

Parent and Coach Information

(Baseball / Softball)

Parents and Coaches,

Please read through this information carefully as it may answer most of your questions and/or concerns. If you still have questions, please contact the Parks & Recreation Director Bryan Fife, at 801-782-6227 or bfife@cityofharrisville.com (Email preferred)

Registration: Registration begins March 1st, and ends March 31st. Players can register on-line at www.cityofharrisville.com or by paper at the city offices although website registration is preferred. Registration is \$40.00 for residents/non-residents, and includes a team jersey/hat. Harrisville Youth Sports will accept players from any city.

Leagues and Divisions. Players should register for their current school year. Child must be 5 years old as of September 1, 2016.

T-Ball -	Most T-Ball players are currently in Kindergarten or will be starting in August. T-Ball is co-ed. Soft baseballs are used and score is not kept.
Coach Pitch -	1 st and 2 nd grade girls, and 1 st and 2 nd grade boys. This division is not co-ed. Soft baseballs are used and score is not kept.
Machine Pitch -	3 rd grade girls and 3 rd grade boys. Regular balls are used and score is not kept.
Girls Softball -	Grades 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th , 8 th and 9 th 12 inch balls are used and score is kept. 7 th , 8 th and 9 th grades are combined.
Boys Baseball -	Grades 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th , 8 th and 9 th . Hard balls are used and score is kept. 8 th and 9 th grades are combined.

THE GAME DAYS AND TIMES LISTED BELOW ARE TYPICAL BUT ARE NOT GUARENTEED!

T-Ball

Co-ed League is for Kindergarten Only. Child must be 5 years old as of September 1, 2016.

Location: All T-Ball games will be played at Harrisville Park Fields #2 and #3

Game Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Game Times: 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30p

Coach Pitch

1st Boys Game Days: Monday and Wednesday
Game Times: 5:30pm, 6:30pm or 7:30pm

1st Girls Game Days: Tuesday and Thursday
Game Times: 5:30pm, 6:30pm or 7:30pm

2nd Boys Game Days: Monday and Wednesday
Game Times: 5:30pm, 6:30pm or 7:30pm

2nd Girls Game Days: Tuesday and Thursday
Game Times: 5:30pm, 6:30pm or 7:30pm

Travel to surrounding cities will be required: North Ogden, Pleasant View, Farr West, Plain City

Home games will be played on Fields #2 and #3.

Machine Pitch

3rd Boys Game Days: Tuesday and Thursday
Game Times: 5:30pm, 6:30pm or 7:30pm

3rd Girls Game Days: Tuesday and Thursday
Game Times: 5:30pm, 6:30pm or 7:30pm

Travel to surrounding cities will be required: North Ogden, Pleasant View, Farr West, Plain City

Home games will be played on field #5.

Player Pitch

4th Boys Game Days: Monday and Wednesday
Game Times: 5:30pm or 7:00pm

4th Girls Game Days: Monday and Wednesday
Game Times: 5:30pm or 7:00pm

5th Boys Games Days: Monday and Wednesday
Game Times: 5:30pm or 7:00pm

5th Girls Game Days: Monday and Wednesday
Game Times: 5:30pm or 7:00pm

6th Boys Game Days: Tuesday and Thursday
Game Times: 5:30pm or 7:00pm

6th Girls Game Days: Tuesday and Thursday
Game Times: 5:30pm or 7:00pm

7th Boys Game Days: Tuesday and Thursday
Game Times: 5:30pm or 7:00pm

7th, 8th, 9th
Girls Game Days: Tuesday and Thursday
Game Times: 5:30pm or 7:00pm

8th & 9th
Boys Game Days: Tuesday and Thursday
Game Times: 5:30pm or 7:00pm

Please Note:

*Game days could change due to field available.

*The 1st and 2nd games that are canceled due to inclement weather will not be rescheduled.

Missed Open Registration? Contact the Youth Sports Director and provide your name, the player's name and the player's current school grade. Email communication is preferred as the date and time of correspondence are recorded and is valuable information when adding late registration players to a team. Teams will be created and the need for more player participation will be determined. If more players are needed, you will be contacted by the Sports Director. You will be asked to go the city office and fill out the paper registration. A parent **MUST** have the approval of the Sports Director before attempting to submit a late registration to the office. If office staff does not have proper approval, you will be turned away and not allowed to register. Late registrations will be added only if the need for more players exist, and will be added on a first come first serve basis. There is no late fee for late registrations. If Harrisville teams are full, and if you choose, you may be assisted in getting your child registered in a neighboring city.

