

2018

**INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP
PARKS, RECREATION & SENIORS**

YOUTH SPORTS GUIDE

**SPRING & FALL
YOUTH SOCCER**



**SUMMER YOUTH
BASEBALL &
SOFTBALL**



**THERAPEUTIC
RECREATION
PROGRAMS**



INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP PARKS, RECREATION & SENIORS

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*Making our community a better place to live, work and play
by building connections with neighbors and the outdoors.*



Dear Parents,

Welcome to another year of youth sports with Independence Township!

As a parent, you are providing your child with an opportunity to develop lifelong skills through youth programs. Participation will help your child develop patience and persistence; will provide healthy exercise; will teach them respect and teamwork; will teach them how to deal with winning and losing; give your child the opportunity to meet their future best friends; and allow them to feel satisfaction in doing their best.

To better serve our families of the Clarkston Community, we are continuing the registration process implemented last January for youth sports through Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors. For your convenience, you will be able to register for both seasons of soccer and the summer season of baseball/softball at the same time, with less paperwork!

As always, we depend on you, the parents, for your support and help in making these programs a positive experience for all of the children. Parents are an essential part of youth sports programs. How you support your young athlete and interact with other adults greatly influences everyone's enjoyment. We thank you in advance for your support and attention to this matter.

Please remember that coaches are volunteers and the officials often are 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 all good sportsmanship, you can imagine what a great year everyone will have.

Thank You,

The Staff of Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors

SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION



CALL OUR RAINOUT LINE!

Call the Independence Township Rain Out Line at (248) 625-4334. Rain Out Line is updated at 4pm.

NOW YOU CAN CHECK FOR WEATHER CANCELLATIONS ONLINE OR BY PHONE!

1. Go to www.cancellations.com
2. Under "Check for Cancellation", enter your zip code or Independence Township Parks and Recreation.
3. Click "Go".
4. If posted, details of cancellations, delays, etc, will be provided.

TO BE ALERTED AUTOMATICALLY VIA E-MAIL:

1. Go to www.cancellations.com
2. Under "Email Notifications", click "Register". You'll be asked to enter your email address and your zip code!

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE!

Now you can register your child for both seasons of soccer (Spring & Fall) and for summer baseball/softball all at the same time, with less paperwork! Registration will begin on Thursday, January 4 for Independence Township Residents and those residing in the Clarkston School District. Open Registration begins January 18.

Not ready to commit to a year's worth of youth sports? Simply register for one sport, and then call us to handle the rest over the phone!

REVERSIBLE JERSEY

All soccer players will need a reversible soccer jersey. Jerseys are available for \$5 at the Parks & Recreation Office year round. All teams wear the same jersey. You will only need to purchase a new jersey if your child outgrows or loses the jersey.

2018 YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL



LITTLE SLUGGERS

AGES 3 & 4 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2018 CO-REC

OBJECTIVE

This is an instructional introduction to baseball for boys and girls ages 3 and 4.

FORMAT

- Teams formed by the Recreation Department.
- Volunteer Parent Coaches
- Coaches work one-on-one with the players, increasing motor skill development.
- 6 instructional weeks.
- Staff will be on-site to help lead coaches through planned provided activities.
- Age appropriate safety equipment
- Skills taught will be incorporated into non-competitive activities.

SESSIONS

All sessions will be played on Saturday mornings beginning June 9. Teams will participate in Opening Day festivities, June 2. Fridays used as possible rain dates.

***PARENT PARTICIPATION REQUIRED!**

T-BALL

AGES 5 & 6 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2018 CO-REC

OBJECTIVE

To introduce the basic skills of the game – base running, throwing, catching, field positions and “outs.” This will be a non-competitive league.

FORMAT

- Teams formed by the Recreation Department.
- 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. (A “rag” ball will be used for game play.)
- Coaches will be required to alternate batting order and field positions.

GAMES

All games will be played on Saturday mornings, beginning June 9. Teams will participate in Opening Day festivities, June 2. Fridays used as possible rain dates.

COACH PITCH

AGES 6 & 7 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2018 CO-REC

OBJECTIVE

To provide boys and girls who have a basic understanding of the game with a format that will allow them to develop a comfort zone with the field, rules, players, and coaches in a non-competitive atmosphere.

