

Closter Recreation Commission

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URGENT - Please review the Closterrec.com website for a detailed explanation on our thoughts and plans for Girls' Softball Grades 3 - 8 for 2025.

Dear Parents:

Below you will find comprehensive information on **2025 Spring T-Ball / Baseball / Softball**.

We are planning on running the following programs for K - Gr 8 girls and boys:

- K Tee ball (*the number of boys and girls that register will determine if T-ball will be a co-ed program or separate boys' and girls' programs*)
- Gr 1/2 Girls Softball
- Gr 3/4 Girls Softball
- Gr 5/6 Girls Softball
- Gr 7/8 Girls Softball
- Gr 1 Boys Baseball
- Gr 2 Boys Baseball
- Gr 3/4 Boys Baseball**
- Gr 5/6 Boys Baseball
- Gr 7/8 Boys Baseball

**** NEW THIS YEAR FOR 3rd and 4th grade baseball. Coaches will pitch 3 innings in each game - in order to help the children get accustomed to live pitching.**

REGISTRATION

Registration will be open on [CommunityPass](#) (link on Closter Rec website) for Closter and Haworth residents from Monday, January 20 through Friday, March 14. **PLEASE take advantage of the early bird rate!!**

Early Bird Registration Fee
Mon, 1/20 ~ Sat, 2/22
\$170

Regular Registration Fee
Sun, 2/23 ~ Sat, 3/8
\$220

Late Registration Fee
Sun, 3/9 ~ Fri, 3/14
\$270

DATES

K - Gr 2 programs will start on opening day – Sunday, April 27. There will be “opening day games” for most children in K - Gr 6.

For Gr 3 - 8 boys and girls, evaluations (to assemble teams) for REC Baseball and Softball will take place in mid-March. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- Girls' softball evaluations - Weekend of March 15th or the week following - dates and times TBD
- Gr 3 - 6 boys' evaluations - Saturday, March 15 between 9am-12 noon at NV Demarest High School
- Gr 7/8 boys' evaluations - TBD

Rec Baseball and Softball games for boys and girls in Grades 3 - 8 will start tentatively the week of April 21. Spring School Break is the week of April 14.

Baseball/Girls Softball NIGHT in Closter will take place on a Friday night in May at 6pm at Memorial Park. Skill competitions for boys and girls will take place. Try and attend this night of family fun. More information will be available in April.

SCHEDULES

Unfortunately, we need to wait to see how many children register before we can attempt to assemble schedules and for some levels the schedules are done by the league that we are playing in. This year we hope to have schedules published in **mid-March** so that parents can make arrangements for other programs.

COACHES

Coaches are needed for all levels of baseball and softball. In order to coach or assist, parents must take a **one-time** (ONLINE) Rutgers Safety Class. PLEASE consider volunteering to help coach your child's team(s). Parents who take the online class will be reimbursed for the cost of the class once they submit their Rutgers safety card. Information and the link to upcoming Rutgers safety classes can be found on the Closter Rec website. Only parents that sign up on the CommunityPass registration site for “coaching” will be considered to coach a team. PLEASE do not send emails that you want to coach. Please sign up to coach in CommunityPass as a “volunteer coach”.

Travel Baseball Grades 1 through 8

Travel baseball for the more serious baseball player in a competitive baseball league will be offered for children in grades 1 through 8. In order to play TRAVEL baseball, children must be registered and play REC baseball. **Only children that are registered for REC Baseball** will receive information on travel evaluations/tryouts. Dates for these tryouts are tentatively scheduled for **mid-FEBRUARY**, so PLEASE register for REC BASEBALL ASAP to receive travel baseball information. If there is an interest level for GIRLS travel Softball, we would be thrilled to enter teams into a league, but the spring Girls softball league that we play in has proven to be daunting.

Any questions on any of these programs, please send an email to Jim Oettinger at joettinger@closternj.us.

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