

T-BALL LEAGUE INFORMATION PACKET



*** NEW IN 2021 ***
HARTLAND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S
T-BALL LEAGUE, GRADES 4K-5K
SIGN UP BEGINS JANUARY 1, 2021
@ VILLAGEOFHARTLAND.COM

HARTLAND REC. T-BALL LEAGUE

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, MAY 18 - JULY 15

No Games June 29 & July 1

AGES & WHAT TO BRING

Youth in grades K4 – K5 can sign up for Hartland Recreation Department's T-ball League. This is a fun way to have your child start to learn about t-ball and get outside for some physical activity. All players will receive a hat and t-shirt with their team name and number on it. They will even have their last name on the back of the shirt. Youth are to bring a glove, water bottle, closed toed tennis shoes and clothes appropriate for the weather and they can easily move around in.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment to use; bat, glove and helmet. Hartland Rec will be providing bats, balls and helmets that will be sprayed in between participants.

FEES

Early registration \$60 residents and \$75 non-residents before or on Sunday, April 4. Late fee of \$50 will be applied starting April 5, 2021 thru April 18, 2021. Registrations will no longer be taken starting on April 19. Fee includes t-shirts and hats for each player and coaches.

REFUNDS

Full refunds will be given if request before or by 4:30 pm on April 19. Any refunds requested after 4:30 pm on April 19, will receive 50% refund if uniforms are not ordered. If requesting a refund after 4:30 pm on April 19 and uniforms are ordered, a refund will not be issued. If a refund is being requested due to medical reasons, a doctor's note will be required, participant will be refunded everything except the cost of the uniform, if uniforms have been ordered.

SCHEDULE

Schedule of practices and games will be posted by 4:30 pm on Friday, April 30 and can be found at www.villageofhartland.com. Practices will be held on May 18, May 25 and May 27. Games will begin on Tuesday June 1, and held on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays until Thursday, July 15. No games on June 29 & July 1. Games will start at 6:00 pm and 7:15 pm. Teams will end up playing on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, depending on how many teams are playing. Coaches may have practices on the Tuesday or Thursday their team is not playing a game on.

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GAME LOCATIONS

Games will be held at the following parks' t-ball diamonds: Hartbrook Park, Nixon Park and Joliet Park. Please look at the map, that is included with this packet, of where the parks are located. Parks are circled in **yellow**.

RAINOOTS & MAKEUPS

We will do everything we can to schedule make ups for rainouts either on Tuesdays or Thursdays. We will reschedule three rainouts per team. Any more rainouts will not be made up.

The decision to cancel a practice or game due to weather or field conditions will be made at 4:00 pm. You will be emailed and can find it on the Hartland Recreation Department's Facebook page. After 4:00 pm coaches will make the decision to cancel games and practices.

COMMUNICATION

You will be contacted via email with any important information you may need to know about the league. If there are any changes, rain outs, makeup dates or anything else, you will be emailed.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers/coaches are needed to help with the teams. They will receive a hat and team shirt, for free. If you are able to help out please contact Kelli at kelliy@villageofhartland.com.

COACHES MEETING

A coaches meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13 at 6:30 pm in the Village Board Room, 210 Cottonwood Ave, Hartland, WI. Coaches will receive their team equipment, teams shirts & hats, rules and everything else that will be needed for the season.

RULES

Rules that will be used can be found in this packet.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register online at www.villageofhartland.com or submit the registration form in this packet. Staff will be placing participants on teams. If there is a family member or friend your child would like to be on the same team with, please indicate that on the registration form. We will try to accommodate your request. Online registration begins on January 1, 2021 and in-person on January 4, 2021.

Registration and Emergency Forms can be dropped off, mailed or handed in at Village of Hartland 210 Cottonwood Ave, Hartland, WI 53029.

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REGISTERING ONLINE

If you are signing up ONLINE, please go to www.villageofhartland.com. On the home page you will see an icon of a bicycle with a circle around it. Click on that and then go to Online Registration. Click on that. Then look for the box that has "Search for Activities by Keywords", type in T-ball and the program will be pulled up.