FORMAT

- Two separate leagues. Coach Pitch 6 and Coach Pitch 7.
- Teams formed by the Recreation Department.
- 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: Half innings will conclude after “3” outs.
- Games will be three innings in length or 1 hour and 15 minute time limit.
- A RIF (Reduced Injury Factor) baseball will be used the entire season.
- The entire 10 game season will be Coach Pitch.
- Coaches will be required to alternate batting order and field positions.

GAMES

The season will begin on opening weekend, June 2. All evening games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays for Coach Pitch 6, and Tuesdays and Thursdays for Coach Pitch 7 beginning the week of June 5. Generally, rainouts are made up on Friday evenings or Saturdays.

BOYS 8-9 MINOR

AGES 8 & 9
AGE AS OF 8/1/2018

OBJECTIVE

To provide a structured league environment that players can learn the basic skills and concepts of the game. Participants will be prepared for the next level of play. Players will be introduced to the concept of “player’s pitch”. **Competition will not be stressed at this level.** *Note: This is one of two leagues that boys may fit into based on their age and ability. Parents, please review both age categories and pick the proper one for your son based on age, ability, buddy and or coach request. After the registration deadline we are unable to transfer or refund.*

FORMAT

- No official score or standings will be kept.
- Half innings will conclude with the 3rd out or the end of the batting order, whichever comes first.
- Coaches will be required to alternate batting order and field positions. Games will be five innings in length or 1 hour and 45 minutes.
- The 10-game schedule will include a change from “coach pitch” to “player pitch.”

GAMES

There will be some Saturday games, including June 2, opening weekend. All evening games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning June 4. Generally, rainouts are made up on Friday evenings or Saturdays. Game locations will vary.

BOYS 9-10 MAJOR

AGES 9 & 10
AGE AS OF 8/1/2018

OBJECTIVE

To provide a structured league for competitive play combined with sportsmanship, skill development and teamwork. *Note: This is one of two leagues that boys may fit into based on their age and ability. Parents, please review both age categories and pick the proper one for your son based on age, ability, buddy and or coach request. After the registration deadline we are unable to transfer or refund.*

FORMAT

- 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 10 games, each lasting five innings in length or 1 hours 45 minutes.
- Players will pitch the entire season with weekly limits for individuals

GAMES

There will be some Saturday games, including June 2, opening weekend. All evening games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings, beginning June 5. Generally, rainouts are made up on Friday evenings or Saturdays. Game locations will vary.

2018 YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

GIRLS 8-9 MINOR

AGES 8 & 9 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2018

OBJECTIVE

To provide an instructional league for players to learn the basic skills and concepts of the game. Participants will be prepared for the next level of play. "Coach pitch" will be used the entire season. **Competition will not be stressed at this level. Please note this is 1 of 2 leagues that girls may fit into based on their age and ability. Parents be sure you review both age categories and pick the proper one for your daughter based on age, ability, buddy and or coach request. We are sorry, but after the registration deadline we are unable to transfer or refund.**

FORMAT

- No official score or standings will be kept.
- Half innings will conclude with the 3rd out or the end of the batting order, whichever comes first.
- Coaches will be required to alternate batting order and field positions. Games will be five innings in length or 1 hours and 30 minutes.
- The 10 game schedule will consist of "coach pitch" the entire season.

GAMES

There will be some Saturday games, including June 2, opening weekend. All evening games will be played on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, beginning June 5. Generally, rainouts are made up on Friday evenings or Saturdays. Game locations will vary.



GIRLS 9-10 MAJOR

AGES 9 & 10 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2018

OBJECTIVE

To provide a softball league for girls allowing them to refine on 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. **Please note this is 1 of 2 leagues that girls may fit into based on their age and ability. Parents be sure you review both age categories and pick the proper one for your daughter based on age, ability, buddy and or coach request. We are sorry, but after the registration deadline we are unable to transfer or refund.**

FORMAT

- 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.
- Games will be five innings in length or 1 hours and 30 minutes.
- The 10 game schedule will include a gradual change from "coach pitch" to "player pitch".

GAMES

There will be some Saturday games, including June 2, opening weekend. All evening games will be played on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays beginning June 4. Generally, rainouts are made up on Friday evenings or Saturdays. Game locations will vary.

