



PARKS & RECREATION

2022 FALL SPORTS INFORMATION SHEET

BASEBALL / SOCCER / SOFTBALL / FLAG FOOTBALL



REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Regular Registration June 6 – June 26, 2022
Late Registration June 27 – June 30, 2022
(Late fee of \$25.00 applies or 12 canned goods per person in office only.)

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 Pee Wee T-ball ages 3 & 4, Instructional (non-competitive)
o Farm - Coed Farm 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 - Boys' Soccer ages 7-8
o U9 Girls - Girls' Soccer ages 7-8
o U11 Boys - Boys' Soccer ages 9-10
o U11 Girls - Girls' Soccer ages 9-10
o U13 Boys - Boys' Soccer ages 11-12
o U13 Girls - Girls' Soccer ages 11-12
o U15 Boys - Boys' Soccer ages 13-14
o U16 Girls - Girls' Soccer ages 13-15
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.

- o 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** Jersey, Socks, & Headband
- **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)
A bat is recommended but not required.
- **Softball** Glove, proper athletic shoes, shorts or pants (color to be determined by coach), and faceguard
A bat is recommended but not required.
- **Soccer** Soccer ball (U9 and under: Size 3, U11-U13: Size 4, U15-U18: Size 5), 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 to wear 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 last calendar year. 4. If you are requesting to move up an age group.

➤ **Saturday, July 23, 2022** **9:00am – 11:00am** **Harrisburg Park Field #4**

- **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 23, 2022** **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 9 weeks: camp style for 4 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 in September for Baseball/Softball, Soccer and Flag Football.
- **Soccer games** will be played at Harrisburg Park and Holcomb Woods Athletic Complex.
- **Baseball/Softball games** will be played at Harrisburg Elementary and Stallings Road Park.
- **Flag Football games** will be played at Harrisburg Park and/or Holcomb Woods Athletic Complex.
- 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's 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, has 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, and we have to postpone or cancel practices or games, please:

- Call the **Inclement Weather Hotline** at **704-455-2903** and select **option 1**
- Visit the **Cancellations & Closings** website at <https://nc-harrisburg.civicplus.com/245/Cancellations-Closings>

The Parks & Recreation Department has until **4pm** to call practices or games due to weather. If inclement weather occurs after this time, the call will be made 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:

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

15. GIVING ASSISTANT:

Harrisburg Parks and Recreation participates in Giving Assistant! If you are considering shopping online, please shop, save and donate by visiting GivingAssistant.org. Look for Harrisburg Parks and Recreation as your donation selection. These funds go to the improvements of youth athletics, programs and facilities.

Giving Assistant shoppers earn as much as \$700 cash back per year, and they donate a percentage of those earnings to organizations they value. Now, every purchase can result in a donation. Start donating with Giving Assistant today, and unlock deals like exclusive Pizza Hut coupons, as well as big savings at Bed Bath & Beyond, Office Depot and more. With 3,000+ popular online retailers, your opportunities to save—and give—are endless.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Office Personnel:

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Volunteer Personnel:

Holli Glunt, Pee Wee (3-4) Baseball Volunteer Coordinator hglunt@harrisburgnc.org
Tim Howard, Farm (5-6) Baseball Volunteer Coordinator thoward@harrisburgnc.org
Jonathan Blankenship, Rookie (7-8), Minor (9-10) Baseball Volunteer Coordinator jblankenship@harrisburgnc.org
Paul Wilcox, Major & Junior (11-12 & 13-15) Baseball Volunteer Coordinator paul.wilcox@charlottenc.gov
Mike Laney, (7-15) Softball Volunteer Coordinator mlaney@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) Soccer Volunteer Coordinator mengdahl@harrisburgnc.org
Delroy Ross, U9 (7 -8) Soccer Volunteer Coordinator dross@harrisburgnc.org
Nathan Williams, U11 (9-10) Soccer Volunteer Coordinator nwilliams@harrisburgnc.org
Ray Jones, U13 (11-2), U15 (13-14) Boys & U16 (13-15) Volunteer Coordinator rjones@harrisburgnc.org
Girls Soccer
Marcio Costa, U18 (15-17) Volunteer Coordinator mcosta@harrisburgnc.org

IMPORTANT DATES

COACHES MEETING:

Baseball/Softball, Ages 5 and Up: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6pm-7pm Council Chambers
Soccer, Ages 5 and Up: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7pm-8pm Council Chambers
Flag Football, Ages 5 and 6: TBD TBD TBD

SKILLS ASSESSMENTS:

Soccer: Saturday, July 23, 2022 9am-11am Harrisburg Park
Baseball/Softball: Saturday, July 23, 2022 9am-11am Harrisburg Elementary Fields

DRAFTS:

Soccer Draft: Tentatively July 29 – July 31
Baseball/Softball Draft: Tentatively July 29 – July 31

PRACTICES:

Soccer: Tentatively August 20
Baseball/Softball: Tentatively August 20
Flag Football: Tentatively August 20

GAMES:

Soccer: Tentatively September 10
Baseball/Softball: Tentatively September 10
Flag Football: Tentatively September 10

END OF SEASON:

Soccer: Tentatively November 12
Baseball/Softball/PeeWee: Tentatively November 12
Flag Football: Tentatively November 12

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

For more information on the 2022 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!