

FAQ'S (Frequently Asked Questions)

1. When is registration?
Varies according to the sport. A two-month open registration period is held for team sports. Baseball, Softball, and Indoor Soccer registration is January 1 to March 1. Football, Soccer, Cheer, Fall Baseball/Softball registration is June 1 to August 1. Basketball registration is October 1 to December 1. Beginning and ending dates are adjusted if they fall on Sundays or holidays. Also, refer to the Dates to Remember and Sport Information sheets included in your packet.
2. Where can I register?
Register online at fcpr.us or in person at any recreation center. Participants can play at any center. There are no mandatory zones or districts.
3. What is needed to verify my address?
1 proof of residence will be required to determine if you are a resident or non-resident. A school document is preferred. You can also use utility bills, mortgage statements, lease or rental documents, driver's license, insurance documents, vehicle registration, etc.
4. How much does it cost to register?
For residents, the fee is \$25 per sport, except football, which is \$30. The fee for a non-resident is double.
5. Is a birth certificate required?
Yes. A copy is kept on file in the recreation center.
6. May I bring a copy of the birth certificate back if I do not have it when I come to register? Registration forms and payment will not be accepted without a birth certificate.
7. Are any other documents acceptable to verify my child's age?
Yes. A passport or military ID will be accepted. A copy will be kept on file in the recreation center.
8. How are children assigned to teams?
All new players are assigned to teams using the FCPR drafting procedures, which involves a skill assessment. Drafting guidelines are included in your packet. In programs where no score is kept, players are assigned randomly to the teams.
9. My child is a returning player. Does he/she go back to the same team?
Yes, if they are in the same age group as last year. If they register after the draft, they will be assigned according to program needs. If they are aging up, they will be assigned to a team using the FCPR draft
10. Can I request a specific team?
No. In the interest of fair play and even competition, players are assigned using the draft.
11. If I am a head coach, will my child play on my team?
Yes, if you coach a team in his/her age group and proper district.
12. When will the draft be held?
Varies according the sport and the recreation center. Refer to the Dates to Remember sheet included in your packet, which lists the time period for all drafts to be conducted. Your recreation center will notify you with the specific date/time.
13. Who will supervise the draft?
Center staff.
14. How do I find out what team my child is on?
After the draft is conducted, your child's coach will call you. You may also call your recreation center.
15. If I do not like the team that my child is drafted onto, can I switch him/her to another team?
No. In the interest of fair play and to insure balanced rosters, players will not be moved. Once a player has been assigned to a team, their eligibility remains with that team and recreation center for the duration of that age group. Exceptions: Change in residence; Legal transfer(refer to Registration Guidelines, item 18); Extreme circumstances; Play-up approved
16. Are teams allowed to trade players?
Yes. Coaches have up to 1 hour after the conclusion of the draft to trade players, as long as it is done in the presence of staff. Refer to draft guidelines for details.
17. My child is very talented. Can he/she play-up into the older age group?
You can fill out a "play-up request" form. The play up request form must be submitted prior to the draft, or when you register. If staff determines it to be necessary, an assessment may be held to determine if your child is fit to play up. If approved, players can play-up 1 year in age.

18. Where are practices and games played?
FCPR uses the local parks and school sites in your community. Recreation center staff will coordinate practice times and sites with the coaches.
19. Will my team travel to other sites for practices or games?
It is possible. Every effort is made to keep practices and games at central locations to reduce travel and expense. However, the number of teams a community has will determine if travel is necessary.
20. Am I required to stay at the practices and games?
It is strongly encouraged that parents attend practice.
21. When will the games begin?
Varies according to the sport. Refer to the Dates to Remember sheet included in your packet.
22. How many games will my team play?
Varies according to the sport. Baseball & softball play approximately 10 games; Basketball, Football, and Soccer play approximately 7 games.
23. When are the games played? Weeknights? Saturdays?
Baseball/softball games are played mainly weeknights, with some Saturdays. Weeknight games typically begin at 6pm and 7:30pm. Baseball/softball games sometimes last until 10pm. FCPR does not allow an inning to begin after 10pm. Basketball/Football/Soccer/Cheer/Volleyball are played primarily on Saturdays, with weeknight games occasionally.
24. How many games will my child play per week?
Typically, baseball/softball teams play twice per week. Most other sports play 1 game per week.
25. How do I find out if the game is cancelled because of rain? Rainouts are announced on the inclement weather hotline...306-7325...and our social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
26. Is a uniform provided by FCPR?
The cost of a numbered t-shirt is included in the registration fee. If a coach, team, or youth association wishes to purchase custom uniforms, which is their option at their own expense.
27. Are background checks conducted on the coaches?
Yes
28. Can I request a refund if I am unhappy with the program?
Yes, as long as the request is received prior to the first game.
29. Are games cancelled for individual school functions?
No. The only school function FCPR will schedule around will be the countywide end of grade testing.
30. My child is involved in Boy Scouts and other activities. Will his/her games be scheduled around those activities?
No. With so many options available for children today, it is not possible to honor all of those.
31. Who do I contact if I have a complaint to file against my coach?
Please put the complaint in writing and deliver it to your recreation center.
32. Are tournaments played in all age groups and programs?
No. Tournaments are conducted in programs for players ages 9 and up. There are no tournaments in fall baseball/softball, summer basketball/volleyball, indoor soccer.
33. What equipment is provided?
Some basic equipment is provided by FCPR, depending upon the sport. While this is not the detailed list of items each team receives, the following is a basic listing of the major items: football teams receive helmets, shoulder pads, pants for each player; baseball teams receive batter helmets, catchers equipment, bats; basketball and volleyball teams receive balls; soccer teams receive balls, cones, and a goalie jersey. FCPR does not provide personal items such as baseball gloves, protective cups, shoes, socks, soccer shin guards, mouthpieces, etc.
34. Where can I buy some of the personal items needed?
Major retailers and sporting goods stores carry these items.
35. Are dogs allowed in the park during games?
Pets are not recommended, but it is handled on a case by case basis.
36. Is smoking allowed during events?
Cumberland County Schools does not allow smoking on school property. Therefore, during any FCPR event on school property, smoking is not allowed. At parks and recreation owned sites, smoking is allowed ONLY in the designated smoking area.