



PARKS & RECREATION

2021 FALL SPORTS INFORMATION SHEET

BASEBALL / SOCCER / SOFTBALL / FLAG FOOTBALL



REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Regular Registration June 1 – June 27, 2021
Online Only Registration June 28 – July 6, 2021
Online/In Office Late Registration July 6 – July 9, 2021
(Late fee of \$25.00 applies or 12 canned goods per person in office only)

Additional Registration options:
Parks & Recreation Office Saturday, June 19, 2021: 8am – 10am

Parks and Recreation Department hours and location:
Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm
4100 Main St., Harrisburg, NC 28075
(704) 455-7275

1. LEAGUES OFFERED & ELIGIBILITY:

BASEBALL The child's age on October 1st of the current year determines the division of play.

- o Pee Wee - Coed T-ball ages 3 & 4, Instructional (non-competitive)
o Farm - Coed Modified Coach Pitch ages 5 & 6
o Rookie Boys - Coach Pitch ages 7 & 8
o Minor Boys - Baseball ages 9 & 10
o Major Boys - Baseball ages 11 & 12
o Junior Boys - Baseball ages 13 - 15

*Note – Baseball age groups may be combined based on registration numbers.

SOFTBALL The child's age on June 1st of the current year determines the division of play.

- o Rookie Girls - Coach Pitch Softball ages 7 & 8
o Minor Girls - Modified-Pitch Softball ages 9 & 10
o Major Girls - Fast Pitch Softball ages 11 & 12
o Junior Girls - Fast Pitch Softball ages 13 - 15

*Note – Softball age groups may be combined based on registration numbers.

SOCCER The child's age on October 15th of the current year determines the division of play.

- o U5 - Coed Pee Wee Soccer ages 3-4, Instructional (non-competitive)
o U6 - Coed Soccer age 5
o U7 - Coed Soccer age 6
o U9 Boys - Boy's Soccer ages 7-8
o U9 Girls - Girl's Soccer ages 7-8
o U11 Boys - Boy's Soccer ages 9-10
o U12 Girls - Girl's Soccer ages 9-11
o U13 Boys - Boys' Soccer ages 11-12
o U15 Girls - Girls' Soccer ages 12-14
o U15 Boys - Boys' Soccer ages 13-14
o U18 - Coed Soccer ages 15-17

*Note – Soccer may be combined into a coed league if there are not enough participants to support a male/female league.

FLAG FOOTBALL The child's age on **July 31st** of the current year determines the division of play.

- 5-6 yr old - Coed Flag Football ages 5-6

****You are allowed to register your child for one sport per season. ****

The Harrisburg Parks & Recreation Department has the right to request a proof of age document in order to verify the birthdate and age of a participant. A valid proof of age would be a certified birth certificate or a valid, current driver's license.

2. HOW MUCH WILL IT COST TO REGISTER MY CHILD?

- **PeeWee T-Ball & U5 Soccer (Ages 3 & 4 ~ Camp format)**
 - Resident of Cabarrus County **\$50**
 - Non-Resident of Cabarrus County **\$80**
- **Modified Coach Pitch, Softball, Baseball, Soccer (Ages 5 and older), & Flag Football**
 - Resident of Cabarrus County **\$90**
 - Non-Resident of Cabarrus County **\$120**

Athletic Refund Policy: 100% Refund of Registration Fee **prior** to league's first scheduled practice. 50% of Registration Fee **prior** to league's first scheduled game. No refund **after** league's first scheduled game. **A \$10 administrative fee will apply to all refunds.**

3. WHERE CAN I REGISTER?

- **Online:** <https://www.harrisburgnc.org/249/Registration>
- **Parks and Recreation Office:** 4100 Main St, Harrisburg, NC 28075.
- **Parks and Recreation Office Hours:** Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm

4. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION FEE?

