

# BCPRD T-ball/Baseball/Softball Frequently Asked Questions

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Website: [www.banksrec.org](http://www.banksrec.org)

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/BanksCountyParksandRecreation/>

Park Map: <https://www.bankscountyrec.org/facilities.html>

**Equipment** – BCPRD provides each coach with the appropriate equipment for the sport they are coaching. Equipment issued to coaches is expected to be returned immediately following the season in which you are participating in. Players in t-ball, baseball, and softball will need to purchase a glove of their choice. Cleats are not required and are optional. If you purchase a bat for your child for 4-6-year-old age groups, the bat must be a t-ball bat. For baseball, the bat MUST have the USA Baseball stamp (please see [www.usabat.com](http://www.usabat.com) for a full list of approved bats. For softball, the bat must have the USA Softball stamp (please see [www.usasoftball](http://www.usasoftball) for a full list of approved bats).

**Uniforms** – A uniform is included for each participant. T-ball uniforms include a cap, jersey, pants, and socks. Baseball and softball uniforms include a cap, jersey, pants, socks, and belt. Uniforms are ordered after registration has ended. It is our goal to have uniforms to players 1-2 weeks before the first game.

**Practice/game schedules** – Practice games/schedules are generated and released as soon as possible. When schedules are ready, they will be released on our website ([www.bankscountyrec.org](http://www.bankscountyrec.org)), as well as our Facebook page. Please note that in the 7–14-year-old age groups, there are times when other agencies generate game schedules. Often, we are simply waiting for them to release game schedules. Please know that we will release schedules as soon as they are available.

**Opening Day** –Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are not be comfortable holding this large of an event this season. We will advise as soon as possible on whether or not we will offer an alternative to Opening Day.

**Pictures** – Pictures will be held this season as normal. When we have picture schedules and forms, we will disseminate that information to individual coaches.

**COVID-19** – Please refer to website’s home page ([www.bankscountyrec.org](http://www.bankscountyrec.org)) to read our policy concerning if your participant or someone in your family contracts COVID-19. We have specific policies and guidelines in place for the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **There seem to be fields sitting empty when there could be games being played. Why is that?**

All of the fields at BCPRD are set up to accommodate games for specific age groups. Games can only be played on fields that have appropriate dimensions for the age group (e.g. distance between bases, distance between mound and home plate, distance to outfield fence, sport being played on that field, etc.). Both season schedules and make-up games are developed based on the availability of fields, starting dates of leagues, number of games, number of days between games, etc.

## **Evaluations and team placement explained.**

For ages 4-6, we try our best to accommodate coach/player requests, however, requests are not guaranteed in this age group. We are unable to accommodate requests for age groups 7 and up. In age groups 7 and up, we hold evaluations. Evaluations are held to evaluate each player’s skill level. This is done in an effort to make sure teams are split up evenly. If you would like a more in-depth description of evaluations and team placement, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 706-677-4407.

## **I want to coach my child's team. What do I do?**

While we have all of the head coaching positions filled for 2021, we still need assistant coaches. Please contact your child’s coach if you are willing to help them coach. If you have already registered, contact the Parks and Recreation Department and let us know you are interested in coaching. There is a process behind approving coaches. Year over year the number of coaches is different for each division. It all depends on the number of kids in each division. Once the process is complete the Parks & Recreation Department will let you know if you are allowed to coach. All coaches, both head and assistants, need to pass a background check. There is no charge for a background check when applying to coach for BCPRD.