

# ACTIVITY GUIDE

## 2017



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401 North Victory Drive

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# Mission Statement

TCRD strives to provide Comprehensive year-round recreational experiences, which contribute to the physical, social, emotional, creative and educational growth and development of Tift County Citizens.

## Administrative Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:30 am - 5:30 pm

## Multipurpose Building Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Saturday  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

## Mott-Litman Gym Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
12:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
Saturday  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

*Hours are subject to  
change.*

## TCRD offices and facilities will be closed for the following holidays in 2017:

New Year's Day-Jan. 2  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day-  
Jan. 16  
Good Friday-April 14  
Memorial Day-May 29  
Independence Day-July 4  
Labor Day-Sept. 4  
Thanksgiving-Nov. 23, 24  
Christmas-Dec. 25-26



## TCRD Contact Information

Administrative Office: (229) 382-3262

Fax: (229) 382-7246

Weather Line: (229) 528-9292 (Updated after 4:00 pm)

Website: [www.tiftcounty.org](http://www.tiftcounty.org)

[recreation@tiftcounty.org](mailto:recreation@tiftcounty.org)

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Registration Information

All registration is conducted in our administrative offices at 401 North Victory Drive. Office hours are 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, Monday - Friday. (Specific dates for each activity are listed in the activity guide).

1. Bring a certified copy of your child's birth certificate for our files.
2. Bring the activity fee, if applicable.
3. Complete our activity registration form.
4. Mail in registration with payment is now available, must be postmarked within registration deadline.

OR

Utilize our *On-Line Registration Process through Rec-1*.

**<https://secure.rec1.com/GA/tift-county-recreation/catalog>**

See next page for “**New Online Registration Portal**”

Registration forms, coach and sponsor applications are available on our website, [www.tiftcounty.org](http://www.tiftcounty.org).

**Payment** - We accept Visa, MasterCard and debit cards. You may also pay by check, telecheck, money order and cash.

**Refunds** - No refunds will be granted for any program or activity once the activity has started and/or teams have been selected. If a refund is requested prior to team selections the participant may receive either a department credit or partial refund. A 20% administrative cost will be withheld.

Tift County Recreation Department would like to announce we now have an “on-line registration option” for all of our team sports and some other activities for existing/repeat customers. Visa and MasterCard are accepted for Online Registration. If a valid email address was provided on your registration form you will be receiving a bulk email from Rec1.com / TCRD to let you know what your UN & PW will be. TCRD and REC1 are excited too about this new opportunity that has been created to ease the process of registering with the Tift County Recreation Department – “TCRD”. You have received this bulk email that provides your “username”, a “system-generated password”, and a login link. When you “login” the first time you will then be “prompted to set your own password”. We hope this new process will make it easier for you to register for our various programs and activities. If you should need assistance please call 229-382-3262.

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**Your Bulk Email should read similar to this:**

**“Your Name”**

We now have an online registration portal for repeat customers available at <https://secure.rec1.com/GA/tift-county-recreation/catalog>.

Please use the link provided to access our online catalog.

Your username is: [person@email.com](mailto:person@email.com) (Your email address)

Your password is: **12345678 (assigned automatically then you must change)**

Please note that you may be prompted to create a new password the first time you log in.



Tift Co. Rec. Dept. 401 Victory Drive N PO Box 6 (31793) Tifton, GA 31794 229-382-3262 <a href="mailto:recreation@tiftcounty.org">recreation@tiftcounty.org</a> <a href="http://www.tiftcounty.org">www.tiftcounty.org</a> Federal Tax ID: 58-6000894
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We hope this new process will make it easier for you to register for our various programs and activities. If you should need assistance please call [229-382-3262](tel:229-382-3262) Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 5:30pm.

Thank you for considering our program and department for your leisure needs.

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Other Option:

<https://secure.rec1.com/GA/tift-county-recreation/catalog>

Please use the link provided to access our online catalog. If you provided us with a valid email at the time of your last registration that is now your user name. After typing your user name click “FORGOT PASSWORD” and you will be given a temporary password that can be changed.

***If you are a first time participant please register in person at the Tift County Recreation Department so we can gather your Birth Certificate and other registration information.*** After your initial registration you will then be able to access your account online.

***If you did not submit or provide your email information on the registration form you will need to create or have an account created, provide a Username and Password to be able to register online.***

A Valid Email Address helps TCRD communicate with you about our programs and activities. You will also receive updates in regards to upcoming programs and league information. Should you have any questions please call 229-382-3262, Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 5:30pm.

Thank you for considering our program and department for your leisure needs.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## **Inclement Weather/Rain Out Policy**

Cancellations due to weather on weeknights will generally not be made any later than 4:00 pm. TCRD will update our **weather line (229-528-9292)** and also make every effort to call head coaches and email league participants with cancellation information.

## **Volunteer Coaches**

*Without volunteers, there would be fewer recreational activities!*  
TCRD needs volunteers in many different activity areas. Coaching youth athletics, sponsors, program instructors, advisory board members, travel chaperones, etc. All volunteers have to pass a current background check, and coaches must also attend an instructional clinic prior to beginning that sport. (**GRPA approved clinics**). Head coaches must complete an application prior to the end of regular registration for that sport to be considered, unless TCRD does not have enough applicants to fill all teams.

## **Sponsors**

Sponsors are needed for T-Ball, Baseball, Softball, Soccer and Football teams. Donations and sponsors are also needed in other activities such as senior programs, day camp and our annual Easter egg hunt. Contact **Zelda Sapp at 229-382-3262** for further information.

# Parent/Athlete Concussion Information Sheet

(This information was taken from CDC Website and CDC Parent/Athlete Information Sheet)

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury that changes the way the brain normally works. A concussion is caused by bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body that causes the head and brain to move rapidly back and forth. Even a “ding,” “getting your bell rung,” or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious.

## WHAT ARE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CONCUSSION?

Signs and symptoms of concussion can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days or weeks after the injury.

If an athlete reports **one or more** symptoms of concussion listed below after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body, s/he should be kept out of play the day of the injury and until a health care professional, experienced in evaluating for concussion, says s/he is symptom-free and it's OK to return to play.

### Did You Know?

- Most concussions occur without loss of consciousness.
- Athletes who have, at any point in their lives, had a concussion have an increased risk for another concussion.
- Young children and teens are more likely to get a concussion and take longer to recover than adults.

