOWEVER WE OFFER OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL INTERESTED ATHLETES REGARDLESS OF RESIDENCY. AT PYC WE BELIEVE IN BUILDING THE COMPLETE ATHLETE AND VIEW BASEBALL AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH IMPORTANT LIFE LESSONS IN TEAM-BUILDING, PERSEVERANCE, RESILIENCY, AND PATIENCE. PYC PUTS AN EMPHASIS ON PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AND HELPING OUR ATHLETES REACH THEIR POTENTIAL OVER WINNING AT ALL COSTS.

MORE THAN A YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION, PARKLAND YOUTH CENTER IS A FAMILY! MANY OF OUR PLAYERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FORM LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS THAT EXTEND WELL BEYOND THE FIELD OF PLAY. AS A CLOSE-KNIT GROUP MOST OF OUR PLAYERS GET THE VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY WITH THE SAME TEAMMATES AND CLASSMATES SEASON AFTER SEASON AND ACROSS MULTIPLE SPORTS GENERATING WONDERFUL TEAM COHESION AND CHEMISTRY.

IF YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR AN ORGANIZATION WHERE YOUR YOUNG ATHLETE CAN BE MORE THAN JUST A NUMBER LOST IN THE MIX, BUILD CHARACTER AND VALUES, GAIN LIFELONG FRIENDS, AND HAVE FUN WHILE LEARNING THE GAME OF BASEBALL, PYC IS FOR YOU!



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AVAILABLE BASEBALL PROGRAMS

FIND THE CORRECT DIVISION FOR YOU!

THE CHART BELOW WILL HELP YOU GET STARTED TO FIND THE CORRECT DIVISION FOR YOUR PLAYER. BASED ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AND SKILL LEVEL, PLAYERS ALWAYS HAVE THE OPTION TO “PLAY UP” TO A LEVEL ABOVE THEIR AGE, HOWEVER “PLAYING DOWN” A DIVISION IS NOT PERMITTED BY LEAGUE RULES.

2025 Parkland Youth League Age Chart

Match month (top line) and box with year of birth. League age (and recommended division) is indicated at the right.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	LEAGUE AGE	DIVISION
2021	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	4	T-Ball
2020	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	5	T-Ball
2019	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	6	T-Ball or Coach Pitch
2018	2018	2018	2018	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	7	Coach Pitch or Grasshopper
2017	2017	2017	2017	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	8	Coach Pitch or Grasshopper
2016	2016	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	9	Biddy
2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	10	Biddy
2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	11	Midget
2013	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	12	Midget
2012	2012	2012	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	13	Knee-Hi
2011	2011	2011	2011	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	14	Knee-Hi
2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	15	Knee-Hi
2009	2009	2009	2009	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	16	Majors
2008	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	17	Majors
2007	2007	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	18	Majors

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INTRODUCTORY AND FOUNDATIONAL:

T-BALL (6U):

THE T-BALL PROGRAM IS AN INTRODUCTION TO BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL. T-BALL IS GEARED TOWARDS OUR YOUNGEST PLAYERS AND THOSE WITHOUT PREVIOUS PLAYING EXPERIENCE UNDER AGE 8. THE FOCUS OF T-BALL IS TO INTRODUCE THE BASICS OF THE GAME AND ENSURE A FUN AND POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR PLAYERS AND FAMILIES. TYPICAL T-BALL PLAYERS WILL BE BETWEEN AGES 4 AND 7 (MUST BE 4 BEFORE 5/1/2025). T-BALL WILL USUALLY HAVE ONE WEEKNIGHT AND ONE WEEKEND PRACTICE PER WEEK BEFORE THE SEASON BEGINS AND ONE PRACTICE AND ONE GAME PER WEEK DURING THE REGULAR SEASON. PARENT PARTICIPATION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED AT THIS LEVEL OF PLAY!

