



## **Tee-Ball Program FAQ's**

### **What ages are appropriate for the tee ball program?**

HVL tee ball program is for children who will be 4 or under on May 1<sup>st</sup> of the upcoming season.

### **When does the season start?**

Tee ball season typically starts in Mid to late April. A coach should contact you by mid to end of March.

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

The Tee ball typically starts with 2-3 weeks of practice only on one night of the week. For the last 3 years the designated Tee-ball night has been Monday. The designated night will remain Monday unless a majority of the tee ball head coaches determine otherwise by Mid March. Following a 2-3 week period of practice only, we transition to games only on the designated weeknight. Tee ball season typically lasts 6-8 weeks. Will be finished well before July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

### **When will I hear from someone?**

Expect to hear from a tee ball coach no later than the beginning of April. You may see older kids practicing before that. Don't panic.

### **I don't want to coach; How can I help?**

There are many administrative duties you can perform to allow the coaches to focus on coaching. In the tee ball league, it is very important for there to be adequate supervision. When your child's team is on defense, simply being on the field talking to kids and redirecting kids is very helpful to coaches. When your team is on offense, the head coach is typically with kids at the tee. It is very helpful to have parents on the field helping kids to move from one base to another. Congratulate them for getting to the base and tell them where to go next.

### **What do my kids need?**

Gloves and baseball hats are the only necessity. Optional are baseball cleats, bat, batting gloves, tee balls, baseball pants. and a personal helmet. FYI, personal helmets usually end up on another child's head. The club provides each team with a 15 oz. bat, soft core balls, helmets, bases and a tee. Each child will receive a tee shirt and a hat for games.

**How can I support the Athletic Club?**

Attend meetings to make decisions about the sports in your community.

Volunteer to coordinate activity at the concession stand.

Volunteer to coach

Volunteer to perform an administrative function within the baseball program.

(Administrative functions are rewarded by reimbursement of player registration fees).

**Can my child play up?**

The Athletic Club strongly discourages kids from “playing up” out of their age-designated league. There are exceptions and the following are guidelines for the club’s decision making regarding “playing up”.

**Guidelines for “playing up” (out of an established age group)**

1. Recommendation from a HVLAC member with voting privileges.
2. Recommendation from an HVLAC coach with 1 year of experience.
3. Parent who coaches.
4. Spot available in the desired age group.