



Harrisburg NC
PARKS & RECREATION
2023 FALL SPORTS INFORMATION SHEET
BASEBALL / SOCCER / SOFTBALL / FLAG FOOTBALL

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Regular Registration **May 22 – June 11, 2023**

Late Registration* **June 12 – June 18, 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 cans must be done in person 6/12 - 6/16 (Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm).

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/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 **October 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 **June 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 **October 15th** of the current year determines the division of play. *Division(s) may be combined into coed league(s) if there are not enough players 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

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

NOTE: Youth players are only allowed to be registered for ONE sport per season. This policy will be enforced for player safety and in consideration of teammates and coaches.

2. HOW MUCH IS THE REGISTRATION COST PER CHILD?

Town of Harrisburg Policy Change: For all Parks & Recreation fees, “Resident/Town of Harrisburg Taxpayer” refers to participants who reside within Town of Harrisburg City Limits AND pay the additional Harrisburg City Tax. Fees and residency are no longer based on a Harrisburg address or county residence. This may make the registration cost for your participant(s) different from previous seasons (prior to winter 2022).

	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 – divisions for ages 5 and older Flag Football	\$85	\$115
Additional Late Fee (per participant)	\$25	\$25

- Town of Harrisburg taxpayers with multiple children receive a \$10 discount per youth sports registration (after the first child) when they are registered/paid in the same transaction. Town of Harrisburg taxpayers are also eligible to receive a \$250 per family, per season maximum for youth athletics registration fees. The family maximum is *not* automatically applied to registrations. Contact the office for assistance with the family maximum if you are eligible. *Multi-child discount and family maximum apply to Town of Harrisburg Taxpayer Registrations only.*
- **Refund Policy:** 100% refund of registration fee prior to league’s first scheduled practice date. 50% refund of registration fee prior to league’s first scheduled game date. NO refund after league’s first scheduled game date. **A \$10 administrative fee will be applied to ALL refunds.** Convenience fees are non-refundable. Any discounts/credits received will be factored into the refunded amount. All refunds are issued via check and mailed within 30 days of approved request.

3. WHERE/HOW CAN I REGISTER?

All registrations are processed through the CivicRec program, so an active member account is required whether you register online or in person. Children must be added to the main member account in order to be able to register them for an activity. Please keep all household members under one main account whenever possible and be careful not to create multiple/duplicate accounts.

- **Online:** <https://www.harrisburgnc.org/249/Registration>
 - If you need additional assistance with online registration, please call the office at 704-455-7275.
- **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 and Socks
- Soccer Jersey and Socks (U5 teams do not receive socks)
- Flag Football Jersey

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 (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)
- Flag Football Mouth Guard, Proper Athletic Shoes, and Pants or shorts

- A bat is recommended for baseball and softball but not required.
- 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.

6. SKILLS ASSESSMENTS:

Skills assessments are **critical for those who meet the qualifications below** as they provide valuable information for player selection/assignment 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 for any sport. **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 any time during the session up to fifteen minutes before end time.

Soccer	Saturday, June 24	9:00am – 11:00am	Holcomb Woods Fields
Baseball and Softball	Tuesday, June 27	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Harrisburg Elementary Fields

7. TEAM COMPOSITION/SPECIAL REQUESTS:

- ONE *unable to practice day* will be honored per child – your chosen day **MUST** be selected from the dropdown list in registration prompts.
- Siblings playing in the *same sport and same age group/division* will be placed on the same team **IF EACH PLAYER** has the “is there a sibling playing” question marked as yes **AND** the first and last name of sibling is entered in the “what is the sibling’s name” field in the registration prompts.
- Additional requests/considerations may be noted in the “Special Requests” registration prompt field. We cannot guarantee requests will be met, but additional information could be helpful as teams and practice schedules are created.
- See #8 and #9 below regarding possible practice and game beginning/ending times and various park locations.
- Once teams are created, players will not be moved to accommodate other personal activities, family schedules, missing or incorrect information in registration prompts, etc.

