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# BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL YOUTH ATHLETIC CAMPS

## THE KEY TO EXCELLING IN YOUR SPORT THROUGH CONDITIONING AND SKILL BUILDING

### WHAT WILL THE CAMP STYLE BE?

> During the fall season, the focus will be on improving your skills in youth baseball & softball. Skills, drills, and physical conditioning will be focused on in an atmosphere where 6' social distancing will occur. Each "team" will be led by the direction of a volunteer coach and will meet weekly, for one hour, at Stallings Park.

> Similar to our traditional fall sports league, when you register, you will be given the option to select one "unable to practice day." The participant will be assigned to a team and practice day and time that does not conflict with your "unable to practice day." Younger age groups will fill the earlier practice time slots and will go up from there.

### WHAT ARE THE AGE GROUPS?

#### BASEBALL

As of October 1, 2020

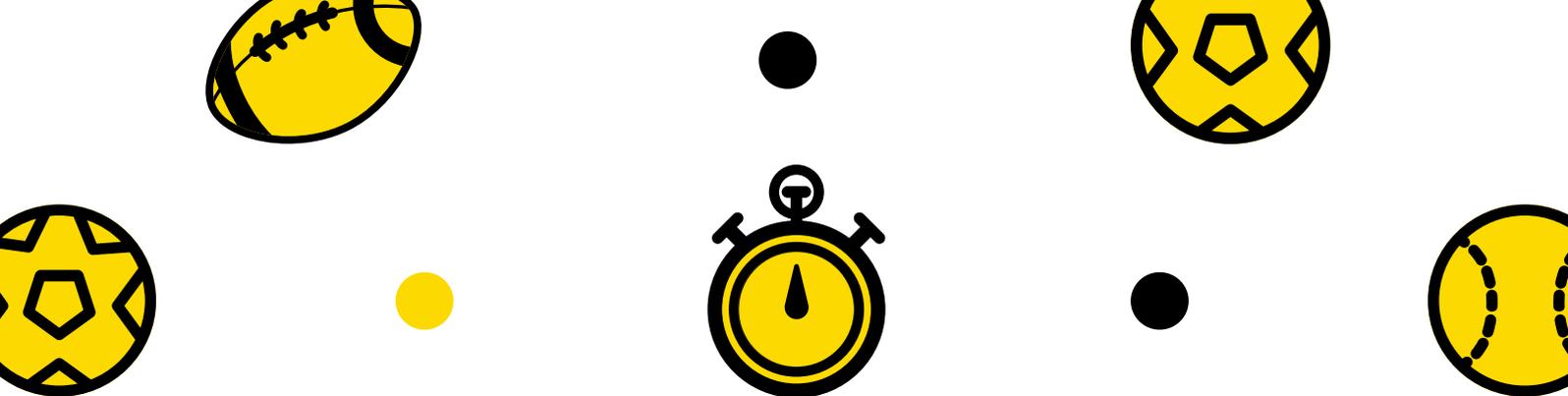
#### SOFTBALL

As of June 1, 2020

3-4 coed  
5-6 coed  
7-8 boys  
9-10 boys  
11-12 boys  
13-15 boys

7-8 girls  
9-10 girls  
11-12 girls  
13-15 girls

> Harrisburg Parks and Recreation may combine age groups if there are not enough participants in one age group.



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### WHAT ARE THE PRACTICE TIMES AND WHERE WILL THE PRACTICES BE?

