Rec registration expected to double this spring

By Molly Linder on Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Baseball and Softball

Price

Coach toss, ages 4-6: **\$85**Rookie, Mighty Mights, Minors, Majors and juniors and seniors: **\$100**

Registration ends: Feb. 14 Evaluations: Feb. 18

Spring Sports Registration

Volleyball and Soccer

Price

Volleyball: \$60

6u soccer: \$50

8u, 10u, 12u, 14u soccer: \$65

Registration ends: Feb. 15

Evaluations: Feb. 20 and 21

(Graphic/Molly Linder)

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The department expects 700 children to sign up for baseball, softball and soccer this spring, more than twice the 312 participants in 2022.

"So, we're growing, like more than we can control and more than we got space for," White said.

There were 250 participants in 2021, leading White to say the county's rec sports has "totally changed" in three years.

The basketball program increased from 20 teams to 31 this year. He said those teams average seven or eight players per team to meet the requirements of the 238 kids who play basketball.

"(It's) a lot for this little town," White said. "People don't realize how much goes on here."

Registration for baseball and softball will end on Feb. 14 and evaluations will be on Feb. 18. For volleyball and soccer, registration will close on Feb. 15 and evaluations will be on Feb. 20-21.

For coach pitch baseball and softball, the price is \$85, for rookies, mighty mites, minors, juniors and seniors, the price is \$100.

The price to play volleyball is \$60.

For 6-and-under soccer the price is \$50, and for 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U soccer, the price is \$65. The rec department holds adult softball tournaments to help families who can't pay the registration fee.