Preferred Coach/Buddy: On the registration form, both internet and paper, parents have the option of requesting a coach and/or one player for your child to play with. Only ONE buddy name may be listed and must be a mutual request between both players. (Jon requests Brad and Brad requests Jon) If you list more than one buddy name, the computer program will automatically void ALL requests. Coach/Buddy requests are the first thing taken into consideration when teams are created, however, parents and players need to remember that the person you requested may not be participating this year, and the request cannot be fulfilled. Although coach and buddy requests are important, they do not guarantee your position on a certain team; however, every avenue is exhausted before determining that a request cannot be fulfilled.

Schedules:

Games: Game schedules will be available one week prior to the season beginning. Typically around May 1st. When the game schedules are complete, they will be posted on the City's recreation webpage and coaches/parents will be notified. Please pay close attention to the schedule. There may be an A schedule and a B schedule. Please make sure you look at the correct one.

Practices: Practice days and times will be determined by the coach. Coaches are encouraged to reserve field time although it is not required. If a reservation has not been made with the recreation department, fields will be used on a first come first serve basis. Harrisville City sponsored teams will have the first right to practice on any sports field. Parents should be contacted by a coach no later than April 20th. If parents have not been contacted by April 20th, contact the Recreation Director.

Game Time: Games begin the 2nd week in May and run through the 4th week in June. The last week of June is reserved for any games that had to be re-scheduled during the season. There will be no county play-offs at the end of the season, however, there may be a championship game for divisions 4-9 at Heritage days, the 1st Saturday in August. All leagues play two games per week. League games are played on Mondays / Wednesday and Tuesdays / Thursdays. T-Ball will be played at Harrisville City and will not travel to surrounding cities. 3rd – 9th grade will be required to travel to surrounding cities.

Practice: Practice on Harrisville fields will begin the 4th week in April. (*Weather Permitting*) It is the coaches' responsibility to schedule practice days and times by contacting the Parks and Recreation Director at bfife@cityofharrisville.com. During the season, our fields are only available for practice during certain days and times. Most coaches will practice once or twice a week prior to games beginning and do not hold practices during the playing season as most teams will have two games per week. This is especially true with younger players. Players are encouraged to bring personal equipment to practice.

Field Maintenance: Coaches and players are encouraged to bring a rake with them to practice. Please rake and fill in any low spots at; home plate, pitcher's mound and around all bases after your practice is concluded. These are YOUR fields, team participation in field maintenance is encouraged and extremely helpful to our staff in order to provide and maintain a high level of standard for field conditions.

Raking a pitcher's mound - **Always** pull dirt on a pitcher's mound from the outside in, **Never** pull dirt from the inside or top of mound out.

Rocks and debris on field – If you find rocks on the field that need to be removed, please do not throw the rocks on the grass. This practice damages mowing equipment. Please place the rock in a garbage can located near your field or leave the pile of rocks on the infield so staff can collect them the next day.

Batting practice – **NEVER** use a chain link fence as a ball stop for batting practice or soft toss. This practice causes damage to the fence by stretching the chain link. The first violation will be a warning and subsequent violations will be reported to the police as Criminal Mischief which may result in criminal charges.

Coaches Training: There will be a mandatory coaches training.

When: 4th Saturday in April

Where: City Hall building (363 W Independence Blvd)

Time: 2:00pm

What: Division rules, rosters, practice field reservations, Q & A and equipment handout.

Team Pictures: Harrisville City is not contracted with any one photo vendor, however, "Tot Shots" typically takes care of scheduling team pictures. Pictures are usually scheduled just before or just after a game. The photography studio will get picture packets out to the coaches who will then give them out to players at practice. Parents may also order individual trophies, medals and awards through the photography studio or any place of your choice. Please remember, team pictures, trophies etc. are not part of the registration cost and will need to be paid for by the parents and or coaches, not Harrisville City. If you do not receive the pictures/items you ordered, you will need to contact the vendor that the purchase was made through, not Harrisville City.

Coaches Incentive: *If you volunteer to be a head coach for a youth sports team, you will be refunded your child's registration fee at the end of the season. Please DO NOT volunteer someone else to be a coach. (ie. wives volunteering husbands and husbands volunteering wives, without their knowledge.)*

Head Coach V's Assistant Coach: In the event that more than one person requests or volunteer to be a coach, the head coach is determined by who submitted their child's registration first. Assistant coaches will follow in the same manner according to the date and time they submitted their child's registration. Head coaches and assistant coaches are encouraged to contact each other to determine who will take care of what needs that the team may have. For purposes of the "Coaches Refund," only the Head coach is eligible for the refund at the conclusion of the season.

Background Checks: All coaches, head and assistants, are required to have a criminal background check completed at the Harrisville City Police Department during regular business hours. Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 5:00pm and Fridays 8:00am – Noon. Background checks expire 365 days after issue date and must be valid for the entire season you are coaching. (Must bring Driver license with you for background check)

A coaches background check **MUST** be completed and submitted prior to the first practice and no later than April 15th.

