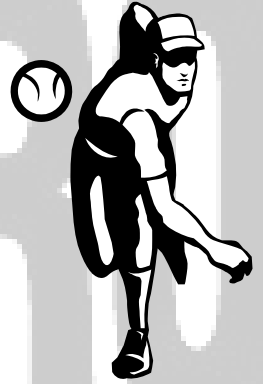




# *Hillsboro Recreation Commission:*



**2009**

*Blast Ball*

*J-Ball*

*Coach Pitch*

*Baseball*

*Softball*

*Swim Team*

*Jennis Camps*



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Bob Watson - Councilperson  
Shane Marler - Councilperson  
Shelby Dirks - Councilperson

## Registration Procedures:

- Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. All fees are due with registration.
- Registration deadlines will be enforced for all activities.

## Ways to Register - Please Do Not Send Them to the Schools

- U.S. Mail: Send registration form along with check to:

Hillsboro Recreation Commission  
P.O. Box 125  
Hillsboro, KS 67063

- Forms may be dropped off at:

Hillsboro City Hall  
118 East Grand

- Phone entries will not be accepted

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS ARE BEING  
PLANNED FOR 2009  
SPRING AND SUMMER.

THESE FORMS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE SOON.

## Mission Statement

The Hillsboro Recreation Commission is dedicated to enhance the social, cultural, educational, physical, and emotional growth of the citizens of Hillsboro and the surrounding area through quality recreational activities and programs.

## Out of District Policies

The Hillsboro Recreation Commission welcomes participants from surrounding communities. However, due to staffing, facility space, and local participation, the HRC will not accept participants from another community/school district where similar activities and programs are being conducted.

## Activity Guidelines

**Registration and fee payment must be completed before a person may participate.** Each participant, volunteer, and spectator is responsible for upholding all rules and guidelines set forth by the Hillsboro Recreation Commission. Failure to comply with rules and guidelines may prevent continuation in HRC activities. The HRC is not responsible for accidents, injury, or theft.

## Refund Policies

All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing.

Request for refunds will be considered for the following reasons only:

- Medical (A doctor's statement must be submitted)
- Move out of the Hillsboro area

85% refund will be issued if the request is received and approved before the activity begins less the cost of apparel if already purchased by HRC (i.e. t-shirt). Refunds will be prorated if the refund request is submitted and approved after the activity has begun.

## Late Enrollment

The Hillsboro Recreation Commission requires all participants to enroll before or on the posted deadline. All enrollment forms received after the posted deadline will be put on a waiting list, or must meet the following criteria: A single team/activity is sorted into the number of participants required for the activity and there is still room on the team/activity or if participants have just moved into the Hillsboro area. If a child is signed up late for an activity and is accepted to participate, that child **may or may not** obtain the apparel (i.e. t-shirt and/or hat) that the participants who signed up on time receive.

## Sports Environment Policies

Our programs are designed to enhance the emotional, physical, social and educational well-being of the child who participates. We emphasize that the rules, skill expectations and competitive requirements are not the same as high school, college or professional. Our programs are based on maximum participation and focuses on meaningful play for the child. **The HRC will not turn anyone away from participation due to lack of ability to play.**

## Youth Sports Philosophy

The Hillsboro Recreation Commission provides the youth of the Hillsboro area opportunities in different youth sport leagues and programs. The leagues and programs are designed to help develop the youth participant's basic skills that are necessary to play the sport. The HRC strives to place the youth participant in a safe and healthy environment to which they will learn and have fun. All registered participants are placed on a team and given opportunity to participate in all practices and games. The leagues are recreational and do not stress a high level of competition, but do encourage participants to put forth good effort to help obtain a healthy level of competition.

The HRC does believe that separate, weekend tournament teams provide an excellent, additional outlet to those youth who wish to play at a more competitive level and have a desire to take their skills to a higher level. We highly encourage parents to participate in HRC sponsored youth leagues in addition to separate, weekend tournament teams. However, the HRC will not form teams on the basis of weekend tournament teams. Both activities provide outstanding opportunities for young people but should not be considered the same.

