



Spring 2021 Youth Sports FAQ

****All information presented in this document is subject to change based on the current and future guidelines, policies, and recommendations from the CDC and/or the State of North Carolina regarding COVID-19.**

What programs will be offered?

Sport	Ages	Divisions	Age Cutoff Date
Baseball	6-15	Jr. Bambino (6) Bambino (7) Rookie (8) Minor (9-10) Major (11-12) Junior (13-15)	May 1, 2021
Softball	6-13	7U (6-7) 8U (8) 10U (9-10) 13U (11-13)	January 1, 2021
T-Ball*	4-5	N/A	Female – January 1, 2021 Male – May 1, 2021
Flag Football	5-12	6U (5-6) 9U (7-9) 12U (10-12)	January 1, 2021
Soccer*	3-17	Smart Start (3) 4U Coed (3-4) 5U Coed (5) 6U Coed (6) 7U Coed (7) 8U Boys/Girls (8) 10U Boys/Girls (9-10) 12U Boys/Girls (11-12) 14U Boys (13-14) 15U Girls (13-15) 17U Coed (15-17)	January 1, 2021
Volleyball	9-17	10U (9-10) 12U (11-12) 14U (13-14) 17U (15-17)	January 1, 2021
Cross Country	8-15	9U (7-9) 12U (10-12) 15U (13-15)	January 1, 2021

Notes:

- Which division your child participates in is determined by the age of your child on the age cutoff date.
- Players are not allowed to begin a sport until they meet the minimum age requirements.
- Due to registration numbers, some age groups may be combined to ensure enough participants for a league.
- T-ball – All players must turn 4 prior to January 1, 2021. Players that turn 6 prior to the dates listed above would need to advance into baseball/softball.
- Soccer – Participants that turn 4 years old between January 1, 2021 – August 1, 2021 may choose to participate in either the Smart Start program or the 4U league.

Will there be any changes to the league setup?

Yes.

- All teams for all leagues will be assigned by a member of the athletics staff. No evaluations/draft will be held.
- There will be no end of season tournaments.
- The total number of activities may be reduced to help limit the number of times teams congregate. This may include a reduction in the total number of practices and/or games.

Am I able to request a specific coach or one of my children's friends to be on the same team?

Yes. While we do not guarantee such requests, we will consider them when forming teams as long as your request is submitted via email to either ahairr@fuquay-varina.org or speterson@fuquay-varina.org no later than Sunday, February 14th.

Will there be "competitive" game play this season?

Yes. Our leagues this season will offer games unlike the instructional programs that were offered in the Fall and Winter.

How many activities can we expect?

All leagues will have the opportunity to practice 4 times prior to the start of games. Once games begin, teams will play 8 games and will have the opportunity to practice 4 times throughout the season. These numbers are subject to change based on the weather and/or current COVID-19 restrictions or policies set forth by the State or CDC.

Will my family be required to wear a mask?

- Outdoor Activities
 - o All spectators must wear a mask when they are unable to social distance or are within six (6) feet of anyone residing outside of the household.
 - o All coaches and players are required to wear a mask at all times, including while actively participating.
- Indoor Activities
 - o All spectators, coaches, and participants must wear a mask at all times, including while actively participating.

What if I or my child are exempt from wearing a mask?

Any player, coach or spectator that wishes to be granted an exemption to the Mask Mandate as outlined in the Governor's current Executive Order (181) must provide a Doctor's note from his/her primary care physician that states he/she (the person applying for the exemption) is currently under their medical care and is not required to wear a mask during physical activity.

Where will I be able to sit during activities?

- Soccer and Flag Football
 - o All spectators will be required to sit behind the designated spectator line.
 - o Spectator lines will be indicated on the sideline opposite of the player seating.
 - o Please bring chairs or blankets if you need seating.
- Baseball, Softball, T-Ball
 - o Bleachers will not be available for spectator seating at these events.
 - o Spectators will need to bring chairs or blankets for seating.
- Volleyball
 - o Only 1 spectator per participant will be allowed inside the facility for all practices and games.
 - o Chairs for spectator seating will be available

What is expected of me prior to attending the activities?

- Parents are required to self-assess their children and additional persons they are bringing before attending each activity. If symptoms are present or attendees have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19, please do not attend the activity and notify our designated COVID-19 Full-Time Staff contact.
- All attendees are encouraged to stay in their vehicles until 10 minutes before their scheduled activity start time. This will allow the attendees in the prior event time to make their way out of the park.

Should we make a snack schedule for our group?

- All distribution/sharing of snacks is prohibited. Parents are responsible for bringing necessary beverages or food for their family only.

What equipment do I need?

- The Town will be providing the following equipment:
 - o Soccer/Flag Football – Balls and cones
 - o Baseball/Softball – Catchers Gear (On site) and a bucket of balls
 - o T-ball – Balls and Tees (both on site)
 - o Volleyball – Balls (on site)
- All other equipment must be provided by the participants
 - o Soccer – Shin guards and socks
 - o Flag Football – No additional equipment required
 - o Baseball/Softball/T-ball – Helmet, glove, and bat
 - o Volleyball – Knee pads