

Closter Recreation Commission

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2019 SPRING T-Ball / Baseball / Softball Information

ONLINE REGISTRATION will be open in the Closter Community Pass for the following spring sports starting **Monday, January 28th**.

- T-Ball (Kindergarten)
- Baseball (Grades 1-8)
- Softball (Grades 1-8)

The Little League Baseball and Softball season kicks off with parades and opening day ceremonies, on Saturday, April 27th in Demarest, and Sunday, April 28th in Closter. 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. For reference, you can check out last year's schedule on the website. (Programs -> Spring Sports -> 2018 Schedules Baseball/Softball)

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 companies spam folders.
- If you need assistance with registration or with Community Pass, please contact admin@closterrec.com.

REGISTRATION FEES for T-Ball / Baseball / 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. If for any reason when schedules are published and your child cannot play, let us know, and we will issue you a refund prior to teams being picked.

Early Bird Registration Fee Mon 1/28 ~ Thu, 2/28 \$75 – Kindergarten T-Ball \$125 – Grades 1 ~ 8 \$200 – Family Maximum Fee	Regular Registration Fee Fri, 3/1 ~ Fri, 3/15 \$125 – Kindergarten T-Ball \$175 – Grades 1 ~ 8 \$300 – Family Maximum Fee	LATE Registration Fee Sat, 3/16 ~ Fri, 3/22 \$200 – Kindergarten T-Ball \$250 – Grades 1 ~ 8 \$450 – Family Maximum Fee	Registration must be complete by 3/22. Evaluations start 3/23. No registrations will be accepted after 3/22/19.
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BASEBALL and 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 23
Time: 5/6 Grade 9am -10:30am
3/4 Grade 10:30-12noon
Location: NVD HS gym- enter by flagpole

3/4 Grade Softball Evaluations
Date: Sunday, Mar 24
Time: 2:30pm ~ 3:30pm
Location: NVBA, 51 Railroad Ave, Closter

7/8 Grade - Knickerbocker Evaluations
Date: Sunday, Mar 24
Time: 1pm ~ 2:30pm
Location: NVBA, 51 Railroad Ave, Closter

5/6 Grade Softball Evaluations
Date: Sunday, Mar 24
Time: 3:30pm ~ 4:30pm
Location: NVBA, 51 Railroad Ave, Closter

COACHES

Coaches are needed for all sports!! The one pitfall with “ONLINE registration” is that we lose the face-to-face interaction to speak to parents about coaching. 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 “2018-2019 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 “safety orientation and training skills program” with Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y Clinics. Send an email to closterrecjim@aol.com if you wish to receive information on upcoming Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y Clinics.

TRAVEL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL and ALL travel sports

The Recreation Commission and the tri-town baseball/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/Softball. **
- ** Once again this year, Closter will be having a school team for baseball and softball grades 6-8. Any child playing on the school team and travel teams do NOT have to play Rec. 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. ALL children registered with Rec Baseball/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 Sunday, Feb 28th. Look for these important messages in the coming weeks. NOTE the tryouts will be held the **week of March 10th and Sunday, March 17th**. **We will only be notifying parents of travel tryouts for those children that are registered, so please register early!!**

CLINICS & CAMPS

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

4 sessions (\$25 per session)

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

Grades 2-4 6pm - 7pm

Grades 5/6 7pm - 8pm

Grades 7/8 8pm - 9pm

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

Spring Baseball Camp

Save the date!!! 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 15-18th. The camp is open to children ages 7-14. 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”**

NVD Boys baseball camp flyer can be found on the Closter Recreation Website under Camps/Clinics.

Registration for other spring sports

Lacrosse – NV Junior Lacrosse will be open to Grades 3 ~ 8. If your child is interested in playing lacrosse, please fill out the Pre-Registration Interest Survey Form on the [Closter Rec website](#) (On the website, click on Programs on the top left, then click “NV Junior Lacrosse” and fill out the survey of questions. We will send you information when registration for Lacrosse opens up.

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.