### SIGNS OBSERVED BY COACHING STAFF:

Appears dazed or stunned  
 Is confused about assignment or position  
 Forgets an instruction  
 Is unsure of game, score, or opponent  
 Moves clumsily  
 Answers questions slowly  
 Loses consciousness (even briefly)  
 Shows mood, behavior, or personality changes  
 Can't recall events prior to hit or fall  
 Can't recall events after hit or fall

### SYMPTOMS REPORTED BY ATHLETES:

Headache or “pressure” in head  
 Nausea or vomiting  
 Balance problems or dizziness  
 Double or blurry vision  
 Sensitivity to light  
 Sensitivity to noise  
 Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy  
 Concentration or memory problems  
 Confusion  
 Just not “feeling right” or “feeling down”

## CONCUSSION DANGER SIGNS

In rare cases, a dangerous blood clot may form on the brain in a person with a concussion and crowd the brain against the skull. An athlete should receive immediate medical attention if after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body s/he exhibits any of the following danger signs:

• One pupil larger than the other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Becomes increasingly confused, restless, or agitated</li> <li>• Has unusual behavior</li> </ul> <p><b>Remember</b>            Concussions affect people differently. While most athletes with a concussion recover quickly and fully, some will have symptoms that last for days, or even weeks. A more serious concussion can last for months or longer.</p>
• Is drowsy or cannot be awakened	
• A headache that not only does not diminish, but gets worse	
• Weakness, numbness, or decreased coordination	
• Repeated vomiting or nausea	
• Slurred speech	
• Convulsions or seizures	
• Cannot recognize people or places	
• Loses consciousness (even a brief loss of consciousness should be taken seriously)	

## **WHY SHOULD AN ATHLETE REPORT THEIR SYMPTOMS?**

If an athlete has a concussion, his/her brain needs time to heal. While an athlete's brain is still healing, s/he is much more likely to have another concussion. Repeat concussions can increase the time it takes to recover. In rare cases, repeat concussions in young athletes can result in brain swelling or permanent damage to their brain. They can even be fatal.

## **WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU THINK YOUR ATHLETE HAS A CONCUSSION?**

If you suspect that an athlete has a concussion, remove the athlete from play and seek medical attention. Do not try to judge the severity of the injury yourself. Keep the athlete out of play the day of the injury and until a health care professional, experienced in evaluating for concussion, says s/he is symptom-free and it's OK to return to play.

Rest is key to helping an athlete recover from a concussion. Exercising or activities that involve a lot of concentration, such as studying, working on the computer, or playing video games, may cause concussion symptoms to reappear or get worse. After a concussion, returning to sports and school is a gradual process that should be carefully managed and monitored by a health care professional.

### **Remember:**

Concussions affect people differently. While most athletes with a concussion recover quickly and fully, some will have symptoms that last for days, or even weeks. A more serious concussion can last for months or longer.

It's better to miss one game than the whole season. For more information on concussions, visit: [www.cdc.gov/Concussion](http://www.cdc.gov/Concussion) .

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Student-Athlete Signature

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Date

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Parent or Legal Guardian Printed

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

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Date

# ACTIVITY FEES / SUPPLIES

ACTIVITY/ SPORT	FEE FIRST CHILD	FEE ADDITIONAL CHILDREN	YOU KEEP	USE AND RETURN	YOU FURNISH
CHEERLEADING (Tackle)	\$50.00	\$45.00	SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT POMPOMS	N/A	NAVY SHORTS WHITE TENNIS SHOES WHITE CREW SOCKS
<b><i>Thanksgiving Bowl Pants and Jerseys must be returned</i></b>					
FOOTBALL (Tackle)	\$50.00	\$45.00	JERSEY	HELMET SHOULDER PADS	PANTS (Black or White w/pads RUBBER CLEATS SOCKS COLORED (not clear) MOUTHPIECE
(Youth Flag)	\$50.00	\$45.00	T-SHIRT	N/A	PANTS/SHORTS RUBBER CLEATS SOCKS COLORED (not clear) MOUTHPIECE
SOCCER FEE	\$50.00	\$45.00	SHIRT SOCKS	N/A	BLACK SHORTS RUBBER CLEATS SHIN GUARDS
T-BALL	\$50.00	\$45.00	SHIRT	N/A	BLACK/GREY OR WHITE PANTS RUBBER CLEATS SOCKS GLOVE
BASEBALL	\$50.00	\$45.00	SHIRT HAT	N/A	BLACK/GREY OR WHITE PANTS RUBBER CLEATS SOCKS GLOVE
SOFTBALL (7-10 MP)	\$50.00	\$45.00	SHIRT VISOR	N/A	SHORTS/PANTS RUBBER CLEATS SOCKS GLOVE
SOFTBALL (11-14 FP)	\$52.00	\$46.80	SHIRT VISOR	N/A	SHORTS/PANTS RUBBER CLEATS SOCKS GLOVE
BASKETBALL	\$50.00	\$45.00	SHIRT	N/A	SHORTS TENNIS SHOES SOCKS

10% DISCOUNT OFF FULL REGISTRATION FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CHILD.  
 APPLIES TO ALL TEAM SPORTS WITHIN THE SAME SEASON.  
 DISCOUNT IS THE SAME FOR TWO OR MORE CHILDREN, DISCOUNT  
 GIVEN OFF THE LOWER ORIGINAL FEE. (IE: IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN PLAYING  
 BASEBALL AND FAST PITCH SOFTBALL, DISCOUNT IS GIVEN TO BASEBALL FEE.)

**25% CHARGE FOR OUT-OF-COUNTY PARTICIPANTS, NO DISCOUNT FOR SECOND CHILD**

**\*\*NO DISCOUNTS OR FEE WAIVERS & \$5 LATE FEE AFTER REGULAR REGISTRATION\*\***



# SPRING ATHLETICS

## Youth T-Ball

Coordinator: Dayvia Marin

Email: [dayvia.marin@tiftcounty.org](mailto:dayvia.marin@tiftcounty.org)

Registration for T-Ball runs January 17<sup>th</sup> - February 10<sup>th</sup>. Player's ages 5-6 will learn skills, teamwork and sportsmanship in a non-competitive league. No score is kept, with an emphasis on having fun and learning the fundamentals of the game. Teams practice 2 to 3 times per week in the preseason and 1 to 2 times per week after the season starts. Leagues begin play on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and the season is scheduled to finish in June. Fee \$50.00 for Tift County residents (add \$12.50 for out-of-county). Multiple registrants in the same household receive a 10% discount.

- Age control date: Prior to May 1st of the current year.
- No Camp/Evaluation (teams assigned by TCRD staff).
- Team selections will be held the week of March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- AAC Meeting will be held February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TRCD Multi-Purpose Building.
- NYSCA BB/SB Coaches Clinic part 1 will be held March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building Gym.
- NYSCA BB/SB Coaches Clinic part 2 will be held March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building Gym.
- Please give your coach a reasonable amount of time to contact you before contacting the TCRD.
- Practice will begin the week of March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Picture Day is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>.



