



INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP
PARKS, RECREATION & SENIORS

Youth Sports Guide

2025

SUMMER YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



SPRING & FALL YOUTH SOCCER



THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SPORTS



INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP PARKS, RECREATION & SENIORS

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"Experience Everything"



Dear Parents,

Welcome back for another year of youth sports in Independence Township!

In 2025, we hope to grow on what we learned from 2024 and to keep youth sports as fresh and engaging as ever. It is our goal to provide athletic programs to your kids in a positive, fun, and safe environment.

You may see some changes in our programs this year. We strive to keep our programs up to date and are going to implement new processes. We look forward to seeing everyone out on the fields this year!

Please remember that coaches are volunteers and the officials are often young amateurs. **EVERYONE WILL MAKE MISTAKES.** We need your help to be supportive. Sportsmanship is one of the most beneficial lessons you can teach your child. If every team has good sportsmanship, you can imagine what a great year everyone will have.

As always, we depend on you, the parents, for your support and help in making these programs a positive experience for all our athletes. How you support young athletes and interact with other adults greatly influences everyone's enjoyment. We thank you in advance for your support and attention to this matter.

Thank You,
*The Staff of Independence Township
Parks, Recreation & Seniors*





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**INDEPENDENCE
TOWNSHIP**

PARKS, RECREATION & SENIORS

ATHLETICS STAFF NEEDED!

**SOCCER REFEREES
SOFTBALL & BASEBALL UMPIRES
AND SITE SUPERVISORS**

**Officials: Age 12+
Site Supervisors: Age 18+
Weeknight & Saturday Morning Games**

**Gain Work Experience - Work Outside
Meet New People - Great Pay!**

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or visit www.indtwp.com to apply**

2025 YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



LITTLE SLUGGERS

AGES 3 & 4 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2025

OBJECTIVE: This is a co-rec instructional introduction to baseball league for ages 3 and 4.

FORMAT

- Teams formed by ITPRS, and coached by parent volunteers.
- Coaches work one-on-one with the players, increasing motor skill development.
- 6 instructional weeks.

- Age appropriate safety equipment.
- Skills taught will be incorporated into non-competitive activities.

SESSIONS: Meet & Greet: Friday, May 30, 2025, 6–7PM. All sessions will be played on Saturday mornings beginning May 31. Fridays used as possible rain dates.

T-BALL

AGE 5 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2025

OBJECTIVE: This co-rec, non-competitive league introduces the basic skills of the game; base running, throwing, catching, and field positions.

FORMAT

- Teams formed by ITPRS, and coached by parent volunteers.
- Scoreless innings/no official standings kept.
- Half innings will conclude with the end of the batting order (not “3” outs).
- Games will be three innings in length or 1 hour and 15 minute time limit.
- There will be a minimum of 6 games.

- The entire season will be t-ball.
- Coaches will be required to alternate batting order and field positions.

PRACTICES & GAMES

T-ball players will have two scheduled practices: May 16 and May 30 time to be announced. All games will be played on Saturday mornings, beginning May 31. Fridays used as possible rain dates.

COACH PITCH

AGES 6, 7 & 8 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2025

OBJECTIVE

This co-rec, non-competitive league will develop the understanding of the game and allow players to continue their learning of the field, rules, players, and coaches.

FORMAT

- Three separate age divisions: Coach Pitch 6, 7 & 8.
- Teams formed by ITPRS, and coached by parent volunteers.
- Scoreless innings and no official standings.
- Coach Pitch 6: Half innings will conclude with the end of the batting order (not “3” outs.)
- Coach Pitch 7 & 8: Half innings will conclude after “3” outs.
- Games will be three innings in length or 1 hour and 15 minute time limit.
- For Coach Pitch 6, the season will transition from hitting off a batting tee to coaches pitching. Coach Pitch 7 will be coach pitch the entire season.
- Coach Pitch 8 will gradually teach players “kid pitch” technique, preparing players ready for the next level of play.
- Coaches will be required to alternate batting order and field positions.

PRACTICES & GAMES

Practices will begin in May, and can be scheduled for any day of the week. The season begins May 31. Fridays may be used as a rain-date. Once the regular season begins, CP7, will practice on Thursdays and play games on Saturdays. CP8 will practice on Tuesdays, and play games Saturdays. Coach Pitch 6 will not practice during the regular season.

