

Youth Sports FAQ

Sports Registration

How do I register?

- To register visit the city website at www.buckeyeaz.gov/rec. In-person registration is available by appointment only at this time visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094CAFA72BA0F49-fall> to make an appointment or you may contact recreation@buckeyeaz.gov / 623-349-6350. Phone registration is not available.

I tried logging into my account but can't remember my password?

- You may reset your password from the login window. If issues continue contact 623-349-6350 / recreation@buckeyeaz.gov for further assistance.

What if I missed the registration deadline?

- Late registrations are accepted if space is permitted. The online registration portal will reflect current and up to date space as teams are formed. If the division is full please add the player to the waitlist. Adding to the waitlist can be done either online, emailing recreation@buckeyeaz.gov or calling 623-349-6350.

What if there is a waitlist for the sport I'm interested in?

- If a program displays "Join Wait List" that means we are currently full in the age group you're interested in registering for. The waiting list is first come, first serve. Complete the wait list registration as players are pulled in order as availability opens. Payment is not required when adding to waitlist registration. If a spot opens up, you will be contacted and payment will be required to register.

Can my child "play up" in another age division?

- Players are allowed to play up one division/group upon youth sports coordinator approval. The division of play waiver must be submitted. Players are not allowed to move down in any divisions.

Does my child need to have experience to play?

- No, the goal of the youth sports program is to provide a FUN athletic opportunity for the youth, while learning basic skill development, teamwork and sportsmanship. It is common for teams to have a mix of new and returning players, rest assured, every player gets opportunities to play equally in every game.

My child has a special need can they still participate?

- We pride ourselves on creating an environment that is fun and safe for all participants. If you have any specific concerns please communicate with the youth sports coordinator at time of registration to ensure the program meets the needs of your family.

Can my child request to play with a friend?

- Yes, although we do our best to honor specific buddy requests, they are not guaranteed. It is important for both players to specify the special requests at time of registration. There is a special request section and this is where all requests should be noted.

Can I request a specific coach?

- Yes, although specific requests are not guaranteed. Be sure to specify any special requests at the time of registration. There is a special request section and this is where all requests should be noted.

Can you guarantee my child's place on a team?

- After your child's registration is complete and paid, they will be assigned to a team (approx. 1 week prior to the season start date). Incomplete registrations will not be guaranteed a spot on a team.

Can I request a refund if my child does not get on the team I requested?

- No, requests are not guaranteed. Refunds must be requested before a specific season date.

What if the season is canceled due to COVID-19?

- If the City of Buckeye youth sports season is to be canceled due to COVID- 19 refunds will be issued at a prorated rate and processed back to the original payment method. It is very important your contact information is current and up to date.

Is there a discount for low income families?

- Yes! We offer a youth scholarship program for those that cannot afford the registration fees. <https://www.buckeyeaz.gov/residents/parks-recreation/community-services-scholarship-program>

Already Registered?

I just registered for a sport online now what?

- Once you complete your registration, you've secured a spot on a team. Your child will be assigned to a team/coach. An email receipt will be sent to the email linked to the household account. This email will provide details of the date and time of the youth sports parent meeting. After the meeting, coaches will begin contacting parents and

scheduling practice. Please be patient with our volunteer coaches as they find time in their busy schedules to reach their players.

How do I find my child's team/coach if I registered after the deadline?

- Your child will be assigned to a team based on availability. The coach will receive an updated roster with player contact information. Please allow up to 48 hours for the coach to contact you. Coaches will make contact via phone or email. It is imperative your contact information is correct at time of registration.

When should I expect to hear from a coach?

- Coaches are volunteers. In most cases coaches receive the team and league information at the same time as all parents. Coaches that volunteer early in the registration process will have more time to select practice times and receive equipment. Others may be recruited to volunteer after the registration deadline and may not have the same time to prepare. Coaches are given rosters after their coach's meeting, if they are unable to attend accommodations are arranged which could cause a delay in contacting player. If you have not heard from a coach, it may be that we are actively seeking a coach for that specific team.

