

Hendersonville Parks & Recreation Department
2017 Summer Recreational League - Parent Information Sheet

Registration Dates: April 3rd – April 21st

Registration Fees: \$90 / player (add \$5 for non-residents)

Location for Registration: Hendersonville City Hall / Mon-Fri / 8:00a – 5:00p

Online registration available at www.hendersonvilleparks.org

- This league is managed by the City of Hendersonville Parks Department. This is a recreational league, with rules designed to emphasize participation, instruction and fun. Leagues will play under rules of Cal Ripken Baseball, with local league modifications.
- Please include a copy of player birth certificate with registration, unless player has played in this league or the Fall Baseball league in years' past
- Participation in this league usually creates little or no game conflict with current Civitan regular season play.
- The entry fee covers a complete uniform that the player keeps, team equipment, umpires, awards or trophies, lights and field maintenance. There are no fundraisers, there are no concession stand duties.
- More than one child in the same household may take a \$10 discount (starting with the 2nd child).
- There is a \$5 per player non-resident fee for those out of Hendersonville city limits.
- Every person signed up will be assigned to a team by the Parks Department. Some players may be rated for evaluation in order to balance the teams. Usually all 7 year-old players, and 8-12 year old players who are new to the program will be rated. Players who are required to attend a rating session will be notified.
- **Bats** - maximum barrel diameter is 2 ¼" (all divisions and no minus drop restrictions). No "big barrel" bats.
- Divisions
 - 5u:** (at least 4 by 4/30 of the current year) t-ball.
 - 6u:** (at least 5 by 4/30 of the current year) intro coach-pitch format, with t-ball option (no strikeouts or walks).
 - 8u:** coach pitch, 60' bases.
 - 10u:** no lead off – no dropped 3rd strike rule – 46' / 60'.
 - 12u:** runners lead off – pitchers hold runners - dropped 3rd strike rule - 50' / 70'
- A 5 year-old player must choose either the t-ball league or the coach-pitch league at registration. These leagues may be combined without notice if registration numbers are low.
- Playing age is determined by April 30 of the current year. If a child is 3 or younger, or 13 or older, on April 30 of this year, he/she is not eligible to play in the summer league.
- Players will not be 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. In any case of "playing up", a special release form must be signed by a parent or guardian in advance.
- For further details: 822-3898 / rnicholson@hvilletn.org / www.hendersonvilleparks.org

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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, carries an insurance policy for the league, 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 (within 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.