



FAQ's for Summer T-BALL

T-Ball/Baseball is a great game for children of both sexes involving batting, running and ball handling skills, featuring quick games. T-Ball is the introduction to baseball.

Children from around 5 years 9 months and up to around 8 years of age (as at 1st September of the summer season) play T-Ball.

Players who have turned 8 years old (i.e. League Age 9) play machine-pitch inter-club competition. Some flexibility exists for age cut-off in T-Ball decided by the Junior Club Registrar.

The Eastern Suburbs Junior Baseball League ("The **Dolphins**") has been operating since 1992 as a friendly, not-for-profit, volunteer run baseball club.

Q1 WHAT IS T-BALL?

T-Ball involves hitting a soft baseball from a Tee with a baseball bat, running bases and throwing/catching.

The game helps develop hand-eye coordination, teamwork and running and strategic skills and is non-contact.

Club teams are mixed boys and girls. T-Ball is a great, fun filled activity for young children. We emphasise team participation with the aim of introducing children to T-Ball and letting them enjoy themselves while learning skills so when older they can move into the inter-club competitive teams that compete with other junior baseball clubs.

Q2 IS IT COMPETITIVE?

T-Ball teams compete against each other with scores kept for that game only, but winning is not emphasised, it's more about having a fun game and learning skills!

All children receive a name engraved trophy at the end of the season.

Q3 CAN I HELP?

We appreciate the support of parents in club administration, coaching, scoring and umpiring etc. and we provide free training for those activities. Please consider helping us provide your child with access to this exciting sport by becoming a qualified T-Ball/ baseball coach, scorer, or volunteer. We will help you get there. It is very satisfying! We also need assistance to operate our canteen and BBQ during games and we may need to roster parents on to help.

Q4 WHERE DO WE PLAY and TRAIN?

T-Ball teams compete against each other, with games and training held at our home baseball fields at Chifley Sports Reserve, 801-899 Bunnerong Rd Chifley.

Q5 WHAT TIMES ARE GAMES and TRAINING?

Games are played in summer on Saturday mornings, currently 9-10am, and if sufficient teams, also 10.15-11.15am. Games commence in early September and are 55 minutes duration.

Training is 50 minutes duration on Thursdays, 5.00-5.50pm and depending on the number of teams, also 4.00pm-4.50pm. Children are allocated to one of those two sessions.

Q6 HOW LONG IS THE SEASON?

Training starts in early September. Games begin in the 2nd week of September and finish at the end of February with holiday breaks, so we have 16 or 17 games per season.

Q7 WHAT ARE THE FEES?

Fees will be listed on the club's website REGISTRATION section (link at top of page) once registrations open in early July. The fees comprise of our club fee plus a NSW baseball fee and a Baseball Australia fee.

Our T-Ball club fee includes a baseball glove and T-Ball uniform (club T-ball shirt plus a club baseball cap), which players keep.

T-Ball players wear shorts or long pants and closed shoes (e.g. joggers; sandshoes; soccer shoes) to play/train. Bats, balls and helmets are provided by the club for games/training. Players may bring their own T ball bat.

PLEASE NOTE- *T-ball uniform and baseball glove allocation is coordinated by the T-Ball program manager before season commencement - these items are included in your registration fee and are not ordered or purchased via the club's online store.*

Q8 HOW DO I REGISTER FOR T-BALL?

In early July go to the club's website, select REGISTRATION, then JUNIOR SUMMER COMPETITION. Complete the online registration process and payment. On-line registrations open in early July for each summer season. Every attempt is made to accommodate all those players who register. Early registration is strongly recommended.

Q9 CLUB PHILOSOPHY?

To introduce young players to T-Ball and baseball, develop their skills, have some healthy fun, as well as develop teamwork, sportsmanship, respect for self and others and giving their best!