# SPRING ATHLETICS

## Youth Baseball

Coordinator: Jeff Howard

Email: [jeff.howard@tiftcounty.org](mailto:jeff.howard@tiftcounty.org)

Registration for Baseball runs January 17<sup>th</sup> - February 10<sup>th</sup>. Players ages 7-14 will learn skills, teamwork and sportsmanship in a competitive league. Teams practice 2 to 3 times per week in the preseason and 1 to 2 times per week after the season starts. Ages 7-12 season will begin on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 13/14 Boys season will begin on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Leagues season is scheduled to finish in June. Fee \$50.00 for Tift County residents (add \$12.50 for out-of-county). Multiple registrants in the same household receive a 10% discount.

### Mandatory Camp Dates at

<b>League</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>EBH Complex</b>	<b>Field</b>
Machine Pitch	7-8	Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm	H-1(All Players)
Mite	9-10	Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm	H-4(All Players)
Midget	11-12	Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm	H-2(All Players)
Junior	13-14	April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6:00 pm Mass practice with all coaches and players	Eve Park (All Players)

- Age control date: Prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- Camp/Evaluation is mandatory for all players participating.
- Team selections will be held the week of March 6<sup>th</sup>. For 13-14 Boys their team selection will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please give your coach a reasonable amount of time to contact you before contacting TCRD.
- Practice will begin the week of March 13<sup>th</sup> for ages 5-12.
- Picture Day is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Practice will begin the week of April 10<sup>th</sup> for ages 13-14.
- AAC Meeting will be held February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- NYSCA BB/SB Coaches Clinic part 1 will be held March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building Gym.
- NYSCA BB/SB Coaches Clinic part 2 will be held March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building Gym.
- TCRD leagues will follow **GRPA** and **GHS**A rules except where local rules apply.

# SPRING ATHLETICS

## Youth Softball

Coordinator: Dayvia Marin

Email: [dayvia.marin@tiftcounty.org](mailto:dayvia.marin@tiftcounty.org)

Registration for Softball runs January 17<sup>th</sup> - February 10<sup>th</sup>. Players ages 7-14 will learn skills, teamwork and sportsmanship in a competitive league. Teams practice 2 to 3 times per week in the preseason and 1 to 2 times per week after the season starts. Leagues begin play on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and the season is scheduled to finish in June. Ages 7-10 fee \$50.00 for Tift County residents (add \$12.50 for out-of-county). Ages 11-14 fee \$52.00 for Tift County residents (add \$13.00 for out-of-county).

League	Age	<u>Mandatory Camp at</u>	
		EBH Complex	Field
Machine Pitch	7-8	Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm	H-5
Machine Pitch	9-10	Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm	H-6
Player Fast Pitch	11-12/13-14	Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm	H-6

- Age control date: Prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year
- Camp/Evaluation is mandatory for all players participating.
- Team selections will be held the week of March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Please give your coach a reasonable amount of time to contact you before contacting TCRD.
- Practice will begin the week of March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Picture Day is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- AAC Meeting will be held February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- NYSCA BB/SB Coaches Clinic part 1 will be held March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building Gym.
- NYSCA BB/SB Coaches Clinic part 2 will be held March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building Gym.
- TCRD leagues will follow **GRPA**, **GHS**A and **ASA** rules except where local rules apply.

# ADULT ATHLETICS

## **Adult Softball**

Coordinator: Dayvia Marin

Email: [dayvia.marin@tiftcounty.org](mailto:dayvia.marin@tiftcounty.org)

Registration for Adult Softball runs January 17<sup>th</sup> – February 10<sup>th</sup>. Leagues include Men's Church, Men's Open, Coed, Women's and Over 40. Games are played weeknights after 7:00 pm. All games are played at the E.B. Hamilton Complex.

\$100.00 league deposit is due by February 10<sup>th</sup> for Season 1.  
TBA for Season 2.

**ASA** rules are used except where local rules apply.

**Season 1:** Team Registration January 17<sup>th</sup> - February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Season 2:** Team Registration TBA.

## **Adult Kickball**

Coordinator: Jeff Howard

Email: [jeff.howard@tiftcounty.org](mailto:jeff.howard@tiftcounty.org)

Registration for Adult Kickball runs January 17<sup>th</sup> – February 10<sup>th</sup>.

\$100.00 league deposit is due by February 10<sup>th</sup>.

# SPECIAL EVENT

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Scramble for Eggs** Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> at the E.B. Hamilton Complex. Activities will begin at 10:30 am with the egg hunt to follow. All activities will end by 1:00 pm.

Easter Egg Hunt, live music, children's games, food vendors, bouncy house and more! For more information contact the **Tift County Recreation Department at 229-382-3262** for further information.

**Age Divisions:** Special Needs, Tot -2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 years of age.



This event is sponsored by the Union Grove Church of God and the Tift County Recreation Department.

# SUMMER DAY CAMP

Coordinator: Dayvia Marin

Email: [dayvia.marin@tiftcounty.org](mailto:dayvia.marin@tiftcounty.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Tift County Recreation Department will be offering a fun-filled, enriched day camp again this summer beginning **Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and tentatively continuing until Friday, July 21st – Pending School Calendar Revisions. Day Camp will not be held on July 4<sup>th</sup>.** [Note: Summer Day Camp will NOT be offered during pre-planning or post-planning for Tift County Schools.]

**Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the Tift County School System.** The Tift County Recreation Department will provide a mid-morning and mid-afternoon snack. **Parent or guardian will be required to come inside to sign their child in and out each day. When picking up your child you must present the Authorized Pick-Up Card issued to you and a picture I.D. or the child will not be released.** Camp is open to all children regardless of sex, race, or income.

TCRD Summer Day Camp program is a government exempt program and is not required to be licensed by the state. Feel free to contact Bright from the Start Georgia DECAL (404-657-5562) and website address ([www.dec.al.ga.gov](http://www.dec.al.ga.gov)). Parents, you will be requested to acknowledge on the registration form that you have been advised and understand this program is not licensed.

**HOURS:** 7:45 am - 5:45 pm. Children must be picked up by 6:00 pm.

**COST:** **\$15.00 Registration Fee (This is a one time Summer Fee).**

\$68.00 per week Registration Fee due prior to Child starting camp.  
**(Regardless of number of hours 4 days or more is a full week).**

\$61.20 per week for each additional child.

**(This is a 10% discount full week for each additional child.**

\$85.00 per week Out-of-County residents **(No Discounts Apply).**

\$20.00 per day for drop-ins **(Must be pre-registered).**

**Charges for late pick-up \$5.00 each 15 minutes.**

**AGE:** All participants must be ages 5-12. **Child must be 5 by their first day camp and a child cannot have turned 13 by beginning of camp.**

**ACTIVITIES:** Vary by Year but typically include: Performing Arts, Athletic Games, Swimming, Bowling, Funtastic Reading at the Library, Interactive Learning, Value Teaching, Field Trips, Arts & Crafts, Guest Speakers and many other exciting fun-filled activities.