If you do not have an account with us, one will have to be created and be approved by staff. Once approved, you will be able to register.

Please send in the Emergency Form that is included in this packet. You may email it to kellyy@villageofhartland.com or mail/drop it off at 210 Cottonwood Ave, Hartland, WI 53029, Attn Kelli Yogerst

Any questions about registering, please contact Kelli Yogerst at kellyy@villageofhartland.com or 262-367-0352.

TEAM SHIRTS

Every participant will receive a t-shirt with their team name, their last name and a number on the back. Numbers will be assigned by staff. Shirt sizes are youth small, youth medium and youth large. If your child is none of these sizes please indicate that on the registration form. The shirt size you order is the one your child will receive. If it is not the correct size, but not an error on the printer or Village, you will be charged \$25 for a new shirt that is the correct size.

END OF THE YEAR PARTY!!!

**Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm,
Lake Country Beer Garden in Nixon Park.**

**Participation awards will be given out at the
Lake Country Fine Arts Center next to the Beer Garden.**

**T-ball players will receive a
free hot dog, chips and drink,
and a participation award.**

*** Live music at 7:00 pm ***

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COVID T-BALL GUIDELINES

The following guidelines will be used to promote health and safety of all players, coaches, volunteers and spectators involved with the Hartland Recreation Department's T-ball League.

1. Any player, coach or volunteer are asked to stay home and not participate if they are not feeling well. Notify the coach if your child will be absent. Coaches/volunteers please notify each other if you are unable to make a practice or game.
2. Players will be permitted to wear a cloth face covering on the field during game play, if physically able to do so, based on the directive of a medical provider or individual determination of the player/parent/guardian. Players are not required to wear a face covering while on the field during game play.
3. Hand sanitizing supplies will be provided to each team and coach. Coaches are encouraged to have each player sanitize before standing or sitting on the sideline of the field during a game and at change of innings.
4. Social distancing will be encouraged. This includes:
 - a. Eliminating unnecessary touching during games/practices (high fives, fist bumps, handshakes, sharing personal items, eating/using seeds, etc.)
 - b. Players on the team, that is up to bat, need to remain six feet apart as they wait their turn or to go back to the outfield.
 - c. Spectators are expected to practice social distancing on their own.
5. Players are encouraged to use their own personal equipment and avoid sharing.
 - a. Helmet
 - b. Bat
 - c. Glove
6. All player's equipment and personal bags should be placed outside the diamond perimeter and spaced accordingly.
7. Helmets that are used between players must be sprayed down between players. Time for the helmets to dry must be allowed.
8. When using shared helmets, hats are mandatory to wear underneath.
9. All shared equipment must be sprayed down after the games. This includes shared equipment in the team bags.
10. Players and coaches will not be allowed to chew gum, chew/spit seeds or other similar items while playing games or practicing. Coaches will need to remove any items found and send them home with parents.

