



Department of Leisure Services
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Chesterfield Township Parks & Recreation

TO: Summer Baseball Parents
FROM: Chesterfield Leisure Services *JB*
DATE: July 1, 2022
RE: Schedule & Team Assignments

ITEMS TO BRING/EQUIPMENT: Bug repellent, water bottle, baseball glove, helmet, bat, catcher's gear (where applicable) and face guard. Protective cup advised. Pitchers and infielders are encouraged to wear a protective face guard in the defensive field of play. Players should bring all their own equipment. **BAT REGULATIONS:** All baseball bats must be a USA Bat Standard bat. A list of approved bats can be found at usabat.com or on our website at parks.chesterfieldtwp.org.

SCHEDULES: Practices that are cancelled will not be rescheduled. There will only be one rescheduled make-up date, per cancelled game; multiple rescheduling of games due to weather cancellations is not possible. Make-up games can be played any day of the week and with short notice. An official game cancellation can only be determined by Leisure Services, Park Supervisors and field umpires. Any other cancellation is documented as a forfeit.

CANCELLATIONS: In the case of severe weather, advance cancellations are posted on our Facebook page. Since Mother Nature is unpredictable, players will most likely need to report to the field at their practice or game time where cancellations will be determined by park employees. Cancellation factors include forecasted weather, field conditions/readiness as well as disease. **Follow us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information!**

UNIFORMS: Team uniforms should be available prior to your first game. The head coach will be contacted to pick up the team uniforms for distribution. Players receive a shirt & hat. Players should wear baseball pants & socks (purchased on their own.) Players must wear a protective cup (as applicable.) Cleats are suggested, not required. No metal spikes.

PICTURE DAY: As soon as a photo schedule is set we will provide the necessary information online and to the coach. Our website is parks.chesterfieldtwp.org. Our department will email a link to all registered participants for advance purchasing online. Pictures will be delivered to coaches for distribution to the team.

LAST GAME: Coaches will give an on-the-field presentation where each player will receive a season end award.

UMPIRES: There is an extreme shortage of available umpires. Statewide and including high school games these positions cannot be filled. In the case of absent umpires, it is up to each team to fill the void with volunteers (see rules). Games will not be replayed due to lack of umpires. It is the team's responsibility to make sure games go on with a volunteer! **If you know someone who has knowledge in the sport of baseball, a passion for the game, enjoys working with budding ballplayers in a recreation setting, are confident, responsible, level-headed, good at thinking on their feet and are firm in real-time decision making, being an umpire could be an excellent avenue for them to earn some extra money while doing what they love! Please have them call the Leisure Services Department at 586-949-0400 ext. 4. or send an email to abowers@chesterfieldtwp.org to be placed on a substitution list.**

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FIELD LOCATIONS: Practices & games will take place at Pollard Park located at 55550 New Haven Road (I-94 East at Exit 247). Always check for ticks immediately after any outdoor activities.

CONCESSIONS: We anticipate concessions to be provided by **RJ'S Doghouse** for the entire spring season. Patrons are permitted to bring their own snacks, non-alcoholic beverages and plenty of water. RJ's will have hot dogs, chips and beverages available to purchase. Such food truck/cart opportunities are pre-approved, limited and have advance arrangements to be in the park. They are also on wheels and may pick-up and leave at any time. We do not guarantee these services, but keep your eyes on the park, as there may be some surprise opportunities for concessions during the season.

TOILETS: There are two portable toilets located near the baseball diamonds and one near the soccer fields. Please try to use the portable toilets for emergency purposes only. Bring your own hand sanitizer to use as this contracted service is not cleaned or emptied daily. Running water restrooms may be limited in availability.

POLICIES: It is important for the success and continuation of the baseball program that we are respectful of Twp. facilities, volunteer coaches, employees and league officials.

~ **Parents & spectators are never to approach an umpire; not before, during or after a game.**

~ **Questions directed to the umpire should come from the head coach only.**

~ **Dogs are not allowed at Pollard Park. Also, no smoking, glass or alcohol is permitted on premises.**

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE: For the safety of guests, Chesterfield Township Leisure Services will continue to make best practice decisions regarding preventative measures that reduce the spread of disease. Please continue to:

- Self-check for symptoms of disease prior to arrival. Only participate in activities when feeling healthy and well to do so.
- Consider bringing your own hand sanitizer to use when in attendance or participating in functions.

Individual or team quarantining is a risk the registrant assumes upon registration. The Leisure Services Department is unable to honor refund requests for individuals, teams or activities required to quarantine. As a result, a lesser number of games/classes may be held without compensation to the registrant. If the registrant no longer wishes to participate based on their disease comfort level, refunds will be authorized in accordance with the standard refund policy.

Thank you for your participation in this friendly spring league. We are looking forward to a quick, fun, safe, season of play! If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Department of Leisure Services at 586-949-0400 ext. 4.