8. PRACTICE INFORMATION:

- Practices are tentatively scheduled to begin **Saturday, August 12th**.
- Practice schedules will be posted online after drafts are held and coaches receive team rosters which is approximately one week prior to the first scheduled practices.
- **Pee Wee T-ball & U5 Soccer:** Teams typically meet one hour a week (mostly Saturdays) for camp/instructional style practices and games.
- **Ages 5 & Up (baseball, softball, soccer, flag football):** 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.
- **NOTE:** Practices begin as early as 6pm on weeknights and 8am on Saturdays. Practices go as late as 10pm on weeknights and 8pm on Saturdays. We do our best to keep the younger leagues at the earlier times, when possible, but keep these times in mind before registering. *Players will not be moved to different teams to accommodate preferred practice times.*

9. GAME INFORMATION:

- Games will be held on Saturdays and weeknights. Games are tentatively scheduled to begin *no sooner than August 26th* and end in late October or early November. The actual season end date will be dependent on weather and other factors.
- Game schedules will be posted online as soon as possible *after practices begin*.
- There will be eight regular season games scheduled followed by a tournament for all divisions ages 7 & up. There is no tournament for Pee Wee, U5, U6, or U7 divisions. In the event of a game rainout, or other necessary adjustments, attempts will be made to make up games as/if time permits in the season, but the total number of games played may be affected.
- **NOTE:** Games may begin as early as 6pm on weeknights and 8am on Saturdays. Games go as late as 10pm on weeknights and 8pm on Saturdays. We do our best to keep the younger leagues at the earlier times, when possible, but keep these times in mind before registering. *Players will not be moved to different teams to accommodate preferred times.*

- **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.
- **Flag Football games** will be played at Harrisburg Park and/or Holcomb Woods Athletic Complex.
- Playing locations, dates, and times are subject to change. Always check online for the most up-to-date schedules.

10. WHEN/HOW WILL PARTICIPANTS BE CONTACTED?

- Drafts are tentatively scheduled for completion by mid-July. Please allow coaches time to receive their team rosters and to contact each participant. Registered players should be contacted by a coach *during the week leading up to their first official practice*.
- Registered players will be contacted by their coach via phone call, text, or email. Be sure the primary contact information in your CivicRec account is updated and able to accept messages. Please check voicemail, texts, and all spam/junk folders! If you have not been contacted by a coach by 4pm Thursday, August 10th, please contact the office for assistance.
- Be sure the email addresses noreply@rec1mail.com is on your “safe” list, so you will receive emails from Parks & Recreation through CivicRec. Note: Yahoo blocks contact from CivicRec, so it is best to use a non-Yahoo email as the primary email if possible. Adding a secondary email (non-Yahoo) in the contact info section and keeping the boxes checked for all communication types will increase your ability to receive important communication.

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:

ALL POTENTIAL COACHES/TEAM HELPERS MUST SUBMIT A VOLUNTEER COACHING APPLICATION (with Code of Conduct and Volunteer Waiver) FOR EACH NEW SPORTS SEASON. Applications do not carry-over from season to season. BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM APPROVAL DATE. Potential coaches must be 18 years or older (unless approved by Parks & Recreation). All volunteer coaching applications and documents must be completed online at <https://www.harrisburgnc.org/FormCenter/Parks-and-Recreation-7/Volunteer-Coaching-Application-62>. **Completion of coaching paperwork does not guarantee a coaching position.** Head coaches are selected/assigned at the discretion of the Parks & Recreation staff and volunteer coordinators. Approved coaches must attend a mandatory pre-season meeting. All coaches/helpers must have a Parks & Recreation photo ID badge with current expiration date and *are required to wear their badge at all practices and games*. Upon receiving email notification of an approved background check and coaching documents, volunteers need to visit the Parks and Recreation office to have a photo ID badge made with a valid background expiration date. 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 one of the Town of Harrisburg social media sites (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter). Social media sites should not be used as the primary/sole source of information but are good to follow for reminders and on-the-go updates.
 - The Parks & Recreation Department has until **4pm** to call off practices or games due to weather and/or field conditions. 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.

Continue to next page for important contacts and a summary of dates to remember.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Parks & Recreation Office Staff

Erin Kegley-Parris	Recreation Manager	704-455-0723	ekegley@harrisburgnc.org
Mike Kirby	Recreation Coordinator	704-455-0725	mkirby@harrisburgnc.org
TBD	Recreation Coordinator		

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	David.legassie@ricoh-usa.com
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	Marketing-image@outlook.com
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. "TBD" dates will be updated as they are confirmed.

COACHES MEETING:

Soccer	TBD
Baseball/Softball	TBD
Flag Football	TBD

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

Soccer	Saturday, June 24	9am-11am	Holcomb Woods Athletic Complex
Baseball/Softball	Tuesday, June 27	6pm-8pm	Harrisburg Elementary Fields

DRAFTS: To be completed by mid-July

PRACTICES BEGIN: Saturday August 12th

GAMES BEGIN: No sooner than August 26th – official date TBD

END OF SEASON: Late-October or early-November

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 another successful sports season!