**LOCATION:** Activities will take place at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Gym. Parent or guardian will drop off and pick up their child at the Gym.

# SUMMER AQUATIC PROGRAMS

## BALDWIN DRIVE AQUATIC CENTER

**Pool Season: June 6<sup>th</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **Admission Fees:**

Camps/Church/Groups Prior To Afternoon Hours \$1.50 per person. (Maximum 1.5 Hours).

Individual Admission (Daily) Weekdays \$2.00.

**(18 years of age and under are to be accompanied by an adult).**

### Weekends:

Saturday's - All AGES: \$3.00.

Sunday - Must comply with Family Swim guidelines.

Family Day Admission - Sunday's.

Must be Parent/Child/Grandchild or Adult Couple: \$ 3.00 per Person or \$10.00 per Family.

### Season Pass:

Family of 4 Pass: \$50.00

Each Additional Immediate Family Member is: \$5.00

Individual Pass: \$25.00

## **Lifeguards Needed!**

TCRD is in need of certified lifeguards to work from May - September during operating hours and special events. Red Cross certification classes are available. For more information contact the Tift County Recreation Department at (229)382-3262.

# SUMMER AQUATIC PROGRAMS

**POOL SEASON: JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> - AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>**

## Hours of Operation:

**Monday/Wednesday**

**CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE.**

**Tue/Thurs/Fri**

1:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Open Swim – **18 years of age and under are to be accompanied by an adult**

**Saturday**

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Open Swim - ALL AGES.

**Sunday**

1:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Family Swim ONLY -  
Must be a Couple or Parent/Child.

**Fitness Swim:** Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm. **This time is reserved for lap swimmers ONLY. Participation limited during fitness swim to 18 years or older.** Fee: \$1.00

## Private Pool Rentals:

Fees: Groups of 50 or less

\$125.00

Groups of 50-75

\$150.00

Groups of 75-100

\$225.00

Groups over 100

\$225.00 + \$ 1.50 Additional person

## Hours of Availability:

**Friday**

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Saturday**

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

**18 years of age and under are to be accompanied by an adult.**

You must register and complete paperwork at TCRD to reserve the pool for a private party.

Fees must be paid at the time of registration. **All Rentals are a maximum of 2 Hours.**



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## **GRPA District and State Swim Meets**

TCRD has the honor again to host the District 3 and State swimming championships at our own Baldwin Drive Aquatic Facility. Over 5,000 swimmers and parents will attend both of these great events. District meet date is July 8<sup>th</sup> and the State meet dates are July 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.



# FALL ATHLETICS

## Youth Flag Football

Coordinator: Jeff Howard

Email: [jeff.howard@tiftcounty.org](mailto:jeff.howard@tiftcounty.org)

Registration for Youth Flag Football runs July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 18<sup>th</sup>. Players age 5-6 will learn skills, teamwork and sportsmanship in a competitive league. Teams practice 2 to 3 times per week in the preseason and 1 to 2 times per week after the season starts. Leagues begin play September 25<sup>th</sup> and the season is scheduled to finish by early November. Fee \$50.00 for Tift County residents (add \$12.50 for out-of-county). Multiple registrants in the same household receive a 10% discount.

- Age control date: Prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- No Camp/Evaluation (teams assigned by TCRD staff).
- AAC Meeting will be held August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- NYSCA/NAYS FB/CHR/SC Coaches Clinic part 1 will be held Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- NYSCA/NAYS FB/CHR/SC Coaches Clinic part 2 will be held Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- Picture Day is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN – WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING PANTS OR SHORTS.**



# FALL ATHLETICS

## Youth Tackle Football

Coordinator: Jeff Howard

Email: [jeff.howard@tiftcounty.org](mailto:jeff.howard@tiftcounty.org)

Registration for Tackle runs July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>. Player's ages 7-12 will learn skills, teamwork and sportsmanship in a competitive league. Teams practice 2 to 3 times per week in the preseason and 1 to 2 times per week after the season starts. Leagues begin play September 25<sup>th</sup> and the season is scheduled to finish by early November. Fee \$50.00 for Tift County residents (add \$12.50 for out-of-county). Multiple registrants in the same household receive a 10% discount.

### Mandatory Football Camp/Evaluation @ EBH Football Complex

<b>Ages</b>	<b>EBH Football Complex</b>	<b>Field</b>
7/8 PeeWee	Aug. 24 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	#1
9/10 Mite	Aug. 24 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	#2
11/12 Midget	Aug. 29 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	#2

### **Equipment will be issued at the EBH Football Complex.**

<b>7/8 PeeWee</b>	<b>Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> 3:30 - 5:30 pm</b>
<b>9/10 Mite</b>	<b>Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:30 - 5:30 pm</b>
<b>Make-up Equipment</b>	<b>Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 3:30 - 5:30 pm</b>

**11/12 Midget**                      **Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> 3:30 - 5:30 pm**

- Age control date: Prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- Camp/Evaluation is mandatory for all players participating.
- Team selections will be held the week of August 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Please give your coach a reasonable amount of time to contact you before contacting TCRD.
- AAC Meeting will be held August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- NYSCA/NAYS FB/CHR/SC Coaches Clinic part 1 will be held Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- NYSCA/NAYS FB/CHR/SC Coaches Clinic part 2 will be held Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- Picture Day is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN – WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING BLACK OR WHITE FOOTBALL PANTS W/PADS.**

# CHEERLEADING

## Youth Cheerleading

Coordinator: Dayvia Marin

Email: [dayvia.marin@tiftcounty.org](mailto:dayvia.marin@tiftcounty.org)

Registration for Cheerleading runs July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>. Participants ages 5-12 will learn skills and teamwork in a squad format. Squads practice 2 to 3 times per week in the preseason and 1 to 2 times per week after the season starts. Season begins September 25<sup>th</sup> and the season is scheduled to finish by early November. Fee \$50.00 for Tift County residents (add \$12.50 for out-of-county). Multiple registrants in the same household receive a 10% discount.

- **Organizational Meeting for cheerleading coaches, parents and participants is August 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 pm, at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Gym.**
- Age control date: Prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- AAC Meeting will be held August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- NYSCA/NAYS FB/CHR/SC Coaches Clinic part 1 will be held Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- NYSCA/NAYS FB/CHR/SC Coaches Clinic part 2 will be held Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- Picture Day is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** We will make every attempt to schedule cheerleaders with sibling's football season games. We will attempt to have a cheerleading squad per team. However, we reserve the right, based on the number of participants, to schedule cheerleading squads for randomly scheduled games in the PeeWee, Midget, and Mite divisions. **We will not be cheering for Flag Football teams and games.**

# FALL ATHLETICS

## TCRD Youth Coed Soccer

Coordinator: Dayvia Marin

Email: [dayvia.marin@tiftcounty.org](mailto:dayvia.marin@tiftcounty.org)

Registration for Fall Soccer runs from July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 18<sup>th</sup>. Players ages 4-13 will learn skills, teamwork and sportsmanship in a competitive league. No score is kept in U6, with an emphasis on having fun and learning the fundamentals of the game. Teams practice 2 to 3 times per week in the preseason and 1 to 2 times per week after the season starts. Season begins October 2<sup>nd</sup> and the season is scheduled to finish by early November. Fee \$50.00 for Tift County residents (add \$12.50 for out-of-county). Multiple registrants in the same household receive a 10% discount.