GIRLS 11-12 MAJOR DRAFT LEAGUE

AGES 11 & 12 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2018

OBJECTIVE

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

FORMAT

- Draft style league- NO COACH OR BUDDY REQUESTS
- 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.
- There will be a minimum of 10 games.
- Players will pitch the entire season with weekly limits for individuals.
- Coaches will be required to rotate batting order and field positions. Each team will play a minimum of 10 games.

GAMES

There may be some doubleheaders, as well as Saturday games, including June 2, opening weekend. All evening games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning June 5. Generally, rainouts are made up on Friday evenings or Saturdays. Game locations will vary and there may be travel to partnering communities.

BOYS 11-12 MAJOR DRAFT LEAGUE

AGES 11 & 12 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2018

OBJECTIVE

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

FORMAT

- Draft style league- NO COACH OR BUDDY REQUESTS
- 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.
- There will be a minimum of 10 games.
- Players will pitch the entire season with weekly limits for individuals.
- Coaches will be required to rotate batting order and field positions. Each team will play a minimum of 10 games.

GAMES

There will be some Saturday games, including June 2, opening weekend. All evening games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning June 4. Generally, rainouts are made up on Friday evenings or Saturdays. Game locations will vary and there may be travel to partnering communities.

2018 YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

GIRLS 13-14 MAJOR DRAFT LEAGUE

AGES 13 & 14 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2018

OBJECTIVE

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

FORMAT

- Draft style league- NO COACH OR BUDDY REQUESTS
- 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 seven innings in length, or 1 hours and 30 minutes.
- Players will pitch the entire season with weekly limits for individuals.
- Each team will play a minimum of 10 games.

GAMES

Most games will be played on Mondays and Wednesday (and some Fridays), beginning the week of June 4 (tentative date). **There will be some double-headers, as well as Saturday games, including June 2, Opening Day.** Generally, rainouts are made up on Friday evenings or Saturdays. Game locations will vary and there will be travel to partnering communities.

BOYS 13-14 MAJOR DRAFT LEAGUE

AGES 13 & 14 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2018

OBJECTIVE

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

FORMAT

- Draft style league- NO COACH OR BUDDY REQUESTS
- 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 seven innings in length, or 2 hours.
- Players will pitch the entire season with weekly limits for individuals.
- Each team will play a minimum of 10 games.

GAMES

There will be some Saturday games, including June 2, opening weekend. All evening games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning June 5. Generally, rainouts are made up on Friday evenings or Saturdays. Game locations will vary, and there may be travel to other communities.

BOYS 15-18 NORTH OAKLAND BIG LEAGUE

AGES 11 & 12 ★ AGE AS OF 8/1/2018

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 game.
- Players will pitch the entire season with weekly limits for individuals.

GAMES

Games will be played on Monday and Thursday evenings beginning tentatively the week of June 18. **There will be some Saturday games, including June 2, Opening Day.** Generally, rainouts are made up on Friday evenings or Saturdays. Game locations will vary.

GIRLS 15-17 SKIPPERS FASTPITCH

NOW BEING OFFERED BY WATERFORD TOWNSHIP

THIS PROGRAM IS FOR GIRLS THAT HAVE BEGINNING TO INTERMEDIATE SKILL LEVEL.

Double header games play on Friday evenings, beginning tentatively the week of June 18.

- Volunteer Coaches Needed.
- Coaches schedule practice times and dates.

For more information contact:

