

2026
T-BALL (AGES 3-4)
COACH PITCH (AGES 5-6)

<u>REGULAR REGISTRATION:</u>	FEBRUARY 23 – MARCH 25	\$75
<u>LATE REGISTRATION:</u>	MARCH 26 – MARCH 29	\$85

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.

York Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to have your child as a participant in our program. We have compiled this information to acquaint our parents with the way in which this year's programs will be structured. Rules have been developed to promote a positive learning experience for our youth.

When you register your child, there are a number of forms that you will be required to complete at the time of registration. The forms are as follows:

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

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Effective February 1, 2010, a copy of each child's birth certificate must be on file with York Parks and Recreation Department before Monday, March 30, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. 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 29, 2026, 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.

PACKET PICKUP FOR T-BALL & COACH PITCH TUESDAY, APRIL 7 BETWEEN 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. YORK RECREATION CENTER

Parents may pick up team assignments, schedules, and rules on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the York Recreation Center. Shirts and caps will be given out as soon as they are available.

PICTURE DAY -MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026, @ YORK RECREATION CENTER ON WHITE ROSE LANE

All teams will have their pictures taken Monday, April 27, 2026, at the York Recreation Center, 21 White Rose Lane. An exact schedule of times will be given out at a later date. Pictures will be taken outside at the York Recreation Center. In the event of inclement weather, pictures will be taken inside at the recreation center. All players and coaches must attend for the team picture regardless if you purchase any pictures. Pictures will be taken by Sport Pix. Make check payable to Sport Pix. Please check with your coach to make sure that your team will be participating in picture day on Monday, April 27, 2026, and has not arranged for another photographer to take pictures.

OVERVIEW

T-Ball is for players that are league age 3-4. Participants must be three (3) years old prior to May 1 of the current year and cannot be five (5) years old before May 1 of the current year. T-Ball is designed as a first introduction into baseball and softball. It is a non-competitive program designed to help children have fun, learn the very basic fundamentals of baseball and softball, develop coordination, and to practice good sportsmanship. **Parent participation is required in this age group to serve as coaches and to assist with skill development.**

Coach Pitch is for players that are league age 5 – 6. Participants must be five (5) years old prior to May 1 of the current year and cannot be seven (7) years old before May 1 of the current year. The May 1 cutoff date coincides with our Diamond Youth Baseball Program (ages 6-12), which the cut-off date is determined by Diamond Youth Baseball Board of Directors. Coach Pitch is designed as an introduction to baseball. It is a non-competitive program designed to learn the fundamentals of baseball and develop the skills necessary for progression into DYB Coach Pitch AA. The program helps children have fun and practice good sportsmanship. Parents are needed to serve as coaches for this program and to assist with skill development. Please let staff know if you are interested in serving as a coach. Coaches will pitch to the batter and will only use a batting T after the batter is unsuccessful at hitting from the coach.

Requests for a specific team and requests for players placed on the same team will not be accepted. The only guarantee of placement on the same team is brothers/sisters provided that you make staff aware of this at registration.

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 the concerns with the coach before or 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 problem after talking to the coach.

LEAGUE BOUNDARIES

York Parks and Recreation Department has established boundaries that have been approved by Diamond Youth Baseball. Each community/area has defined boundaries in which the player must reside in order to participate with that area. The defined areas are York, Newport, and Hickory/Sharon/Smyrna are combined as one area. A York player is not allowed to participate on a team from Newport or the Hickory Grove/Sharon/Smyrna area. A Newport or Hickory Grove/Sharon/Smyrna player can participate on a York team due to the availability of teams (at the request of the parent). If an area does not have enough players to form a team, they will enter the York draft.

UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT

York Parks and Recreation Department will provide each child with a t-shirt and cap, which they may keep at the end of the season. Each participant must furnish his or her own ball glove. Plastic or rubber cleats are encouraged but are not required. Shirts and caps will be given out as soon as they are available. The department will provide all other necessary equipment.

SCHEDULES

While schedules will not be available until registration is complete, we do have preliminary information. Practices will begin tentatively April 13th and ending in June. Practices and games will be played on various days, and will include Saturdays. Make up games will be rescheduled for the next available date or at the end of the season if necessary. Weekday games for T-Ball will be scheduled at 5:30 p.m., 6:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. while Saturday games will be scheduled beginning at 9:00 a.m. Weekday games for Coach Pitch will be scheduled at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. while Saturday games will be scheduled starting at 9:00 a.m. Each team will play 1-2 times per week.

Games will be played at the York Recreation Complex, Newport, Sharon, and Hickory Grove fields.

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

AWARDS/MEDALS

York Parks and Recreation Department will issue medals to all participants at the conclusion of the season. If parents or coaches wish to purchase trophies at their own expense, we ask that teams distribute them away from the playing field and away from others, to avoid feelings from getting hurt. If you would like to have a team party, picnic shelters are available at no charge. The Recreation Center is also available at no charge during certain weeknights. Please contact York Parks and Recreation Department at 684-3742 for picnic shelter availability or to reserve the Recreation Center.

PARK RULES

PLEASE KEEP SEVERAL PARK RULES IN MIND WHILE AT THE YORK RECREATION COMPLEX:

- 1. Warning! Approach ball fields with caution and at your own risk.**
2. No warm ups allowed between field #1 and #2
3. All tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, are prohibited on or near the playing field, including dugouts and bleachers. Please use the Smoker Depots located throughout the park.
4. No pets are allowed inside the York Recreation Complex ball field area, except for service animals. Emotional support animals are not allowed.
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 trees and bushes are prohibited.
6. Please help keep the dugouts and park clean. Trash receptacles are available.

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

Staff at 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 these programs. 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