



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

### **What age must my child be to participate?**

- Children must be age 4 by March 31, 2024.

### **When does registration end?**

- Early registration ends February 15. Late registration ends March 2.

### **How do I register my child for T-Ball?**

- You can register your child [online](#) and email the form to [t-ball@bgcredwoods.org](mailto:t-ball@bgcredwoods.org) or print the form and mail to or deliver in person to our Admin Office at: 939 Harris Street, Eureka, CA 95503.

### **When does the Season start?**

- The season starts April 4<sup>th</sup> and ends May 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **How many practices per week?**

- Two. Practices will be held the first 2 weeks of the season.

### **How many games per week?**

- Two. Games will begin the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **When are practices and games?**

- Generally, games/ practices will begin at 5:15pm and conclude at 6:15pm on a Tuesday/ Thursday schedule and possibly some Saturdays. As soon as we have the schedule, it will be posted on our T-Ball web page and given to parent coaches. Coaches will contact parents about the schedule.

### **Where are practices and games held?**

- All games/ practices will be held in Eureka – Exact location TBA – Cutten/ Ridgewood or Winship.

### **Can friends and family request to be on the same team?**

- Yes! Be sure to note this on your registration form or email us: [t-ball@bgcredwoods.org](mailto:t-ball@bgcredwoods.org)

### **How much does T-Ball cost?**

- Registration fees are \$45 per child through February 15th. Late registration fees are \$55 February 16<sup>th</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fees can be paid by mail, in person or online. See our T-Ball page: [bgcredwoods.org/t-ball](http://bgcredwoods.org/t-ball).

### **I'm interested in coaching my child's team, how do I get involved?**

- Coaching at the T-Ball level can be done by anyone with the interest in doing so; little to no knowledge of baseball is needed. We provide coaches with a Coach Handbook to guide them through the season from the first phone call to team parents, through the end of the season recognition. It is essential to get enough volunteer coaches for T-Ball to proceed through the season smoothly. We encourage parents to get involved. All of our coaches must complete a background check, which BGCR covers. In order to start this process, interested coaches will need to complete a volunteer application. This can be picked up at our Admin Office, 939 Harris St, Eureka, or [printed](#) and mailed to BGCR, 939 Harris St., Eureka, CA 95503 or emailed to: [t-ball@bgcredwoods.org](mailto:t-ball@bgcredwoods.org).

### **I or my business would like to sponsor a team, how do I do that?**

- Our T-Ball program offers three levels of sponsorships: League Sponsor, Team Sponsor and a Scholarship for Youth. Sponsorship forms can be [viewed and printed](#) or picked up at our Admin Office at: 939 Harris Street in Eureka.

### **What equipment does my child need?**

- We will provide a team t-shirt and a hat. Your child will need a properly fitting mitt and comfortable clothing. Baseball pants and cleats are not necessary at this level of play.

### **I've registered my child and paid, now what?**

- You should receive a confirmation of your paid registration within a week if you mailed your registration form and payment, and right away if signing up online or in person. You should be contacted by your team coach the week of March 25<sup>th</sup> with your team information. If either of these haven't happened, please contact our Administration Office at 707-441-1030, ext. 0.

### **How do I know if my child is ready for baseball, or if they should play T-Ball?**

- Remember that T-Ball is about learning the **basics**. Does your child play baseball with you, older siblings, or friends? Is your child comfortable *attempting* to hit a ball that is tossed towards them? Has your child played a year or more of T-Ball? These are some good questions to ask to help make a decision. For many children, the next step from T-Ball is a coach pitch program. If you are still unsure, give us a call or contact one of the handful of baseball programs in our area that can help you determine if their specific program is right for your child.

### **It's raining on a practice/game day, what do I do?**

- Please contact your coach/assistant coaches for info on whether the practice/game will be canceled due to weather conditions. The decision is made between coaches.

### **What if my child can't make a practice/game?**

- Please contact your coach if your child cannot attend a practice or game. We understand some kids may arrive late, but try to be on time.

### **Where are the Homefields?**

- The Home fields will be in Eureka.

### **Are there refunds once you have registered your child?**

- No, there are absolutely no refunds. Once you have paid and registered your child they are enrolled for T-Ball 2024. Trophies, Team T-Shirts, & hats are ordered and cannot be returned. (A \$25 fee will be charged for returned checks.)

### **How do I get quick info if I need help?**

- Always keep in touch with your coach for updates. If you can't get a hold of your coach and need immediate help, please text the T-Ball Hotline at (707) 502-1239 or email at [t-ball@bgcredwoods.org](mailto:t-ball@bgcredwoods.org). You can also check for T-Ball updates on our website at [bgcredwoods.org/t-ball](http://bgcredwoods.org/t-ball).

### **Picture Day:**

- Date and schedule to be announced. We ask that everyone participates.

### **How is Boys & Girls Club T-Ball different from CRRRA Cal Ripken?**

- Our T-Ball program is a beginning instructional baseball program where kids hit the ball off of a T. CRRRA Rookies are coach pitch – there is no T.

**We would like to sign up for T-Ball and also join the Pee-Wee basketball league in McKinleyville which only has games on Saturdays – Would this league conflict with the T-Ball schedule?**

- Let us know if you are signing up for the Pee-Wee basketball league. We will do our best to make sure you are not signed up for a Saturday game.