## Babe Ruth Baseball Philosophy

The Hillsboro Recreation Commission believes that Babe Ruth Baseball should fall under the same sports Environment Policy and Youth Sports Philosophy as other sports, with one exception: if there is enough interest, 13 year old boys will be placed on a separate Babe Ruth Baseball team from the 14 -15 year old Babe Ruth boys. The HRC believes that there is a tremendous adjustment for boys entering the 13 - 15 year old age group. The bases' are 20 foot farther and the pitching mound is 10 ½ feet longer than the division these boys have previously played in. Also, the maturation of boys between the ages of 13 and 15 vary significantly. By having a separate 13 year old team that plays teams their age, the participants will have a more enjoyable and safer experience.

### “Baseball Age/Softball Age”

As you read through the various youth baseball and softball documents, you will notice that we will try and form baseball and softball teams for boys and girls age nine and up by their **“baseball and softball age”, not by grade.**

- The sanctioning bodies for HRC baseball and softball (Babe Ruth Baseball, Inc. and The American Softball Association) have strict guidelines that prevent youth from participating in age groups lower than determined by these organizations. Unfortunately, these age guidelines are not the same as local school guidelines. In order to be in compliance with the governing organizations, we cannot separate teams by grade as some children have started school later or been held back.

### Coach Selection Process

Prospective coaches may submit their desire to coach on the enrollment form that is turned in to the HRC for each sport. Coaches will be selected by the HRC board and director. Criteria include but are not limited to the following:

- The ability to place the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of a personal desire to win
- The ability to treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- The ability to provide a safe playing situation for all players
- The ability to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all players.
- The ability to lead by example in demonstration of fair play and sportsmanship to all players, spectators, and officials
- The ability to provide a sports environment for the team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and refrain from their use at all youth events.
- Possessing knowledge of the rules of each sport coached and the ability to teach these rules to the players.
- The ability to use coaching techniques that are appropriate for each of the skills taught.
- The ability to remember that the game is for the children and not adults.

### Parent's Role

Parents are the key. The HRC expects them to demonstrate the positive benefits of a youth sports experience by attending games, practices, or team social events; or by taking the time to volunteer as a coach, official, or scorekeeper, or by just expressing their positive support. Other parent responsibilities include the following:

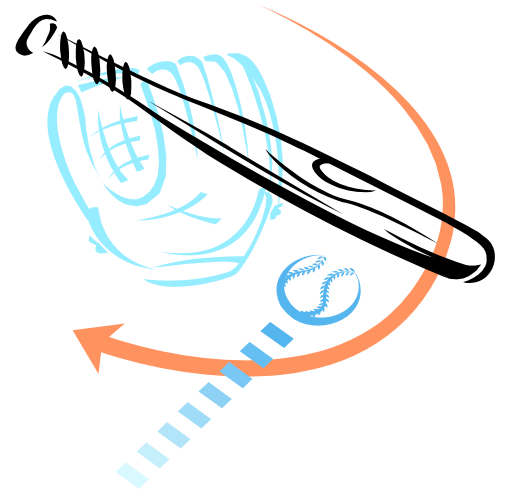
- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of the child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- Communicate with coaches if a child will be gone from a practice or game and obtain information from the coach as to when the next practice or game will take place.
- Support coaches and officials working with the children, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- Help create an environment for the children that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- **Remember that the game is for the youth - - - not the adults.**

# Hillsboro Recreation Commission

## BLASTBALL

Boys and Girls ages 3-4 (Must be 3 by September 1, 2009) Games are tentatively scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays in June. Blastball is a simple game that will help introduce the game of baseball/softball to your child. The game is played with only one "honking" base. The goal of the activity is to hit the ball off a tee and run to the base before the fielders stop the ball and yell "blast". Participants will also attempt to throw the ball to a coach/adult volunteer after fielding it. The game is fast paced and should help keep the children's attention. Developmental goals are hitting, Catching, Fielding, Throwing, and Base Running.

