Fall Baseball and Softball League Information

Participant Fees

- Wake Forest residents - $40 per participant. MUST reside within the Town limits.
- Non-residents - $80 per participant. "Wake Forest mailing address" does not mean that participant resides within the Town limits (mailing addresses are assigned by USPS).
- The fees are set by the Town Board of Commissioners – staff has no authority to waive fees.

Registration Information

- League age is determined by participant's age on April 30 of the current year. There are no exceptions to this requirement- WFPRCR policy requires that players are assigned by age only (no players are allowed to play outside of their age group).
- Registration for all age groups will be held during the month of February, and will be exclusively online - the link will be available June 1-30, at www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/parksrecreation_youthathletics.aspx.
- LATE REGISTRATION: Late registration will be held July 1-9 (online only). A non-refundable $15 late fee will be assessed, and players that register during the late registration period will be guaranteed placement onto a team.
- At the conclusion of the registration period, a Waiting List will be started. There is no guarantee of team placement from the waiting list, which will be used to fill openings in team rosters that may occur during the season.
- Refund policy: refunds will be issued if WFPRCR receives written request for refund before the participant's first assigned team practice (late registration fees, if paid, are non-refundable).

Equipment Required

- Baseball (or softball) glove
- Solid grey baseball pants

Optional Equipment

- Baseball (or softball) bat (baseball bats for players age 6-11 maximum diameter 2 ¼")
- Personal batting helmet (note: softball batting helmet MUST include face guard)
- Fielder's face mask (softball)
- Catcher's gear
- Baseball/softball cleats (metal spikes are allowed in leagues age 12 and above)

Team Placement/Uniforms

- Requests for team placement are not accepted – all players must go through the draft (or team placement process). Coach-Pitch players are placed on teams by WFPRCR staff. Siblings, if participating in the same league, will be placed onto the same team unless parents inform Athletics staff at registration of the desire to place siblings onto different teams.
- If a player doesn't attend his/her league's skills evaluation session, the player is placed onto a team by a blind draw. *Every player who registers will be placed on a team.*

- *All players age 8 above will be drafted each season.*
- Team assignments are firm – team changes are not allowed once placed onto a team for the current season.
- After the league's coach meeting (or draft), players will be contacted by team coach regarding initial team practice.
- WFPRCR purchases and provides uniforms for all leagues –players will receive a cap, socks, and jersey, which they will keep at the conclusion of the season. Participants are to provide baseball pants (solid grey).

Coaching Volunteers

All teams are coached by volunteers. Parents may volunteer to coach a team by indicating their interest with the participant's registration and/or by emailing Athletics staff (coach@wakeforestnc.gov). Once registration has concluded, coaches will be recruited/selected from the volunteer pool. Coaches must complete a background check authorization form – background screening will be required for head coach and assistant coach (https://bib.com/SecureVolunteer/Town-of-Wake-Forest-Parks-and-Rec/) .

Team Sponsors

WFPRCR seeks sponsors for baseball and softball teams. For more information, contact Meghan Hawkins, Recreation Specialist, at 919 435 9457 (mhawkins@wakeforestnc.gov).

Practice & Game Information

Teams will be scheduled for practices 2 times per week (Monday-Saturday) prior to games beginning – the particular days of the week will not be set until the registration period ends, as the total number of registrants/division determines the number of teams in each age group. Games will begin the week of September 5. The earliest time for game or practice on weeknights will be 6pm.

General time frame for all leagues- early August to mid-October.

Divisions/Age Groups

Division	*Age Group*	*Practice/Game Sites*
Rookie League Baseball (machine pitch)	6-7 year old boys	R H Forrest Field
Rookie League Softball (machine pitch)	6-7 year old girls	R H Forrest Field
Minor League Baseball	8-9 year old boys	R H Forrest Field Wake Forest Middle School
Minor League Softball*	8-9 year old girls	R H Forrest Field Wake Forest Middle School
Little League Baseball*	10-11 year old boys	J B Flaherty Park Ailey Young Park
Little League Softball*	10-11 year old girls	Heritage High School Wake Forest Middle School
Junior League Baseball*	12-13 year old boys	J B Flaherty Park Heritage High Park
Junior League Softball *	12-13 year old girls	Heritage High School Wake Forest Middle School
Senior League Baseball *	14-16 year old boys	J B Flaherty Park Heritage High Park

*denotes possible partner leagues, with partners (and games) in Rolesville, Knightdale, Wendell and Zebulon