

## **Belmont Parks and Recreation Spring 2024 Information Packet:**

**Early Registration:** December 24th – December 31<sup>st</sup> (In-City residents Only)

**Registration Period:** January 1<sup>st</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup> or until spots are full.

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

**In Person Registration:** Monday - Friday from 8:30am – 8pm and Saturdays from 9:30am – 4pm @ 1315 E. Catawba St. Belmont, NC 28012.

**Questions:** Please contact Ben Washam with any questions about baseball or volleyball at [bwasham@cityofbelmont.org](mailto:bwasham@cityofbelmont.org) or 704-901-2089.

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

### **Skills Assessments / Age Groups**

**Baseball: Age as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

- 7-8 Coach Pitch Draft: Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at Davis Park.
- 9-10 Baseball Draft: Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at Davis Park.
- 11-12 Baseball Draft: Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm at Davis Park.
- 3-4 & 5-6 Teeball tentative 1<sup>st</sup> Practice March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Girls Volleyball: Age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**

- 9u Volleyball Draft: Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at City Rec Center - Gym 125.
- 12u Volleyball Draft: Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> @6pm at City Rec Center – Gym 125.
- 15u Volleyball Draft: Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm at City Rec Center – Gym 125.

**Age groups may change based on registration numbers.**

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### **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. Teams will be divided up as evenly as possible based on age & gender. Special requests for a certain team/coach will not be accommodated.

**Practices & Games:** Practices will start the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March. Practice days/times vary per team and coaches will contact parents. Games will start Early to Mid-April. 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 Spring 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.

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### **Coaches Meetings:**

- **Baseball Ages 7-8:** Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at City Rec Center.
- **Baseball Ages 9-10 & 11-12:** Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm at City Rec Center.
- **Tee Ball Ages 3-4 & 5-6:** Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at City Rec Center.
- **Volleyball Ages 7-9 & 10-12:** Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm at City Rec Center.
- **Volleyball Ages 13-15:** Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at City Rec Center.

## **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:** Jersey and knee pads are provided.
- **Soccer:** Jersey, shorts, and socks 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. Coaches will receive balls and other equipment if needed.
- **Soccer:** Players will need cleats (no metal), and shin guards. Coaches will receive team equipment.
- **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:**

- The 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 and 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](mailto:bmcgonagle@cityofbelmont.org)**
- **Ben Washam Recreation Specialist (Baseball & Volleyball): [BWasham@cityofbelmont.org](mailto:BWasham@cityofbelmont.org)**
- **Online Registration Link: <https://belmontnc.recdesk.com/Community/Program>**
- **City of Belmont Website: <https://www.cityofbelmont.org/>**
- **Game Schedules will be made available on the City's website once available.**

**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!**