BOYS 9-10 MAJOR

AGES 9-10 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2025

OBJECTIVE

To provide a structured league for competitive play combined with sportsmanship, skill development and teamwork.

FORMAT

- Teams formed by ITPRS, and coached by parent volunteers.
- Score will be kept during games, however, no official standings or league champion will be recognized.
- There will be a continuous batting order (all present will bat).
- Half innings will conclude with the 3rd out.
- Coaches will be required to rotate batting order and field positions.
- There will be a minimum of 8 games, each lasting five innings in length or 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- Players will pitch the entire season with weekly limits for individuals.
- Travel to partnering communities may be involved, and may play on nights different than previously listed.

PRACTICES & GAMES

Practices will begin in May, and can be scheduled for any day of the week. The regular season begins Saturday May 31. There will be some Saturday games. Most evening games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays. Rain-outs may be made up on normal scheduled nights, Fridays or Saturdays. Game locations will vary. Travel to partnering communities may be involved, and may play on nights different than previously listed.

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GIRLS 9-10 MAJOR

AGES 9-10 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2025

OBJECTIVE

To provide a softball league for girls allowing them to refine field skills such as throwing, catching, fielding, and pitching. This league will be referred to a fastpitch league in order to teach and develop this pitching technique. However, it is understood that the participants are in the early learning stages.

FORMAT

- Teams formed by ITPRS, and coached by parent volunteers.
- Score will be kept during games, however, no official standings or league champion will be recognized.
- There will be a continuous batting order (all present will bat).
- Coaches will be required to rotate batting order and field positions.
- There will be a minimum of 8 games, each lasting five innings in length or 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- The schedule will include a gradual change from "coach pitch" to "player pitch".
- Travel to partnering communities may be involved, and may play on nights different than listed below.

PRACTICES & GAMES

Practices will begin in May, and can be scheduled for any day of the week. The regular season begins Saturday May 31. There will be some Saturday games. Most evening games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays. Rain-outs may be made up on normal scheduled nights, Fridays or Saturdays. Game locations will vary. Travel to partnering communities may be involved, and may play on nights different than previously listed.

GIRLS 11-12 MAJOR LEAGUE

AGES 11 & 12 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2025

OBJECTIVE

To provide a structured league for competitive play combined with sportsmanship, skill development and teamwork.

FORMAT

- Teams formed by ITPRS, and coached by parent volunteers.
- Official score and standings will be kept. A "Playoff Champion" will be recognized.
- Half innings will conclude with the 3rd out and games will be six innings in length, or 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- Teams will play 8-10 regular season games, and all teams will make the playoffs.
- Players will pitch the entire season with weekly limits for individuals.
- Coaches will be required to rotate batting order and field positions.
- Travel to partnering communities may be involved, and may play on nights different than listed below.

PRACTICES & GAMES

Practices will begin in May, and can be scheduled for any day of the week. The regular season begins Saturday May 31. There will be some Saturday games. Most evening games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Rain-outs may be made up on normal scheduled nights, Fridays or Saturdays. Game locations will vary. Travel to partnering communities may be involved, and may play on nights different than previously listed.

BOYS 11-12 MAJOR LEAGUE

AGES 11 & 12 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2025

OBJECTIVE

To provide a structured league for competitive play combined with sportsmanship, skill development and teamwork.

FORMAT

- Teams formed by ITPRS, and coached by parent volunteers.
- Official score and standings will be kept. A "Playoff Champion" will be recognized.
- There will be a continuous batting order (all present will bat).
- Half innings will conclude with the "3rd" out and games will be six innings in length, or 2 hours.
- Teams will play 8-10 regular season games, and all teams will make the playoffs.
- Players will pitch the entire season with weekly limits for individuals.
- Coaches will be required to rotate batting order and field positions.
- Travel to partnering communities may be involved, and play on nights different than listed below.

PRACTICES & GAMES

Practices will begin in May, and can be scheduled for any day of the week. The regular season begins Saturday May 31. There will be some Saturday games. Most evening games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Rain-outs may be made up on normal scheduled nights, Fridays or Saturdays. Game locations will vary. Travel to partnering communities may be involved, and may play on nights different than previously listed.

OFFICIALS NEEDED!

We are currently hiring youth sports officials for soccer and baseball/softball. Apply online at www.indtwp.com or call 248-625-8223.

