



**Isle of Palms Recreation Department
3 & 4 Year-old “Fast Start” Baseball
2026**

I. Team Requirements

Number of players- To be determined after registration; (one parent per *family* must be present at all times)

II. Player Eligibility

Age of Player as of March 1, 2026.

Players must be 3 or 4 years old to compete in this program.

Parents/legal guardians of players must provide a birth certificate and pay the registration fee in order to participate in the Youth Athletic “Fast Start” Program.

The Recreation Department will provide fast start baseball bats, balls, cones and batting tees. Each parent shall be responsible for providing shorts or pants, socks, shoes or any other protective equipment necessary to compete in this program.

III. Team Leader Selection

One parent per family must be present at all “Fast Start” activities. These activities include but are not limited to practices, scrimmages, and activities.

One parent from each team will be registered with the Recreation Department as the “Team Leader”. The “Team Leader” will be asked to supervise activities days, introduce and conduct various skill drills, instruct each player during games, and ensure a safe environment for all participants. Team leaders shall be required to sign a waiver to conduct a background search and sign a coach code of ethics prior to play.

The Recreation Department reserves the right to reject a candidate for the position of “Team Leader” for an individual who has displayed any form of un-sportsmanlike conduct, profanity or who has threatened physical harm to umpires, players, managers, coaches or league officials, has been suspended from the recreation programs due to unbecoming behavior or in the opinion of the recreation staff believe this individual does not fit the desired attitude, departmental goals and end results expected of our residents and Department.

IV. Player Selection

Team assignments will be made after registration and prior to activity schedule.

The Recreation staff will randomly select teams. Teams will consist of male and female players. Requests will not be honored.

Siblings will be paired together unless instructed otherwise by the parents.

V. Activities, Schedules & Practices

Each Team Leader and parent will be given a copy of the league rules and Activity schedule. These rules must be adhered to for the success of the program.

All players must be given equal playing time

A Team Leader may hold a player out of an activity for injury or sickness

If a player becomes a disciplinary problem the parent present must remove his/her child from the playing field immediately.

NOTE: The Team Leader must notify the Recreation Department of any discipline problems, preferably the next working day or at least, prior to the next scheduled activity.

Activities must be played at the time, day and location specified on the schedule.

Activities that are canceled or postponed due to weather or acts of God will be rescheduled by the Recreation Staff, if and only if, time permits at the end of the season.

Activity schedules will be strictly enforced. Activities will take place on Saturdays. Times and field assignments will be determined by the recreation staff.

Teams will be asked to share playing fields.

Activity days will be set up, so that all teams have equal playing time.

VI. Awards

Each player will receive an award for participation at the end of the season.

The Recreation Director reserves the right to change or alter any Fast Start Baseball Rules at any time during the year.