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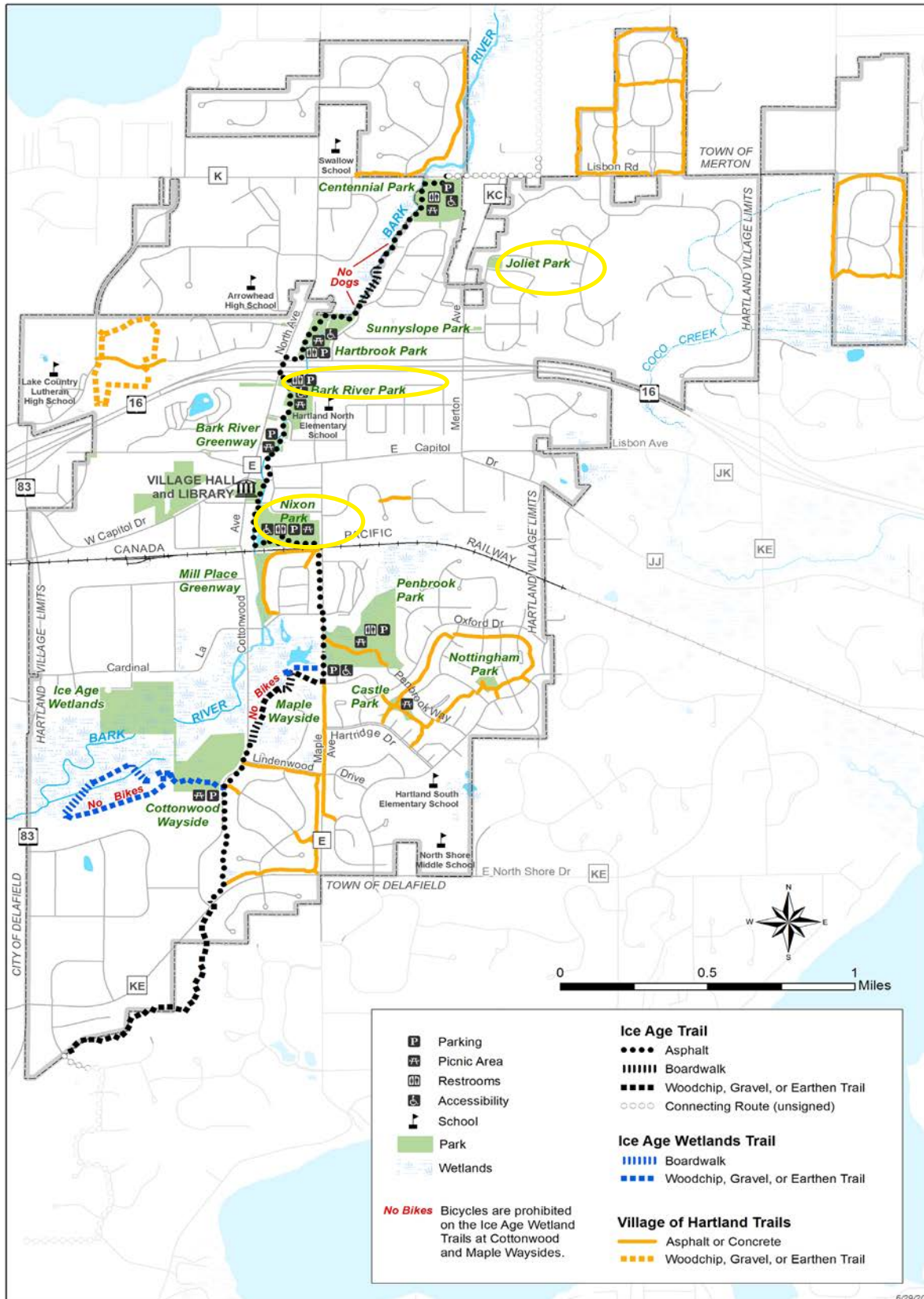
11. Foul balls landing outside the field of play should be retrieved by participating players or coaches. No spectators should retrieve foul balls.
12. Teams should not share any snacks, food or beverage. Players should bring their own pre-packaged food, if needed.

RESPONSIBLE SPECTATOR PLAN

Below are the guidelines the Hartland Recreation Department's expects from spectators who attend T-ball games.

1. Anyone sick or showing symptoms of being sick should stay home.
2. Those at higher risk for severe disease should consider consultation with their medical provider before attending a game and should ensure the strictest adherence to guidelines regarding face coverings, distancing, and handwashing. Such groups include:
 - a. Those with a serious underlying medical condition, including heart disease morbid obesity, diabetes, lung disease, immunocompromised, chronic kidney disease, and chronic lung disease.
 - b. Those currently residing in a nursing home or long-term care facility.
 - c. Those over 65 years old.
3. All spectators should follow best social distancing practices — stay six feet away from individuals outside their household; consider wearing a cloth face covering when social distancing is challenging or not feasible; avoid direct hand or other contact with players/managers/coaches during play.
4. Spectators are encouraged to practice social distancing from the players.
5. Families should sit together but maintain social distancing from other families. Seating can happen in the grassy areas around the t-ball diamond on either side of the field or in the outfield. You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.
6. Parents are encouraged to supply their player(s) with wipes or sanitizer in their equipment bags for use before, during or after games as necessary.
7. Spectators will not be allowed to chew/spit seeds or other similar items while at the t-ball diamonds. Parents are encouraged to leave those items at home.

