

Waterford Parks and Recreation Department
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Waterford Parks & Recreation

SPORTS

2026 SUMMER BALL

For ages 5-14

Monday, January 5 – Friday, May 1

Registration Timeframe: \$85
(\$95 for Girls Fastpitch leagues ages 9-14)
NON-RESIDENTS ADD \$10

Saturday, May 2 – Friday, May 8

Late Registration Timeframe – a \$10.00 late fee will be added and children will be placed on a waiting list if there are no more spots on rosters available

Friday, May 15

Coaches Meeting
6:00 PM for T-ball, Coach Pitch
& for Girls Fastpitch

Location: Leggett Campus, 3621 Pontiac Lake Rd
 Equipment pick-up dates and times will be given.

Friday, May 15 – Friday, May 22

Coaches contact their players
(If you have not been contacted by a coach by May 25, call 248-674-5441 for your coach's name and phone number).

Monday, June 1

Season Begins (Intro Fastpitch - Fastpitch) Tentatively
 Games will be played on fields at Waterford Parks & surrounding communities
Season is 5 weeks long. No games are played on 6/29-7/3
Additional week may be used for rainouts

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*Girls - Following ASA age requirements. Boys - Following Waterford Little League age requirements.
 Children may play-up 1 division. Children MUST be 6 to play-up in the coach pitch division.*

GIRLS (Age as of January 1, 2026)			
PROGRAM	AGES	DAY(S)	TIMES
T-Ball COED	5-6	Tu & Th	6:00pm or 7:30pm
Coach Pitch	7-9	M & W	5:45pm or 7:30pm
Intro Fastpitch <small>(1/2 coach pitch, 1/2 kid pitch)</small>	9-10	M & W	5:45pm or 7:30pm
Fastpitch	11-12	Tu & Th	5:30pm or 7:00pm
Fastpitch	13-14	M & W	5:30pm or 7:00pm

BOYS (Age as of August 31, 2026)			
PROGRAM	AGES	DAY(S)	TIMES
T-Ball COED	5-6	Tu & Th	6:00pm or 7:30pm
Coach Pitch	7-9	M & W	5:45pm or 7:30pm
Looking for Boys Summer Baseball for ages 10 +? Check out the WCA at wcabaseball.com!			

You cannot choose your game times – those are determined when schedules are made.

PRACTICES ARE SCHEDULED! BY COACHES!



Summer Ball Head Coach and Assistant Coach Requirements

Background Checks

Each **head coach and assistant coach** is required to submit a background check every year now. If you are unaware if you need a background check, please email me and I can inform you if your last one has expired or not (jokaiye@waterfordmi.gov). This is a new company that we are working with and eliminates the form that has been filled out in the past. We will not be able to see your Social Security number anymore and there will be no more paper trail, so this is much more secure! Here is the link (this will only take two minutes):

<https://waterfordparksandrecreation.quickapp.pro/>

Concussion Training

Under state law, each **coach and assistant coach** is required to go through concussion training one time in their life. The link provided will bring you to the training video. This training will last about 45 minutes (again, you only have to do this once!). Once you have completed the training please take a screen shot of the certificate or save it as an Image/PDF and email it back to me. We keep all certificates on record. If you are unsure if you have completed this training please email me and I can let you know if you have completed it or not.

<https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/>

Volunteer Agreement Form

Each **head coach and assistant coach** is required to submit a volunteer agreement form. The agreement form is included on the last page of this packet. The agreement must be signed and returned before any practices start.

