# SWINGING INTO FUN



YOUTH T-BALL

AGES 3-4

REGISTRATION OPENS April 10th DEADLINE TO REGISTER: May 21st No Late Registrations will be accepted!

Practices begin the week of June 19th, Games start the week of July 3rd, End of season week of July 31st.

Shorts and gloves are not provided by the Y, and required of all participants.

South Beloit T-Ball: Mondays 5:30/6:40

**Ironworks T-Ball:** Thursdays 5:30/6:40

Visit statelineymca.org/tball to learn more & sign-up today!

### MEMBERS \$45 | COMMUNITY \$65

Register in-house or online!

#### **QUESTIONS?**

Contact Kobe at khollenbeck@statelineymca.org



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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Apr 10	Registration opens
May 21	Registration deadline
May 24	Coaches Meeting
Jun 19	First Day for South Beloit
Jun 22	First Day for Ironworks
TBD	Picture Day
Jul 31	Last Day for South Beloit
Aug 3	Last Day for Ironworks

## COMMITMENT TO CHARACTER



#### **CORE VALUES**

Caring - We expect athletes, coaches, officials, and parents to remain committed to their team, teammates, themselves, and the integrity of the sport while at practice, before, during, and after games, and at all times. Sports, at their core, are about commitment.

Honesty - We are dedicated to an equal and fair standard. This happens when athletes, coaches, officials, and parents are honest at all times. In the end, cheaters never win and winners never cheat.

Respect - We expect all athletes, coaches, officials, and parents to be treated with dignity at all times. The experience is the focus, not the outcome.

Responsibility - We hold athletes, coaches, officials, and parents responsible for their actions. It is vital that everyone is following the rules and conducting themselves with, Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility at all times.

#### THE FOUR PLAYER VALUES

Caring - I will demonstrate caring to my sport and my teammates by practicing and playing to the best of my ability at all times.

Honesty - I will live out honesty by playing by the rules; I won't complain to the officials.

Respect - I will be respectful to my teammates, the coaches, and the officials by treating them how I would like to be treated.

Responsibility - I understand that actions have consequences and I pledge to take accept the consequences for my actions at all times.

#### THE FOUR COACH VALUES

Caring - I will show my players I care by being prepared for practices and games.

Honesty - I demonstrate honesty by upholding the rules, regardless of the outcome.

Respect - I will respect each player and strive to help players' development individually and as a team. I will ensure that all players are respected by myself, teammates, and parents. Ensuring everyone has equal opportunity to learn and develop is one of my most important roles as a coach. Responsibility - I understand the responsibility of being a coach and the impact my choices have on players and parents. I am a role model for all players and parents, and I will not only follow the rules-I will uphold them at all times.

#### THE FOUR PARENT VALUES

Caring - I will show my player that I care and support by encouraging development both on and off the field/court.

Honesty - I will be a good role model for my player and their teammates by demonstrating honesty, regardless of the outcome.

Respect - I will respect all players, teammates, coaches, and officials at all times and understand that this level of play is focused on fun, fair play, and development.

Responsibility - I understand that my player will demonstrate the same level of responsibility I have. Therefore, I will follow the rules and policies for the sport in which my player is participating, and will accept responsibility for my actions.





#### What age groups does YMCA T-Ball serve?

Our T-Ball league is for players ages 3-4 years old.

#### What do the programs cost?

Due to an anonymous donor, we are able to continue to offer the lower pricing we started in 2018! This was done to offer the opportunity to families who may have not been able to afford to participate in the past!

T-Ball costs \$45 for Stateline Family YMCA members and \$65 for the community. There is no multi-child discount at this time.

#### When does registration begin and where can I register?

Registration officially opens on April 10th. You can register online at statelineymca.org/tball, on the Y app, or in-person at the Ironworks Branch or Roscoe Branch of the Stateline Family YMCA.

#### What does the player fee cover?

Each player's fee covers only a portion of the expenses we incur to operate our leagues (team equipment, uniforms, umpires, grounds crew wages, grounds keeping equipment, concession stand supervisors, janitorial services, etc.). We cover the rest of our operating expenses with support from a combination of sources, including our donors, team sponsors, on-field advertisers, concession stand operations, and tournament hosting activities.

#### Do parents need to volunteer at the concession stand or in any capacity?

Our concession stand is fully staffed, so you can sit back and relax while watching your child's game! We do, however, depend on volunteer coaches for our program. Our program is a very large program and the need for motivated and dedicated volunteers is constantly growing. If you are interested in coaching, please indicate that on the registration form, submit your information at statelineymca.org/volunteer, or contact the YMCA at 608-365-2261.

#### Does my player need to buy any equipment to play?

The YMCA supplies all our teams with balls, bats, and four batting helmets. We also supply all our players and coaches with a team T-shirt and hat.

YMCA players generally supply their own fielding gloves, shoes/cleats, and shorts. We strongly encourage players also bring their own batting helmet. Please label personal equipment so that we can return it to the proper owner should your child happen to misplace it during the season.

#### When is uniform pickup?

The complete uniform will be given to coaches this year to hand out at practice.

#### When is picture day?

Picture Day is TBD

#### Does the YMCA cut any kids?

No. If you register for YMCA T-ball, your child will be placed on a team. Please note, however, that we do have limits to the number of players who can play in each league; we will close registration for those leagues as they are filled.

#### How many games do the teams play?

In our T-ball league, teams play at least 3 games.

Rainouts can also affect the final number of games a team plays; we make every attempt to reschedule any rainouts.

## T-BALL FAQ's



All coaches are required to attend a mandatory coaches' meeting, where we will share how our program works, rules and regulations, and practice drills.

T-Ball Coaches' Meeting: May 24th - 6:00pm @ Ironworks Branch

Does every player get to play?

Yes! In all leagues, every player on the team roster must have at least one plate appearance and play three consecutive outs on defense in each game.

When does the season start, and how long does it last?

Practice will begin the week of June 19th. Games will run from July 3rd through July 31st. Once games begin, teams will generally play one game per week, either on Monday or Thursday.

How often will my player's team practice?

We believe one of the most important factors in player development is regular team practices. For that reason, we encourage our volunteer coaches to practice with their teams as often as they can, subject to our guidelines that each team MUST practice at least once per week during the season.

Because each of our coaches have unique job situations, and because the practice fields in our area are limited, it is impossible for us to tell you exactly when your player will have practices during the season.

Where are the games played?

All games will be played at the YMCA Youth Sports Complex located at 3301 Prairie Ave. in Beloit, or at South Beloit High School located at 245 Prairie Hill Rd. in South Beloit.

Do games occur on the weekends?

Games will take place on Mondays (South Beloit) and Thursdays (Ironworks).

What times are the games?

T-ball games are usually scheduled to begin at 5:30 or 6:40 p.m.

#### What is Your Refund Policy?

All refund requests will be at the director's discretion.

- Before practice begins: a full credit on your account will be permitted
- Once practice begins: a 50% credit on your account will be permitted. This is due to the fact that uniforms are already ordered, and teams have already been formed by this time. All refund requests are subject to the director's approval.
- Once games begin: no refunds or credits are permitted.