### Mandatory Camp/Evaluation at Optimist Park Soccer Complex

League	Age
Fall	U8, U10, U12/U14 Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

- Age control date: For Fall Season - Prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- Camp/Evaluation is mandatory for all players participating.
- Team selections will be held the week of September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- AAC Meeting will be held August 28th, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- NYSCA/NAYS FB/CHR/SC Coaches Clinic part 1 will be held Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- NYSCA/NAYS FB/CHR/SC Coaches Clinic part 2 will be held Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- Practice and games will be held at the EB Hamilton Soccer Complex.
- Picture Day is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Please Note: U12/14 leagues may be combined pending number of registrations. If we have enough participants in each age group to stay separate we will.**

# SPECIAL EVENT

## **55<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Bowl**

Youth football teams from all over the state of Georgia and North Florida come to Tifton each year to participate in the, “Superbowl of Youth Football.” Dates for this year’s bowl are November 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Games are played at the Friendly City Park Football Complex and Optimist Park.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**Entry deadline with payment is October 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jeff Howard at 382-3262 for more information.**



### **NEW PROGRAM IDEAS?**

Are you searching for a program that is not in this guide? Do you possess a special skill that would allow you to assist in teaching or leading that program? TCRD is always looking to expand our programs through the use of “independent contractors”. If you or someone you know would be interested in beginning a new program through the recreation department, please call **Jeff Howard** at **382-3262** or email, **[jeff.howard@tiftcounty.org](mailto:jeff.howard@tiftcounty.org)**.

# WINTER ATHLETICS

## Youth Basketball

Coordinator: Dayvia Marin

Email: [dayvia.marin@tiftcounty.org](mailto:dayvia.marin@tiftcounty.org)

Registration for Basketball runs October 16<sup>th</sup> - November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Players ages 5-14 will learn skills, teamwork and sportsmanship in a competitive league. Teams practice 2 to 3 times per week in the preseason and 1 to 2 times per week after the season starts. Leagues begin play on January 8, 2018 and the season is scheduled to finish in February.

Fee \$50.00 for Tift County residents (add \$12.50 for out-of-county). Multiple registrants in the same household receive a 10% discount (in county residents).

### Mandatory Camp/Evaluation Dates at TCRD Multi-Purpose Building Gym

Ages	2016 Dates
5/6 Instructional	Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm
7/8 Girls	Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm
9/10 Girls	Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm
11/12 Girls	Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm
13/14 Girls	Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm
7/8 Boys	Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm
9/10 Boys	Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm
11/12 Boys	Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm
13/14 Boys	Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm

- Age control date: Prior to January 1, (of the current year).
- Camp/Evaluation is mandatory for all players participating.
- AAC Meeting will be held November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- Team selections will be held the week of Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> for ages 5/6-9/10. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> for ages 11/12-13/14.
- NYSCA BSK Coaches Clinic part 1 will be held Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- NYSCA BSK Coaches Clinic part 2 will be held Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the TCRD Multi-Purpose Building.
- Practice will begin the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Picture Day is scheduled for January 2018.
- TCRD leagues will follow **GRPA** and **GHS**A rules except where local rules apply.

# SPECIAL EVENTS/TOURNAMENTS

TCRD hosts a variety of tournaments throughout the year. Below is a current list of all tournaments in 2017

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Youth T-Ball/Baseball/Softball Registration	Jan. 17-Feb. 10	TCRD Multi-Purpose Building
Adult Softball Registration	Jan. 17-Feb. 10	TCRD Multi-Purpose Building
Adult Kickball Registration	Jan. 17-Feb. 10	TCRD Multi-Purpose Building
PSDS	Feb. 25	EB Hamilton Complex
GRPA State Basketball Mite Girls Class B	March 4-5	TCRD Multi-Purpose Building Gym/Mott-Litman Gym
USFA-FP/SB Jamie Hancock	March 4	EB Hamilton Complex
TCSO, Ruth's Cottage/Patticake House Tourn.	March 10-12	EB Hamilton Complex
Public Community Care Day	March 11	TCRD Multi-Purpose Building Gym
PSDS	March 18	EB Hamilton Complex
TCRD Indoor Yard Sale	March 18	TCRD Multi-Purpose Building Gym
ESMS Soccer Event	March 23-25	Optimist Park Soccer Complex
USFA-FP/SB Jamie Hancock	March 25	EB Hamilton Complex
Special Olympics	March 31	EB Hamilton Complex
Special Olympics (Rain Date)	April 7	EB Hamilton Complex
20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Scramble for Eggs	April 8	EB Hamilton Complex
PSDS	April 8	EB Hamilton Complex
Relay for Life	April 24-28	EB Hamilton Complex
PSDS	April 29	EB Hamilton Complex
USFA-FP/SB Jamie Hancock	May 6	EB Hamilton Complex
OAC Picnic	May 18	TCRD Multi-Purpose Building Gym
PSDS	May 20	EB Hamilton Complex
TCRD Farmers for Football Camp with TCHS	May 31-June 1	EB Hamilton Complex
PSDS Silver Series Championship AA/A	June 3	EB Hamilton Complex
TTW Invitational Swim Meet	June 3	Baldwin Drive Aquatic Facility
TCRD Summer Day Camp	June 5-July 21	TCRD Multi-Purpose Building Gym
TCRD Pool opens to the public	June 6-Aug. 6	Baldwin Drive Aquatic Facility
USFA-FP/SB Jamie Hancock	June 10	EB Hamilton Complex
PSDS	June 17	EB Hamilton Complex
GRPA District 3 BB 12U Boys Major/SB	June 24-July 1	EB Hamilton Complex
Higher Ground	July 5-8	EB Hamilton Complex
GRPA District 3 Swim Meet	July 8	Baldwin Drive Aquatic Facility
GRPA State BB/12 & U Boys Major	July 11-15	EB Hamilton Complex
GRPA State Swim Meet	July 14-15	Baldwin Drive Aquatic Facility
Higher Ground	July 16-20	EB Hamilton Complex
Mims Kid Event	July 29	TCRD Multi-Purpose Building Gym
Youth Flag/Tackle Football/		
Cheerleading/Soccer Registration	July 31-Aug. 18	TCRD Multi-Purpose Building
PSDS	Aug. 19	EB Hamilton Complex
PSDS	Sept. 16	EB Hamilton Complex
PSDS	Sept. 30	EB Hamilton Complex
TCHS Cross Country Invitational	Oct. 7	EB Hamilton Complex
PSDS	Oct. 14	EB Hamilton Complex
Youth Basketball Registration	Oct. 16-Nov. 3	TCRD Multi-Purpose Building
PSDS	Nov. 4	EB Hamilton Complex
55 <sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Bowl	Nov. 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22	Friendly City Park Football Complex/Optimist Park
Josh Ray Memorial Flag FB Tourn.	Nov. 24-25	EB Hamilton Complex
GRPA South Regional/State Class A/B/C FB Tourn.	Dec. 2-3	EB Hamilton Complex
GRPA South Regional State FB Finals	Dec. 9	EB Hamilton Complex