TIPS AND REMINDERS FOR SUMMER BALL COACHES

- 1. CONTACT PLAYERS ON ROSTER** – Please do so as soon as you receive your team roster. **Parents were told that they should be contacted by their coach by 5/25/26.** Tell them who you are and give them your phone number. Tell them when and where you will be having practice. Ask if they have any sponsor ideas and verify t-shirt sizes. Doing these things on the first phone or email call saves you time and calls as well as the office.
- 2. END OF SEASON AWARDS/TROPHIES** –The Parks and Recreation Department does not provide players with end of season awards/trophies. If you as the coach would like to purchase a trophy for each player on your team feel free to do so. Some sponsors will even cover this cost too. Another option would be to check with each parent on the team and see if they will pay for their child's trophy, then you can order them for the players and collect money from the parents.
- 3. NOTIFY PARENTS OF PROBLEM SOLVING STRATEGIES** – Let parents know to call Waterford Parks & Recreation if they have any problems. They should also call and let you know of any problems. We cannot resolve problems if we do not know about them.
- 4. PICK-UP EQUIPMENT** – When you pick up equipment check it over before you leave to make sure you have all the things you need. Keep track of the equipment throughout the season. Other coaches may mistake it for theirs and when the time comes to turn it in, you may be missing equipment.
- 5. ARRANGE PLACE AND TIME FOR PRACTICE – NO PRACTICE PERMITS ARE ISSUED TO TEAMS IN OUR SUMMER BALL LEAGUE.** Due to the large number of summer softball teams that participate in various leagues through the Parks and Recreation Department there aren't enough fields to give each team a practice permit. Therefore, we do not issue permits to Parks and Recreation teams for regular practices through the summer months. Please keep in mind that you may run into teams that do have field permits (Girls fast pitch teams). These permits take precedence and if you should encounter a team with one you will need to relocate. Waterford Parks and Recreation also rents fields out to private local leagues. You may practice at a local park in a grassy area, practice with another team or see if you can find an open field (limited availability). The fields are first come, first serve.
- 6. SOLICIT PARENT VOLUNTEERS (FOR HELP AT GAMES)** – Have your parents rotate to help you out during games. What could these parents help out with? Here are some ideas: 1) Getting the kids lined up in batting order. 2) Keeping track of who's up to bat next. 3) Telling players their fielding position. You may have a parent that would like to become your assistant coach and help you out at practices or games – this parent will need to first complete a Background Check through the Parks & Recreation Department. You can refer him/her to contact our office to do so.
- 7. DESIGNATE PARENTS TO BRING AFTER-GAME SNACK/DRINK** – It's a good idea to assign parents to a date(s) that they will need to bring a snack/drink for the players after the game. Make a list of who brings the snack/drink to each game. Make copies of the list and pass it out at the first game or at one of the practices before the season. If a

parent can't do it on their assigned day, encourage them to swap with another parent. There are trash barrels at each game location so please be sure to leave the field clean for the next team.

SHIRT & HAT VENDOR OPTIONS

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>
Arrow Printing	Waterford	(248) 738-2222
Art Box Design	Waterford	(248) 461-2555
Bean Brothers Trophies	Eastpointe	(586) 775-2433 (Trophies)
Diamond Sport Gear	Fenton	(810) 629-0718
Earth-To-Earth	Pontiac	(248) 335-7015
Midwest Graphics & Awards	Ann Arbor	(734) 769-4700 (Shirts & Trophies)
OCtees	Pontiac	(248) 858-9191
One Stop Shop	Ortonville	(248) 627-7866
Parrotwear	Clarkston	(248) 623-7140
Tri-County Custom Sports	Pontiac	(248) 335-6600
#The Graphic Wizard	Clarkston	(248) 394-0602
The Impressive Type	Waterford	(248) 673-1020

This list represents companies that Waterford Parks and Recreation Department has done business with, sponsored teams in our programs, and/or have solicited our department to be included on this list. We do not endorse or promote any specific organizations over another nor is this list complete. As with all orders, we suggest comparison shopping and requesting references.

#This company is currently under contract with the Waterford Parks and Recreation Department to provide t-shirts for its programs.

2026 SUMMER BALL EQUIPMENT PICK-UP

The following days are scheduled pick-up days for equipment. There will be a field supervisor signing out equipment to coaches.

