

2025
15U FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

<u>Early Registration:</u>	February 10 - February 21	\$50
<u>Regular Registration:</u>	February 22 - March 19	\$60
<u>Late Registration:</u>	March 20 - March 23	\$70

York Parks and Recreation reserves the right to make any necessary changes or cancellations to these programs in the interest of the safety and well-being of all players, parents, officials, coaches and staff.

The York Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to have your child as a participant in our Girls Fast Pitch Softball program. This information is provided to acquaint our parents with the way in which this year's program will be structured. Some of the guidelines we follow are set by the NFHS softball rules. Other rules were developed with input from our coaches and staff

When you register your child, there are a number of forms in which you will be required to complete. These include:

1. Registration Form/Insurance Release Form
2. Waiver of Liability Form
3. Parent's Code of Ethics

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Effective February 1, 2010, a copy of each participant's birth certificate must be on file with York Parks and Recreation Department no later than Monday March 24, 2025, at 4:00 pm or your child will not be placed on a team. This includes participants that have played in previous seasons and other programs sponsored by York Parks and Recreation Department.

FEES/REFUNDS

Registration fees will be collected by York Parks and Recreation Department at the time of registration. Methods of payment accepted are cash, check (payable to York Parks and Recreation Department), Visa, MasterCard, and Discover. **Please note that a fee of \$2.00 will be charged to all credit card payments.** Financial assistance is available. See staff for details. Fees may be refunded less 25% administrative costs until the late registration deadline. **There will be no refunds after Sunday, March 23, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**

Once the registration deadline has been reached, a waiting list will be formed. Anyone on the waiting list will not be eligible for a team unless it has been deemed necessary by York Parks and Recreation Department. The waiting list will be referred to in the order that the names are received and no preference will be given to any names on the list.

AGE GROUPS

A participant's age as of December 31, 2024 determines the age division that the individual is allowed to play.

League age 12 year olds have the option to play 12U or 15U. This must be determined at registration. No other exceptions will be made. Once a player has been placed on a team, no changes will be made. A player may only play in one league and will not be allowed to play in another age group at any time during the regular season or post season.

SKILLS REVIEW

All players must attend a Skills Review. Skills reviews will be held the week of March 24th. Parents will be notified of the location, date and time of their child's skills review as soon as it is set. Players should bring a glove and dress for participation. Coaches will meet immediately after the skills review to conduct the draft. Participants that do not attend the Skills Review will be drafted by a team by placing their names in a "hat" and coaches may only select those players not in attendance by drawing them randomly out of the hat at any time during the draft process. Coaches will contact players concerning their team assignment and practice.

SCHEDULES

While schedules will not be available until registration is complete, we do have preliminary information available. Practices may begin the first week of April. Games will begin tentatively April 28th and continue through the end of June. There will be 1-2 games per week. These games will be played at the York Recreation Complex, Clover Community Park and Fort Mill Fields. Practice sessions will be set up at the discretion of the coaches

Game times will occur as follows: Weekday game times will be played at 6:00pm & 7:30pm. Saturday game times will be 9:00 am, 10:30am, & 12:00pm. This is only a tentative schedule of game times. York Recreation Department reserves the right to change dates and times of schedules. Please note that all 7:30pm games may or may not start promptly; please take this into consideration when signing your child up.

****SCHOOL CONFLICTS****

Parents are asked to find out any school events such as concerts, field trips, etc. that will conflict with game schedule and let your coach know no later than **Tuesday, April 1st, 2025**. Every effort will be made to schedule games around conflicting dates provided that staff is notified prior to scheduling preparations. **Once the schedule is made, no changes will be allowed, regardless of the conflict.**

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of a cancellation coaches will be notified as soon as a decision is reached, coaches will then contact their players. A decision to cancel games will not be made until as late in the day as possible. Rain out information will also be posted on our Facebook page.

MINIMUM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT

To ensure that every child gets a fair amount of playing time, each child is required to play at least three (3) consecutive outs on defense and complete one (1) time at bat. However, this rule does not apply to shortened games due to the time limit, run rule, inclement weather, etc.

Coaches are encouraged to play each child as much as possible. However, there may be situations when a child does not play in a game due to the time limit, run rule, inclement weather, etc. Also a coach has the right not to play a participant due to lack of practice attendance and disciplinary actions. If a parent is not satisfied with their child's playing time or other decisions made by the coach, parents are encouraged to first discuss these issues with the coach after the game or practice and not during the game or practice. York Parks and Recreation Department staff is also available to assist parents if there is a concern after talking to the coach.

PARK RULES

1. **Warning!** Approach ball fields with caution and at your own risk.
2. No warm ups allowed between field #1 and #2
3. No Pets are allowed in the York Recreation Complex ball field area, except for service animals, emotional support animals are not allowed.
4. Tobacco products including E-Cigarettes are prohibited on or near the playing field, including dugouts. This applies at all fields including county fields. Please use the smoking depots located throughout the park.
5. Children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. No running, jumping, or throwing objects around the Complex tower. Climbing in bushes and breaking limbs are prohibited.
6. Only players, coaches, and managers are allowed inside the dugouts at any field, including county fields.

The York Parks and Recreation Department has adopted a "Zero Tolerance Policy". Profanity, fighting, heckling, disrespect, abusive language, threats, or alcoholic beverages will not be tolerated. Violators will be subject to suspension from all York Parks and Recreation Department sponsored programs and facilities.

York Parks and Recreation Department programs and facilities are designed to offer leisure activities for families, groups, and individuals of all ages with diversified interests. Sporting events are provided by the department as opportunities of friendly competition while promoting a spirit of good sportsmanship among participants and a pleasant environment for spectators.

Participants, coaches, team representatives, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner before, during, and after an event, or within 500 feet of City of York property and playing areas.

STAFF

Staffs at the York Parks and Recreation Department are always accessible and available to assist parents and coaches in anyway possible. If you experience a problem or a concern that needs attention please let staff know immediately. Or, please contact Chris White, Recreation Director, at 803-684-3742.

SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS

York Parks and Recreation Department welcomes input from parents, coaches, and others so that we may provide a positive learning experience for everyone associated with the Softball program. Please share your comments and suggestions by contacting any staff member or Chris White, Recreation Director, at 803-684-3742, or by mail to York Parks and Recreation Department, P.O. Box 500, York, SC 29745. yorkrecreation@yorksc.gov