2025 YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

GIRLS 13-14 MAJOR LEAGUE

AGES 13 & 14 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2025

OBJECTIVE

To provide a structured league for competitive play combined with sportsmanship, skill development and teamwork.

FORMAT

- Teams formed by ITPRS, and coached by parent volunteers.
- Official score and standings will be kept. A "Playoff Champion" will be recognized.
- Half innings will conclude with the 3rd out and games will be seven innings in length, or 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- Players will pitch the entire season with weekly limits for individuals.
- Teams will play 8-10 regular season games, and all teams will make the playoffs.
- Game locations will vary and there will be travel to partnering communities.

PRACTICES & GAMES

Practices will begin in May, and can be scheduled for any day of the week. The regular season begins Saturday May 31. There will be some Saturday games. Most evening games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays. Rain-outs may be made up on normal scheduled nights, Fridays or Saturdays. Game locations will vary. Travel to partnering communities may be involved, and may play on nights different than previously listed.

BOYS 13-14 MAJOR LEAGUE

AGES 13 & 14 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2025

OBJECTIVE

To provide a structured league for competitive play combined with sportsmanship, skill development and team work.

FORMAT

- Teams formed by ITPRS, and coached by parent volunteers.
- Official score and standings will be kept. A "Playoff Champion" will be recognized.
- Half innings will conclude with the 3rd out and games will be seven innings in length, or 2 hours.
- Players will pitch the entire season with weekly limits for individuals.
- Teams will play 8-10 regular season games, and all teams will make the playoffs.
- Game locations will vary, and there will be travel to other communities.

PRACTICES & GAMES

Practices will begin in May, and can be scheduled for any day of the week. The regular season begins Saturday May 31. There will be some Saturday games. Most evening games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Rain-outs may be made up on normal scheduled nights, Fridays or Saturdays. Game locations will vary. Travel to partnering communities may be involved, and may play on nights different than previously listed.

BOYS 15-18 NORTH OAKLAND BIG LEAGUE

AGES 15-18 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2025

OBJECTIVE

To provide a structured league for competitive play combined with sportsmanship, skill development and teamwork. This league will include play from partnering communities with both home and away games.

FORMAT

- Official score and standings will be kept. A "Playoff Champion" will be recognized.
- Coaches will be encouraged, but not required, to rotate batting order and field positions.
- 2 hour time limit on games.
- Players will pitch the entire season with weekly limits for individuals.
- Game locations will vary, and there will be travel to partnering communities.

PRACTICES & GAMES

Practices will begin in May, and can be scheduled for any day of the week. The regular season begins in June. There will be some Saturday games. Evening game nights can be scheduled Monday through Thursday. Rain-outs may be made up on normal scheduled nights, Fridays or Saturdays. Game locations will vary. Travel to partnering communities may be involved, and may play on nights different than previously listed.



THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

These programs are designed for persons with cognitive disabilities with or without physical impairments. For more information on our TR programs, contact Maddie Wozniak at (248) 625-8223 or mwozniak@indtwp.com.

TR TRAVEL SOFTBALL

A travel league designed for players 14+, that plays other participating communities such as Troy, Waterford, Rochester and Orion.

Practices: Tuesdays in May, June & July
Games: Thursdays in June & July
\$45/res ★ \$55/non res



BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SPONSORSHIPS

A Youth Baseball and Softball sponsorship ensures that this program remains affordable for everyone while offering a quality experience. Your partnership will give you exposure to thousands of people and is easier than ever! Just provide a logo and sponsorship fee and we do the rest! Annually 80+ teams with 1200+ players total.

MAJOR LEAGUE

- Your company is the sole sponsor for that team!
- Company logo on front center of two-button style shirt.
- You pick the colors of your team!
- Provides shirt, hat, pants & socks for each player.
- You pick the team name! Therefore, the company name will be on schedules and other publications involving your team's league.
- Your name listed in our Fall *Explore* Magazine mailed out to 22,000 households.
- You will also receive a sponsor award plaque after the season concludes.
- You will receive two sponsor shirts to show your team support!

\$400

MINOR LEAGUE

- Your company is the sole sponsor for that team!
- Company logo on front center of t-shirt.
- You pick the colors of your team!
- Provides shirt & hat for each player.
- You pick the team name! Therefore, the company name will be on schedules and other publications involving your team's league.
- Your name listed in our Fall *Explore* Magazine mailed out to 22,000 households.
- You will also receive a sponsor award plaque after the season concludes.
- You will receive two sponsor shirts to show your team support!

