

**City of Hendersonville / Fall Baseball Leagues  
Individual Player ~ Parent Information Sheet**

Parks teams are formed from individual registrations. These teams formed from the individual registrations will not play the OPEN teams (10u & 12u divisions).

The 6u and 8u divisions will only accept individual registration (no teams) and will be operated in a recreational environment.

If you are playing with an open team (10u or older), you should **not** register with the Parks Department / City of Hendersonville. All of your negotiations and contact should be with the coach of that team.

**If you are registered with the Parks Department as an individual, you may not drop out to join an OPEN team—NO EXCEPTIONS.**

- ◆ All divisions are managed by the Hendersonville Parks Department. Rules are always designed to emphasize participation and fun for the participants. Coaches and parents are expected to maintain this philosophy.
- ◆ Park Team Leagues will play under rules of Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Baseball, with local league modifications.
- ◆ Open Team leagues will play under rules of USSSA
- ◆ **Bats**            **{6u & 8u}** 2 ¼" barrel OK, no MAX OZ drop. NO big barrel (2 ⅝" or 2 ¾") bats, no exceptions  
**{10u & 12u Rec}** 2 ¼ barrel OK, no MAX OZ drop. NO big barrel bats  
**{14u and older}** BBCOR, Drop -5, & Drop -8 allowed.
- ◆ The individual entry fee covers a uniform (cap and shirt) that the player keeps, team equipment, umpires, lights and field maintenance. There are no fundraisers, there are no concession stand duties.
- ◆ Every person signed up will be assigned to a team by the Parks Department. There will not be a tryout; however, some players may be rated for evaluation in order to balance the teams. Players who are required to attend a rating session will be notified.
- ◆ Divisions    **6u:** (at least 5 by 4/30/18) will play coach-pitch format, with t-ball option (no strikeouts or walks).  
                  **8u:** coach pitch, 60' bases.  
                  **10u Rec:** no lead off – no dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rule – 46' / 60'.  
                  **12u Rec:** runners lead off – pitchers hold runners - dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike rule - 50' / 70'  
                  **15u Rec:** 60'6" / 90' full size field.
- ◆ Legal playing age is determined by age on April 30 of the **following** year (for example, an 8 year-old this past spring season will play as a 9-year-old in the fall league).
- ◆ Players are not permitted to play in a lower league, and may only play in an upper league as borrowed players or if necessary for the formation of the league. A parent request to "play up" one division is considered on an individual basis only, and is only an option if player is within 1 year of the level (a 10 can play up, a 9 can not). In any case of "playing up", a special release form must be signed by a parent or guardian in advance.
- ◆ We often need volunteer coaches. Please complete a coaching application if you are interested.

## **Refund Policy**

Full refunds are only issued prior to program starting, defined as the initial rating session of players or player placement on a team, whichever occurs earlier.

Partial refunds may be issued after the full refund time until the start of season (defined below), but are also contingent upon return of uniform or equipment. Partial refunds are processed at a rate of 75% of fee paid (less late fees, which are not refundable).

No refunds (full or partial) issued once the season has started (defined as first game played) in that respective division.

Partial refunds are to serve as a deterrent to pulling players from the program. Once the system of placing players on teams has been initiated, the integrity of the system is damaged when a player is removed. Regardless of the rating or experience level of the player, the league and team balance is compromised when any player drops out.

In addition, expenses are also incurred as a result. The league orders many items in advance and expends more time as a result of players dropping from teams.

## **Waiting List**

If you have signed up after the registration deadline, you may be on a waiting list. You can be informed at the time of registration if there are openings in the division, or if you are on the waiting list.

Players on the waiting list will be placed as soon as openings occur in the league. Openings may occur with the formation of additional teams, or additional volunteers stepping up to serve as a head coach. Early on (with the first 1-2 weeks after the registration deadline) this is usually the case. You can help by applying to be a head coach, or urging more kids to sign up.

Openings also occur when players drop out. This can happen before the season, and even during the season.

You will be notified by a coach once your child is pulled from the waiting list and placed on a team. You won't receive any formal notification until that time.

Unfortunately, players on the waiting list are not guaranteed a spot on a team. However, historically we are able to place more than half of the players who register within the first couple of weeks after the registration deadline. Our goal is to place all the kids in the program when possible.

We will keep your child on the waiting list until you decide to pull them off. There is no obligation – your registration is not complete until your child is placed in the league. However, once we place the child in the system he is considered to have been placed on a team at that time. And any child placed after games have already started may also be prorated.