



**Youth Baseball and Softball
Ages 7 and Up**

I have registered my child for baseball or softball. What happens next?

Once registration has been completed, we will schedule a draft for each age group. You will be notified of the time and location for your child's draft. If you have a scheduling conflict, please let us know so that we may inform you of an alternate time. If that time also conflicts with your schedule, it will not affect your child because all registered participants will be placed on a team.

What should I expect at the draft?

Each child will run through a couple of hitting and fielding drills. These drills are designed specifically to help the coaches evaluate each child's abilities in these areas. The draft should only take 45 minutes to complete, but it is very important that your child attend the draft. Our goal is to divide teams as equally as possible to ensure a quality recreational experience for all participants.

What happens after I have attended the draft or if I missed the draft?

Each child, regardless of whether they attended the draft, will be placed on a team. Parents should be contacted within 5 days of the completion of the draft to inform them of their team name, the coach's name and when they will have their first practice.

What equipment do I need to provide for my child to play baseball/softball?

Please make sure your child has his own glove, batting helmet and bat. All girls' helmets must have the face mask attached securely on the front. This is optional for the boy's. Coaches from each team will be provided a set of catchers gear and one dozen baseballs. If your child has their own catchers gear, they may use it provided it meet all safety standards set forth by the league. All catcher's masks must have a throat protector attached to their mask.

Bat Rule - Composite bat WILL be allowed this season. Boys ages 7-12: bats shall be round and made of wood, or any other approved material. Not to exceed 33 inches in length or 2 ¼ inches in diameter. Bat shall be BPF of 1.15 approved by USABB or affiliate.

Boys ages 13-14: bats must adhere to the high school rule. The minus-three bat is the only allowable bat. The barrel of the minus-three bat is to be 2 5/8 inches in diameter. All bats not made of a single piece of wood shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. No BBCOR label, sticker, or decal will be accepted on any non-wood bat. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of one inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color. To read: "BBCOR .50".

Girls' softball bats must meet ASA –bat performance standards and have a certifying stamp on each bat.

What does my child get for signing up to play baseball/softball?

The Wendell Parks and Recreation Department will supply each participant with a hat, shirt and pair of socks. We will no longer provide pants and belts for baseball or shorts for fast pitch.

How many practices will my child get?

Weather permitting; every team will be given 8 to 10 practices. Practices will vary throughout the week and will last 1 hour and 30 minutes. Our goal is to schedule each team a practice during the week and one on Saturday. Practices start the 2nd or 3rd week of March and run through April.

How many games will my child get?

Each team will be scheduled 8 to 10 games.

7-8 Boys will all be played at Carver on Monday's and Thursday's @ 6:15 or 7:15pm.

9-10 Boys will be played on Doug Proctor field on Mon., Tues. and Thurs. @ 6:00 or 7:30pm.

We may play with Zebulon. Away games may vary.

11-12 Boys will be played on Carver 1 on Tuesday's and Friday's @ 6:00 or 7:30pm. We will be playing with Zebulon. The days may vary with their availability.

13-14 Boys will play home games on the Wendell Park Large Field and will travel for away games. Games can be on Mon-Fri @ 6:00 or 8:00pm.

Girl's 8U/10U/12U/14U will play home games on all 4 fields and they will travel for away games. Game dates and times will vary throughout the week.

If my child is on a team that travels, where would they travel?

Boys - Knightdale, Louisburg, Nash County, Rolesville, Wilders Grove and Zebulon

Girls – Bunn, Knightdale, Louisburg, Nash County, Rolesville, Wilders Grove, Youngsville and Zebulon

What do we do in the event of inclement weather?

Our inclement weather policy is: 1) Update the game line (365-GAME) and 2) Call or email all the coaches so that they may contact each member of their team. 3) Please sign up for rainedout.com and get a free text to inform you of snow/inclement weather updates. To get signed up, go to www.rainedout.com and search for Wendell. Then follow the steps onscreen. If a game is cancelled, we will make every effort to reschedule and make up the game if at all possible.

Why were the gates locked at the fields?

They may be locked due to unsafe field conditions or the fields may be lined for a game. In the event the gates are locked, we assure you they have been locked for a reason and we ask that you do not climb the fence. Please check with the office if gates are locked 919-366-2266.

Does the Wendell Parks and Recreation Department provide trophies at the end of the season?

Wendell Parks and Recreation does not provide individual or team trophies. However, most coaches and parents will choose to do this for their kids on their own. So, you may be asked at the end of your season to pay for your child's trophy. Prices vary depending on the size of the trophy. Typically, these trophies will cost around \$6.00. Please keep in mind that the sponsor of

your team has already paid to have their name on your child's shirt. Please do not ask them to pay for the trophies or the end of season party. For the end of season party, coaches may reserve the picnic shelters at Wendell Park or if they prefer they may inquire about a room inside the Wendell Community Center.

What else do I need to know about the baseball or softball program offered by the Wendell Parks and Recreation Department?

The Wendell Parks and Recreation baseball and softball program is designed to provide every child with the opportunity to participate in an organized program that teaches them the fundamentals of the sport in a positive atmosphere. We strongly suggest that all parents support our efforts to ensure a positive experience for all participants. In an effort to maintain a positive atmosphere in our program, standings are not kept in any of our leagues.