\$300

LITTLE SLUGGERS

- Your company is the sole sponsor for that team!
- Company logo on front center of t-shirt.
- You pick the colors of your team!
- Provides shirt & hat for each player.
- You pick the team name! The name you pick will be on schedules and other publications involving your team's league.
- Your name listed in our Fall *Explore* Magazine mailed out to 22,000 households.
- You will also receive a sponsor award plaque after the season concludes.
- You will receive two sponsor shirts to show your team support!

\$250

FIELD BANNERS

Would you like to see your company's name or logo displayed on one of our ball field fences? Clintonwood Park hosts many sports leagues, events, tournaments and a wide variety of outdoor activities throughout the year including: Youth Baseball and Softball, Youth Soccer, Independence Fest and much more!

- 3' x 6' full color banner with company logo displayed on ball field fence at Clintonwood Park.
- Banner is displayed from April - October, giving your company exposure to thousands of people.
- Company name printed in our Fall *Explore* Magazine mailed out to 22,000 households.
- Quick and easy process for you! Return sponsor form, along with your logo and fee. We handle the rest, including printing and displaying.

\$500

DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2025

(Sponsorships may be accepted after this date, but may be too late for certain publications or color choice)

**PLEASE CONTACT AMY LABOISSONNIERE AT (248) 625-8223
OR AMYL@INDTWP.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**SPECIAL
DISCOUNT:**

**SPONSOR ANY TEAM
AND GET YOUR
FIELD BANNER FOR
ONLY \$350!**

2025 YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUES

KIDDY KICKER

FOR 3, 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS

To provide a basic, instructional soccer program geared to teach the basic concepts of the game in a FUN atmosphere!

KIDDY KICKER 3 & 4 – AGE REQUIREMENTS

**New combined age division*

Spring: Players born 2020 & 2021

Fall: Players born in 2021 & 2022

KIDDY KICKER 5 – AGE REQUIREMENTS

Spring: Players born 2019

Fall: Players born in 2020

FORMAT

- Co-Rec teams formed by ITPRS, and coached by parent volunteers.
- No official standings or score kept.
- Players must wear shin guards.
- Players should bring a size 3 ball with their name on it to each session.

GAMES

- Each season is a six week session
- Games played on Saturday mornings at Clintonwood Park.
- 3 & 4 year olds play 9–10AM.
- 5 year olds play 10:15–11:15AM.
- Make-ups will be held on Friday evenings or Saturdays.
- Season tentatively begins on Saturday, 4/12/25 (spring) and 9/6/25 (fall).

JUNIOR KICKER

FOR 6 & 7 YEAR OLDS

To provide a basic, instructional soccer program geared to teach the simple fundamentals in a FUN atmosphere!

JUNIOR KICKER 6 – AGE REQUIREMENTS

Spring: Players born 2018

Fall: Players born in 2019

JUNIOR KICKER 7 – AGE REQUIREMENTS

Spring: Players born 2017

Fall: Players born in 2018

FORMAT

- Co-Rec teams formed by ITPRS, and coached by parent volunteers.
- No official standings or score kept.
- Players must wear shin guards.
- A size 4 ball is used.

GAMES

- Junior Kicker 6 play on Mondays & Wednesdays, and Junior Kicker 7 play on Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning the week of 4/14/25 (spring) and 9/8/25 (fall).
- Make-ups will be held on Friday evenings or Saturdays.
- Game times will vary and will start between 5:30PM and 7PM, depending on the season.

BOYS AND GIRLS U10

These are semi-competitive, instructional leagues for boys and girls with basic knowledge of the game.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Spring: Players born in 2015 & 2016

Fall: Players born in 2016 & 2017

FORMAT

- Co-Rec teams formed by ITPRS, and coached by parent volunteers.
- Score and official standing to be kept.
- 8–10 games, with additional practices.

GAMES

- Boys play on Mondays & Wednesdays, and girls play on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning 4/14/25 (spring) and 9/8/25 (fall).
- Practices may be any day of the week and are scheduled by coaches.
- Each game consists of two 25-minute halves, with start times between 5:30–7PM, depending on the season.
- Players must wear shin guards and use a size 4 ball.
- Make-ups will be held on Friday and/or Saturdays.