BIRTHDATES 5/1/2018 - 4/30/2021



COACH PITCH (8U):

NEW FOR THE 2025 SPRING SEASON IS THE COACH PITCH DIVISION. COACH PITCH IS BEING INTRODUCED AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO GRASSHOPPER AND AIMED AT OUR YOUNGER PLAYERS WHO ARE MOVING UP FROM T-BALL. THE RULES OF THE GAME WILL BE SIMILAR TO GRASSHOPPER; HOWEVER, COACHES WILL PITCH THROUGHOUT THE SEASON INSTEAD OF KID PITCH. THIS PROGRAM WILL AGAIN ENCOURAGE A FUN AND POSITIVE EXPERIENCE FOR THE PLAYERS FOCUSING ON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE GAME. COACH PITCH WILL BE A GREAT OPTION AS A TRANSITIONAL DIVISION FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE MOVING UP "EARLY" FROM T-BALL OR FOR THOSE AT THE OLDER END OF THE AGE RANGE WITHOUT PREVIOUS PLAYING EXPERIENCE. PARENT PARTICIPATION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED AT THIS LEVEL OF PLAY!

CANNOT TURN 9 BEFORE 5/1/2025

BIRTHDATES BETWEEN 5/1/2016 AND 4/30/2018

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RECREATIONAL AND ADVANCED:

GRASSHOPPER (8U):

GRASSHOPPER BASEBALL IS THE FIRST INTRODUCTION TO PLAYER'S PITCHING DURING GAMES. THE RULES OF THE GAME ARE MODIFIED TO KEEP THE PACE OF PLAY MOVING ALONG (I.E., A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF WALKS BEFORE A COACH COMES IN TO PITCH THE REMAINDER OF THE INNING, NO LEADING OR STEALING, ETC.). GRASSHOPPER IS AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR MORE EXPERIENCED OR SKILLED 8U PLAYERS AND THOSE LOOKING FOR AN ADDITIONAL STEP IN THE TRANSITION TO BIDDY BASEBALL. PARENT PARTICIPATION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED AT THIS LEVEL OF PLAY!



CANNOT TURN 9 BEFORE 5/1/2025

BIRTHDATES BETWEEN 5/1/2016 AND 4/30/2018



BIDDY (10U):

AT THE BIDDY LEVEL PLAYERS MOVE TO EXCLUSIVE USE OF PLAYER PITCHING AND ARE INTRODUCED TO MORE RULES OF THE GAME OF BASEBALL. STEALING AND BASE ADVANCEMENT ON PASSED BALLS IS PERMITTED IN MOST INSTANCES. BIDDY BASEBALL IS FURTHER DIVIDED INTO TWO DIVISIONS WITHIN THE PARKLAND YOUTH LEAGUE (AMERICAN AND NATIONAL LEAGUES). THE NATIONAL LEAGUE IS INTENDED FOR PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AND THE AMERICAN LEAGUE IS SLIGHTLY MORE COMPETITIVE. THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SEASON CONCLUDES WITH AN END OF SEASON SINGLE-ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT THAT IS RANDOMLY SEEDING, WHILE THE AMERICAN LEAGUE HAS A DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT WITH SEEDING DETERMINED BY REGULAR SEASON PERFORMANCE. TEAMS WILL BE FIELDED IN THE AMERICAN AND/OR NATIONAL LEAGUES BASED ON OUR NUMBER OR REGISTERED PLAYERS AND RESULTS OF LEAGUE-MANDATED PLAYER EVALUATIONS.

CANNOT TURN 11 BEFORE 5/1/2025

BIRTHDATES BETWEEN 5/1/2014 AND 4/30/2016

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MIDGET (12U):

