



HARRISBURG NC
PARKS & RECREATION
2023 SPRING SPORTS INFORMATION SHEET
BASEBALL / SOCCER / SOFTBALL

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Regular Registration **January 17 – February 5, 2023**

Late Registration* **February 6 – February 12, 2023***

**A \$25 late fee or donation of 12 canned goods applies to each participant and is due at time of registration. Registrations with donations of canned goods must be done in-person to have late fees waived.*

Parks and Recreation Department 4100 Main Street Harrisburg, NC 28075
 Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm (704) 455-7275
 Visit us online at <https://www.harrisburgnc.org/153/Parks-Recreation>

1. LEAGUES OFFERED & ELIGIBILITY:

The Harrisburg Parks & Recreation Department has the right to request a proof of age document 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.

BASEBALL The child's age on **May 1st** of the current year determines the division of play. *Age groups may be combined based on registration numbers.*

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

SOFTBALL The child's age on **January 1st** of the current year determines the division of play. *Age groups may be combined based on registration numbers.*

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

SOCCER The child's age on **May 15th** of the current year determines the division of play. *Division(s) may be combined into coed league(s) if there are not enough participants to support male & female leagues.*

- U5 - Coed Pee Wee Soccer ages 3-4, Instructional (*non-competitive*)
- U6 - Coed Soccer age 5
- U7 - Coed Soccer age 6
- U9 Boys - Boys' Soccer ages 7-8
- U9 Girls - Girls' Soccer ages 7-8
- U11 Boys - Boys' Soccer ages 9-10
- U11 Girls - Girls' Soccer ages 9-10
- U13 Boys - Boys' Soccer ages 11-12
- U13 Girls - Girls' Soccer ages 11-12
- U15 Boys - Boys' Soccer ages 13-14
- U16 Girls - Girls' Soccer ages 13-15
- U18 - Coed Soccer ages 15-17

NOTE: Youth players are only allowed to be registered for ONE sport per season.

2. HOW MUCH IS THE REGISTRATION COST PER CHILD?

Town of Harrisburg Policy Change: For all Parks & Recreation fees, “Town of Harrisburg Taxpayers” refers to participants who reside within AND pay taxes TO the Town of Harrisburg. Fees and residency are no longer based on a Harrisburg address or county residence.

	Town of Harrisburg Taxpayers	Non-Harrisburg Taxpayers
Pee Wee T-ball – ages 3&4 Pee Wee U5 Soccer – ages 3&4	\$45	\$75
Baseball, Softball, and Soccer – all divisions for ages 5 and older	\$85	\$115
Additional Late Fee (per participant)	\$25	\$25

- Harrisburg taxpaying families with multiple children receive a \$10 discount per registration (after the first child) when registered/paid at the same time. There is also a \$250 family maximum per season for youth athletics registration fees. *Multi-child discount and family cap apply to Town of Harrisburg Taxpayer Registrations only.*
- **Refund Policy:** 100% refund of registration fee prior to league’s first scheduled practice. 50% refund of registration fee prior to league’s first scheduled game. NO refund after league’s first scheduled game. **A \$10 administrative fee will be applied to ALL refunds.** Convenience fees are non-refundable.

3. WHERE CAN I REGISTER?

- **Online:** <https://www.harrisburgnc.org/249/Registration>
- **Parks and Recreation Office (inside Town Hall):** 4100 Main Street Harrisburg, NC 28075
Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm

4. WHAT EQUIPMENT IS INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRATION FEE?

- Baseball Hat, Jersey, and Socks (T-ball teams do not receive socks)
- Softball Jersey, Socks, and Headband
- Soccer Jersey and Socks (U5 teams do not receive socks)

5. WHAT EQUIPMENT WILL I NEED TO PROVIDE?

- Baseball Glove, Proper Athletic Shoes, and Pants (color to be determined by coach)
- Softball Glove, Proper Athletic Shoes, Face Guard, and Pants or Shorts (color to be determined by coach)
- Soccer Shin Guards, Proper Athletic Shoes, Black Shorts, and Soccer Ball (U9 and under: Size 3, U11-U13: Size 4, U15-U18: Size 5)
- Proper athletic shoes are either sneakers or cleats. Cleats are not a requirement for participation in any youth league. If your child chooses to wear cleats, they must be rubber or plastic molded.
- A bat is recommended for baseball and softball but not required.

6. SKILLS ASSESSMENTS:

Skills assessments are **critical for those who meet the qualifications below** as they provide valuable information for coaches to select players during the team-building drafts. Participants who do not attend skills assessments and have not participated in this program in the last year will be assigned to teams at random. There will be no make-up sessions.

- **WHO needs to attend Skills Assessments?** There are no skills assessments for players *below* the 7–8-year-old age divisions. **Participants in the 7-8-year-old and older age groups are required to attend skills assessments IF they meet ONE or more of the following criteria:** 1) They are participating in the 7–8-year-old division for the first time 2) They are brand new to the Harrisburg Parks and Recreation league 3) They have not played the sport with Harrisburg Parks and Recreation in the last year 4) They are requesting to move up an age group.
- **WHEN/WHERE are Skills Assessments?** Each player assessment will take approximately 10-15 minutes. Players may arrive anytime between 9am and 10:45am.

Soccer	February 18, 2023	9:00am – 11:00am	Harrisburg Park Field #1
Baseball and Softball	February 18, 2023	9:00am – 11:00am	Harrisburg Elementary Fields

7. TEAM COMPOSITION:

- One unable to practice day will be honored per child – day **MUST** be selected in “Special Request” registration prompt.
- Additional considerations may be noted in registration prompts, but we cannot guarantee requests can be met.
- Once teams are built, children will not be moved to accommodate other activities, family schedules, etc.