BOYS AND GIRLS U12

POSSIBILITY OF TRAVEL TO WATERFORD

These are semi-competitive, instructional leagues for boys and girls with basic knowledge of the game.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Spring: Players born in 2013 & 2014

Fall: Players born in 2014 & 2015

FORMAT

- Co-Rec teams formed by ITPRS, and coached by parent volunteers.
- Score and official standing to be kept.
- 8–10 games, with additional practices.

GAMES

- Boys play on Mondays & Wednesdays, and girls play on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning 4/14/25 (spring) and 9/8/25 (fall).
- Possible Sunday games may be scheduled against Waterford Township.
- Practices may be any day of the week and are scheduled by coaches.
- Each game consists of two 30-minute halves. Weekday games start between 5:30–7PM; weekend games may vary.
- Make-ups will be held on Friday and/or Saturdays.



2025 YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUES

BOYS AND GIRLS U14

RECREATION TRAVEL SOCCER

This is a competitive Recreation league for boys and girls. Recreation level players only. No Travel Players.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Spring: Players born in 2011 & 2012 ★ **Fall:** Players born in 2012 & 2013

FORMAT

- Co-Rec teams formed by the ITPRS, and coached by parent volunteers.
- Official score and standings will be kept.
- Players use a size 5 ball.
- All players must wear shin guards.

GAMES

- Boys games are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Saturdays, and/or Sundays.
- Girls games are on Mondays and Wednesdays, Saturdays, and/or Sundays.
- Beginning weeks of 4/14/25 (spring) and 9/8/25 (fall).
- Each game consists of two 35-minute halves, with start times between 5:30–6PM.
- The U14 divisions play most Saturdays.
- Schedule will consist of 8–11 games per team.
- Partnering communities include, but not limited to: Lake Orion, Rochester, North Macomb, Royal Oak, and Waterford.

U19 CO-REC & GIRLS SOCCER

TRAVEL LEAGUE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

These are competitive recreation leagues. Travel is involved to many communities inside and outside of Oakland County.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Spring: Players born in 2006–2010 ★ **Fall:** Players born in 2007–2011

FORMAT

- Co-Rec teams formed by the ITPRS, and coached by parent volunteers.
- Score and official standing will be kept.
- Players will use a size 5 ball.
- All players must wear shin guards.

GAMES

- Saturdays & Sundays
- Make-up games will be scheduled in coordination with coaches and field availability.
- Partnering communities include, but not limited to: Lake Orion, Rochester, Utica, North Macomb & Royal Oak.
- Season will start around the week of 4/14/25 for the spring, and 9/8/25 for the fall.



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TR BUDDY SOCCER

A non-competitive recreational league for boys & girls, ages 7–14. Each player is paired with a buddy, ages 10–14, to assist them as needed.

Spring: Tuesdays, April 15–May 20 ★ 5:30–6:30PM

Fall: Tuesdays, September 9–October 14 ★ 5:30–6:30PM

Sashabaw Plains Park

\$40/res ★ \$50/non-res ★ Buddies are FREE!



TR BUDDY BASKETBALL

A non-competitive recreational league for boys & girls, ages 7–14. Each player is paired with a buddy, ages 10–14, to assist them as needed.

Tuesdays, January 21–February 25 ★ 6–7PM

Everest Academy – Academy Gym

\$40/res ★ \$50/non-res ★ Buddies are FREE!

ALL SOCCER GAMES ARE PLAYED AT CLINTONWOOD PARK

6000 CLARKSTON ROAD
CLARKSTON, MI 48348

WITH THE EXCEPTION
OF TRAVEL LEAGUES

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

We want everyone involved to have a great experience and take away good memories from being a part of this community sports program. In order for this to happen, everyone needs to play a role in creating a positive and safe environment. The code also reminds parents of the importance of being involved in their child's recreational activities.

