



Youth Baseball, Softball, and T-Ball League Information

Participant Fees

- Wake Forest residents - \$60 per participant. MUST reside within the Town limits.
- Non-residents - \$100 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 1-28, at <https://www.wakeforestnc.gov/parks-recreation-cultural-resources/athletics/youth-athletics/youth-leagues/spring-baseball-softball>.
- **LATE REGISTRATION:** Late registration will be held March 1-7. 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 (**or after age groups have reached maximum capacity**), 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 considered.** All players must go through the draft (or team placement process).
- 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.
- Players will be placed onto teams via random draw (no skills evaluations/"tryouts" for any age groups in Spring 2021 due to COVID-19 group-gathering restrictions).
- Team assignments are fixed for the season – team changes are not allowed once a participant is placed onto a team.
- After the league's coach meeting, players will be contacted by team coach regarding initial team practice.

Team Coaching

All teams are coached by volunteers. Parents may indicate their interest to serve as a volunteer coach by registering themselves as a volunteer when completing the participant's registration. Once registration has concluded, coaches will be recruited/selected from the volunteer pool. Coaches must submit a background check authorization form and be "cleared" by WFPRCR – 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). In addition, coaches will be required to become certified as a coach by the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) through online training.

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.
- WFPRCR provides balls for practices/games and upon request will provide catcher's gear and batting helmets to coaches for team use.

Required Equipment

- Baseball (or softball) glove
- Personal batting helmet (note: softball batting helmet MUST include face guard)
- Solid grey pants (***baseball***)
- Solid grey pants or black shorts (***softball***)

Recommended Equipment

- Baseball (or softball) bat – ***baseball bats must meet the USABat standards for players age 12 and under. Baseball bats for players 13 and above must meet current NCHSAA requirements (BBCOR).***

Optional Equipment

- 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 Edward Austin, Athletics & Aquatics Superintendent, at 919 435 9562 (eaustin@wakeforestnc.gov).

Age Groups, General Schedule, Practice/Game Sites

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

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

*** minimum of 48 participants required*