

TRAVEL BASEBALL - SCHOOL BASEBALL & SOFTBALL REQUESTS FOR PRACTICE

The Parks Department has set March 2 as the opening date for travel teams to begin practice at our facilities. For baseball, available parks are Lee Victory Recreation Park (ages 5-8) and Todd Lane Baseball Complex (9-18). Other venues may be available as well. Depending on availability, practices will be permitted on Sunday afternoons and some Wednesdays throughout the recreation league season. The Smyrna Baseball League will designate travel baseball practice times and dates to travel teams that are recognized by their leagues, i.e. players that will play this spring season in the recreation league before starting the travel season. The process for being considered as one of the recognized teams can be obtained by accessing www.smyrnabaseball.org.

All other stand alone travel baseball teams will request their practices through the Athletics Office, Smyrna Parks and Recreation, by calling 615-459-9742 X2612, or by coming into the office. No more than 2 practices will be scheduled at a time for any particular team. Fees will pertain and a permit from the department will be required before being permitted on the field. Smyrna travel teams will be accommodated on a case-by-case basis. Coaches that desire to request a practice under this criteria, will be asked to do the following and adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1) Provide a team roster that includes names and addresses.**
- 2) Approved area of team composition - North of I840 to LaVergne city line.**
- 3) Teams 12 and under must be comprised of at least 75% of the players residing within the approved area or within Smyrna city limits.**
- 4) Teams 13 plus, must be comprised of at least 60% of the players residing within the approved area or within Smyrna city limits.**
- 5) A user fee of \$20 per two hour block must be paid before a permit is issued by the department.**
- 6) No more than 2 practices will be scheduled at a time, to give other teams an opportunity for space. Some fields may not be available due to repairs and maintenance.**
- 7) Travel teams will only be permitted to use the facilities if the recreation schedule permits. The recreation will take priority over travel in the event of a rainout makeup.**
- 8) All teams must be approved by the Athletics Branch of the Parks Department, and will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on**

field availability. Following these guidelines is not a guarantee of a field.

If this process is not followed, there will be grounds for removal on-site.

SCHOOL teams that have received prior approval from the Parks Department for practice and games, will be authorized to begin practice on February 23 on Todd Lane Complex fields. Additional questions may be directed to the Athletics Office at 615-459-9742 X2612/2622.

TRAVEL girls softball teams that have been designated by both the Smyrna Girls Softball League and Smyrna Fastpitch Leagues will be scheduled by them in conjunction with the Smyrna Parks Department. Any other requests shall be requested through the Smyrna Parks Department's Athletics Office.

For additional information, contact the Smyrna Parks Athletics Office at 615-459-9742 X2612/2622.