



2023 Youth Baseball / Softball Information Sheet



1. **Leagues Offered & Eligibility** (age on May 1, 2023 determines the division of play)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 5-6 Coed T-ball | <input type="checkbox"/> 7-8 Coach Pitch Soft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7-8 Coach Pitch Base | <input type="checkbox"/> 9-10 Player Pitch Soft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9-10 Player Pitch Base | <input type="checkbox"/> 11-12 Player Pitch Soft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11-12 Player Pitch Base | <input type="checkbox"/> 13-15 Player Pitch Soft |
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5-6 & 7-8 Divisions

These divisions begin developing fundamentals for each specific sport. Rules are modified to present the optimum playing experience for novice participants.

9-10 Division

This division builds on basic fundamentals of a given sport. Rules are slightly modified to present optimum playing experience for participants with limited exposure.

11-12 & 13-15 Divisions

These divisions are designed to promote teamwork, sportsmanship and advance fundamental development. No rule modifications.

2. **How much will it cost to register my child?**

Resident of Kannapolis \$40
Non-Resident \$60

Online registration is highly recommended.

Cash, checks and credit/debit cards are accepted. Please make checks payable to: City of Kannapolis
Financial Assistance is available.

3. **When / where can I register?**

Registration will begin January 23 and end March 5.

Online: www.kannapolisnc.gov/parksprograms (**RECOMMENDED**)

Parks & Recreation Office, 401 Laureate Way, Kannapolis NC, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

4. **What is included in the registration fee?**

Jerseys, Practices, Games, Physical Exercise

In addition to a game jersey, Baseball will get a hat and Softball will get a visor.

5. **What equipment will my child be using?**

Kannapolis Parks & Recreation will provide bats, balls, tees, batting helmets and catchers gear as needed. Kids are allowed to bring their own equipment if desired, we just ask that it be clearly marked with their name.

Gloves are mandatory and must be supplied by participants.

Cleats are optional but recommended. No metal cleats are allowed.

6. **When is the parent meeting?**

Additional parent information will be released online or via email after registration has closed. There will be no in person parent meeting.

7. **How to be a coach?**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Potential coaches must be 18 years or older, fill out a coach's application, pass a criminal background check and sign the Coaches Code of Conduct. Approved coaches must attend a mandatory coaches meeting (may be virtual or required to watch coach video) and will be given a photo ID Coach badge. **Coaches are required to wear their ID badges at all practices and games.** Completion of paperwork does not guarantee a coaching position.

8. Skills / Evaluation Assessment Information

It is our current plan to have skills assessments sometime the week of March 14-16. These TBD dates/times will be communicated via email and posted on our website once a final decision has been made. If no skills days can take place then players will be randomly assigned to teams.

All participants playing in the 7-8 year old age group or older are required to attend skills assessments. If a child does not attend a skills assessment, then that child will be randomly assigned to a team at the player draft. There are no skills assessments for the 5-6 year old age group. All players in this age group are randomly assigned to teams.

9. When will I be contacted?

You will be contacted by your coach after the draft sometime the weekend of March 24-26. Please allow volunteer coaches time to contact each participant before contacting our office on March 27 for team information.

10. How many practices will my child have per week?

Teams will have one practice per week (lasting one and a half hours) starting the week of March 27.

11. When / where will games be played?

Games will be played on Saturdays beginning April 15. Depending on schedules and field availability there may be weeknight games as needed. Practices and games will be played at Kannapolis Parks and City Schools. Nearby Cabarrus County schools or facilities may be utilized if registration numbers dictate that a particular division play countywide.

12. Team Pictures

Team and individual pictures opportunities will be available. Days, times and locations will be announced once scheduled.

13. Inclement Weather Hotline

In the event that we encounter inclement weather, the weather hotline 704-920-4344 will be updated. The Parks & Recreation Department has until 4pm to make weather related decisions for weeknight activities. Any time school is canceled because of inclement weather, all practices and games scheduled for that day at all sites are cancelled. If school is cancelled on a Friday because of inclement weather, games scheduled for the following Saturday are also cancelled.

14. Sponsorship

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please visit www.kannapolisnc.gov for additional information.

15. Special Request

Requesting a particular coach, teammate or practice night does not guarantee that request, but staff will do all they can to help grant a request or accommodate a conflict.

16. Additional Information

* The CDC recommends that anyone who has not been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 should continue to wear a mask and maintain social distance.

* Participants, spectators and coaches are welcome to wear masks if they prefer.

* Anyone who is showing signs of COVID-19, been told to quarantine or been exposed to COVID-19 should not come to practice or games until the proper quarantine time has passed.

* All water bottles, snacks or any additional items should be clearly marked with the child's name.

* Program cancellation or postponement are also possibilities if it is deemed in the best interest of public safety.

17. For information please contact:

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