8. PRACTICE INFORMATION:

- Practices are tentatively scheduled to begin the week of **March 13th**.
- **Pee Wee & U5:** typically meet one hour a week (mostly Saturdays) for camp/instructional style practices and games.
- **Ages 5 & Up:** one weekly night practice and one Saturday practice until games begin. Once games begin, practices will be limited to no more than one night per week.
- Practice schedules will be posted online after drafts are held and coaches receive team rosters (approximately one week prior to first scheduled practices).

9. GAME INFORMATION:

- Games will be held on Saturdays and weeknights. Games are tentatively scheduled to begin **April 1st** and end in June. Our goal is to end the season no later than June 10th, but the actual end date will be dependent on weather and other factors.
- There will be eight regular season games scheduled followed by a tournament for all divisions ages 5 & up. There is no tournament for Pee Wee or U5 divisions. In the event of a game rainout, or other necessary adjustment, attempts will be made to make up games as/if time permits in the season, but total number of games played may be affected.
- **Soccer games** will be played at Harrisburg Park and Holcomb Woods Athletic Complex.
- **Baseball and Softball games** will be played at Stallings Park and at Harrisburg Elementary School fields, except for some county-wide games.
- Playing locations, dates, and times are subject to change. Always check online for the most up-to-date schedules.
- Game schedules will be posted online as soon as possible after practices begin.

10. WHEN/HOW WILL PARTICIPANTS BE CONTACTED?

- Drafts are tentatively scheduled for completion by early March. Please allow coaches time to receive their team rosters and to contact each participant *approximately one week prior to the first official practice*.
- Players will be contacted by their coach via phone call, text, or email. Please make sure the contact information in your CivicRec account is updated and check voicemail, texts, and spam folders for messages.

11. PICTURES:

Team and individual picture opportunities will be available for all sports. Days, times, and locations will be posted online and shared by coaches. Visit <https://www.harrisburgnc.org/231/Team-Pictures> for additional details.

12. HOW TO BE A COACH: COACHES MUST SUBMIT A NEW APPLICATION PRIOR TO EACH SEASON

Potential coaches must be 18 years or older (unless approved by Parks & Recreation), submit a Criminal Records Check Authorization, and complete a Volunteer Coaching Application with Code of Conduct and Liability Waiver forms. All volunteer applications and documents must be completed online at <https://www.harrisburgnc.org/FormCenter/Parks-and-Recreation-7/Volunteer-Coaching-Application-62>. **Completion of paperwork does not guarantee a coaching position.** Approved coaches must attend a pre-season mandatory coach’s meeting and have an ID badge made with their picture and background expiration date. Upon receiving email notification of an approved background check, volunteers need to visit the Parks and Recreation office to have their ID badge made. Coaches/helpers are required to wear their ID badge at all practices and games. For more coaching information and required document links, please visit [the Coaching webpage](#).

13. INCLEMENT WEATHER:

Updated information regarding inclement weather can be found using one or more of the following options:

- Call the **Weather Hotline** at **704-455-2903** and select **option 1**
- Visit the **Cancellations & Closings** page at <https://www.harrisburgnc.org/245/Cancellations-Closings>.
- Follow/View Town of Harrisburg/Parks & Recreation social media (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)
 - The Parks & Recreation Department has until **4pm** to call practices or games due to weather. If inclement weather occurs after 4pm, the calls will be made at the fields by the officials.
 - Coaches have the discretion to cancel practices if weather or field conditions warrant. If thunder or lightning is present, coaches and players should exit the practice/game field immediately.

14. SPONSORSHIP/ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES:

Various sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available through Harrisburg Parks and Recreation! Please visit the [Youth Sports Sponsors webpage](#) for details and application. Please contact Erin Kegley-Parris at 704-455-0723 or ekegley@harrisburgnc.org with any additional questions.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Parks & Recreation Office Personnel

Mike Kirby	Recreation Coordinator	704-455-0725	mkirby@harrisburgnc.org
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Volunteer Coordinators

Holli Glunt	Baseball	Pee Wee 3-4	hglunt@harrisburgnc.org
Tim Howard	Baseball	Farm 5-6	thoward@harrisburgnc.org
Jonathan Blankenship	Baseball	Rookie 7-8 and Minor 9-10	jblankenship@harrisburgnc.org
David Legassie	Baseball	Major 11-12 and Junior 13-15	
Matt & Angelia Engdahl	Softball	All Divisions	mengdahl@harrisburgnc.org
Bethany Knoblauch	Soccer	U5	bknoblauch@harrisburgnc.org
Holli Glunt	Soccer	U6 and U7	hglunt@harrisburgnc.org
Delroy Ross	Soccer	U9 Boys and U9 Girls	dross@harrisburgnc.org
Nathan Williams	Soccer	U11 Boys and U11 Girls	nwilliams@harrisburgnc.org
Ray Jones	Soccer	U13 Boys and U13 Girls	rjones@harrisburgnc.org
Matt Russell	Soccer	U15 Boys and U16 Girls	
Marcio Costa	Soccer	U18	mcosta@harrisburgnc.org

IMPORTANT DATES

*ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DEPENDING ON FIELD AVAILABILITY, WEATHER CONDITIONS, AND/OR OTHER FACTORS.*

COACHES MEETING:

Soccer TBD
Baseball/Softball TBD

SKILLS ASSESSMENTS (see page 2 for qualifications/requirements):

Soccer February 18th 9am-11am Harrisburg Park
Baseball/Softball February 18th 9am-11am Harrisburg Elementary Fields

DRAFTS: To be completed by early March

PRACTICES BEGIN: Week of March 13th

GAMES BEGIN: April 1st

END OF SEASON: Mid-June (our goal is to be completed by June 10th, weather permitting)

For more information, 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 sports season!