I, as a parent or guardian, agree to the following for the benefit of my child and others in the program:

- I (and my guests) will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as (but not limited to) booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at all youth sports events.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will provide support and show appreciation for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a drug and alcohol-free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that my child plays sports for his or her enjoyment, not for mine, and that the game is for children and not for adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child and all children involved.
- I will encourage my child to be committed to getting to practice on time and to meet all the requirements of their team. When situations dictate that we cannot meet a team obligation, I will make every effort to contact the coach in a timely manner, prior to the missed obligation.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will feel less defeated by the outcome of a game or event.
- I will recognize and reward good players' performances by both my child's team and the opponent.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the other parents who share these standards of behavior.
- I will contact my coach with concerns in a timely manner to allow for effective team management. I will not let concerns fester or stack up.
- When angry or upset, I will allow time to reflect on the situation before contacting a coach about a concern. I will talk to the coach in a reasonable manner, away from children. I understand that approaching the coach, visibly upset directly after a game or during practice is not appropriate.

Consequences for not following these, or any other rules developed for specific programs, will be shared with players and coaches but is not limited to verbal warnings nor ejections from the site. Staff will address each incident in a positive and fair manner. The on-site staff official has the authority to dismiss anyone whose behavior endangers the well-being of themselves or others. Additional information can be requested from Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors Staff.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Playing a sport is not only good for you, but it is fun too! We want all players to have a safe and fun experience. Below are some expectations we have of you as a player. We ask that you help make each practice and each game, fun and safe. In order to do that, we ask that you:

- Show respect to all players, volunteers, staff, equipment, and facilities.
- Use appropriate, kind, and positive language with others.
- Use caution when playing games & sports so as to avoid causing bodily harm to self, players, officials and staff.
- Leave distracting and inappropriate items safely put away or at home, including cell phones, electronics, and any weapons or items that appear to look like weapons.
- Play for the fun of it, not just to please your parents or coach.
- Play by the Rules of the Game.
- Concentrate on playing with your best efforts. Work equally hard for your team as for yourself.
- Be a good sport by cheering all good plays, whether it is your teams or your opponent's and treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve skills and feel good. Don't be a showoff or a ball hog.
- Will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive attitude and respect for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.
- Will insist that you play in a safe and healthy environment.
- Will support, listen to and respect coaches and officials.
- Will demand a sports environment free from drugs and alcohol and will refrain from them.

I understand that if I do not conduct myself in a positive and supportive manner that I will be held accountable under the Independence Township league rules.

COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

Independence Township is proud to offer strong youth athletic leagues and is only as successful as its active and engaged parents and volunteer coaches.

We understand that good sportsmanship from players and parents doesn't just happen and that you as a coach play a significant role in our children's youth athletic experiences. We ask coaches, both head and assistant, to teach and role model in the following key areas:

COMMUNICATION SPORTSMANSHIP RESPECT SKILL BUILDING

We ask that that you intentionally teach, encourage and demonstrate to our children so that they have a rewarding and positive team sports season in our community.

As a volunteer coach, I AGREE TO:

- Treat each player, opposing coach, official, parent and administrator with respect and dignity.
- Do my best to learn the fundamental skills, teaching, and evaluation techniques and strategies of my sport.
- Become familiar with the objectives of the youth sports program with which I am affiliated. I will strive to achieve these objectives and communicate them to my players and their parents
- Uphold the authority of officials who are assigned to the contests in which I coach, and I will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial competitive contests.
- Learn the strengths and weaknesses of my players so that I will place them, to the best of my ability, into situations where they have a maximum opportunity to achieve individual success.
- Conduct my practices and games so that all players have an opportunity to safely improve their skill level through active participation.
- Communicate to my players and their parents the rights and responsibilities of individuals on our team.
- Cooperate with the administrator of Independence Township in the enforcement of rules, regulations, and program philosophy, and I will report any irregularities that violate sound competitive, ethical practices or situations which may be deemed questionable and not in the best interest of the participants.
- Protect the health and safety of my players by insisting that all of the activities under my control are conducted for their psychological and physiological welfare, rather than for the vicarious interest of adults (games are for the children and not their parents).
- Report all injuries to parents and administrators as required.
- To have a minimum of two adults present at all practice sessions.
- Complete all forms as required, including consenting to a background check, completing a online concussion Training, and signing this Code of Conduct below.
- Attend or send a designee to the coaches meeting.
- Attend or send a designee to the mandatory coaches training.
- Report any equipment that may become broken or unusable, to the league administration, for replacement. I also agree to return all equipment that I signed out at the beginning of the season, in the condition I found it in.
- I will return the coaches notebook at the end of the season, including the roster with player contact information and player medical forms.