Waterford Township Parks & Recreation
(248) 674-5441
www.waterfordmi.gov



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TR BUDDY BASEBALL

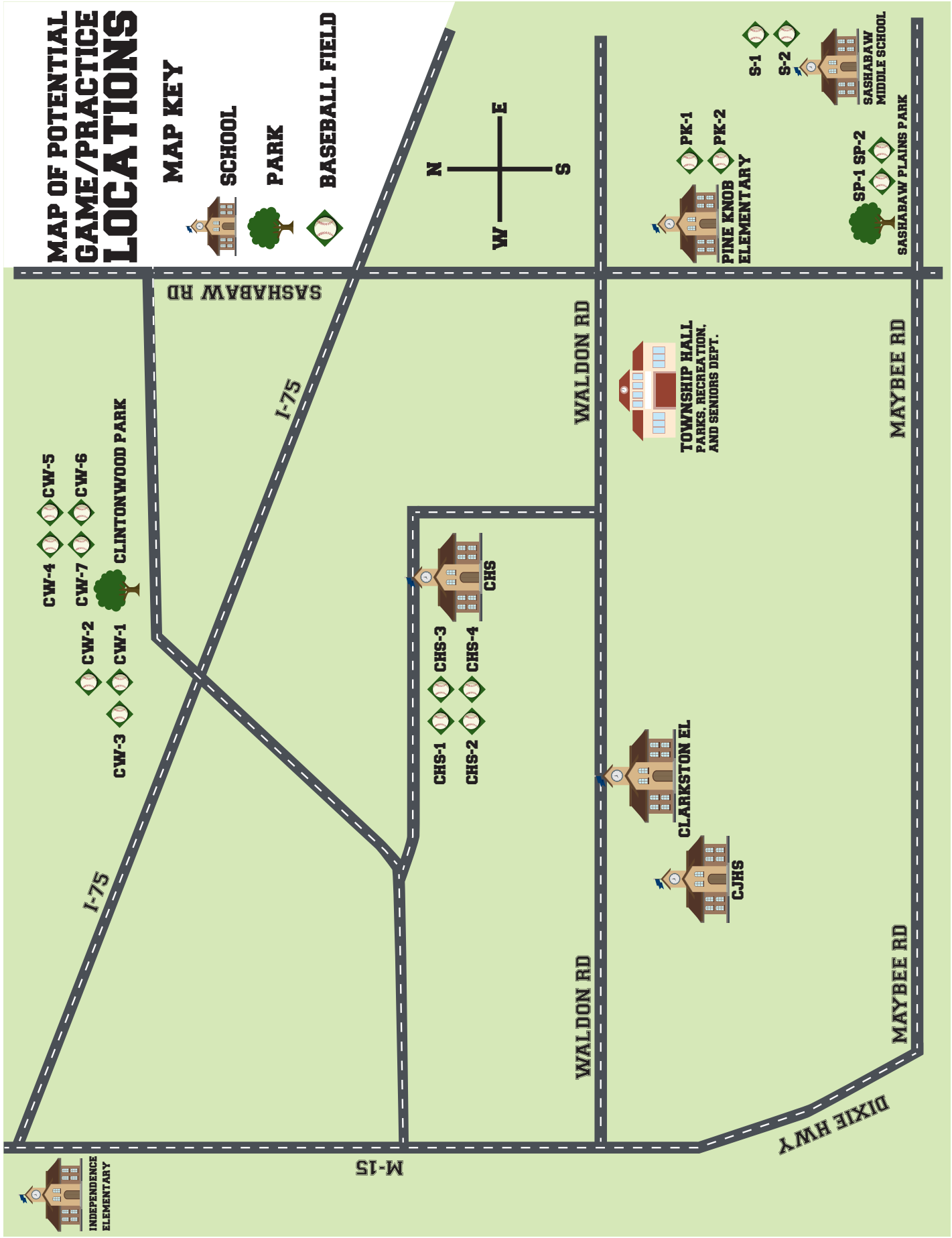
A non-competitive recreational league for boys & girls, ages 7-14. Each player is paired with a buddy, ages 10-14, to assist them as needed.

Mondays, June 18–July 30 ★ 6-7pm
Sashabaw Plains Park
\$40/res ★ \$50/non-res ★ \$10/Buddy

