



Leisure Services Dept.
586-949-0400 ext. 4



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TO: Fall Baseball Parents
FROM: Chesterfield Leisure Services
DATE: September 7, 2021
RE: Schedule & Team Assignments

Chesterfield Township Parks & Recreation

COVID-19: There are small differences in league play this season to combat the spread of the Coronavirus. Patience, understanding and realizing everyone has their “own” comfort level regarding COVID-19 is essential. We need to be empathetic to everyone’s feelings towards it. It is up to the participant, coach, spectator, umpire to participate at their own risk and to take the proper precautionary measures that will keep themselves and others safe. All programming is subject to cancellation or changes based on COVID-19 public health risks. By signing-up with us, individuals and families agree to adapt to programming alterations as deemed necessary. Participants will receive a refund for programs that are cancelled by the Leisure Services Department; less pro-ration for classes attended and supplies. 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. These procedures/protocols are suggested in addition to those set forth in the traditional rules for league play.

- ~ **Face Masks:** No longer required but may be worn at the individual’s discretion.
- ~ **Symptom Checks (self-evaluation):** Anyone experiencing fever or symptoms of illness should stay home.
- ~ **Reduce Person-to-Person Contact:** Players and coaches should refrain from high-fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, other coaches, umpires and fans.
- ~ **Further Reduction of Germs:** No sunflower seeds, gum or spitting. Individual water bottles encouraged.
- ~ **Sanitizer:** Parents are encouraged to supply their player with antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer for disinfecting shared playing equipment and hands.

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. Player **MUST** bring all their own equipment. The only shared item will be the baseball itself. The baseball cannot be properly sanitized during play and will exchange hands on numerous occasions with the potential for risk of spreading germs.

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: Enclosed you will find your child’s team assignment & schedule. The season includes 3-practices and 6-games. Practices that are cancelled will not be rescheduled. Make-up games will most likely have a short notice and can be played any day of the week.

CANCELLATIONS: In the case of severe weather, cancellations will be posted at 586-949-0400, press 4, then 1. The latest this line is updated is 4:30PM. Cancellations are also posted on **Facebook**. Coaches will be notified of an early cancellation. 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 prevention. **Follow us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information!**

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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.) Coaches may encourage players to wear a certain color. Players must wear a protective cup (where applicable.) Cleats are not required but are suggested.

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. Currently, there are positions available for individuals ages 16 and older.**

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.

- **CONCESSION STAND:** The concession stand at Pollard Park will not be open this season. Please bring your own snacks, non-alcoholic beverages and plenty of water to picnic in the park. RJ's Dog House has contracted with us to be onsite to provide Hot Dogs, Coney, Dogs, Chips and Ice Cold Drinks. They will be positioned near the concession stand on the nights they are present. Currently, they have signed up to be onsite, Mon-Thu, through the end of the season. We are hoping to secure Mojo's Coffee to provide coffee drinks (hot and cold) regularly as well. These 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 the availability of these services on practices/game nights.

TOILETS: There are two portable toilets located near the baseball diamonds and one near the soccer fields. 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.**

Thank you for your participation in this fall league. If you have concerns about an umpire, parent, or coach who you feel is detrimental in the league atmosphere, please tell us. We cannot help to solve what we do not know. When possible, work to resolve the problem within your own conversations either before or after a practice or game. We are here to help should the issue be impeding the functionality of the entire 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.

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