

**Raymore Parks & Recreation
Independent Team
Registration Form**



Baseball Checklist

- Sanction # _____
- Team Registration Form _____
- Player Registration Forms _____
- Birth Certificates _____
- Coaches Pledge _____
- Team Roster _____
- Practice/Game Requests _____
- Fee _____

Team Name: _____

Age Division: _____

USSSA Sanction Number: _____

USSSA Classification: (Please Circle Classification) A AA AAA

Managers Name: _____

*Required

- *Address: _____
- *City: _____
- *State: _____ Zip: _____
- *Home Phone: _____
- *Work Phone: _____
- *Cell Phone: _____
- *Email: _____

Assistant Coach Name: _____

*Required

- *Address: _____
- *City: _____
- *State: _____ Zip: _____
- *Home Phone: _____
- *Work Phone: _____
- *Cell Phone: _____
- *Email: _____

League Administration Use Only:

Registration Fee: _____

USSSA Sanction #: _____

Coaches Pledge: _____

Birth Certificates: _____



2020 Independent TEAM REGISTRATION

Raymore Parks & Recreation will begin accepting team registrations January 1, 2019

2020 Independent BASEBALL/SOFTBALL DIVISIONS

8 & Under 10 & Under 12 & Under 14 & Under

South Metro Sports Group League information can be found at www.raymore.com/parks. Scores will be updated weekly throughout the baseball/softball season on www.teamsideline.com/raymore. Please visit this site for league updates and rainout information.

(It is our intention to provide double-header games for 10U & older divisions - there may be some nights in which your team will play a single game due to scheduling, field availability, & field lighting.)

REGISTRATIONS:

Registrations will close on March 15th. You must register in person at our office located at 227 Municipal Circle, Monday-Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm.

GAME/PRACTICE REQUESTS: Game & Practice requests must be received by March 15th.

LEAGUE LOCATIONS:

Home Games will be played at Recreation Park & Memorial Park in Raymore. All divisions will play away games in local neighboring cities.

2020 REGISTRATION PROCESS & INFORMATION

Steps To register for the Independent Baseball/Softball League:

1. Obtain a USSSA Sanction Number (You Must Do this Online at www.ussa.com)
2. Complete the Team Registration Form
3. Collect Player Registration Forms*
4. Collect Birth Certificates
5. Complete Player Roster Form**
6. Make one check payable to: "Raymore Parks & Recreation"

(We will not accept individual player checks)

* All Players listed on your roster must complete a "Player Registration Form"

** USSSA Rosters will be accepted in place of the roster provided.

Raymore Parks & Recreation
SPORTSMANSHIP
COACHES PLEDGE / CODE OF CONDUCT



PLEDGE

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.

I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.

I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.

I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.

I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players

I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.

I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.

I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

I will follow and abide by the Raymore Parks & Recreation Sportsmanship Policy.

CODE OF CONDUCT

We want to ensure that games are fair, positive and enjoyable experiences for all the children and adults involved. A baseball/softball game should be friendly and unifying – a spirited social and athletic occasion for players, coaches, umpires and spectators.

To clarify expectations of coach conduct, we jointly expect all coaches to conform to this code of conduct.

- Before, during and after the game, be an example of dignity, patience and positive spirit.
- Before a game, introduce yourself to the opposing coach and to the umpire.
- During the game, you are responsible for the sportsmanship of your players. If one of your players is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, take the player out of the game at least long enough for him/her to calm down.
- During the game, you are also responsible for the conduct of the parents of your players. It is imperative to explain acceptable player and parent behavior in a preseason meeting.
- Encourage them to applaud and cheer for good plays by either team. Discourage them from yelling at other players and the umpire.
- During the game, you are also responsible for the conduct of spectators rooting for your team.
- If you have a issue, discuss it with the umpire calmly and patiently with respect for the individual.
- After the game, thank the umpire and ask your players to do the same.

Keep in Mind...

1. Umpires – especially young and inexperienced ones, are like your players and yourself, in that they need time to develop. You can play an important role in helping them to improve by letting them concentrate on the game. You can help by encouraging them, by accepting their inevitable, occasional mistakes and by offering constructive post-game comments. On the other hand, you could discourage and demoralize the umpires by criticizing their decisions, by verbally abusing them and inciting or even accepting your own players' overly aggressive behavior.
2. Your example is powerful, for better or worse. If you insist on fair play, if you concentrate on your players' enjoyment of the game and their overall, long term development, and if you support the umpire, your players and their parents will notice.
3. If you encourage (or allow) your players to play outside the rules, if you're overly concerned about results, and if you criticize the umpire harshly, your players and their parents will also notice.
4. Think about what you're doing during a game! Uphold the Spirit of the Game! If you follow the expectations described above, the spirit of the game will be alive and well and will grow along with the enjoyment of all.

Coaches who do not follow the expectations described above will be disciplined or removed.

I have read the Coaches Pledge & Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the code of conduct and coaches pledge at all events associated with Raymore Parks & Recreation and cooperating organizations.

Coach Signature

Date

2020 Raymore
Youth Baseball / Softball Independent League
Team Rosters



This form can be replaced by an official USSSA Roster Form

League Division: _____

Head Coach: _____ Phone: _____

Assistant Coach: _____ Phone: _____

Team Name: _____ Team Colors: _____

Email: _____

Player Name:	Phone:	Age:	Birthdate:	Parent:
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
11. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
12. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
13. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
14. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
15. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Raymore Parks & Recreation
PRACTICE / GAME SCHEDULE
Request FORM**



LEAGUE: 2020 Independent League

COACH:

DIVISION:

Practice Schedule Requests:

Please list practice times that your team would like in following spaces provided. The Parks & Recreation Office will create a practice schedule and post on the website and email to all coaches based on all teams' requests. Fill out all 4 choices.