Hartland Parks and Trails



HARTLAND REC. T-BALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION FORM

T-Ball Player's First and Last Name:		Date of Birth:
Address:	City:	Zip:
Email Address:		Phone:
Please list the name of the child your child would like to be on the same team as.		
Please list your child's last name you would like to see on the back of their shirt.		
Please check your child's t-shirt size:		
Youth SM <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Youth MD <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Youth LG <input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Payer's First and Last Name:		
Credit Card # :	Expiration Date:	CVV/CVC#:
Cash/Check and Amount enclosed (\$):		
Signature		
Yes! I would like to volunteer to coach.		
Name:		Email:

All participants are requested to sign the following release. Parent or guardians must sign for minors. I/We the undersigned, do hereby agree to allow the above named to participate in the activity indicated. I/We are aware of and understand that there may be potential risks inherent with participating in any recreational activities and that the Village of Hartland does not provide accident insurance. I/We assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation including transportation to and from the activities and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnity and agree to hold harmless the Hartland Recreation Department employees, staff, and other persons for any and all claims, injuries, liabilities, damage or right of action directly or indirectly arising out of the use of Hartland Recreation Department facilities, equipment, and/or participation in Village of Hartland Recreation Department activities. In the event of medical emergency, I authorize the Recreation Department staff to obtain medical treatment for the above named. I give permission for myself or my child to appear in media/promotion materials approved by the Village of Hartland.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Village of Hartland Recreation Department

Emergency Form

Participant's Name _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Phone Number _____

My child is allowed to be picked up by the following individuals:

Name:	Relation:	Phone Number:
1.) _____	_____	_____
2.) _____	_____	_____
3.) _____	_____	_____

Emergency Information

Allergies (medical or non-medical):

Pre-existing medical condition (applicable to program activities):

Medications:

Other:

Emergency Contacts:

Name:	Relation:	Phone Number:
1.) _____	_____	_____
2.) _____	_____	_____
3.) _____	_____	_____



SUMMER 2021

HARTLAND REC. T-BALL LEAGUE RULES

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

The performance objective for the T-Ball program is for our children to participate in coach assisted T-Ball games that will be used to develop individual player skills in a noncompetitive environment. The dimensions of the T-Ball diamond are smaller than regulation baseball. The rules are simplified to accommodate young beginner players. The program emphasizes skill development and sportsmanship over winning. There is no score keeping of any kind.

PERFORMANCE GOALS

- Familiarize players with the concept of teamwork and with the responsibilities of a team member.
- Players will know and address all teammates by name.
- Familiarize players with the concept of sportsmanship. We will not run-up the score on any team.
- We will shake hands with the opponent after the game, etc.
- Players will demonstrate knowledge of T-Ball rules.
- Players will demonstrate knowledge of basic offensive and defensive strategies.
- Players will be able to identify parts of the baseball diamond.
- Players will be able to identify the positions played in the game.
- Players will be able to identify equipment used in baseball.
- Players will be able to assume a proper batting position in the batter's box.
- Players will be able to hit a ball off the tee when at bat.
- Players will be able to run the bases and score runs.
- Players will be able to assume the ready position on defense.
- **Players will be able to field a ground ball.**
- Players will be able to properly throw a ball to a teammate.
- Players will be able to properly catch a ball thrown to them by a teammate.

SAFETY

- No throwing the bat.
- All batters will wear a batting helmet while both at bat and on base.
- The catcher must wear a helmet.
- No sliding.
- No base stealing.
- There is no on-deck circle. The on-deck batter will wear a helmet to be ready but will not have a bat in their hands until they are at the tee.
- Shoes with steel spikes are prohibited.
- No jewelry will be worn.
- Throwing the bat by the batter constitutes an OUT. Speak with the player first, point out the danger that is caused by throwing the bat, but if the problem continues the player will be forced to lose an "at bat turn".

