



Baseball, Softball, T-Ball, and Dream 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 February 1-29, at www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/parksrecreation_youthathletics.aspx.
- LATE REGISTRATION: Late registration will be held March 1-6 (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, the online registration system will begin a Waiting List. 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 (late registration fee applies).
- 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).

Team Placement

- Requests for team placement are not accepted – all players must go through the draft (or team placement process). T-Ball and Rookie League players are placed on teams by WFPRD 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 13 and above will be drafted each season.***
- Team assignments are firm – team changes are not allowed once placed onto a team for the current season (players may request to re-enter the team assignment pool at registration).
- After the league's coach meeting (or draft), players will be contacted by team coach regarding initial team practice.

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 (eaustin@wakeforestnc.gov; mhawkins@wakeforestnc.gov). Once registration has concluded, coaches will be recruited/selected from the volunteer pool. Coaches must complete a background check authorization form – annual background

screening will be required for head coach, assistant coach, and any other person that may be leading the team in practices/games without the presence of the named coach(es).

Uniforms/Equipment

- WFPRCR purchases and provides uniforms for all leagues –players will receive a cap and jersey, which they will keep at the conclusion of the season. Participants are to provide baseball pants (solid grey).

Required Equipment

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

Optional Equipment

- Baseball (or softball) bat
- Personal batting helmet (note: softball batting helmet MUST include face guard)
- Catcher's gear
- Baseball/softball cleats (metal spikes are allowed in leagues age 13 and above)

Practice & Game Information

Teams will typically 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 be primarily scheduled for weekday evenings– Saturday games may also be scheduled due to field/space limitations and/or in order to reschedule canceled games. The earliest time for game or practice on weeknights will be 6pm.

Specific dates and times will be determined once registration is complete. Note that practice and game sites listed are subject to change.

Team Sponsors

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

Age Groups, General Schedule, Practice/Game Sites

<i>Division</i>	<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Time Frame</i>	<i>Practice/Game Sites</i>
Dream League (special-needs participants)	school age	April-May	Heritage High Park
T-Ball (co-ed)	5-6 year olds	April-June	Ailey Young Park J B Flaherty Park R H Forrest Field Tyler Run Park Wake Forest Middle School
Rookie League (co-ed) <i>machine pitch</i>	7-8 year olds	April-June	R H Forrest Field Heritage High Park Wake Forest Middle School
Minor League Baseball	9-10 year olds	late March -June	Heritage High Park R H Forrest Field Wake Forest Middle School
Minor League Softball	9-10 year old girls	April-June	Heritage High Park R H Forrest Field Wake Forest Middle School
Little League Baseball	11-12 year olds	April-June	Heritage High Park J B Flaherty Park
Little League Softball*	11-12 year old girls	April-June	Heritage High School
Junior League Baseball	13-14 year olds	late March -June	Heritage High Park J B Flaherty Park
Junior League Softball *	13-14 year old girls	April-June	Heritage High School
Senior League Baseball *	15-17 year olds	April-June	Heritage High School

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