2025 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

SUMMER YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Registration Information:

Early Bird Registration.....January 6–March 6

Late Registration.....After March 6

Review Letter Deadline.....March 6

A \$10 late fee applies for late registrations. All registration contingent upon availability of space. Residency Rates apply. No refunds will be given after the Early Bird Registration deadline.

| LEAGUE | AGE <i>Ages as of August 1, 2025</i> | DAYS <i>(Practices can be any day of the week for all leagues. Saturdays possible for all divisions)</i> | RES. | NON. |
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| Little Sluggers Co-Rec | Ages 3 & 4 | Saturdays (No additional practices) | \$78 | \$88 |
| T-Ball Co-Rec | Age 5 | Saturdays | \$78 | \$88 |
| Coach Pitch Co-Rec | Age 6 | Saturdays | \$78 | \$88 |
| Coach Pitch Co-Rec | Ages 7 & 8 | 7 year olds: Practice Thursdays, Games Saturdays 8 year olds: Practice Tuesdays, Games Saturdays | \$89 | \$99 |
| Girls 9 & 10 | Ages 9 & 10 | Mondays, Wednesdays | \$102 | \$112 |
| Boys 9 & 10 | Ages 9 & 10 | Mondays, Wednesdays | \$102 | \$112 |
| Girls 11 & 12 Fastpitch | Ages 11 & 12 | Tuesdays, Thursdays | \$102 | \$112 |
| Boys 11 & 12 Major | Ages 11 & 12 | Tuesdays, Thursdays | \$102 | \$112 |
| Girls 13 & 14 Fastpitch | Ages 13 & 14 | Mondays, Wednesdays | \$102 | \$112 |
| Boys 13 & 14 Major | Ages 13 & 14 | Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays | \$102 | \$112 |
| Boys 15-18 (North Oakland Big League NOBL) | Ages 15, 16, 17 & 18 | Mondays, Wednesdays | \$102 | \$112 |

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUES

Spring League Registration Information:

Early Bird Registration.....January 6–February 20

Late Registration.....After February 20

Review Letter Deadline.....February 20

A \$10 late fee applies for late registrations. All registration contingent upon availability of space. Residency Rates apply. No refunds will be given after the Early Bird Registration deadline.

| LEAGUE | BIRTH YEAR | DAYS | RES. | NON. |
|-------------------------|-------------|---|-------|-------|
| Kiddy Kicker 3 & 4 | 2020 & 2021 | 9AM Saturdays | \$60 | \$70 |
| Kiddy Kicker 5 | 2019 | 10:15AM Saturdays | \$60 | \$70 |
| Junior Kickers 6 | 2018 | Mondays and Wednesdays | \$82 | \$92 |
| Junior Kickers 7 | 2017 | Tuesdays and Thursdays | \$82 | \$92 |
| U10 Girls | 2015 & 2016 | Tuesdays and Thursdays | \$90 | \$100 |
| U10 Boys | 2015 & 2016 | Mondays and Wednesdays | \$90 | \$100 |
| U12 Girls Travel League | 2013 & 2014 | Tuesdays, Thursdays, & possible Sundays | \$90 | \$100 |
| U12 Boys Travel League | 2013 & 2014 | Mondays, Wednesdays, & possible Sundays | \$90 | \$100 |
| U14 Girls Rec. Travel | 2011 & 2012 | Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and/or Sundays | \$100 | \$110 |
| U14 Boys Rec. Travel | 2011 & 2012 | Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and/or Sundays | \$100 | \$110 |
| U19 Travel League | 2006–2010 | Sundays, possible Saturdays | \$110 | \$120 |

Fall League Registration Information:

Early Bird Registration.....January 6–July 31

Late Registration.....After July 31

Review Letter Deadline.....July 31

A \$10 late fee applies for late registrations. All registration contingent upon availability of space. Residency Rates apply. No refunds will be given after the Early Bird Registration deadline.