# Fitness Room

\$10.00 per month per person.  
\$5.00 per month Senior Citizens per person.  
17-Under must be accompanied by adult.

Equipment: 4 Station Nautilus Universal Machines, 2 Nautilus Recumbent Bikes,  
2 Nautilus Elliptical Machines and 2 Nautilus Treadmills  
(January 2009 we added 10 new Aero Strength fitness machines)

Location: TCRD Multipurpose Building  
401 North Victory Drive

Monday - Friday  
8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

TIFT COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
PARENT & SPECTATOR CODE OF ETHICS

1. Parents and spectators should remember that the Recreation Programs are for the children to learn fundamentals, techniques, sportsmanship, and teamwork and have fun.
2. Parents should also remember you are out to support the children in the programs, not to draw attention to yourself. So don't be rude, arrogant, or undignified.
3. Don't let the "win at all costs" get you. Through sports, a child can experience attitudes which lead to a happy, productive and well-adjusted life. By creating a healthy situation on the team, all children can be winners regardless of their win-lost record. So don't get caught up in the "winning is everything" attitude.
4. Children learn much from what parents and spectators say and do so don't be sorry later for what you do now.
5. No parent or spectator should have alcoholic beverages on or around any youth activity (practices or games).
6. Parents should remember to shape their character and conduct so as to be a worthy example to your children.
7. Any parent having knowledge of his or her son or daughter playing in a league under false age or identification will be suspended indefinitely from any athletic event.

8. Any parent or spectator acting in an unsportsmanlike manner or in any way that could prove detrimental to any league, player, official, coach, or another spectator, will be subject to disciplinary action by the Recreation Department and the Athletic Advisory Committee.
  - a. Language unbecoming to the league (suspension 1 game).
  - b. Touching or striking a coach or official (suspension for remainder of the season).
  - c. Unsportsmanlike conduct at an athletic event/program (suspension 1 game).
  - d. Damage to recreation property (suspension indefinitely).
  - e. Thrown out of a game (suspension remainder of present game, suspension next game and must leave the park immediately).
9. Parents and spectators should remember coaches are volunteers and are giving their time to help boys and girls learn the game, so unless they are willing to take an active part in coaching, should not complain or offer advice in the stands.
10. Parents and spectators who come to sports activities should not just root for their child's team, but for all teams.

## **The Fundamentals of Sportsmanship**

TCRD will be emphasizing the importance of GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP. The one thing we need to realize is that many people have not had GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP explained to them. Hopefully the following will help everyone to understand their responsibilities at an athletic contest.

1. GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION FOR THE RULES OF THE GAME/CONTEST.
2. EXERCISE REPRESENTATIVE BEHAVIOR AT ALL TIMES.
3. RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE SKILLED PERFORMANCES OF ALL ATHLETES AND/OR COMMUNITIES REGARDLESS OF AFFILIATION.
4. EXHIBIT RESPECT FOR THE OFFICIALS.
5. DISPLAY OPENLY A RESPECT FOR THE OPPONENT AT ALL TIMES.
6. DISPLAY PRIDE IN YOUR ACTIONS AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

## **Guidelines for Behavior/Behavior Expectations**

- Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership, adhering to strong ethical and integrity standards.
- Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete.
- Abide by and teach the rules of the game in letter and in spirit.
- Set a good example for coaches, players and spectators to follow – please refrain from arguments in front of players and spectators; no gestures which indicate an official or opposing coach does not know what he or she is doing or talking about; no throwing of any object in disgust. Coaches shake hands with the officials and the opposing coaches before and after the contest in full view of the public.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat in public and in meeting/talking with the media. Please confine your remarks to game statistics and to the performance of your team.
- Be no party to the use of profanity or obscene language, or improper actions. Accept and understand the seriousness of your responsibility, and the privilege of representing the department and the community.
- Learn the rules of the game thoroughly and discuss them with parents, fans, fellow coaches and athletes. This will assist both them and you in the achievement of a better understanding and appreciation of the game.
- Teach sportsmanship and reward teams/teammates that are good sports.
- Treat opponents the way you would like to be treated, as a guest or friend. Who better than you can understand all the hard work and team effort that is required of your sport? Never direct remarks at opponents in a taunting manner.

- Wish opponents good luck before the game and congratulate them in a sincere manner that you would like to be greeted following either victory or defeat.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. The officials are doing their best to help promote you and your sport. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment, will only make a positive impression of you and your team in the eyes of the officials and all people at the event.
- Try to understand the seriousness and responsibility of your role, and the privilege of representing the department and the community in which you live.
- Learn the rules of the game thoroughly and discuss them with parents, fans, fellow students, and elementary students. This will assist both them and you in the achievement of a better understanding and appreciation of the game.
- Establish standards of desirable behavior for the squad and attempt to transfer that to your spectators.
- Select positive comments which praise your team without antagonizing the opponents.
- Encourage a positive crowd alternative when booing or an inappropriate behavior begins.
- Give encouragement to injured players and recognition to outstanding performances for both teams.
- Remember that recreational athletics are learning experiences for participants and those mistakes are sometimes made. Praise athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as young athletes and as people.
- Spectators need to understand that a ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious. You also are a direct reflection of your community/program.

- Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) before, and during games, and afterwards on or near the site of the event (i.e. tailgating).
- Promote ideals and fundamentals of good sportsmanship.
- Report acts of unsportsmanlike behavior without giving undue publicity to unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Refrain from making negative comments towards participants, coaches or officials.
- Report facts without demonstrating partiality to either team.

