

Belmont Parks and Recreation Fall 2024 Information Packet:

Early Registration: June 24th – June 30th (In-City residents Only)

Registration Period: July 1st – August 1st or until spots are full.

Online Registration: Register online at The City of Belmont's Website @ <https://belmontnc.recdesk.com/Community/Home>

In Person Registration: Register in person Monday-Friday from 8:30am – 8pm & Saturday's 9:30 - 4pm @ 1315 E. Catawba St. Belmont, NC 28012.

No spots can be held for anyone! Once forms and payments have been submitted there will be no refunds issued.

Skills Assessments / Age Groups

Tee Ball / Baseball: Age as of May 1st, 2025.

- 7-8 Coach Pitch Draft: Monday, August 5th @ 6pm at Frady Field.
- 9-10 Baseball Draft: Tuesday, August 6th @ 6pm at Frady Field.
- 11-12 Baseball Draft: Tuesday, August 6th @ 7:30pm at Frady Field.
- 3-4 & 5-6 Teeball 1st Practice/Meet & Greet: Saturday August 12th. Time & Field TBD.

Girls Volleyball: Age as of August 1st, 2024.

- 9u Volleyball Draft: Thursday, August 8th @ 6pm at Belmont CityRec.
- 12u Volleyball Draft: Thursday, August 8th @ 7:30pm at Belmont CityRec.
- 15u Volleyball Draft: Wednesday, August 7th @ 6pm @ Belmont CityRec.

Age groups may change based on registration numbers.

Skills Assessment & Team Formation:

- Ages 7 and up will go through a skills assessment where they will be drafted onto a team. Players that do not attend the draft will be placed in a blind draft and selected randomly. Siblings will be placed on the same team. All other requests will not be accommodated. Skills assessments take approximately 1 hour. Players should come ready with any equipment they may need for their specific sport. After the assessment is finished, coaches and BPRD staff will draft players onto teams. Ages 6 & younger will be placed on teams by BPRD Staff. **Special requests for a certain team/coach will not be accommodated.**

Practices & Games: Practices will start the 2nd or 3rd week in August. Practice days/times vary per team and coaches will contact parents. Games will start Early to Mid-September. **Once Games start practices are not guaranteed.**

- **Baseball: Ages 7-12:** Practices will be twice a week until games start either during the week or on Saturdays. Practices will take place at Davis, Frady, Rodden, Reid, or Poston Park. Games may be on weeknights or Saturdays in Belmont or surrounding cities.
- **Girls Volleyball: Ages 7-15:** Practices will be twice a week until games start either during the week or on Saturdays. Practices will be at the City Rec Center or at BMS Gym. Games will be played weeknights or Saturdays in Belmont or surrounding cities.
- **Teeball: Ages 3-4 & 5-6:** Practices and Games are on Saturday mornings. Additional practices/games may be scheduled for weeknights depending on the number of teams. No score will be kept in these age groups.

Coaches Information:

If you wish to coach in the Fall 2024 Season, please make the department aware of the sport & age group.

- **Coach's Paperwork:** In order to coach for Belmont Parks and Recreation, individuals must complete and pass a criminal background check, agree to and sign the BPRD Code of Conduct, and sign and adhere to the volunteer coaches contract.
- **Coach Selection:** Coaches will be selected by the Belmont Parks and Recreation Staff. Coaches who have coached in the past and who have exemplified good behavior will be given first right of refusal to coach in the upcoming season. The Belmont Parks and Recreation Department has the right to deny any coaching request at any time.

Coaches Meetings:

- **Volleyball Coaches Meeting (all ages):** Monday, July 29th @ 6:00pm at Belmont CityRec.
- **Teeball Coaches Meeting:** Tuesday, July 30th @ 6pm at Belmont CityRec.
- **Baseball Coaches Meetings:**
 - o **8u:** Thursday, August 1st @ 6pm at Belmont City Rec.
 - o **10u & 12u:** Thursday, August 1st @ 6:45pm at Belmont City Rec.

Uniforms:

- Uniforms will be ordered by staff and distributed by coaches. Players will receive the size that is submitted on registration.
- **Baseball/Teeball:** Hats, Jersey, and Socks are provided.
- **Volleyball:** Jerseys are provided.

Equipment:

- **Baseball/Teeball:** Players will need cleats (no metal), baseball glove, baseball pants, batting helmet, and belt. Coaches will receive catcher's equipment, balls, and extra batting helmets if needed.
- **Volleyball:** Knee pads are recommended. BPRD will provide volleyballs.
- **Jewelry:** No jewelry is allowed. Taping is not permitted. All jewelry must be taken off.
- **Water Bottles:** It is recommended all players bring their own water. No bottles allowed on the gym floor.

Cancellations/Delays:

- Belmont Parks and Recreation Staff are responsible for making the decision on the closing of facilities and game cancellations. Please respect the decision that is made by the Parks and Recreation Staff. The coaches are encouraged to develop a phone tree for easy communication of cancellations & reschedules with League Supervisor. BPRD Staff will let coaches know when we have made decisions about game cancellations. Coaches must make parents aware of any cancellations.

Contact Information:

- Belmont Parks and Recreation Office Number: 704-825-8191
- Brian McGonagle Athletics Supervisor (Soccer): bmcgonagle@cityofbelmont.org
- Ben Washam Recreation Specialist (Baseball & Volleyball):
BWasham@cityofbelmont.org
- Online Registration Link: <https://belmontnc.recdesk.com/Community/Home>
- City of Belmont Website: <https://www.cityofbelmont.org/>
- Game Schedules will be made available on the City's website once available.

The Belmont Parks and Recreation Department strives to provide a safe environment where kids can learn about the game, make friends, develop teamwork skills, and most importantly **HAVE FUN**. Parents, remember, it's for the kids!