- **Baseball** Hat, Jersey & Socks (PeeWee T-Ball receive a hat & jersey only)
- **Softball** Visor, Jersey, Socks
- **Soccer** Jersey, Socks (U5 receive a jersey only)
- **Flag Football** Jersey

5. WHAT EQUIPMENT WILL I NEED TO PROVIDE FOR MY CHILD?

- **Baseball** Glove, proper athletic shoes and pants (color to be determined by coach).
- **Softball** Glove, proper athletic shoes and shorts or pants (color to be determined by coach).
- **Soccer** Soccer ball (Size 3 for ages 3-8, Size 4 for ages 9-13, Size 5 for ages 14+), black shorts, shin guards and proper athletic shoes.
- **Flag Football** Pants or shorts, proper athletic shoes and mouth guard.

Proper athletic shoes are either sneakers or cleats. Cleats are not a requirement for participation in any youth league. If your child would like cleats they must be rubber or plastic molded cleats.

6. SKILLS ASSESSMENT INFORMATION:

- **Soccer Skills Assessments:** All soccer participants playing in the 7-8 year old age group or older are required to attend skills assessments if you meet **ONE** or more of the following criteria: 1. You are participating in the 7-8 year old age group for the first time. 2. You are brand new to the Harrisburg Parks and Recreation League and are 7 years old or older. 3. You did not participate in the Harrisburg Parks and Recreation Soccer League in the Spring 2019 season. 4. If you are requesting to move up an age group.

➤ **Saturday, July 10, 2021** **9:00am – 11:00am** **Harrisburg Park Field**

- **Baseball & Softball Skills Assessments:** All baseball and softball participants playing in the 7-8 year old age group or older are required to attend skills assessments if you meet **ONE** or more of the following criteria: 1. You are participating in the 7-8 year old age group for the first time. 2. You are brand new to the Harrisburg Parks and Recreation League and are 7 years old or older. 3. You have not played for the Harrisburg Parks and Recreation Baseball/Softball League in the last calendar year. 4. If you are requesting to move up an age group.

➤ **Saturday, July 10, 2021** **9:00am – 11:00am** **Harrisburg Elementary Fields**

- **Flag Football Skills Assessments:** There are NO skills assessments for Flag Football.

The skill assessments are critical, as they provide detailed information for the coaches to select players during the league draft. Participants that do not attend skills assessments or have not participated in this program within the last year will be assigned to teams at random.

7. HOW MANY PRACTICES WILL MY CHILD HAVE PER WEEK?

- **PeeWee & U5:** typically meets for one hour a week for 10 weeks: camp style for 5 weeks and games for 5 weeks.
- **Ages 5 & Up:** one weekly practice and one Saturday practice.

8. TEAM COMPOSITION:

- One unable to practice day will be honored per child. (Please note: There may be weeknight games. Not all “unable to practice day” requests can be met for the game schedules.)
- Although additional requests may be made, we cannot guarantee requests to be met.
- Once teams are built, children will not be moved.

9. WHEN/WHERE WILL GAMES BE PLAYED?

- Games are scheduled to begin: September for Baseball/Softball, Soccer and Flag Football.
- **Soccer games** will be played at Harrisburg Park, Hickory Ridge Middle School & Pitts School Road Elementary.
- **Baseball/Softball games** will be played at Harrisburg Elementary and Stallings Road Park.
- **Flag Football** games will be played at the fields behind Harrisburg Elementary School.
- Games will be held on Saturdays and weeknights.
- Always check online for the most up-to-date game and practice schedules, field diagrams and layouts, and more at <https://www.harrisburgnc.org/226/Youth-Sports>.
- In the event of a rain out, attempts will be made to make up games time permitting.

10. HOW TO BE A COACH: COACHES MUST UPDATE THEIR INFORMATION EACH SEASON

Potential coaches must be 18 years or older, fill out a coach's application, criminal background check, and sign the Coaches Code of Conduct. Approved coaches must attend a mandatory coach meeting and have a picture made for an ID badge. Coaches are required to wear their ID badges at all practices and games. ****The Town of Harrisburg Parks and Recreation, as of Spring 2019, have gone paperless with volunteer applications.**** Applications can be completed online at:

<https://www.harrisburgnc.org/FormCenter/Parks-and-Recreation-7/Volunteer-Coaching-Application-62>

Once approved, coaches and volunteers will still need to visit the Parks and Recreation office to have their photo ID badge made.