### **Recreation Staff & Officials . . .**

- Accept your role in an unassuming manner. Showboating and over-officiating are not acceptable.
- Maintain confidence and poise, controlling the contest from start to finish.
- Know the rules of the game thoroughly and abide by the established Sportsmanship Code and Appropriate Affiliation Code of Ethics.
- Publicly shake hands with coaches of both teams before the contest.
- Never exhibit emotions or argue with participants and coaches when enforcing rules.
- When watching a game as a spectator, giving the officials the same respect you expect to receive when working a contest.
- Develop a program for teaching and promoting the ideals and fundamentals of good sportsmanship within the program and the state association.
- Provide appropriate supervisory personnel for each event.
- Support participants, coaches and fans which teach and display good sportsmanship.
- Recognize exemplary behavior and actively discourage undesirable conduct by participants, coaches and fans.

- Serve as a positive role model and expect the same from parents, fans, participants, coaches and other school personnel.

### **Acceptable Behavior . . .**

- Applause during introduction of players, coaches and officials.
- Players shaking hands with opponent who fouls out while both sets of fans recognize player's performance with applause.
- Accept all decisions of officials.
- Handshakes between participants and coaches and end of contest, regardless of outcome.
- Treat competition as a game, not a war.
- Coaches/players search out opposing participants to recognize them for outstanding performance or coaching.
- Applause at end of contest for performances of all participants.
- Everyone showing concern for an injured player, regardless of team.
- Encourage surrounding people to display only sportsmanlike conduct.

### **Unacceptable Behavior . . .**

- Yelling or waving arms during opponent's free throw attempt, serve, at bat, start, etc.
- Disrespectful or derogatory yells chants, songs or gestures.
- Booing or heckling an official's decision.
- Criticizing officials in any way; displays of temper with an official's call.
- Yells that antagonize opponents.
- Refusing to shake hands or give recognition for good performances.
- Blaming loss of game on officials, coaches or participants.
- Laughing or name-calling to distract an opponent.



- Use of profanity or displays of anger that draw attention away from the game.

Any parent or spectator acting in an unsportsmanlike manner or in any way that could prove detrimental to any league, player, official, coach, or another spectator, will be subject to disciplinary action by the Tift County Recreation Department and the Athletic Advisory Committee.

- a. Language unbecoming to the league/event (suspension 1 game).
- b. Touching or striking a coach or official (suspension for remainder of the season).
- c. Unsportsmanlike conduct at an athletic event/program (suspension 1 game).
- d. Damage to recreation property (suspension indefinitely).
- e. Thrown out of a game (suspension remainder of present game, suspension next game and must leave the park immediately).

## **Code of Conduct**

The Tift County Recreation Department and the Athletic Advisory Committee believe that sportsmanship is a core value and its promotion and practice are essential. Participants/Parents/Officials/Administrators and Spectators have a duty to assure that their teams/communities promote the development of good character. This code of conduct applies to all participants involved in athletics and TCRD sponsored activities.

1. Participants will advocate, model, and promote the development of good character to include:

Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Teamwork, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship while promoting emotional, physical and moral well being above desires and pressure to win.

2. Participants will respect peers, coaches, officials, opponents and other associated with the event.
3. Participants will promote fair play and uphold the spirit of the rules in the activity.
4. Participants will model appropriate behavior at all times.
5. Participants will engage in a healthy lifestyle.

I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct and acknowledge that I may be disciplined or removed from a team/tournament/event and/or facility if I violate any of its provisions.

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Signature

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Date

# TEAM SELECTION PROCESS (REVISED WORDING 2014)

The purpose of the team selection process as stated below is to *distribute the players as even as possible to ensure a competitive balance among the teams.*

The goal is that each child will *have fun and learn the basic fundamentals* of the sport. Please remember that this is recreational sports and not the professional sports arena. Fun, teamwork, cooperation, and sportsmanship should be most important.

***-Only one coach per team will be allowed in Team Selections.***

***-No use of electronic devices during team selections process allowed***

Coaches may not communicate with anyone outside of the team selection regarding players, coaches or parents. No assistance from outside of the room during team selections. Staff may call if any assistance is deemed necessary. TCRD reserves the right to administer a conference call, go to meeting session, etc. if deemed necessary.

1. Determine number of teams in league based on number of registrants and roster limits. All eligible players will be placed in team selection process each year for each sport.
2. League coaches and Recreation Department personnel rank registrants based on knowledge of playing ability, specialty, age and height or weight.

Example:	Line A	Line B	Line C	Line D
Player:	1A	1B	1C	1D
	2A	2B	2C	2D
	3A	3B	3C	3D
	4A	4B	4C	4D

3. Selection order is assigned to coaches based on a blind draw. Prior to the selection beginning, siblings are designated so that coaches will know they will get both if one is selected. Siblings will be placed on

the same team provided that all participants meet the age requirements and show proof of family relation at the time of registration.

- 4. All players are ranked in horizontal lines according to overall talent level by TCRD staff and league coaches. Coaches are issued a printout of the rank of players. Selection will begin with the 1<sup>st</sup> coach and will continue on the first line until all players are selected. Head Coaches must select their child on the line that they are on when it is their turn. Assistant coaches children must be selected during the selection process when their line becomes available. If the Head Coach does not select the assistant coach's child/ren at the appropriate time they are fair game. There are also no guarantees the Assistant Coaches Child/ren will be available for the head coach to select. If you have someone that wants to help you it should be made known prior to beginning the team selection process. **TRADES ARE NOT ALLOWED** after the selection is complete.

See grid below for selection order.

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Example: Coach 1	Coach 1	Coach 2	Coach 3	Coach 4
Row 1	1	2	3	4
Row 2	4	1	2	3
Row 3	3	4	1	2
Row 4	2	3	4	1
Row 5	4	3	2	1
Row 6	3	2	1	4
Row 7	2	1	4	3
Row 8	1	4	3	2
Row 9	1	2	3	4

- 5. *Sponsorship goes with the child*, not a specified coach unless mother or father is the head coach of the team. TCRD may make an administrative move or disallow a selection due to more than one sponsor's child being on the same team.

6. ***Transportation requests should be considered but are not mandatory.***  
There may be *special circumstances* where a child cannot participate without transportation for health purposes. If this situation exists, TCRD will notify coaches at the Team Selection Process. This could be an administrative trade by TCRD.

## George Cobb III Volunteer of the Year Award

Do you know of an outstanding Tift County Recreation Coach or Volunteer that provides their time and dedication to Tifton-Tift County Youth Sports? Tift County Recreation Department and the Athletic Advisory committee are accepting nominations for the “George Cobb III Volunteer of the Year Award”. This award is given to any person, business, civic club, organization or agency not officially connected with the recreation movement. Any outstanding recreation coach, sponsor or volunteer that has contributed to the development of youth sports through coaching and/or volunteering to Tift County Recreation.

This award was presented posthumously to George Cobb III in **1988** and has been awarded to 12 other individuals since its inception. Individuals recognized have been sponsors, coaches, and organizations which have promoted Youth Sports and Development on a volunteer basis and made lasting contributions to the recreation movement. Nominations are received by the Tift County Recreation Department and reviewed by the Athletic Advisory Committee. Nominees are then voted on by the TCRD AAC to determine the recipient for the current period.