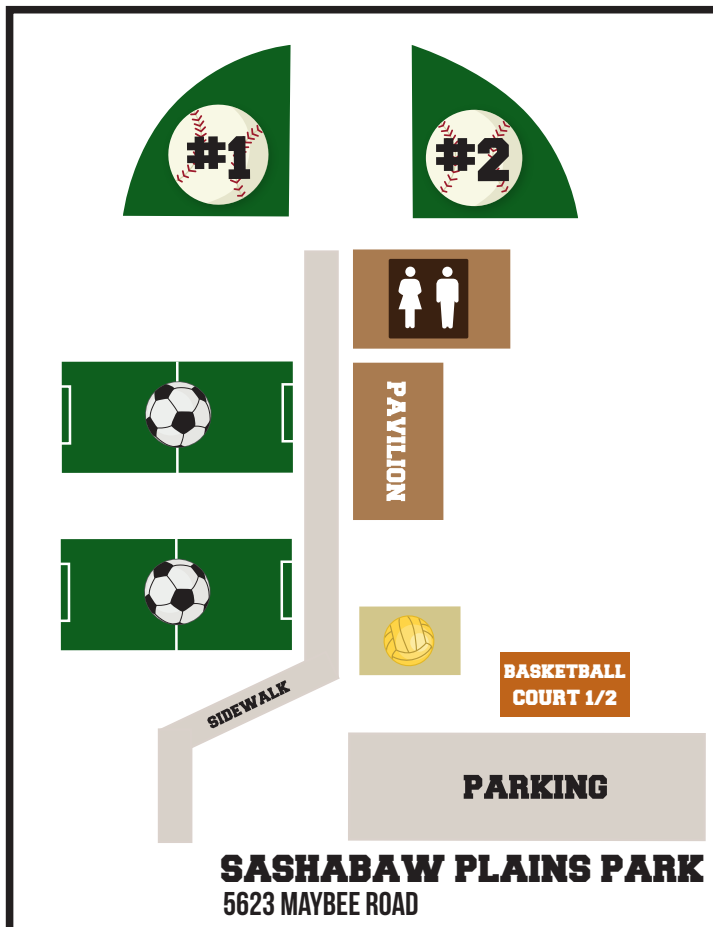
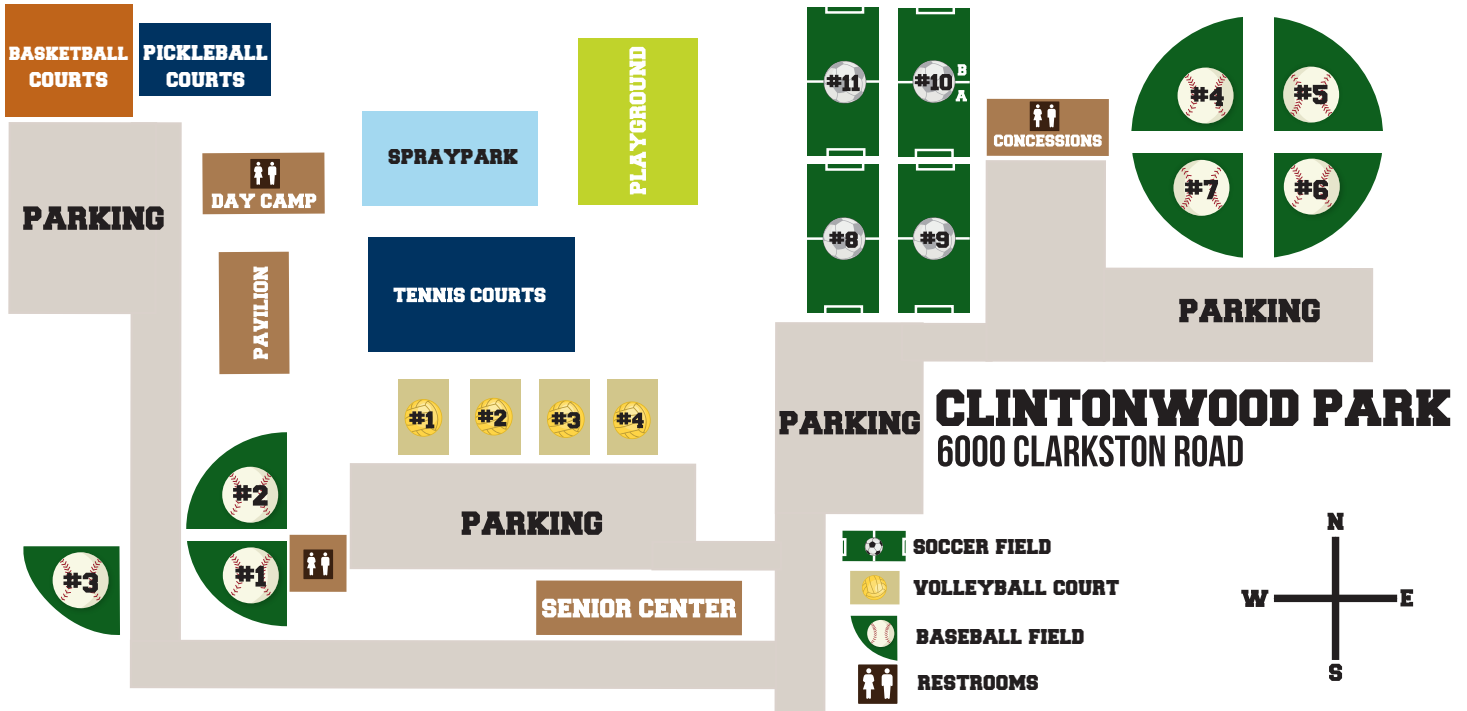
TR TRAVEL LEAGUE SOFTBALL

