



Parks & Recreation Department

**Youth Baseball and Softball
Ages 6 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 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 contacted within 5 days of the completion of the draft to inform them of their team name, the coach's name and when their practice date/time/site will be.

What equipment do I need to provide for my child need 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 catchers masks must have a throat protector attached to their mask.

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 6 to 8 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 1st week of August. Games will begin the 1st week of September.

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 Monday's and Thursday's @ 6:00 or 7:30pm.

11-12 Boys will be played on Carver 1 and will travel for away games. Games can be on Mon-Fri @ 6:00 or 7:30pm.

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 will play home games on the Doug Proctor and Carver 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 to?

Boys - Knightdale, Rolesville, Wilders Grove and Zebulon

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

What do we do in the event of inclement weather?

Our inclement weather policy is that once it is determined by staff that there are any safety issues that would require cancelling a program we will do the following to inform participants: 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. 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 that the gates are locked, we assure you they have been locked for a reason and we ask that you do not climb the fence.

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, which vary depending on size. 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 so, we ask that you please do not ask them for anything more. For end of season parties and coaches may reserve the picnic shelters at Wendell Park or if they prefer they may inquire about a room in 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 order to maintain a positive atmosphere in our program, standings are not kept in any of our leagues.