**Fee: \$15 (April 6<sup>th</sup>) \$25 (April 7<sup>th</sup> +). No guarantee of team placement after April 7, 2009.**



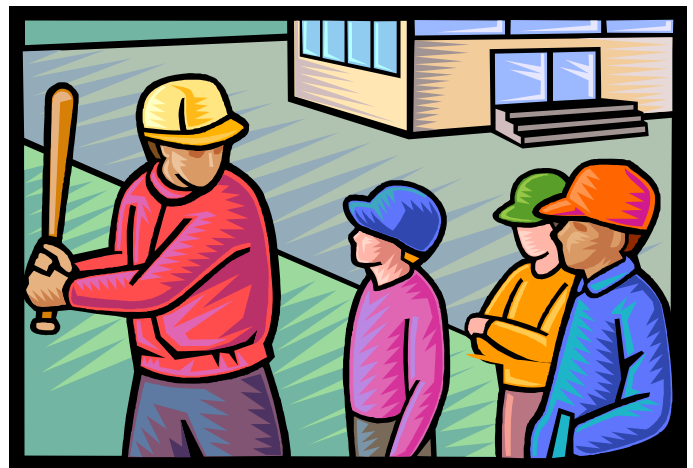
## T-BALL

Boys and Girls ages 5 & 6. We will have separate Boys and Girls Divisions if there is enough interest. Otherwise, teams will be coed. (Must be 5 by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009) Games are tentatively scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays in June. T-Ball will help prepare your youngster for the more advanced levels of baseball/softball. Points of emphases will be: Hitting, Throwing, Catching, Fielding, and Base Running. The children should be introduced to the various positions of the field and be taught some simple strategies of the game of baseball and softball. **Fee: \$15 (April 6<sup>th</sup>) \$25 (April 7<sup>th</sup> +). No guarantee of team placement after April 7, 2009.**

## COACH PITCH

Boys and Girls ages 7 & 8. We will have separate Boys and Girls Divisions if there is enough interest. Otherwise, teams will be coed. (Must be 7 by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009) **ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED IN HILLSBORO.** Games are tentatively scheduled for Tuesdays' and Fridays in June. Coach Pitch participants will learn to hit a pitched ball. Each child will have five pitches to hit a fair ball and run the bases. If the child is unsuccessful after five pitches, he/she will hit off of a tee. Some of the goals of Coach Pitch are: the acquisition of self-confidence in hitting a pitched ball, obtaining knowledge of all the defensive positions and being prepared for the traditional form of baseball and softball.

**Fee: \$15 (April 6<sup>th</sup>) \$25 (April 7<sup>th</sup> +). No guarantee of team placement after April 7, 2009.**





# Cotton Valley League Traveling Baseball



Divisions: 9 – 10, 11 – 12, & 13-15

**For Divisions 9 – 10 and 11 – 12**, games will usually be played on Monday and Thursday evenings in late May, June & early July.

**For Division 13 – 15**, games will usually will be played on Tuesday and Friday evenings. **(If there is enough interest, we will have a 13 Year Old Prep Babe Ruth Team)**

Fee: \$35 (March 30)\$45 (March 31 +). Children registered after March 31<sup>st</sup> are not guaranteed team placement.

✂ **NATIONAL AGE RULE FOR 2007: Age group for boys’ baseball leagues are based on age as of May 1, 2009. PLEASE REFER TO THE BABE RUTH BASEBALL BIRTHCHART TO FIND YOUR CHILD’S “BASEBALL AGE”! Baseball Age NOT School Grade is the determining factor.**

✂ Players will not be moved up in age groups unless necessary for the formation of a team (this includes players on separate, weekend tournament teams). However, we will allow boys who have already played two years of coach-pitch and are considered eight years old according to the Babe Ruth Birth Chart, the opportunity to choose as to whether they wish to continue in coach-pitch or play Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth baseball.

✂ Birth Certificates are not required at the time of registration. If your child is picked to represent a CVL All-Star Team, he will need to present a notarized copy of his birth certificate to his coach in order to participate.\*

## Babe Ruth League, Inc.

### Birth Chart for 2009 - Baseball Divisions

	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990
January	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
February	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
March	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
April	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
May	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
June	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
July	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
August	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
September	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
October	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
November	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
December	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

All player ages are determined by the birth chart shown above, May 1 in any year shall be the deciding date.

### Season of 2009

Cal Ripken - Any player born prior to May 1, 2000 and on or after May 1, 1996 will be eligible for Cal Ripken baseball League competition.

13-15 - Any player born prior to May 1, 1996 and on or after May 1, 1993 will be eligible for Babe Ruth 13-15 League competition.

16-18 - Any player born prior to May 1, 1993 and on or after May 1, 1990 will be eligible for Babe Ruth 16-18 League competition.



# Cotton Valley League Traveling Softball



Ages 10U, 12U, 14U, 18U

Games: Usually played on Tuesday and Friday evenings in late May through the middle of July.