#### AGES 3-4

Saturdays ONLY  
9am-10am  
OR  
10:15am-11:15 am  
OR  
11:30-12:30pm

#### AGES 5+

M, T, W, TR OR F  
6pm-7pm  
OR  
7:15pm-8:15pm  
OR  
8:30pm-9:30pm

#### LOCATION

Softball/Baseball:  
Stallings Park

### WILL I GET A UNIFORM?

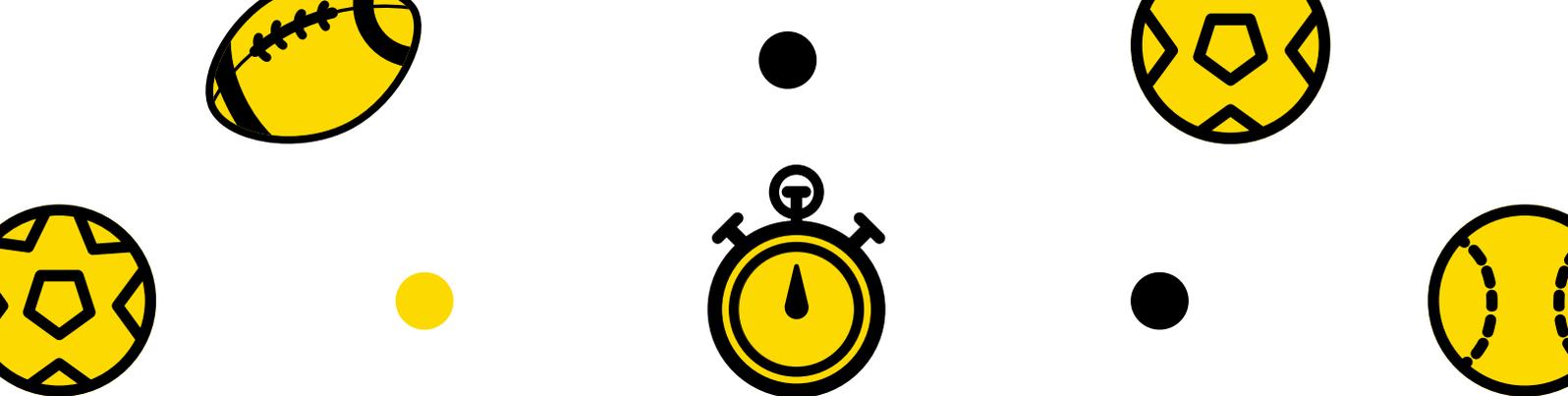
- > Yes! Please see below for what is included with your uniform based on your sport:
  - >> Baseball - Jersey, Hat, and Socks
  - >> Softball - Jersey, Headband and Socks

### WHAT ARE THE DATES?

- > For Baseball and Softball the camps will run from August 24 to October 31, 2020.
  - >> The Fall Camp Season will run 10 weeks with one meeting per week.
  - >> Make up dates will be included at the end of the season for rain outs.
  - >> In the event your meeting time is rained out, every effort will be made to reschedule for a date at the end of the season.
  - >> The Fall camp season will end **no later** than November 25, 2020.

### WILL I NEED TO SIGN ADDITIONAL WAIVERS?

- > Yes! The following forms will be collected at your child's first practice or via email when feasible. These are the same waivers required during online registration.
  - >> General Liability Waiver
  - >> Parent's Code of Conduct
  - >> Media Release Waiver



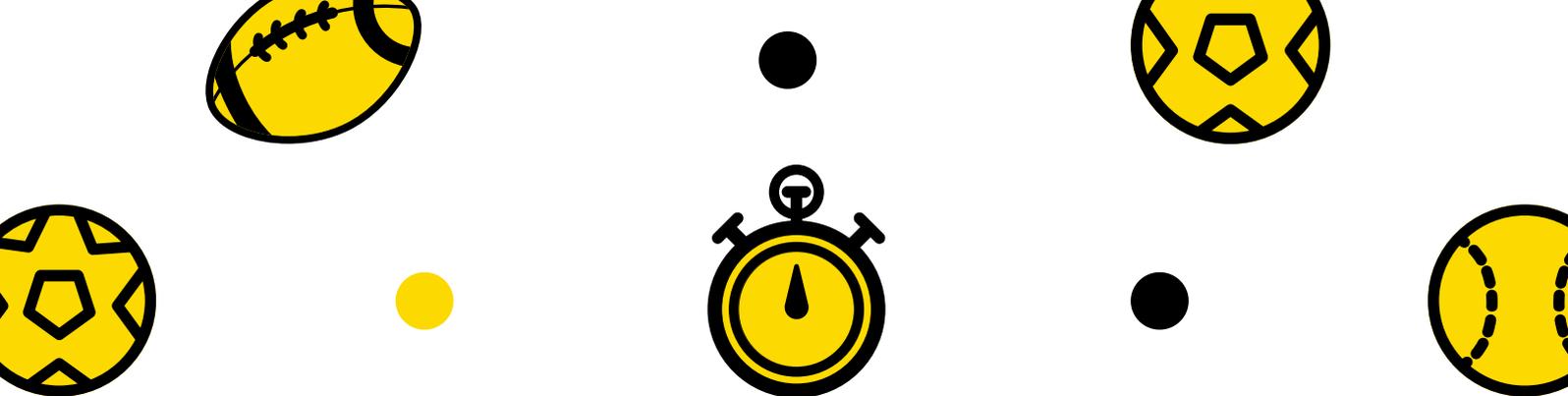
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### WHAT ARE THE FEES?

