



Harrisburg NC
PARKS & RECREATION
2019 SPRING SPORTS INFORMATION SHEET
BASEBALL / SOCCER / SOFTBALL

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Regular Registration
 Late Registration

January 28 - February 17, 2019

February 18 - February 22, 2019 @ 5pm

(Late fee of \$25.00 applies or 12 canned goods per person)

Additional Registration options:
 Parks & Recreation Office

Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 5pm - 7pm

Parks and Recreation Department hours and location:

*Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm
 4100 Main St., Harrisburg, NC 28075*

1. LEAGUES OFFERED & ELIGIBILITY:

BASEBALL	The child's age on May 1st of the current year determines the division of play.
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| ○ Pee Wee | - | Coed Pee Wee T-ball ages 3 & 4, Instructional (<i>non-competitive</i>) |
| ○ Farm | - | Coed Farm T-ball 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 |

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

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

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

SOCCER	The child's age on May 15th of the current year determines the division of play.
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| ○ U5 | - | Coed Pee Wee Soccer ages 3 & 4, Instructional (<i>non-competitive</i>) |
| ○ 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 |
| ○ U15 Girls | - | Girls' Soccer ages 13 & 14 |
| ○ 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.**

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)**
 - 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://apm.activecommunities.com/harrisburgnc>
- **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)

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 9-12, Size 5 for ages 14+), black shorts, shin guards and proper athletic shoes.

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. No metal cleats allowed.

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 Fall 2018 season. 4. If you are requesting to move up an age group.

➤ February 16th	10am-12pm	Stallings Park Field #2
➤ February 19th	7pm-8pm	Stallings Park Field #2
➤ February 23rd	10am-12pm	Stallings Park Field #2

- **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.

➤ **February 23rd** **9am-12pm** **Harrisburg Elementary Fields**

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 in 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 until games begin.

8. TEAM COMPOSITION:

- One unable to practice day will be honored per child.
- 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: End of March/Early April for Baseball/Softball and Soccer. The season will end no later than: Mid-June.
- **Soccer games** will be played at Harrisburg Park, Pitts School Road Elementary and Hickory Ridge Middle School.
- **Baseball/Softball games** will be played at Harrisburg Elementary, and Stallings Road Park, with the exception of County wide games.
- Games will be held on Saturdays and weeknights.
- Always check online for the most up-to-date game schedules.
- 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 www.harrisburgnc.org.

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
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) Soccer	Volunteer Coordinator	dross@harrisburgnc.org
Quero DeSouza, U11 (9-10) Soccer	Volunteer Coordinator	qdesouza@harrisburgnc.org
Ray Jones, U13 (11-12) & U15 (13-14)	Volunteer Coordinator	rjones@harrisburgnc.org
Marcio Costa, U18 (15-17) Soccer	Volunteer Coordinator	mcosta@harrisburgnc.org

IMPORTANT DATES

COACHES MEETING:

Soccer:	February 26th	6:30pm	Council Chambers
Baseball/Softball:	February 28th	6:30pm	Council Chambers

SKILLS ASSESSMENTS:

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DRAFTS:

Soccer Draft:	End of February/ Early March
Baseball/Softball Draft:	End of February/ Early March

PRACTICES:

Soccer:	Mid-March
Baseball/Softball:	Mid-March

GAMES:

Soccer:	End of March/Early April
Baseball/Softball:	End of March/Early April

END OF SEASON:

Soccer:	Early to mid-June
Baseball/Softball:	Early to mid-June

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

For more information on the 2019 Spring 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 Spring season!