The team my child is on says "need coach". What happens if they don't find a coach?

- Please be patient as the youth sports coordinator works diligently to recruit a volunteer coach for your child's team.

Can I contact my child's coach directly?

- Once your coach has made contact with you then you may exchange contact information if they feel comfortable. We do not publicly share our volunteer coaches' information.

Can my player switch team?

- No, once the teams are formed you cannot switch teams. Although it is not guaranteed, your chances to be on a particular team are increased at time of registration when submitting a special request.

What equipment is needed to participate?

- Due to COVID-19, this year all players are encouraged to bring their own equipment. Coaches are provided basic equipment to conduct practices such as bats, balls, bases, cones, and soccer goals.

Games/Practice

How do I find out if a game/practice is cancelled due to weather?

- We ask that you give it at least one to two hours prior to the scheduled game/practice time for a status. Coaches are notified first and will distribute updated information to their team. Information will also be distributed via email and posted on social media accounts.
- We do our very best to make up games that are cancelled, but due to several factors that are out of our control this is not always possible.

How will I get my child's uniform?

- Uniforms are distributed to the coaches, who in turn distribute them to the players. Typically uniforms are not given out until approximately a week before the first game.

Where will practices be held? What will be the days, times and location of practice?

- Volunteer coaches choose the day, time, and location of practice. If there is a day, time, and/or location that works best for you and your child(ren) please note it at the time of registration in the special request box.

Where can I locate the game schedule?

- Once the game schedules are finalized, coaches will be provided with copies that are to be distributed to players. Schedules will also be emailed out, posted on our website, and posted on social media pages.

Are spectators allowed at practices/games?

- Yes, however given our current global pandemic we have strict rules this season. Per Doug Ducey's executive order, it is our goal to comply to maintain group gathering under 50 people or less. Each field will be limited to meet guidelines. Teams are estimated to have 10 kids, so with 2 teams playing on one field we are restricting spectators for now until guidelines are lifted.

Coaching

How do I become a volunteer coach?

1. Complete a volunteer application- visit buckeyeaz.gov/coach
2. Complete a background check
3. Complete the required coaching forms
4. Attend the coaches meeting
5. Obtain coaches equipment and resources from City of Buckeye
6. Submit request for practice times and locations
7. Start Coaching!

I checked interested in coaching when I registered my child, what is the next step?

- Complete the youth sports coaches application online at buckeyeaz.gov/coach. After submission staff will follow up with you to complete the background check. If you submitted the application and have not heard from staff please contact the youth sports coordinator.

How do I know if I have been approved to coach?

- Finally approval is contingent on the background results. If approved to coach, we will contact you via the contact information provided on the application to finalize coaching details.

If I am approved to be a volunteer coach will I be assigned to coach my child's team?

- Absolutely! All volunteer coaches are automatically assigned to their child's team (unless requested otherwise).

What is the time commitment of a volunteer coach?

- As a volunteer coach we required that you practice one to two days a week (length of practice depends on the age/division). You choose your practice schedule including the days, times and location. As the coach we also require that you are present for the games each week and allocate time for picture day. In addition, there is a time commitment to communicate with the parents each week to ensure that they have accurate league information such as current practice and game schedules.

How to do I receive the coaches credit?

- Upon completion of the sports season the head coach must meet all incentive qualification criteria to be eligible for a minimum of one (1) credit valued at \$50 per sport each season. Coaches' incentive credits are applied to the household accounts to be used toward future programs.

Qualifications include:

- Complete coaches' application.
- Pass fingerprint and background check.
- Attend mandatory coaches' meeting.
- Return 90% of youth sports parent surveys at end of season.
- Complete season. This entails hosting one practice per week and attending 6 out of the 7 games scheduled.
- Maintain and return sports equipment provided.
- Display and teach positive sportsmanship; following the Coaches Code of Ethics.