If you or a representative from your team can not make either day, you will need to call Joe Okaiye, Recreation Supervisor and a message will be relayed to a field supervisor. The field supervisor will call you back to plan a pick up day based on their availability. **You must allow 24-48 hours if you are scheduling pick-up date different than the dates listed below!**

**Rotary Park, 5485 Tubbs Road
Between Crescent Lake Road & Airport Road**

Friday, May 15th 6pm-8pm

Saturday, May 16th 9am-12pm

Wednesday, May 20th 6pm-8pm

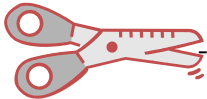
2026 SUMMER BALL CONTACT INFORMATION

Joe Okaiye, Recreation Supervisor
jokaiye@waterfordmi.gov
(248) 618-7658



2026 SUMMER BALL TEAM PICTURE INFORMATION

- Pictures are Monday, and Tuesday, June 22nd & June 23rd
- The specific day your team will have their pictures taken will appear on your game schedule at the bottom.
- Teams will need to arrive one (1) hour before your scheduled game time on picture day.
- If your team is unable to have their pictures taken on the date you are scheduled, it would be the responsibility of the coach to contact the photographer and arrange for a time that the team can have their pictures taken.
- Pictures will be delivered to your team, at the field, by the last scheduled game of the season along with your complimentary coach/sponsor plaque.
- If your team chooses not to have their pictures taken by the photographer, then you will not receive a coach/sponsor plaque.



2026 SUMMER BALL SCHEDULE REQUEST

COACH _____ PHONE () _____

DATE	REQUEST

FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 22

I understand that this is a request ONLY. Circumstances may dictate that Waterford Parks and Recreation Department may not be able to honor all requests.

Mandatory Coach's Signature _____

VOLUNTEER COACHES AGREEMENT FOR YOUTH SPORTS

All coaches affiliated with Waterford Township Parks and Recreation Department programs must be familiar with and adhere to the rules, regulations and philosophy established in each individual sports manager manual.

As a volunteer coach, **I AGREE TO:**

- Treat each player, opposing coach, official, parent and league administrator with respect and dignity.
- Do my best to learn the fundamental skills, teaching and evaluation techniques, and strategies of my sport.
- Become thoroughly familiar with the rules of my sport.
- Become familiar with the objectives of the youth sports program with which I coach, and I will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial competitive contests.
- Uphold the authority of officials who are assigned to the contests in which I coach, and I will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial competitive contests.
- Learn the strengths and weaknesses of my players so that I might place them into situations where they have a maximum opportunity to achieve success.
- Conduct my practices and games so that all players have an opportunity to safely improve their skill level through active participation.
- Communicate to my players and their parents the right and responsibilities of individuals on my team.
- Cooperate with the administrators of our organization in the enforcement of rules, regulations and program philosophy, and I will report any irregularities that violated sound competitive or ethical practices or situations which may be deemed questionable or not in the best interest of the participants.
- Protect the health and safety of my players by insisting that all of the activities under my control are conducted for their psychological and physiological welfare, rather than for the vicarious interests of adults. I will report all injuries to parents and administrators as required.
- Have two adults present at all practice sessions.
- To complete all forms required.
- Return all equipment provided at the end of the season and report any defective equipment immediately.

Name _____
First Middle Last
(Please print name as it appears on Driver's License)

I have read the rules and regulations and understand my responsibilities as a volunteer coach. I understand that my volunteer services as coach may be terminated by the Waterford Township Parks and Recreation Department for any violation of the Recreation Department's rules and regulations or for any conduct which violated the spirit of those rules and regulations and the philosophy contained in the sports manager manual. I also understand that my volunteer services may be terminated at any time by the Recreation Department without cause and without notice.

I have read all of the material contained on this page, and I understand, and I am in agreement with all that I have read. I further understand that a background check may be completed.

Signature

Date