

# Closter Recreation Commission

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## Closter/Haworth Parents

### 2020 SPRING T-Ball / Baseball / Girls' Softball Information

**ONLINE REGISTRATION** will be open in the Closter Community Pass for the following spring sports starting **Mon, January 20th**.

- T-Ball (Kindergarten)
- Baseball (Grades 1-8)
- Girls' Softball (Grades 1-8)

The Little League Baseball and Girls' Softball season kicks off with parades and opening day ceremonies in both Demarest and Closter. Dates and times TBD. Uniforms will be distributed prior to the parade- please march in the Opening Day ceremonies! More details to be posted on the [Closter Rec website](http://www.closterrec.com) at a later date.

Schedules will not be available until mid-April.

To register, go to the [Closter Rec website](http://www.closterrec.com) and follow the link for registration on the Home/Registration pages.

Please note the following:

- If you already have a Community Pass account from a non-Closter community or organization, you DO NOT need to create a new account to register for Closter Rec programs. You can use the same Username to log in.
- Please take an extra step to review your Primary Contact information in Community Pass (My Account -> Update Account Information -> Primary Contact). You may have up to three email addresses to store in your account to ensure you receive notifications from Rec including news and updates, tryouts/evaluations, registration info, schedules, coaching, etc., to **ALL** your email addresses in your family. Please try to use "personal home emails" as many corporate emails are blocking and/or putting Recreation related emails directly into your company's spam folders. Please check your spam folders for Closter Recreation Emails from the Constant Contact "server".
- Please make sure to double check your child(ren)'s jersey size. Kids grow up fast!!!
- If you need assistance with registration or with Community Pass, please contact [admin@closterrec.com](mailto:admin@closterrec.com).

### REGISTRATION FEES for T-Ball / Baseball / Girls' Softball

Take advantage of the early bird fee and register as soon as possible. We are having increasing problems with selecting teams ordering equipment and uniforms due to the late sign-ups. No refunds will be allowed after teams are selected.

**Early Bird Registration Fee**  
Mon, 1/20 ~ Sat, 2/29  
**\$125**

**Regular Registration Fee**  
Sun, 3/1 ~ Fri, 3/13  
**\$175**

**LATE Registration Fee**  
Sat, 3/14 ~ Fri, 3/20  
**\$225**

**No registrations will be accepted after 3/20. Evaluations start 3/21.**

### BASEBALL and GIRLS' SOFTBALL EVALUATIONS

Below are the dates, times and locations on evaluations for selecting teams. **Please note that requests for placement of children on specific teams are not possible. Due to the large number of children registering, children will play on the teams that they are chosen for.** You will be notified of your child's team in April.

**3/4 Grade, 5/6 Grade - Little League Evaluations**  
Date: Saturday, Mar 21  
Time: 5/6 Grade - 9am ~ 10:30am  
3/4 Grade - 10:30 ~ 12noon  
Location: NVD HS gym- enter by flagpole

**3/4 Grade Girls' Softball Evaluations**  
Date: Sunday, Mar 22  
Time: 2:30pm ~ 3:30pm  
Location: NVBA, 51 Railroad Ave, Closter

**7/8 Grade - Knickerbocker Evaluations**  
Date: Sunday, Mar 22 Time:  
1pm ~ 2:30pm  
Location: NVBA, 51 Railroad Ave, Closter

**5/6 Grade Girls' Softball Evaluations**  
Date: Sunday, Mar 22  
Time: 3:30pm ~ 4:30pm  
Location: NVBA, 51 Railroad Ave, Closter

## COACHES

**Coaches are needed for all sports!!** WITHOUT parental involvement/coaching, we cannot offer the programs for your children. Please consider signing up to coach no matter what skill set you have. Email help, administration help is welcomed!!

When you register your child in Community Pass, parents should also sign up to coach if they are interested in coaching or assisting any spring sports teams (Rec or Travel). To register, select the "2019-2020 Coach Volunteer" program in Community Pass. We DO NOT assume because you have coached in the past that you wish to continue to coach. We also will not consider any coaches that are interested in coaching or assisting unless they sign up in the Community Pass.

All volunteer coaches are required to attend a one-time Rutgers Safety Class. Send an email to [closterrecjim@aol.com](mailto:closterrecjim@aol.com) if you wish to receive information on upcoming Rutgers Safety Classes.

## TRAVEL BASEBALL / GIRLS' SOFTBALL and ALL travel sports

The Recreation Commission and the tri-town baseball/girls' softball committee's policies on travel sports are as follows:

- Any child wishing to play on the town-sponsored travel teams MUST also play Recreation Baseball/Girls' Softball. \*\*
- This year Closter AND Haworth will be having a school team for baseball. And Closter will have a team for Girls' softball grades 6-8. Any child playing on the school team and travel teams do NOT have to play Rec. But we encourage children to play all three but it is NOT a requirement.
- Spring baseball travel teams and the summer travel baseball teams are separate entities with separate tryouts. Children who will not be here in the summer will still have the opportunity to play on the spring travel baseball teams.
- It is imperative that children attend the tryouts so that we know how many teams we will be able to field at each age level. ONLY children registered for Rec Baseball/Girls' Softball will be notified of the time and date of the tryouts, via email. We are looking to put in more than 1 team for each age level based upon the interest level of the children trying out. And we hope that the children will play with whatever team they are selected on, as this affects all of the children on the teams. In many cases if children drop out, we end up with not enough children to form a second team. Children getting the extra reps each week will improve their skills and they will have fun playing on these teams.
- Anyone wishing to coach a travel team will need to put in an application, meet with the Tri-town Baseball Coaches Selection Committee, and meet criteria set forth by the Tri-town baseball committee prior to being selected as the travel team coach. We urge any interested parent who wishes to coach a Travel team register online in Community Pass.

**Spring Travel Baseball Tryouts (Grades 1-8)** Information on spring travel tryouts will be sent out via email to ALL parents whose children are registered for Rec baseball by **Saturday, Feb 29<sup>th</sup>** (another reason to register early). Look for these important messages in the coming weeks. NOTE the tryouts will be held the **week of March 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**. **We will only be notifying parents of travel tryouts for those children that are registered, so please register early!! Exact dates, time and location TBD.**

## CLINICS & CAMPS

### **Baseball Hitting Clinics (presented by NVD Varsity Baseball Coach Marc Houser and his staff)**

4 sessions (\$25 per session)

Wednesdays, January 29, February 5, 12, 26 @ NV Baseball Academy, 51 Railroad Ave, Closter

**Grades 2-5** 6pm - 7pm

**Grades 6-8** 7pm - 8pm

More info and registration link available on [Closter Recreation website](#)'s Home page.

### **Spring Baseball Camp**

Save the date!!! April 6-9. Varsity Baseball Coach- Marc Houser and his staff will be offering a spring baseball camp during the school break in APRIL. From Coach Houser: **"Northern Valley Baseball Camp Presents: A youth instructional camp, implementing fundamentals of baseball and game competition. The camp will be held on April 6-9th. The camp is open to children ages 5-14. Marc Houser, the head baseball coach, his staff, and current players will provide professional instruction for all campers!!!! Fliers will be emailed and provided at winter clinics. We are looking forward to meeting the future Norsemen. --Marc Houser"**

## Registration for other spring sports

**Tennis** – Tennis lessons in Closter are offered by the US Sports Institute. More information is available on the [Closter Rec website](#). (Programs -> Non Closter Rec Programs)

**ANY QUESTIONS, email Jim Oettinger at [closterrecjim@aol.com](mailto:closterrecjim@aol.com).**