Fee: \$35 (March 30)\$45 (March 31 +). Children registered after March 31<sup>st</sup> are not guaranteed team placement.

- ✘ Age group for girls’ softball leagues are based on age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.
- ✘ Please review the ASA birth chart to determine you child’s “softball age”
- ✘ Players will not be moved up in age groups unless necessary for the formation of a team. This includes players who participate on weekend tournament teams. However, we will allow 2008 – 2009 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students that are considered 8 years old according to ASA standards and have played two years of coach-pitch the choice of whether they want to continue in coach-pitch or play fast-pitch softball.

## ASA Softball Age Chart

Year of Birth	Age Groups			
	16U	14U	12U	10U
1990	E			
1991	E			
1992	E	E		
1993	E	E		
1994	E	E	E	
1995	E	E	E	
1996	E	E	E	E
1997	E	E	E	E
1998	E	E	E	E

All softball players ages 9 and older will be determined by the birth chart shown above. Their age as of January 1 in any year shall be the deciding date.



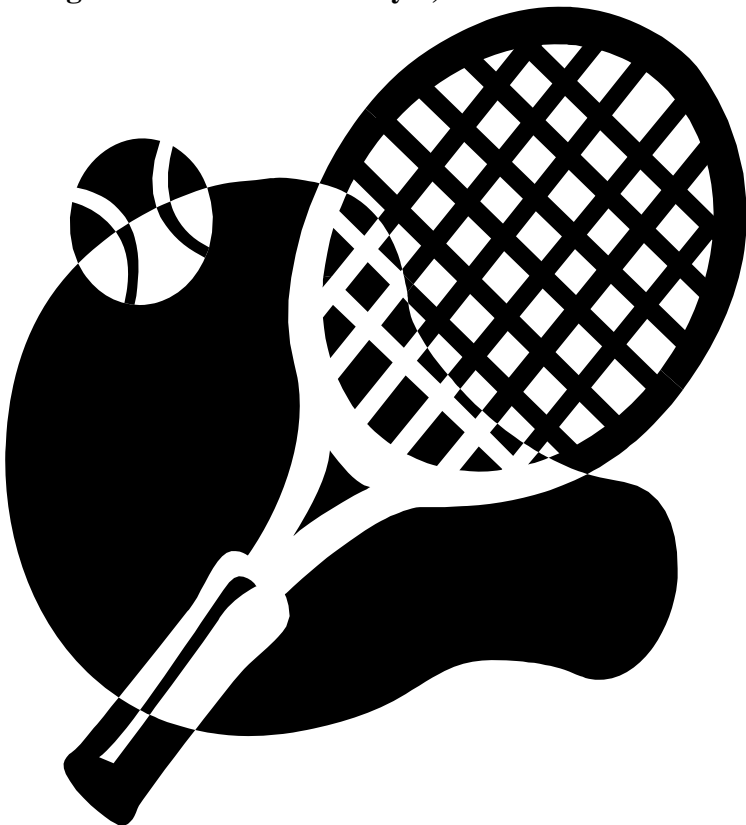
## HILLSBORO SWIM TEAM

Come be a part of the 2009 competitive Swim Team. The team is open to swimmers age 6-18. The first meet will be in June. All meets are held on Saturdays. **This is not swimming lessons; your child should be able to swim a couple of lengths of the pool with no assistance in order to participate.**

Practices will take place in the mornings beginning in late May. Practice times will be set at the Parent Orientation Meeting in May. You will be informed of the specific time and date of this meeting at a later date. All parents are asked to attend this meeting. We will be discussing practice times, and taking swimsuit, cap, and goggle orders.

**Cost:** \$40 for one swimmer and \$35 for each additional family member.

**Registration Deadline:** May 8, 2009



## Tennis Camp

*Those who have completed K-11<sup>th</sup> grade*

<b>When:</b> K-3 <sup>rd</sup> (8:30-10:00a.m.)	July 13 - 17
4 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> (6:30-8:00p.m.)	July 13 - 17
8 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> (8:00 - 9:30p.m.)	July 13 - 17

**Where:** Hillsboro Rec Complex Tennis Courts

**Cost:** \$20 per participant (includes camp T-shirt)  
Camp will be held the week of July 13<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. Campers will spend most of their time each day working on fundamentals and doing drills to improve tennis skills. If time allows, we will also spend some time playing. Campers will also need to bring a racket & water bottle. Price for this camp will be \$20