Adding Players: If you want to add a player to your roster, the parent must contact the Sports Director at bfife@cityofharrisville.com to register the player. All players must be officially registered before they can play in a game. No new player will be added to a roster after the first game has been played.

Recreation Supervisors: During the season, there will be a Harrisville City representative at the park as the Recreation Supervisor. This person should be moving from field to field during the evenings to make sure the game is running smoothly. If there is a problem, please bring it to the attention of the score keepers who will be in contact with the supervisor. The supervisor will respond to the field and address the issue. Harrisville City tries to provide employment opportunities for our youth. Occasionally, a point may be given to the wrong team, or an out may not be posted on the score board. Please don't yell at the score keepers. Bring the issue up to the score keeper and it will be resolved.

Rain Outs: Some of our fields are located in the bottom of a retention basin. Even if North Ogden gets rain and Harrisville doesn't, there is a chance that fields 4, 5 and 6 may be completely under water on a game day. In case of inclement weather, all coaches, players and family members should call the rain out hot line **801-782-6227** on a daily basis. The recording on this hot line will be updated daily as to which fields are playable. Occasionally, games on a rained out field will be relocated to a playable field. That information will be on the rain out hot line message, a sign will be placed in the parking lot re-directing parents to the new field location, and the Youth Sports Director will email that division of the changes that are made that day. Having said that, the best way to learn of field changes and/or canceled games is to call the hot line.

Not enough players to create full teams: In the event that there are not enough participants to create full teams, your child may be asked to participate in a neighboring city that may need more players, or Harrisville may accept players from a neighboring city to complete our own teams. If you choose not to participate with another City, a full refund of your registration fee will be issued.

Uniforms: A hat and shirt with a number will be provided by Harrisville City Recreation as part of the \$40.00 registration fee. Long pants and shoes are required. **NO** sandals or shorts. *Exception* – 3rd – 9th grade softball leagues may wear shorts with sliders. Baseball pants are optional for all leagues. Uniforms will be given to the coaches prior to the first practice.

Rules: Rules of play will be posted on the city's recreation page prior to practices beginning. Rules may vary from year to year due to issues that arose during the previous season, however, all "North League" use the same rules.

“Code of Conduct and Ethics”

When registering youth for recreation programs in Harrisville City, parents/guardians will be required to “sign” (on the paper registration form) or “accept” (on the internet registration form) the following *Code of Conduct and Ethics*, and *Parental Statement of Agreement and Acknowledgment* which has been adopted and implemented in Harrisville City youth Sports programs. Here is a copy for you to have.

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game and practice. I will place the interests of my child before my own and I will disregard my own personal desire to win. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment. I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all. I will refrain from the use of foul language and/or negative comments towards any coach, player, referee, league officials or spectators.

I will demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all Northern Recreation events. I will remember that the game is for children and not for adults, and I will do my very best to make youth recreation sports fun for my child by assisting with coaching, being a respectful fan, providing transportation or whatever I am capable of doing. I will abide by all rules, regulations, policies, and procedures set forth by the North League.

I understand that this is a recreation program, not a competition league. All participants will be given an opportunity to play and specific conduct for parents, coaches, spectators and participants will be required. These include but are not limited to the following; Good sportsmanship, no profanity, no abusive language, no threatening or badgering of officials, coaches, players or program representatives. There will be no questioning the officials calls, but concentrating on helping the players to improve their playing abilities.

Anyone not adhering to these park and recreation rules will be asked to leave the playing area. Failure to obey will result in that person’s abolishment of privilege to attend future games and/or being released of coaching duties. In addition, the son or daughter of the person or persons involved may be removed from the game. If circumstances are of serious nature, a forfeit may be called on the violator’s team and authorities may be involved.

According to a recent study conducted by KSL, 74% of kids quit playing sports by the time they are in 7th grade because of their parents. A parent overreacting will not change the outcome of a game or a call, it’s embarrassing for your child, and you may be asked not to attend another game. PLEASE DO NOT PENALIZE THE KIDS.

“Parental Statement of Agreement and Acknowledgement”

I hereby recognize and acknowledge that my child’s participation in the Harrisville City Recreation Program may involve bodily and/or emotional injury to myself and/or my child. In consideration of my child being permitted to participate in such events, I hereby voluntarily and knowingly release, waive, and discharge Harrisville City Corp., its officers, employees, associations and all others affiliated with Harrisville Corp. from any and all liability that may result from my child’s participation in Harrisville City Recreation activities. I hereby authorize the Harrisville City Recreation program staff to act on my behalf in accordance with their best judgment in case of an emergency, and agree to assume full responsibility for all medical expenses that may arise thereof.