MIDGET BASEBALL CONTINUES TO EXPAND THE RULES OF THE GAME TO OUR PLAYERS WITH THE ADDITION OF LEADING, STEALING HOME, PICKOFFS, AND DROPPED 3RD STRIKE ADVANCEMENT. THE FIELD OF PLAY ALSO GROWS AT THE MIDGET LEVEL FROM 60' BASES TO 70' BASES. THE PACE OF PLAY IN MIDGET IS MUCH QUICKER THAN PREVIOUS LEVELS. MIDGET IS ALSO BROKEN INTO TWO SUBDIVISIONS AS ESTABLISHED BY THE LEAGUE (AMERICAN AND NATIONAL LEAGUES). AGAIN, THE NATIONAL LEAGUE IS DESIGNED TO BE GEARED TOWARDS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT AND HAS SOME MODIFICATIONS TO THE GAMEPLAY INCLUDING THE USE OF 4 OUTFIELDERS, AND A LIMIT OF 5 RUNS PER INNING. THE AMERICAN LEAGUE PLAYS WITH 9 DEFENSIVE PLAYERS AND DOES NOT HAVE A CAP ON RUNS SCORED. THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SEASON CONCLUDES WITH AN END OF SEASON SINGLE-ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT THAT IS RANDOMLY SEEDDED, WHILE THE AMERICAN LEAGUE HAS A DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT WITH SEEDING DETERMINED BY REGULAR SEASON PERFORMANCE. TEAMS WILL BE FIELDDED IN THE AMERICAN AND/OR NATIONAL LEAGUES BASED ON OUR NUMBER OR REGISTERED PLAYERS AND RESULTS OF LEAGUE-MANDATED PLAYER EVALUATIONS.

CANNOT TURN 13 BEFORE 5/1/2025

BIRTHDATES BETWEEN 5/1/2012 AND 4/30/2014



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KNEE-HI (15U):

KNEE-HI BASEBALL BEGINS TO TAKE ON THE REMAINDER OF NORMAL BASEBALL RULES. THE SIZE OF THE FIELD AGAIN GROWS AT THE KNEE-HI LEVEL. IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE, THE BASES MOVE BACK TO 80' AND IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE PLAYS ON A FULL-SIZE 90' FIELD. THE NATIONAL LEAGUE CAPS RUNS TO 5 PER INNING WHILE THE AMERICAN LEAGUE HAS NO RUN LIMIT. THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SEASON CONCLUDES WITH AN END OF SEASON SINGLE-ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT WHILE THE AMERICAN LEAGUE HAS A DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT. BOTH LEAGUES USE REGULAR SEASON RECORDS TO DETERMINE TOURNAMENT BRACKET SEEDING. TEAMS WILL BE FIELDED IN THE AMERICAN AND/OR NATIONAL LEAGUES BASED ON OUR NUMBER OR REGISTERED PLAYERS AND RESULTS OF LEAGUE-MANDATED PLAYER EVALUATIONS.

CANNOT TURN 16 BEFORE 5/1/2025

BIRTHDATES BETWEEN 5/1/2009 AND 4/30/2012



MAJORS (18U):

THE MAJORS LEVEL IS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AGED PLAYERS AND INCORPORATES ALL THE RULES OF BASEBALL. MAJORS GAMES ARE PLAYED ON FULL 60'/90' BASEBALL FIELDS. ALL MAJORS TEAMS COMPETE IN THE SAME DIVISION, AND IT IS NOT FURTHER BROKEN DOWN INTO AMERICAN AND NATIONAL LEAGUES. THE SEASON CONCLUDES WITH A DOUBLE-ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT WITH STANDINGS BASED ON REGULAR SEASON PERFORMANCE. TEAMS WILL BE FORMED BASED ON INTEREST AND NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS.

CANNOT TURN 19 BEFORE 11/1/2024

BIRTHDATES BETWEEN 11/1/2005 AND 4/30/2009

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LEAGUE INFORMATION:

PARKLAND YOUTH LEAGUE:

PYC BASEBALL PARTICIPATES IN THE PARKLAND YOUTH LEAGUE (PYL). OUR GAMES ARE PLAYED THROUGHOUT LEHIGH COUNTY AGAINST OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PARKLAND, EAST PENN, ALLENTOWN, CATASAUQUA, AND NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THE PARKLAND YOUTH LEAGUE SCHEDULES AND SANCTIONS REGULAR SEASON GAMES THAT RUN FROM LATE APRIL THROUGH MID JUNE. THE PYL ALSO HOSTS AN ALL-STAR WEEKEND AND AN END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT.

TOURNAMENTS:

FROM TIME TO TIME SOME TEAMS MAY ALSO SEEK ADDITIONAL BASEBALL CHALLENGES. HISTORICALLY, PYC HAS PLAYED IN LOCAL TOURNAMENTS, USUALLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF A COMMUNITY CHARITY.



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