Completion of paperwork does not guarantee a coaching position. For more information call 704-455-7275 or visit

<https://www.harrisburgnc.org/227/Coaching>.

11. WHEN WILL I BE CONTACTED?:

- U5 Soccer & PeeWee T-Ball should be contacted no later than the week prior to the first session.
- Age 5 & older should be contacted no later than the week prior to the start of practice.

12. TEAM PICTURES:

Team and individual picture opportunities will be available. Days, times, and locations will be announced. Visit www.harrisburgnc.org for additional details including a sample picture packet.

13. INCLEMENT WEATHER HOTLINE:

In the event that we encounter inclement weather, the weather hotline **704-455-2903** and **select option 1**, cancellation page of the website, and The Town of Harrisburg's social media will be updated. The Parks & Recreation Department has until 4pm to call weeknight games because of weather. If inclement weather occurs after this time, the call will be made by the officials at the field. If inclement weather occurs during a practice, please exit the fields immediately.

14. SPONSORSHIP:

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Visit www.harrisburgnc.org for the Youth Sport Sponsorship Agreement, or contact Erin Kegley @ 704-455-0723 or ekegley@harrisburgnc.org

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Office Personnel:

Mike Kirby, Recreation Coordinator (ages 9-15) 704-455-0725 mkirby@harrisburgnc.org
Erin Kegley, Recreation Coordinator (ages 3-8) 704-455-0723 ekegley@harrisburgnc.org

Volunteer Personnel:

Mike Laney, Pee Wee (3-4) Baseball Volunteer Coordinator mlaney@harrisburgnc.org
Tim Howard, Farm (5-6) Baseball Volunteer Coordinator thoward@harrisburgnc.org
Patrick Rhyne, Rookie (7-8) Baseball Volunteer Coordinator prhyne@harrisburgnc.org
Brian Jones, Minor (9-10) Baseball Volunteer Coordinator bjones@harrisburgnc.org
Paul Wilcox, Major & Junior (11-12 & 13-15) Baseball Volunteer Coordinator pwilcox@harrisburgnc.org
John Patalak, (7-15) Softball Volunteer Coordinator jpatalak@harrisburgnc.org
Tim Howard, (5-6) Flag Football Volunteer Coordinator thoward@harrisburgnc.org
Bethany Knoblauch, U5 (3-4) Soccer Volunteer Coordinator bknoblauch@harrisburgnc.org
Matt Engdahl, U6 (5) & U7 (6) Volunteer Coordinator mengdahl@harrisburgnc.org
Delroy Ross, U9 (7-8) & U11 Boys (9-10) Soccer Volunteer Coordinator dross@harrisburgnc.org
Ray Jones, U12 (9-11) Girls, U13 (11-12) Boys, U15 Volunteer Coordinator rjones@harrisburgnc.org
Girls (12-14) & U15 Boys (13-14) Soccer
Marcio Costa, U18 (15-17) Soccer Volunteer Coordinator mcosta@harrisburgnc.org

IMPORTANT DATES

COACHES MEETING:

Baseball/Softball, Ages 5 and Up: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 6:00pm TBD
Soccer, Ages 5 and Up: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 7:00pm TBD
Flag Football, Ages 5 and 6: TBD TBD TBD

SKILLS ASSESSMENTS:

Soccer: Saturday, July 10, 2021 9:00am-11:00am Harrisburg Park
Baseball/Softball: Saturday, July 10, 2021 9:00am-11:00am Harrisburg Elementary

DRAFTS:

Soccer Draft: July 29 – August 1
Baseball/Softball Draft: July 29 – August 1

PRACTICES:

Soccer: August 21
Baseball/Softball: August 21
Flag Football: August 21

GAMES:

Soccer: September 11
Baseball/Softball: September 11
Flag Football: September 11

END OF SEASON:

Soccer: November 6
Baseball/Softball/PeeWee: November 6
Flag Football: November 6

****NOTE: ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DEPENDING ON FIELD AVAILABILITY AND WEATHER CONDITIONS.***

For more information on the 2019 Fall season please visit us online at www.harrisburgnc.org or call the Parks and Recreation office at 704-455-PARK (7275). We look forward to a successful Fall season!