

Vermillion Parks and Rec Baseball/Softball 2023



Meeting 2023

- **Mission Statement/Code of Conduct**
- **Policies**
- **Program Discussion**
 - Practice/Game Structure
 - Parent Coaching
 - Recreation vs Travel
- **Questions/Ideas**



Vermillion Parks and Rec Mission

- The City of Vermillion Parks and Recreation will work in cooperation with the community to provide our local youth with an opportunity to learn and develop both mental and physical skills of baseball/softball.
- Create a safe, positive, and fun environment throughout each team within Vermillion Parks and Recreation.
- Create a positive bond between Vermillion Parks and Rec and community to generate the best experience for youth.
- Represent the City of Vermillion by showing good sportsmanship, behavior, and communication within players, coaches, and fans at all baseball/softball functions.



Recreation Baseball/Softball

- Recreation program is an opportunity for all recreation and travel players to be able to grow and be part of a team.
- Represent Vermillion through good sportsmanship, teamwork, and promoting positive social, emotional, and physical development in our players.
- Recreation is designed for youth to try the sport of baseball/softball and decide if they want to participate in higher level play.



Standards of Conduct

The City of Vermillion believes everyone involved within the youth baseball/softball program intends to do their best job for the betterment of the program. We ask every player, coach, parent, umpire, and staff members gets treated with respect, as no one has the intention of doing an inadequate job.



COVID Policy

- **Vermillion Parks and Recreation is revising our COVID Policy to follow Vermillion School District to diminish any confusion within the community.**

Heat Advisory Policy

- **Vermillion Parks and Recreation will use the National Weather Service, following their heat products.**
- **When temperatures reach heat Warnings or Advisory's Vermillion Parks and Recreation will :**
 - Shorten game/practice times
 - Encourage players to bring extra water bottles
 - Water breaks during game



Thunder and Lightning Policy

With the occurrence of thunder or lightning, all play must suspend, and all players, coaches, spectators, and officials must leave the playing field and seek shelter in their vehicles or approved building. Vermillion Parks and Recreation full-time staff member will make the decision for continuation or cancellation of game.

- Armory will always be available for shelter in case of emergency.
- Parks and Recreation will work towards cancelling games prior to immediate emergencies.



U6/U8

- **Practice Structure**

- Practice, practice, game
- Evenings or mornings?
- Practices having same structure for each team

- **Parent Coaches**

- Need parents to coach due to lack of hiring staff
- Seasonal staff were not always able to attend practices/games
- Require background check for all parent coaches

U10/U12/U14

- **Scheduling**

- Vermillion Parks and Recreation will schedule games for league play. Generally, games will start beginning of May and play through middle of July. Starting practices beginning of April.
- Scheduling of fields will continue to be reserved through Vermillion Parks and Recreation; although, practice times will be determined by coach of the team and what is available.

- **Parent Coaches**

- Need parents to coach due to lack of hiring staff
- Seasonal staff were not always able to attend practices/games
- Require background check for all parent coaches
- Prior to season starting, at least two practices per week
- During season, at least one practice per week depending on game schedule
- All players must play every game, a travel player can NOT pitch before fourth inning.

Equal Opportunity for Growth

- **Vermillion Recreation Baseball/Softball**

- Vermillion Parks and Recreation aims to create a positive, fun, and safe environment for all players, coaches, fans, and faculty.
- Our goal is to instill strong fundamentals and understanding of game strategy for the players, not just winning every game.

- **Recreation vs Travel**

- The Recreation program is an opportunity for both travel and non - travel players to improve individual attributes while building a bond and chemistry for higher level play in the future.
- The goal for the Recreation program is to offer each player, regardless of skill level, an equal amount of attention in practice as well as playing time in game settings.



Registration

- **Registration will begin January 26th and END March 31st.**
- **Late fees will be enforced for late registrations.**
- **Discounts or refunds will be offered to parent coaches.**

Questions, Suggestions, Concerns

