

2018 Baseball and Softball Overview

Simpsonville Athletics

Thank you for considering the Baseball and Softball program here with Simpsonville Recreation. Our goal and purpose is to give the kids of our community the opportunity to play team sports and have fun making new friends and being active. Our leagues are not intended to develop major leaguers, rather they should develop a love of activity, sportsmanship, teamwork and the benefits of social development through athletics.

When registration opens you will have the option to register for a league and the day combination (example 2nd grade baseball will have a M/W league and a Tu/Th league). Some of the smaller divisions (fewer teams) may be spread across three days or even four as needed to make them work.

Divisions 2018

Non-Competitive Tball/CP – K4, K5, 1st grade (Co-Ed) (Fee \$75)

These three divisions will not keep score or standings and game nights will be two of M/T/W/Th/F in season

Baseball CP (Fee \$85)

2nd grade – M/W nights

2nd grade Tu/Th nights

3rd grade M/W nights

3rd grade Tu/Th nights

Softball CP (Fee \$85)

2/3rd grade – Tu/Th nights

Baseball KP (Fee \$95)

4th grade (42'/60') M/W nights

4th grade (42'/60') Tu/Th nights

5/6th grade (46'/60') M/W nights

5/6th grade (46'/60') Tu/Th nights

6/8th grade (60'/90') Woodside Park – M/Tu/W/Th nights

Softball KP (Fee \$95)

4/5th Grade M/T/W/TH

6/8th Grade M/T/W/TH

General Season Layout (subject to change)

January 1	Registration Opens online – Each division has a set number of spots pre-assigned – once a division is full a waiting list will begin (no cost for waiting list until you are accepted from the list) there is no set last day to register it all depends on the number we have in each division and the number we need as to when registration will cut off.
February 19-22	Player evaluations (not K4,K5,1 st) and roster assignments (rosters set by 2/25) Schedule for evaluations will be posted by 2/16
February 26	Practice begins – schedule will be one or two practices per week through March 24 th The game days you registered for may not be able to be accommodated for practice as It requires twice as many field slots for practice as it does for games.
March 5	Team Mom Fundraiser materials pick up
March 19-22	Fundraiser turn in
March 19-23	Jerseys and caps/visors delivered for pickup
March 24	Picture Day and Opening Games
March 26	Regular Season Games begin <i>Season, including tournament if applicable should be 11-13 games depending on total number of teams in each division.</i>
April 2-6	Greenville County Schools Spring Break (No Games)
April 9	Regular Season games resume from Spring Break
May 14	CP and KP Tournaments begin
May 24	CP and KP Tournaments end by 18 th
May 29-June 6	All-Star week (2 nd – 6/8 th Grade divisions)
June 6	Last day of School for Greenville County

Communication

There are a couple of ways we will communicate information to you.

1. **Athletic Website – www.simpsonville.com/parksrec**

Here we will post all schedules and give general information

2. **Email through SI Play system**

Both our office and your coach can email you or a group through the registration system. This is how we will mass email everyone for updates, weather issues, etc. Your coach will use it to organize the group in a quick and efficient manner. For this reason make sure you check the address you use in the system daily.

Athletic Office Hours

Monday – Friday 12pm-5pm

Staff

Athletic Coordinator - Chris Elledge – Celledge@simpsonville.com

Athletic Coordinator - Ethan Crump – Ecrump@simpsonville.com

Athletic Director – Chad Foster – Cfoster@simpsonville.com

Playing Fields

Heritage Park – 861 SE Main St, Simpsonville 29681

We play and practice on 7 multi use fields here – the fields are numbered HP1-HP7
There are also 6 Batting Cages and two banks of soft toss nets for practice off field

College Street Park – 321 West College Street, Simpsonville 29681

1 small field for games and practice for ages 3rd and lower and softball

Historic Woodside Mill Park – 698 West Curtis Street, Simpsonville 29681

Full size 60/90 field used for games and practice for 6/8 baseball

Alder Park – 298 Alder Drive, Simpsonville 29680

One small field for practice and/or makeup game play

Outside League Play

With some of our league that have fewer teams or to help a neighboring town who needs games we may play with other leagues in come divisions – typically this would be with Fountain Inn and/or Mauldin teams.

Uniforms

Each player will get a jersey and Cap or Visor as part of registration.
The company that supplies our jerseys and caps will add player's names to the jerseys at an additional fee and when they come in they will be ready for you, your coach will be given this information to turn in a team order to them prior to the season if your team chooses to.

Refund Policy

By registering your child you are taking up a spot that another child might use in the league, for this reason we do not typically issue refunds.

Sponsorships and Advertising

There are many great opportunities for you and/or your business or group to be seen by thousands each year at our parks – if you are interested in any of this please contact Ethan or Chris today.

Draft Process and roster assignment

K4, K5 and 1st Grade

Roster assignments are made by staff and will be available by 3/25/17

All CP and KP Divisions

Evaluations

All players will have an evaluation time where the coaches for their division will do some basic drills for them to assess the player experience level and possible positions and assign a number rating to be used and seen by staff only (done by each manager then turned into staff).

Roster formation part 1

Staff will compile and average the ratings from each manager along with position projections and use these to build rosters. (Players who do not attend evaluations will be added at random to fill out the rosters at the end but can be moved during assessment if coaches in the room have knowledge of the player)

Roster formation part 2

The coaches will be given the rosters as a group and will assess them further for balancing – once all managers agree that the individual rosters are as even as possible – each coach will draw from a blind draw to see which roster he/she will have. Trading for protections or coach's children will follow and must happen within the same round slot for each team involved to not change the balance.

Roster Finalization part 3

Once all trading is done the coaches will once again look at the rosters as a group and once all agree they are as fair as possible the rosters are set.

If at any point this assessment meeting becomes contentious or a member of staff feels no consensus can be reached the rosters will be drawn, staff will switch protections and set the rosters.