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

Games played on Thursdays in June & July;
practices held Wednesdays in April & May.
\$45/res ★ \$55/non res



Our soccer fields are currently undergoing a resting cycle to allow time for improvement and growth. A specific map of the soccer layout will be included with your game schedule.



IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

BAY COURT PARK

(Not pictured)

6970 Andersonville Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

PINE KNOB ELEMENTARY

6020 Sashabaw Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

CLARKSTON HIGH SCHOOL

6093 Flemings Lake Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

SASHABAW MIDDLE SCHOOL

5565 Pine Knob Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

CLARKSTON JR. HIGH SCHOOL

6595 Waldon Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

SASHABAW PLAINS PARK

5620 Maybee Rd
Clarkston, MI 48346

CLINTONWOOD PARK

6000 Clarkston Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

2018 YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUES

KIDDY KICKER

FOR 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 4 – AGE REQUIREMENTS

Spring - Players born in 2013

Fall - Players born in 2014

KIDDY KICKER 5 – AGE REQUIREMENTS

Spring - Players born 2012

Fall - Players born in 2013

FORMAT

- Co-Rec teams, formed by the Recreation Department.
- 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

- These are six week sessions each
- Games played on Saturday mornings at Clintonwood Park.
- 4 year olds play 9:00 -10:00 am.
- 5 year olds play 10:15 -11:15 am.
- Make-ups will be held on Friday evenings or Saturdays.
- Season tentatively begins on Saturday, 4/14/18 (spring) and 9/8/18 (fall).



BOYS AND GIRLS U10

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

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Spring - Players born in 2008 & 2009

Fall - Players born in 2009 & 2010

FORMAT

- Score and official standing to be kept.
- Session 1-10 Full games with officials.

GAMES

- Boys play on Mondays & Wednesdays, and girls play on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning 4/16/18 (spring) and 9/10/18 (fall).
- Practice varies prior to the start of each season and coach
- Each session will be 1 hour in length and times vary between 5:30pm-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.

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 in 2011

Fall - Players born in 2012

JUNIOR KICKER 7 – AGE REQUIREMENTS

Spring - Players born 2010

Fall - Players born in 2011

FORMAT

- Co-Rec teams, formed by the Recreation Department.
- 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 4/16/18 (spring) and 9/10/18 (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 U12

POSSIBILITY OF TRAVEL TO WATERFORD

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

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Spring - Players born in 2006 & 2007

Fall - Players born in 2007 & 2008

FORMAT

- Score and official standing to be kept.
- Session 1-10 Full games with officials.

GAMES

- Boys play on Mondays & Wednesdays, and girls play on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning 4/16/18 (spring) and 9/10/17 (fall).
- Practice varies prior to the start of each season and coach
- Each session will be 1 hour in length and times vary between 5:30pm-7pm.
- Make-ups will be held on Friday and/or Saturdays.

2018 YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUES

BOYS U14 AND GIRLS U16

TRAVEL SOCCER LEAGUE

This is a competitive league for boys and girls. Boys play with boys, and girls play with girls.

BOYS U14 AGE REQUIREMENTS

Spring- Players born in 2004 & 2005

Fall- Players born in 2005 & 2006

GIRLS U16 AGE REQUIREMENTS

Spring- Players born in 2002–2005

Fall- Players born in 2003–2006

FORMAT

- Official score and standings will be kept.
- Session 1-10 Full games.
- Players use a size 4 ball.
- All players must wear shin guards.