- > Cabarrus County Residents (all age groups) - \$50
- > Non-Cabarrus County Residents - \$80

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO NOTE:

- > Masks will not be required for our youth athletes as long as they are practicing social distancing during camp.
- > We do recommend each participant bring a mask to use during times that social distancing is not possible (entering/leaving facility, transitions etc.).
- > Campers are welcome to wear masks if they would prefer. All camps will be designed to adhere to social distancing efforts to the maximum efforts possible.
- > We ask that no more than 1 family member attend practice with the participant to help limit the number of people at the park facility at one time. Additional family members may wait in their vehicle and rotate out for spectator viewing. While this is not a desirable option, it does permit us to have the program while complying with the NC Governor's Order of maintaining gatherings of less than 50 people.
  - >> Exception: A parent of more than one child who does not have alternate childcare may bring their children with them to practice as long as they are maintaining a social distance of at least 6' from other families.
- > Coaches, coordinators, officials, staff, parents and spectators are required to wear masks at all Park Facilities per the Governor Orders and Town of Harrisburg Council Motion on Face Coverings. Coaches are encouraged to take mask breaks." While campers are taking a water break, coaches should take a mask break while practicing social distancing.
- > Parents are asked to bring their own chairs and to social distance a minimum 6' from other families.



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### WHAT EQUIPMENT DO I NEED TO BRING? / WHAT EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED?

Children should provide their own water bottles and equipment to include:

#### **Baseball/Softball:**

- > A baseball / softball glove
- > Athletic shoes (tennis shoes or rubber cleats)
- > Baseball / softball pants /shorts / shirt for practice
- > Bat – not required but highly recommended
- > Water Bottle

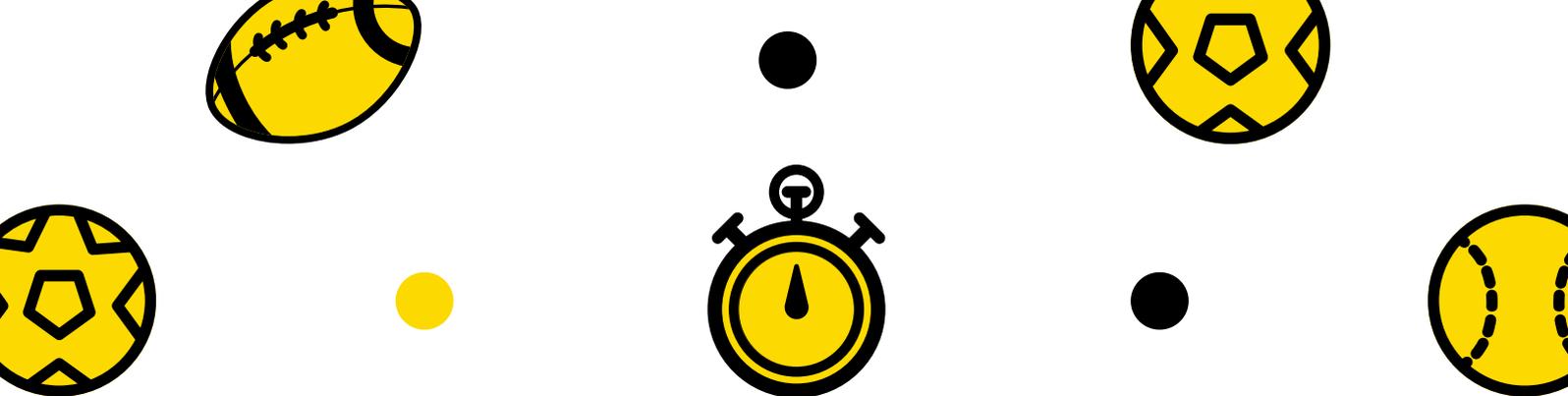
#### **ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE CHILD'S NAME.**

- > Certain equipment, such as bats, will be provided as needed for practice and will be sanitized between uses.
- > Please **DO NOT** provide team snacks. Each child should bring their own water bottle and/or snack for after practice if desired.
- > Participants will be asked to wash their hands thoroughly prior to attending practice each week.
- > There may be other requirements such as a temperature check at the start of each practice to reduce the spread of Covid-19.

