

Baseball, Softball, and T-Ball Return to Play Structure

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Spotsylvania Parks and Recreation is pleased to offer youth sports again. With that said, the leagues may be different due to COVID-19. Our goal is to create an environment that is both safe and fun during these times. The focus is returning to play and being active.

VERY IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ BELOW ABOUT THE LEAGUE STRUCTURE THIS SEASON!

League Structure Due to COVID-19 and following the Governor of Virginia's latest Executive Order:

1. Masks are mandatory for everyone while around the field. Excluding: participants in the game or while practicing. Participants may wear a mask while playing, if they choose. Players and coaches will be required to wear a mask while in the dugout and when not actively involved in the competition.
2. In accordance with Executive Order 72: For sports played outdoors, spectators are limited to two guests per player at games and practices. This may change with additional guidance from the Governor's office.
3. For parents/guardians of participants attending games and practices, masks and social distancing is required at all times. A staff member will remind parents/guardians in attendance if social distancing is not being achieved.
4. Schedules may be changed, games may be suspended, or league canceled with new information released by the Governor of Virginia, local Health Department, or due to facilities being closed.
5. All who attend practices/games should take their temperature at home prior to leaving for practices and games.
6. Coaches are responsible for asking players or their parents if they have a higher than normal temperature before each practice/game.
7. Anyone who is not feeling well should not attend games or practices and should stay home.
8. Umpires will follow the direction of their association when it concerns masks.
9. Batting helmets will be provided but it is highly recommended that you provide your own helmet if possible. Batting helmets must have a mask. If your child is a catcher it is highly recommended you provide your own equipment if possible.

Thank you for your support of the Baseball, Softball, and T-ball Programs and all the individuals working together to make the program successful.

Sincerely,

Spotsylvania Parks and Recreation Staff

-HEAD COACHES NEEDED FOR THE 2021 SPRING SEASON-

Call 540-507-7534 or 7535 if you are interested.

Spotsylvania Parks and Recreation Department, P. O. Box 28, Spotsylvania, VA 22553, (540) 507-PLAY (7529)

2021 BASEBALL / SOFTBALL / T-BALL PROGRAMS

www.spotsylvania.va.us/parksandrec (Online Registration Available)



The Spotsylvania Parks and Recreation Dept. will offer leagues for Spotsylvania County residents.

Registration for all leagues begins on January 25, 2021. **The age determination date for all leagues is July 31, 2021.** Please note: Children participating in Minor, Major, Prep Baseball and Rookie Softball may **not** participate in 2021 Baseball/Softball and 2021 Spring Soccer at the same time due to overlap in seasons. Participants may not play in more than one league/team per season.

PLEASE NOTICE THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT DEADLINE DATES

**Deadline:
March 3
4:30 pm**

Minor Baseball (ages 9-10) 440201-05

Major Baseball (ages 11-12) 440202-05

Prep Baseball (ages 13-14) 440203-05

Rookie Softball (girls ages 9-10) 440204-05

Players in these leagues will be notified by their coach by Monday, April 5, 2021 as to which team they are on. For these leagues, the season will begin the first of May and last until the end of June. Game sites vary. Participants may not play in more than one league per season.

The last day for late registrations is April 30, 2021. ***Draft Leagues***

**Deadline:
March 24
4:30 pm**

Developmental T-Ball (age 4-5) 440205-05

Mustang T-Ball (age 5-6) 440206-05

Bronco T-Ball (age 6-7) 440207-05

Bantam Baseball (age 7-8) 440208-05

15-17 Baseball (ages 15-17) 440209-05

Pioneer Softball (girls age 7-8) 440211-05

Junior Softball (girls ages 11-13) 440212-05

Intermediate Softball (girls ages 14-17) 440213-05

*****Draft Leagues*****

All non-draft players will be placed on teams according to the school attendance zone in which they live if space is available. If attending private school or being home schooled, players will be placed on teams according to the County school they would be attending. A team representative will notify Developmental players by Friday, May 28, 2021. The Developmental Program is an instructional league and will be held beginning in June and continue for four to six weeks. Teams will have six meetings. Meeting sites vary. All other players will be notified by their coach by Friday, May 7, 2021 as to which team they are on. These leagues will begin beginning of June and last until the end of July. Game sites vary.

The last day for late registrations is May 28, 2021.

