

## Tball and Softball FAQ Sheet

### 1. Can boys play softball?

Yes! For the 2019 season, Coach Kip decided to open the field to boys as well as girls to see how things go! Boys are welcome to sign up for this fun league this year!

### 2. What is the registration fee?

\$50 for both Tball and Softball. Fees recently increased slightly to help us manage the costs of the league better.

### 3. When and where do games and practices take place?

All practices and games take place at Koenig Field from June 3- July 31. Both leagues meet twice a week for one practice and one game. Softball does have a “Boot Camp” for the first two weeks of the season, so they meet three times a week for those two weeks.

Typically, Softball meets Mondays from 5-8pm & Thursdays from 5-8pm (and Wednesdays from 5-8pm during Boot Camp). Tball meets Tuesdays from 6-7pm and Saturday mornings at 10am for games. (PLEASE NOTE, THESE DAYS AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE COACHES.)

### 4. What do I need to bring/buy?

Your child will need their own footwear, though they do not need professional cleats. It is also a good idea to provide your own catching mitt. HOWEVER, I would not purchase anything until the coach instructs you on what items you will need, or want to use.

Edgewood provides numbered shirts, ball caps, bats, balls, and most other necessary equipment for these sports.

### 5. When do games and practices start?

The season runs through all of June and July. The first Softball practice will be June 3. The first Tball practice will be June 4. The end of the season will be the week of July 29 – to be decided by the coaches of the respective leagues.

### 6. Can I donate to the league?

Of course! Check out [edgewood.pgh.pa.us/BecomeASponsor](http://edgewood.pgh.pa.us/BecomeASponsor) for details about sponsoring these, or any leagues and Edgewood Recreation programs. We try to keep our registration fees very low so all families can participate, so we rely on sponsorships from local families and businesses to be sure we have safe equipment and can keep our field up-to-date. You can write a check for any amount to Edgewood Borough and send it to “Recreation” at 2 Race Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218. Let us know it’s a donation for recreation, and it will go to a good cause!

### 7. Can I volunteer to coach?

Absolutely! Coaches are always needed in all our sports. You can contact Jessica at 412-242-4824 or email [office@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:office@edgewoodboro.com) and let us know you’d like to volunteer. We do require our volunteers to have current State Police and Childline Clearances prior to stepping on the field.

### 8. What are the ages and age limits?

For Softball, boys and girls ages 7-14 are welcome to play. If you are 7 as of June 1, 2019, and 14 as of July 31, 2019, you are eligible to play. You do not need to be from Edgewood to sign up.

For Tball, boys and girls ages 5-7 are welcome to play. If you are 5 as of June 1, 2019 and 7 as of July 31, 2019, you are eligible to play. You do not need to be from Edgewood to sign up.

If you are having trouble signing your age-eligible child up online, contact Jessica at 412-242-4824 or [office@edgewoodboro.com](mailto:office@edgewoodboro.com) IMMEDIATELY. Creating the age limit algorithm for the online system is notoriously confusing, so there may be a computer error.

For both sports, we can accept older children who should play with younger children as a result of developmental or emotional delays. We will just need a doctor's note saying it is appropriate for your child to play in a younger league. We do not allow younger children to "play up" or accept anyone under the age limit for the leagues.

## **9. What type of league is this?**

All Edgewood Sports are In-House leagues, meaning we typically only play our own Edgewood teams. Registered players are divided up into teams and will play each other all season long. There may be an opportunity to play outside teams, but that does not happen frequently. All games are held at Koenig Field – there is no travel for these leagues.

Edgewood Tball and Softball are FANTASTIC leagues, and a lot of fun. These are Recreational leagues, so they are typically less competitive than larger leagues, though we do focus on teamwork and love of the game. These leagues are great for kids who are looking to play "just for fun", at any skill level. There is always a range of skill level, from "Never Played" to "Going Pro" – and everyone has a chance to share, learn and grow.

## **10. How do I sign up?**

All registrations for Edgewood now happen online through TeamSnap. You can find the links for registration on the main page at [Edgewood.pgh.pa.us](http://Edgewood.pgh.pa.us), also on the Edgewood Sports page (where you found this FAQ), and also on our Facebook page (search for Edgewood Borough Community Events).

TeamSnap is an app that allows you to keep in touch with your team, and see IMMEDIATELY all the information for your team and practice days. Once you're in the system, you can check back in to TeamSnap using your computer or smart phone to see all the details of your child's team and any communications sent by your coach. Please enter the BEST email where you can be reached, as this will be the primary means of communication. The first two emails entered will be the only two email addresses that updates will be sent to.

Payment is accepted online with a credit or debit card, or you can sign up online and mail in a check. If you mail a check, your child will not be assigned to team until payment received and registration is completed.