The Tift County Recreation Department would like to thank all Coaches, Sponsors and Community Volunteers that help make our programs possible as we continue to provide positive role models and experiences for our rising leaders of tomorrow. The most treasured possession we all have is our children and the time spent nurturing them and helping them to become well rounded would not be possible without the support of countless Volunteers and the time spent away from their families. Please help honor a coach, sponsor, civic club, or business that has made a lasting contribution to the Tift County Recreation Department Youth Sports and Youth Development by completing a nomination form.

# FACILITIES

All TCRD facilities are Smoke, Alcohol and Drug Free, No pets are allowed.

## **FRIENDLY CITY PARK:** 3199 EB Hamilton Drive

This 80.2-acre facility is located at the junction of King Road and Rutland Road, approximately two miles west of the intersection of Second Street and I-75. Contained within the park is **E. B. Hamilton Softball Complex**, an ultra-modern six-field facility used for local leagues and championship play such as ASA National Tournaments. Also available at Friendly City Park are picnic tables, grills, nature areas, playground, volleyball, horseshoes, and two fishing ponds. **FCP Football Complex**, a new 3 field complex with concession stand.

## **FRIENDLY CITY PARK PAVILION:** 3199 EB Hamilton Drive

The open-air Pavilion is located on the Friendly City Park grounds. This facility can be used for birthday parties, reunions, company outings, other parties, and other various activities. There is a per- hour rental fee for the use of the pavilion. The pavilion is available March-August (weekdays and weekends) and September-October (weekends only). Normal hours of availability are 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. This facility is equipped with a kitchen facility, BBQ grills, picnic tables, an ice machine, and tables & chairs to seat 300.

## **FRIENDLY CITY PARK FOOTBALL FIELDS:** 3199 EB Hamilton Drive

The Football Fields are located on the middle of Friendly City Park. The complex consists of three fields and is the new home of the TCRD youth football program. There is also an adjacent Practice area that is utilized for soccer, football and other events. The facility is also used to host league football and the annual Thanksgiving Football Bowl.

## **OPTIMIST SOCCER COMPLEX:** 3199 EB Hamilton Drive

The Optimist Soccer Complex is located on the north end of Friendly City Park. The complex consists of three fields and is the new home of the TCRD youth soccer program. The facility is also used to host soccer tournaments.

## **D.L. LASTINGER RECREATION AREA**

Ridge Avenue, Second Street, Victory Drive, and Fourth Street border this 24.2-acre development. Included in the facility are six athletic fields (Burgess, Connor, Eve, Orr, Sertoma, and Spurlin) used for baseball, softball, football, and soccer. Also included are four-lighted tennis courts, outdoor basketball courts, picnic facilities, Multipurpose Building, administrative offices, and Special Programs Building.

## **BALDWIN POOL:** 204 Baldwin Drive

Open May-August to the public. We offer lap swim. Rental is available for private parties. 25 m x 25 yard competition pool, 0' entry depth fun pool, locker rooms, showers, offices. GRPA District and State annual host site.

## **COPELAND PARK:** 3103 Southern Road and Peachtree *\*Renovated in 2010\**

A .46 acre facility located on the corner of Southern Road and Peachtree Street. This park is used for neighborhood activities. The park contains playground equipment and picnic shelters.

## **HAIRE PARK:** Eleventh Street and South Ridge

A 1.0-acre area, this facility is used for athletic practice and neighborhood activities. Picnic shelter.

## **PUCKETT PARK:** Elm and Bellview Avenue *\*Renovated in 2010\**

A 0.9-acre facility, this park contains playground equipment, outdoor basketball court and picnic shelters.

## **MOTT-PARK:** 2425 Emerson Obynes

This 9-acre facility contains an outside multi-purpose area and gymnasium that can be and is utilized for basketball, volleyball, table tennis, and facility rentals.

## TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Business Office.....229-382-3262  
Hours: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm weekdays

TCRD Weather Hotline.....229-528-9292  
(Updated after 3:00 pm)

Special Programs Building....229-387-7464

Baldwin Drive Pool.....229-388-1865

E.B. Hamilton Complex Office....229-382-1449

E.B. Hamilton Concession.....229-382-1403  
(Open @ 5:30 pm on League nights)

Optimist Park.....229-386-5450

Mott-Litman Gym.....229-382-0980

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

**During Business Hours: 8:30 am – 5:30 pm – contact Business Office.**

**Non-Business Hours: 5:30 pm and on Weekends and Holidays.**

**Emergencies are considered to be:**

Water or flooding problem

Loss of lights – electrical power/surges/shortage (911)

Police Emergency – Call 911, then TCRD Staff

Fire – Call 911-Fire Department, then TCRD Staff

Hazardous Conditions – i.e., storm damage, vandalism – Call 911, then  
TCRD Staff

**Ball field lights not unlocked/turned on, call Business Office if during  
normal hours or Athletic Staff first if after hours.**

Program Manager	Jeff Howard	229-392-6801
Program Coordinator	Dayvia Marin	229-520-1880

#### Area of Need

Recreation Facility Mgr. (Maint.)	Chad Mathis	229-387-1478
Recreation Facility Coord. (Maint.)	Roger Sears	229-445-1153
Program Manager	Jeff Howard	229-392-6801
Program Coordinator	Dayvia Marin	229-520-1880
TCRD Director	Craig Sowell	229-388-2599



# SPRING/FALL ATHLETICS

- PENDING INSTRUCTOR AVAILABILITY

## **Tennis**

Coordinator: Email: [recreation@tiftcounty.org](mailto:recreation@tiftcounty.org)

TCRD is currently looking for an additional instructor. If you are interested please let us know.

## **Spring**

Registration for Youth Tennis will be March 5 – March 22, 2012.

Instruction and Competition will begin March 26<sup>th</sup> and continue through May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Ages 7-10 & Age 11-14 (youth age prior to September 1, 2012)**

**Eight (8) Player Maximum.** Program will run for a seven (7) week season with instruction and competition two days per week. A Double- elimination tournament will be held during week eight (8). Tentatively scheduled week of May 28–June 2, 2012.

**Fall : TBD – (pending instructor availability)**

Registration for Youth and Adults will be July 23<sup>rd</sup>–August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Instruction will begin September 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Fees:**

**Youth \$35.00/participant. Each participant will provide a can of balls.**

## **Skills and Drills: Youth**

Volunteer coaches teach fundamentals of serving, volleying, forehands, backhands, ball control, footwork and rules of the game.

## **Location:**

All practices and matches will be held at the Baldwin Drive Courts. Racquets are available for practice only. Courts located behind Leroy Roger's Senior Center and Baldwin Drive Pool.