The registration fee is \$45. Make your check payable to "Treasurer, Spotsylvania County". There will be a \$50 service charge on all returned checks. To register, complete the registration form and return it by mail or in person with the fee and a copy of the child's birth certificate (if one is not already on file with us) to the Parks and Recreation Department. A drop box is located at Loriella Park at the office and is open 7 days a week from 8:00 a.m. - dusk. **DO NOT** return forms to the schools. **WE CANNOT REGISTER YOUR CHILD UNTIL A BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS SUBMITTED.** **All participants that register after 4:30 p.m. on the appropriate deadline day or any day after the deadline must pay \$55.** Postmarks will not be considered. Late registrations will be accepted until the dates listed above. If teams are balanced prior to team placements, late registrants will be placed on a late registration list and placed on a team if there is space. **Online registration is available at www.spotsylvania.va.us/parksandrec.** **(***A 2.75% Non-Refundable Convenience Fee will be charged on all credit/debit card transactions.)**

Those who participated in the 2019 season and do not move to a new age group, will automatically return to their former team. New players and those moving to a new age group will be placed on teams by draft. **All ages of T-Ball, Bantam Baseball, and Pioneer and Rookie Softball players will be placed on teams according to the school they are attending. If attending private school or being home schooled, players will be placed on teams according to the County school they would be attending.** All children who live in the same household and are in the same age group will automatically be placed on the same team. Please make note on the registration form. Playoffs (for those leagues that have them) will start within one week after the regular season is concluded. A Sports Age Waiver Form for children to participate one age higher than their actual age may be submitted. A child must be four years of age by July 31, 2021, to be eligible for a waiver. **An age waiver, if needed, must be submitted for each sport, each season.** For more information concerning this, please contact our office.

All participants will be given a t-shirt. **Baseball and Softball participants are responsible for providing a pair of their own baseball/softball pants.** You may keep the shirt at the end of the season.

Spotsylvania Parks and Recreation Dept. does not provide individual medical insurance for participants in the youth sports programs. Parents are responsible for providing this insurance protection. Information on individual medical insurance provided by Scholastic Insurors can be obtained through the County's public school system.

Individuals requesting refunds must submit their cancellation in writing to Spotsylvania Parks and Recreation Dept. prior to team placements. A 20% administrative fee will be charged on all refunds. **There will not be a refund available after teams have been formed. (If payment is made by credit/debit card, the 2.75% Convenience Fee will not be refunded.)**

Spotsylvania Parks and Recreation Dept. is a chapter of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA). We provide training for coaches which includes \$500,000.00 worth of liability insurance protection. For information, please call our office at the above number.

HEAD COACHES AND ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED. If you wish to coach or assist, please complete the coaching application located on the back of child's registration form.

2021 BASEBALL / SOFTBALL / T-BALL REGISTRATION FORM
www.spotsylvania.va.us/parksandrec (Online Registration Available)

Please Print: First MI Last Boy Girl

Complete Address City Zip

Primary Phone# Secondary Phone# Alternate Phone#

Is this a new address or phone number?

Email Address:



How old will your child be on 7-31-21? Birthdate

Birth certificate is (circle one): on file enclosed (A birth certificate must accompany this form if not already on file)

County School Child Attends Area/Subdivision

(If your child attends Private School or is being Home Schooled, list the County school your child would attend.)

Shirt Size (circle): Youth Small (6-8) Youth Medium (10-12) Youth Large (14-16)

Adult Small (34-36) Adult Medium (38-40) Adult Large (42-44) Adult Xlarge (46-48)

Medical problems, injuries, or allergies

Optional: Please try to place my child with: Player Coach

REQUESTS ARE NOT GUARANTEED

Please register my child for: Ages are as of July 31, 2021.

- Developmental T-Ball (co-ed age 4-5) 440205-05
Mustang T-Ball (co-ed age 5-6) 440206-05
Bronco T-Ball (co-ed age 6-7) 440207-05
Bantam Baseball (age 7-8) 440208-05
Minor Baseball (ages 9-10) 440201-05
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Junior Softball (girls ages 11-13) 440212-05
Intermediate Softball (girls ages 14-17) 440213-05

DRAFT LEAGUES

Please check here if you have a waiver form and are requesting for your child to play one age older

Did child participate in 2019 Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Program w/Spotsylvania Parks and Recreation? Yes No

If yes, League Name: Team Name:

Does child have a brother or sister playing in the same age group? Yes No

If yes, name of child age

Organized baseball/softball/t-ball playing experience: years

Parental Consent: (Parent or legal guardian must sign below)