### WILL THERE BE ANY ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES?

Yes!

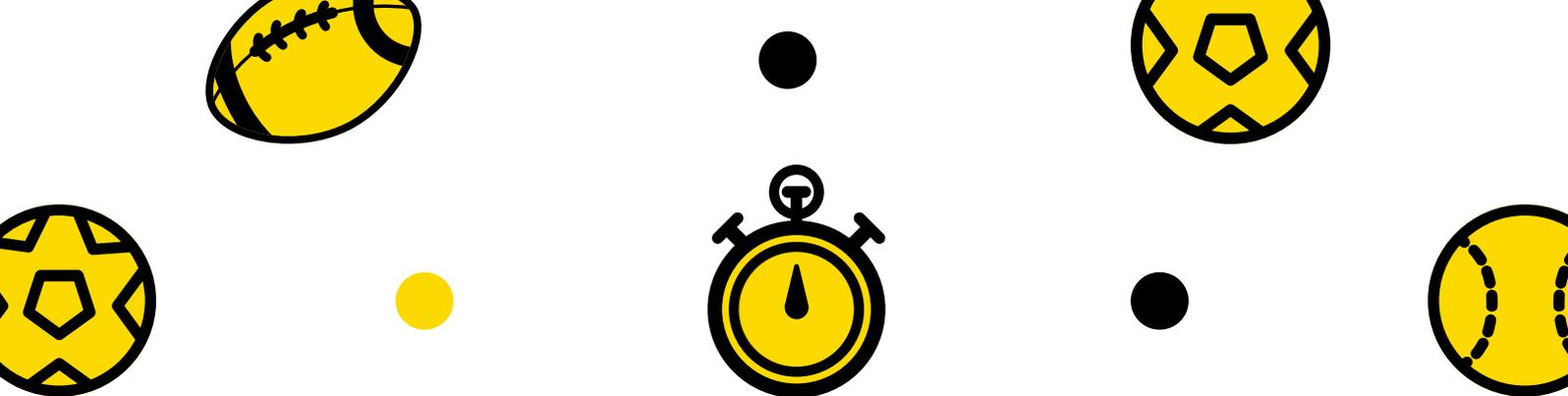
- > Saturday Events Will be Held to Bring in The Competitive Edge!
  - >> Pitch, Hit and Run Competitions and a Homerun Derby will be scheduled throughout the season.
  - >> Pre-registration will be required, however, participants in our camp program can register for free! These are completely optional but will provide a chance to interact with your peers in a fun, safe, competitive nature!
- > End of Season Tournaments
  - >> At the end of each camp's 10-week camp season, staff is hopeful to offer an end of season tournament (single elimination style) for each sport/camp. This opportunity will be strictly dependent on Governor Orders and COVID-19 restrictions at the end of the camp season (Early November). If Orders allow, staff intends by all measures possible to offer a competitive tournament to allow camp participants to put their skills to the test!



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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