| LEAGUE | BIRTH YEAR | DAYS | RES. | NON. |
|-------------------------|-------------|---|-------|-------|
| Kiddy Kicker 3 & 4 | 2021 & 2022 | 9AM Saturdays | \$60 | \$70 |
| Kiddy Kicker 5 | 2020 | 10:15AM Saturdays | \$60 | \$70 |
| Junior Kickers 6 | 2019 | Mondays and Wednesdays | \$82 | \$92 |
| Junior Kickers 7 | 2018 | Tuesdays and Thursdays | \$82 | \$92 |
| U10 Girls | 2016 & 2017 | Tuesdays and Thursdays | \$90 | \$100 |
| U10 Boys | 2016 & 2017 | Mondays and Wednesdays | \$90 | \$100 |
| U12 Girls Travel League | 2014 & 2015 | Tuesdays, Thursdays, & possible Sundays | \$90 | \$100 |
| U12 Boys Travel League | 2014 & 2015 | Mondays, Wednesdays, & possible Sundays | \$90 | \$100 |
| U14 Girls Rec. Travel | 2012 & 2013 | Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and/or Sundays | \$100 | \$110 |
| U14 Boys Rec. Travel | 2012 & 2013 | Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and/or Sundays | \$100 | \$110 |
| U19 Travel League | 2007–2011 | Sundays, possible Saturdays | \$110 | \$120 |

2025 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

WHERE

Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors

6483 Waldon Center Drive ■ Clarkston, Michigan 48346

Phone: (248) 625-8223 Fax: (248) 620-7454

WWW.INDTWP.COM

RESIDENT STATUS

Any registered participant who resides in the Township of Independence, or pays taxes to the Township of Independence, is considered a "resident." Therefore, a person who does not fit this description will be charged a non-resident fee. Resident verification may be requested.

AGE REQUIREMENT

Each league has a minimum age requirement to play based on birth year for soccer, and birth date for baseball/softball. To ensure quality programming, children must register in the age that meets this age requirement.

FALSIFICATION OF INFORMATION

Independence Township has a zero tolerance policy for providing false information in order to register in a particular league. Knowingly providing false information may result in removal from the registered program with no refund, and being banned from registering for future programs with the department. The Department reserves the right to request proof of age at any time.

WAIT LIST PROCEDURE

Please remember space is limited, and our leagues fill up fast! Waiting lists are a source of contact and do not guarantee you'll receive a call back. You will receive a call back only if a space becomes available. Special requests will not be honored. If your child's name is added to a waiting list, it provides us with a name and phone number in the event a spot becomes available.

REVERSIBLE SOCCER JERSEY

This spring season we will be introducing a new reversible soccer jersey! All players will need to purchase the new jersey starting with the 2025 Spring season. Your child can continue to use the same jersey until they outgrow it. The new jersey comes in sizes Youth XS-Adult XL. All home teams wear green and away teams wear gray. New jerseys can be purchased at the Main Office for \$20.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

In certain leagues parents are allowed to make a Buddy or Coaching Request. Buddy Requests should match. It is important to understand that all requests cannot be honored.

HOW TO REGISTER

ONLINE

Visit **www.indtwp.com** to register online for any of our league sports.

OVER THE PHONE

Call (248) 625-8223 and any one of our friendly staff will assist you. Our office is open Monday–Thursday, 7AM–5:30PM.

WALK-IN

Monday through Thursday, 7AM–5:30PM.

REFUNDS

The following policy and procedures were established to ensure quality programming. All refunds must be requested prior to the end of Early Bird Registration per sport. Unless the program was cancelled, a \$10 service fee will be withheld on all patron requested refunds. There will be no cash refunds. All refunds will be either an account credit, check, or refunded back to your credit card.

REVIEW LETTER POLICY

Independence Township will accept review letters to CONSIDER allowing a child to move leagues in our program. We HIGHLY recommend parents register their child in the league that corresponds with their appropriate age. This will ensure a spot in our program and keeps teams equal and fair according to age. To complete a review letter, download the review letter form at **www.indtwp.com** and return it NO LATER THAN the following dates listed by season and sports:

- **Spring Soccer 2025:** February 20, 2025
- **Summer 2025 Baseball/Softball:** March 6, 2025
- **Fall Soccer 2025:** July 31, 2025

Review Letters will not be accepted after the review letter deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS. Once Review Letters are accepted, the Review Board will review all letters and make the decision to allow your child to move up to another league. No player is allowed to move down a league. Those children granted to move into a different league will not be charged an administrative transfer fee, but may have to pay a difference in league fee if applicable. The Review Board's decision is final and no protests will be allowed. Once you have received notification of a decision, you will be given approximately 2 weeks to transfer your child into the approved league or ask for a refund. Special Request/Buddy Request, including request for specific coaches are not guaranteed when involved in the review letter procedure.



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