Weeknight Practices:

Weekend Practices:

1st Choice: _____

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

Please list any nights that you cannot practice: _____
(only 1 please – if applicable)

Game Schedule Requests:

Please indicate any dates that you would like your game schedule to avoid. This will be limited as the number of teams vs. the number of requests can make scheduling a difficult task. We ask that you do your best to only list 1 or 2 requests and we will do our best to schedule around these requests. There may be some cases in which we cannot accommodate your request, in these situations; you will need to have an assistant coach your team at that time. During the month of May, unexpected school functions may occur in which we can make arrangements at that time.

1. _____ **2.** _____

SO YOU WANT TO GO INDEPENDENT?

REASONS WHY:

We recommend you think about why you are choosing to go independent. Below is a short list of pros and cons to forming a competitive team

Pros:

Cons:

Player Retention (keep your team together)	Player Replacement (You must replace players)
More Flexibility on Coaching Style	Supply your own equipment
No limitations for players playing time (except pitchers)	Traveling greater distances
Ability to play in Tournaments	Tournament fees & travel costs
You can choose what players make the team	Supply your own uniforms
Compete against higher level opponents	Playing teams of unknown skill level
	Higher league fees for players and families

THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- How will you advertise/promote/host try-outs to form your team?
Newspaper ads, word of mouth, flyers, recruiting
- Where do you find a league for your age group?
Parks & Recreation Departments, League Sanctioning Websites (USSSA, ASA, etc...)
- What do you do if you cannot find a league for your age group?
Disband the team and join a recreation league or look for leagues further away from home.
Stay together and only play tournaments (in this situation, you might have to find alternate practice locations if you are not registered in a league)
- Where do you get Team Insurance?
Does your league provide insurance? Some leagues provide insurance, you must find out if that insurance covers league play and tournaments or league play only? Many league sanctioning organizations offer team insurance (USSSA).
- Independent teams are formed by age (Ex: U8, U9, U10, U11) Based on the birth-date to determine age, if one player on your team is older, the entire team has to play up in Tournaments. (Ex: if you have 10U team and a player misses the birth-date deadline and is 11 years old – the entire team must play up to the 11U division or you need to remove that player from your roster to stay in the 10U division.)

THINGS YOU NEED TO DO:

- Budget: include league fees / tournament fees / equipment costs / uniform costs / sponsorships / player fees / travel costs / sanctioning fees / insurance
- Find a League and have a back-up plan in case the league does not have enough teams to play
- Rent a field for Tryouts

THINGS YOU SHOULD DO:

- Form a separate team bank account separate from your personal account
*Never mix your personal finances with your team finances
- Have 2 or 3 adults involved with the team that you trust handle the finances
- Have a team manager handle paperwork / registrations / and player contacts

***Never play the role of coach / team manager / finance director / and travel agent by yourself. Time is not the only thing involved with forming a competitive team. You need to be prepared that not everyone will be happy with how you do things, so share the responsibility!!**

To: Youth Sports - Independent
Date: January 2020
Subject: Team / League Insurance



Frequently Asked Questions about Team Insurance:

- 1. What type of Insurance coverage is provided by the City of Raymore, Parks & Recreation Department sponsored Leagues?**
The City insurance covers incidents related to facility and program defects or negligence on the part of the City and/or its employees.
- 2. Does the City Insurance cover my team while practicing on private property and not city maintained fields?**
No, city sponsored youth sports leagues provide practice times under league supervision. Only incidents related to facility and program defects or negligence on the part of the City and/or its employees while practicing on league approved locations are covered under the city's policy. If a team chooses to practice at a private location, that team assumes the risk.
- 3. Are Coaches protected under the City Insurance?**
Volunteer coaches are considered agents of the City and are therefore protected from liability while coaching a team in a league sanctioned by our department. See question 2 for information on practices held on private property. Please remember that coaches are covered under the City liability coverage as specified in question 1, but are not covered for any illegal act they might commit.
- 4. Are player injuries covered under the City Insurance Policy?**
Participants are expected to assume the risks inherent in the sporting activity in which they are enrolled. City insurance does not cover injuries sustained as a regular part of the activity/program.
- 5. Should my team purchase additional Insurance to cover accidents or injuries.**
Unfortunately, many people do not have health insurance and it is highly recommended that all participants have medical coverage. For teams that travel and/or participate in tournaments, a team insurance policy is a great idea and in some cases required for tournament or league participation.
- 6. Why should my team purchase liability insurance if the City's League already provides coverage?**
If you plan to participate in any type of tournament, league, or practice at any location not sanctioned by the City of Raymore, liability insurance is strongly encouraged and required in most cases.
- 7. Can we purchase additional insurance through the City?**
No, teams can purchase insurance through many companies. A quick web search can provide many options for Youth sports team insurance. A few companies that provide youth sports coverage are listed below. There are other companies that provide this insurance in addition to those on the list

and the City of Raymore is not endorsing or receiving payments from any of the companies on the list.

www.ussa.com
www.campteam.com

www.kandkinsurance.com
www.specialtyriskinc.com

www.pullenins.com
www.nationwide.com