I hereby give my consent and approval for my child named above to participate in the Spotsylvania Parks and Recreation Department's 2021 Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Program. I, the undersigned, do agree to indemnify and hold harmless Spotsylvania County and the officers, employees, volunteer coaches and agents, thereof, and the Spotsylvania County school authorities from any and all claims or liability, including attorney's fees and costs for any injury or other damage suffered as a result of his/her participation. I understand that if my child wishes to withdraw from the program before being placed on a team, I must put my refund request in writing, and I also understand that there will be a 20% administrative fee charged on all refunds. I understand that if my child withdraws from the program after the teams are formed, my registration fee will not be refunded. I understand that this program is open only to Spotsylvania County residents and hereby certify that my child meets this requirement. I understand that the Spotsylvania Parks and Recreation Department does not provide individual medical insurance for participants in the Youth Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Program and that I am responsible for providing such insurance protection. Information on individual medical insurance provided by Scholastic Insurers can be obtained through the County's public school system. Children participating in Minor, Major, Prep Baseball and Rookie Softball may not participate in 2021 Baseball/Softball and 2021 Spring Soccer at the same time due to overlap in seasons. It shall be the policy of the Department to encourage all children within Spotsylvania County to participate in the programs sponsored by the Department. While the Department shall not assume the position of insurer of health and safety of the participants in the program, the Department does feel it necessary to undertake all reasonable steps to insure that a child is not exposed to unnecessary dangers to said child's life or health.

No child will be allowed to participate if he/she has failed to turn in equipment or a uniform belonging to the Parks and Recreation Department.

COVID-19 AGREEMENT (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND INITIAL): Activities will resume under guidance from the Commonwealth of Virginia and Spotsylvania County officials. Please note that classes, programs, facility rentals, special events and sports may be delayed, postponed, or cancelled if at any time new guidance is issued at the state or local level regarding the COVID-19 virus.

(primary guardian initials)

I understand that the above listed participant will not be able to participate if they are experiencing any of the following: cough, shortness of breath, fever or chills, sore throat, muscle aches, headache, or new loss of smell or taste.

(primary guardian initials)

I have read the 2021 Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Return to Play Structure. I understand these guidelines are to be followed in order to participate. (primary guardian initials)

Signature Date

Print Parent or Legal Guardian Name:

Please make your check payable to "Treasurer, Spotsylvania County".

Head Coaches and assistants are needed. If you wish to coach or assist, please complete the coaching application located on the back of this form.

COACHING APPLICATION FOR 2021 BASEBALL / SOFTBALL / T-BALL

*****BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE PROCESSED ON ALL APPLICANTS*****

Please fully complete this application, even if you have coached in the past. **Please Print Legible.**

Name _____ Age _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Date Of Birth _____

Primary Phone# _____ Secondary Phone# _____ Alternate Phone# _____

Email Address _____

Do you object to other coaches in your league having your phone number? Yes _____ No _____

School Your Child Attends _____

Personal References: (Please list two local references. Do not list anyone who works for Spotsylvania Parks and Recreation Department.)

1. Name _____ Home Phone _____
Address _____ Work Phone _____

2. Name _____ Home Phone _____
Address _____ Work Phone _____

Experience: (Summarize coaching experience and involvement in children's activities. If you need more space, please use another sheet of paper.)

I would like to be a team representative for Developmental T-Ball (age 4-5) _____

I want to coach (circle one): Mustang T-Ball (5-6) Bronco T-Ball (6-7) Bantam Baseball (7-8)

Minor Baseball (9-10) Major Baseball (11-12) Prep Baseball (13-14) 15-17 Baseball (15-17)

Pioneer Softball (7-8) Rookie Softball (9-10) Junior Softball (11-13) Intermediate Softball (14-17)

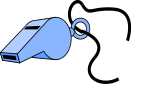
I would prefer to be (circle one): Head Coach Assistant Coach

Team Name (if known): _____

Do you have a son or daughter playing? _____

His or Her name _____ Age _____ Team Name _____
(As of July 31, 2021)

The Spotsylvania Parks and Recreation Department strives to put the best available adults in our youth coaching program. Some of the criteria we look at when making our selections are the following: each coach submits a written application; those who attend training sessions and scheduled meetings; previous evaluations; background information; conduct and attitude in working with staff, parents and other coaches; interest in young people; ability to teach and develop young players; coaches who serve as an example; general knowledge of the rules; and promotes good sportsmanship.



I, the undersigned, authorize and give my consent for the above named organization to obtain information regarding myself . This includes the following: Criminal Background Check, Training/Experience, Personal References. I, the undersigned, authorize this information to be obtained either in writing or via telephone in connection with my volunteer application. Any person, firm or organization providing information or records in accordance with this authorization is released from any and all claims of liability for compliance. Such information will be held in confidence in accordance with the organization's guidelines.

All individuals interested in being a Head Coach will be contacted by a Parks and Recreation staff member. All applications are subject to screening and approval by the Spotsylvania Parks and Recreation Commission.

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I understand that myself and participants will not be able to participate if any one of us are experiencing any of the following: cough, shortness of breath, fever or chills, sore throat, muscle aches, headache, or new loss of smell or taste. _____ (initials)

I have read the 2021 Baseball/Softball/T-Ball Return to Play Structure. I understand these guidelines are to be followed in order to participate. _____ (initials)

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____