GAMES

- Boys games are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Saturdays, and/or Sundays beginning weeks of 4/16/18 (spring) and 9/10/18 (fall).
- Girls games are on Mondays and Wednesdays, Saturdays, and/or Sundays beginning weeks of 4/16/18 (spring) and 9/10/18 (fall).
- Game times will vary, but will begin between 5:30 & 6:00pm.
- Make-ups will be held on Friday and/or Saturdays.
- Schedule will consist of 8-11 games per team.

U19 CO-REC SOCCER

TRAVEL LEAGUE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

This is a competitive co-rec league for boys and girls. When possible, teams will be separated by gender. Travel is involved to many communities inside and outside of Oakland County.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Spring- Players born in 1999–2003

Fall- Players born in 2000–2004

FORMAT

- Score and official standing will be kept.
- Session: 1-10 Full games.
- 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 4/16/18 for the spring and 9/10/18 for the fall.



THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

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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.

Mondays, April 16–May 21 ★ 6-7pm

Clintonwood Park

\$40/res ★ \$50/non-res ★ \$10/Buddy



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.

**Mondays, February 5–March 19
(No games 2/19)**

5:30-6:30pm or 6:30-7:30pm

Everest Academy – Girls Gym

\$40/res ★ \$50/non-res ★ \$10/Buddy

ALL SOCCER GAMES ARE PLAYED AT CLINTONWOOD PARK

6000 CLARKSTON ROAD
CLARKSTON, MI 48346

WITH THE EXCEPTION
OF TRAVEL LEAGUES

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 Recreation Guide mailed out to 20,000 households.
- Prior to the season, you will receive your team's schedule and an invitation to the Opening Day Ceremonies on Saturday, June 2, 2018.
- You will also receive a sponsor award plaque after the season concludes.

\$375

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 Recreation Guide mailed out to 20,000 households.
- Prior to the season, you will receive your team's schedule and an invitation to the Opening Day Ceremonies on Saturday, June 2, 2018.
- You will also receive a sponsor award plaque after the season concludes.

\$275

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 Recreation Guide mailed out to 20,000 households.
- Prior to the season, you will receive your team's schedule and an invitation to the Opening Day Ceremonies on Saturday, June 2, 2018.
- You will also receive a sponsor award plaque after the season concludes.

\$200

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 Recreation Guide mailed out to 21,000 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

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

DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2018

(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

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.

WHEN REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR A YOUTH SPORT WITH INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP PARKS, RECREATION & SENIORS, YOU WILL SIGN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT.

2018 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

WHERE

Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors

6483 Waldon Center Drive
Clarkston, Michigan 48346

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

WWW.ITPRS.ORG

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.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

(Unless already verified by the Parks & Recreation office.)

We will require a birth certificate at the time of registration to register your children, under 18, in our league sports. This is to verify we have the correct information from the first time a child enrolls in our programs. We will only require you to show the certificate once.

FALSIFICATION OF INFORMATION

Participants falsifying information will be dismissed from the program and no refund will be granted.

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

If you need to purchase a jersey the cost is \$5. Your child will continue to use the same jersey until your child outgrows it or loses it. A new jersey can be purchased from the Main Office. Reversible jerseys come in sizes Youth Small-Adult XL. All home teams wear green and away teams wear gray. Home vs. away is indicated on your child's game schedule.

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.itprs.org to register online for any of our league sports. A user name and password is required. To obtain a user name and password, call the Main Office at (248) 625-8223.

OVER THE PHONE

Call (248) 625-8223 and any one of our friendly staff will be happy to assist you.

WALK-IN

Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm.

REFUNDS

The following policy and procedures were established to ensure quality programming. All refunds must be requested prior to the registration deadline 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 Youth Sports. 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.itprs.org (click on Forms & Flyers) and return it NO LATER THAN the following dates listed by season and sports:

- Spring Soccer 2018– January 26, 2018
- Summer 2018 Baseball/Softball – March 2, 2018
- Fall Soccer 2018 – June 8, 2018

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 or down in our leagues. Notification will be given through a letter. 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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by building connections with neighbors and the outdoors.*