START OF THE GAME

- Boys and girls Pre-K & K are eligible to play.
- A team should appear at the field, ready for play, a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game.
- Each game will consist one (1) hour of playing time.
- All players present will be placed in the batting line-up and will bat in the order listed.
- Games will be cancelled when light or other conditions make it too dangerous to continue.
- Games will be cancelled when lightning or thunder is observed. A decision to cancel once a game is started should be made by both team coaches.
- The home team will supply the game ball.
- The home team will sit on the first base side.
- The home team is responsible for setting out the bases and tee.
- Protest will not be allowed. All rule disagreements will be settled on the field between coaches from each team. Judgment calls by the umpire/coach are not to be protested.
- Each coach shall be responsible for the conduct of his players and fans/spectators.
- Both Teams are responsible for cleaning up the area after each game.

PLAYERS AND POSITIONS

- All players present will be placed in the batting line-up and will bat in the order listed.
- Every player will bat atleast once.
- If a player is hurt, they may be removed from the game and later return to the game. They may return only to the batting position that they held prior to being injured.
- On defense, the players will be positioned at 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, C and one (1) pitcher. The rest of the team members will be spread out in the oufield.
- No player will play the same position for more than two (2) innings.

COACHES AND ASSISTANTS

- Coaches or assistants will be at the batting tee instructing the children while their team is at bat, as well as assisting the catcher.
- The 1st and 3rd base coaches are restricted to the area of the coach's boxes.
- Coaches are not allowed to physically assist base runners; e.g. pushing the runner or helping the runner off the ground, while the ball is in play.
- A maximum of three (3) coaches from the defensive (fielding) team are allowed on the playing field. These coaches should be situated behind 1st 2nd and 3rd bases. These coaches are on the field for instructional purposes only, such as re-positioning the fielders and relaying information.

PLAY OF THE GAME

- Make the game fun.
- There will be no score keeping of any kind. This is a noncompetitive game.
- During the game, all players must remain in the designated team areas and on benches, except the batter at the plate.
- The batting coach will place the ball on the tee and verify that the tee is adjusted within the strike zone (between the knees and the armpits of the batter). The batting coach may adjust and reposition the batter at any time if the ball is not in play.
- At the discretion of the batting coach, the batter then hits the ball off the batting tee
- All batters will hit off the tee. No pitching is allowed.
- The batting coach will remove the tee from the playing field after the ball is hit.
- A 15-foot arc line will be drawn from the 1st base foul line to the 3rd base foul line. A hit ball must go outside the line. A foul ball is one hit inside the 15-foot arc line. Official baseball rules apply to a ball that stops on the line, i.e., foul ball rule. If a ball leaves the tee because of the tee being struck rather than the ball, then the ball shall be declared DEAD and another attempt shall be made to hit the ball.
- In T-Ball the play is considered 'over' when the ball is returned to a player at the mound or any base.
- At the time the ball is declared DEAD, the coaches shall award a runner the next base only if the runner is half the distance or more to that base. If the runner is not half the distance to the next base, he shall be returned to the base he had safely reached.
- When the coaches call the ball dead, it stays dead until the coaches call the ball in play again.
- The runner may not leave the base until the ball is struck by the batter.
- Leading off is not permitted.
- Base stealing is not permitted.
- An inning is not three (3) outs. An inning will end after all batters in the lineup have batted. The last batter shall run the bases back to home. Upon completion of the last batter, the order will continue during the next inning.
- In setting up defensive positions, the pitcher shall not leave the pitcher's mound.

THE T-BALL DIAMOND

- **Batting Box:** These are two (2) squares on each side of home plate from which the player must stand to hit the ball.
- **Foul Lines:** Lines extending from home to first base and home to third base and beyond to the outfield. The area between the foul lines is considered fair territory, while any ball outside the lines is in foul territory.
- **Infield:** The area generally covered in sand rather than grass, or an area extending just behind first, second and third bases (collectively, the bases).
- **Outfield:** The area behind the bases that is generally grass is called the outfield.
- **Pitching Rubber:** A rubber strip in the middle of the pitching mound from which the pitcher releases the ball.
- A 15-foot arc line will be drawn from the 1st base foul line to the 3rd base foul line. A hit ball must go outside the 15-foot line.