

Catoosa County Recreation Consolidation

In an effort to proactively address liability concerns, the County has proposed the unification of the Recreation Department and Parent Lead Associations (Boynton Rec & RYSA). Through this unification, the county will now offer youth sports at a low cost while providing a quality program. We will place a focus on player development, player enjoyment, player safety and facility upgrades.

Registration cost will now range between \$25 and \$50 for all sports. This registration fee will cover player jerseys, coach's training and equipment, and will cover game official's fees. Players/families that are unable to cover registration fees will be able to apply for a scholarship in order to cover that registration costs.

The goal of this consolidation is to provide the youth of Catoosa County an affordable and accessible ability to participate in youth sports.

Reason to Consolidate:

The County met with an insurance consultant to discuss insurance policies and to collect general information. During this meeting, it was brought to their attention that there are many liability concerns that need to be addressed. You can find liability issues/concerns listed below:

Current Catoosa County Youth Sports Leagues Structure:

- **Commingling of duties**
 - County helps schedule games
 - Organizing facility use
 - Co-Branding of Youth Sports League under the "Catoosa" name with outside groups (example: Chickamauga Recreation, Ridgeland Youth Sports Academy, Rock Springs Sports Academy).
- **Exposes Catoosa County:**
 - Liability Claims from injured patrons and participants
 - Potential lawsuits from financial crimes
 - Abuse and Molestation

The County is taking on risk without being able to manage the potential threat of an injury or claim. We're also without the access to have controls to monitor proper vetting of leagues, coaches, financial management, etc. The County feels as though it would be beneficial to make an effort to consolidate Recreation in order to properly protect our community and the youth.

Proposed Plan:

With support of the Board of Commissioners, each association will be consolidated into an Athletic Advisory Committee. Each association will be allotted two representatives. Each association's president

will make recommendations to the Recreation Director of potential committee members. Such committee will provide the Recreation Director advisement on coach/parent grievances, league rules, All-star selections, facility upgrades, review protests, etc.

Registration Fee Structure:

This registration fee will cover player jersey, coach's equipment and training, and umpire fees.

Division	County Resident Fee	Non-County Resident Fee
6 & Under Divisions	\$25.00	\$50.00
7 & Up Divisions	\$50.00	\$75.00

Multiple Child Discount: Families with multiple players registering will be provided a \$5 discount after the first registered child. Example: First child - \$50, Second child - \$45, Third Child - \$45

Spring Sports Registration:

Recreation Baseball

**Travel Baseball League*

Soccer

Softball

Volleyball

3 v 3 Basketball