Combined Locks Tee Ball/Softball/Baseball

COED TEE BALL

<u>4K & 5K</u> – Players must be 5 years old by 05/31 of the current year. This league is designed to teach the basics to players and develop an understanding of how baseball/softball are played. Players will use Incrediballs while playing in this league to help improve safety. We rely on coaches to instruct and run the games throughout the season. Tees are used to start the season but then progress to coach pitch by the end of the season. Games are played on Mondays or Wednesdays at 5:00pm. Each team will play 10 games beginning in early May and ending mid to late July.

SOFTBALL

<u>Girls 1st and 2nd Grade</u> – Players register in January or February according to their current grade level in school. This league is designed to teach the fundamentals of softball while maintaining a "have fun" philosophy and getting a good basic idea of how future softball games are played. A pitching machine is used from a distance of 35 feet, and we use an 11- inch yellow softball for this league. To keep the games moving, coaches fill the catcher's position for this league. All players will bat, and 10 players are allowed on the field. Games are played on Wednesday nights. Each team will play 10 games beginning in early May and ending in mid to late July.

<u>**Girls 3rd thru 5th Grade**</u> – Players register in January or February according to their current grade level in school. *NEW for 2025: Only 5th grade girls who are not playing tournament or club softball are eligible for this league. The league is designed to continue growth in softball fundamentals, prepare players for future softball games and have fun! There is a pitcher and catcher for all games. After two innings, we switch to coach-pitch. We use an 11-inch yellow softball and pitch from 35 feet. All players bat, and teams can have up to 11 players on the field (five outfielders). Games are played on Thursday nights. Each team will play 10 games beginning in early May and ending in mid to late July.

<u>**Girls 5th thru 7th Grade**</u> – Players register in January or February according to their current grade level in school. The league is designed to continue growth and build on softball fundamentals in a fun and competitive environment. Team standings are kept throughout the season for a season ending 3rd place versus 4th place and 1st place versus 2nd place event to end the summer. Traditionally this league pitches from 40 feet and uses a 12-inch yellow softball. (These items are subject to change each year based on coach opinions on what's best for the league). There are 10 players on the field, and all players bat. Games are played on Monday nights. Each team will play 10 games beginning in early May and ending in mid to late July.

BASEBALL

Boys 1st and 2nd Grade – Players register in January or February according to their current grade level in school. The league is designed to continue developing baseball fundamentals while maintaining a "have fun" philosophy and getting a good basic idea of how future baseball games are played. A pitching machine is used from a distance of 46 feet, and a catcher is used. All players will bat, and 10 players are allowed on the field. Games are played on Monday nights. Each team will play 10 games beginning in early May and ending in mid to late July.

Boys 3rd and 4th Grade – Players register in January or February according to their current grade level in school. The league is designed to continue growth in baseball fundamentals, prepare players for future baseball games and have fun! This league is player pitch from a distance of 46 feet. Stealing is allowed one base at a time. All players bat, and 10 players are allowed on the field. Games are played on Thursday nights. Each team will play 10 games beginning in early May and ending in mid to late July.

Boys 5th and 6th Grade – Players register in January or February according to their current grade level in school. The league is designed to continue growth and build baseball fundamentals in a fun and competitive environment. Little league rules apply. Pitchers throw from 46 feet, and bases are 60 feet apart. All players bat, and 9 players are allowed on the field. Team standings are kept throughout the season culminating in a double elimination tournament in July. Games are on Wednesday nights with a couple of Monday night exceptions. Each team will play 10 games (plus the tournament games) beginning in early May and ending in mid to late July.