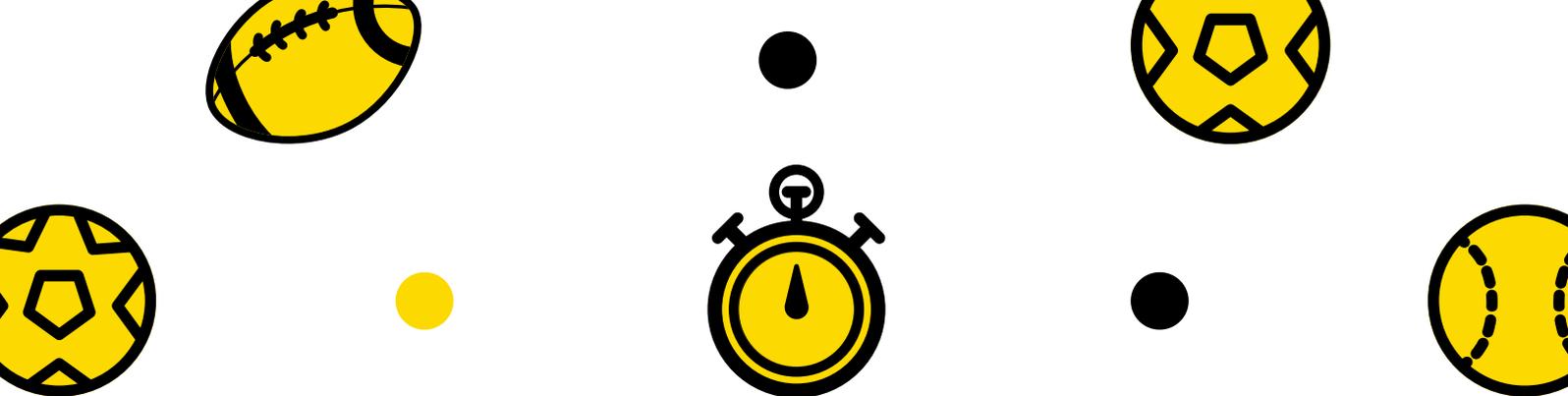
1. What am I getting for the fee I have paid?
  - a. 10 practice times, once per week for one hour with a volunteer coach
  - b. Baseball - Jersey, Hat, and Socks / Softball - Jersey, Headband and Socks
  - c. Physical exercise and outdoor play for the participant
2. Does my child have to wear a mask?
  - a. Social distancing will be enforced at practices so that children do not have to wear masks during practice unless they choose to do so.
  - b. Children 5 and older are required to wear face masks per the Governor's orders when social distancing is not feasible.
  - c. Children 5 and older should wear masks when entering and exiting the park facility and visiting the restrooms if they cannot maintain social distancing.
3. Do parents, guardians and spectators have to wear a mask?
  - a. Per the NC Governor's Orders and a motion approved by the Harrisburg Town Council, if a person is 5 or older they should wear a face covering when visiting any Town facility – indoor or outdoor, (unless participating in an outdoor youth or adult sports program).
4. How many people can attend my child's practice?
  - a. We ask that no more than 1 family member attend practice with the participant to help limit the number of people at the park facility at one time.
  - b. Exception: A parent of more than one child, who does not have alternate childcare, may bring their children with them to practice as long as they are maintaining a social distance of at least 6' from other families.



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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

5. How will you enforce social distancing?
  - a. Town staff will make every effort possible to inform coaches, parents and participants of the importance of social distancing and mask wearing (when required).
  - b. Spots will be marked for spectators to maintain 6' of social distance
  
6. Why has Parks and Recreation changed the layout from a regular season with games to a camp format?
  - a. The safety of our participants is our top priority. Social distancing would be difficult to maintain and enforce during soccer, baseball, softball and flag football games due to direct contact of the participants.
  - b. By maintaining a smaller camp style format once per week, social distancing will be more feasible.
  - c. Although Harrisburg Parks and Recreation would love to have a traditional Fall athletic season, due to the constraints with field space and not being able to utilize the baseball fields at Harrisburg Elementary per County Closures, there is not enough facility space to accommodate our fall baseball/softball program in a manner that allows sufficient social distancing.
  - d. A camp season allows us to offer an athletic season in the most safe and effective manner we can.
  - e. This is TEMPORARY and NOT FOREVER. We thank you for your support, patience and tolerance, as we navigate this very unique season in all of our lives.
  
7. Will there be any type of Health Screening?
  - a. There will be a "Daily Health Screening" before each practice per the NC Department of Health and Human Services. Participants will be asked to answer three questions prior to the start of each practice.



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**COVID-19 REMINDER:**

**If you leave home, know your Ws!**



**WEAR**  
a cloth covering over  
your nose and mouth.

**WAIT**  
6 FEET  
6 feet apart. Avoid  
close contact.

**WASH**  
your hands or  
use hand sanitizer.

**@NCDHHS** **#StayStrongNC**

**If you or a member of your team reports a positive COVID-19 test, please report this to us immediately. In the case there is a positive case on your team:**

- 1. You will need to wait until your team and yourself have been tested and shown negative before practice may resume OR**
- 2. Until a two-week period has passed before practices may resume.**

**For other questions or concerns, please contact Harrisburg Parks and  
Recreation at:  
704-455-7275**