

Youth sports play a vital role in the growth and development of young people and have a lasting impact on the entire community. Participation in sports helps children build essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership, perseverance, and discipline. It also fosters physical fitness, boosts self-esteem, and provides opportunities for social interaction in a structured, positive environment.

Moreover, youth sports bring communities together. By supporting local sports programs, we not only invest in the health and well-being of our children but also in the unity, pride, and vibrancy of our community. These programs help establish lifelong habits of active living and encourage positive youth development, creating a stronger, more connected community.

We appreciate your cooperation with the Participation Fee Policy and your continued support of youth sports in our community. Together, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to experience the benefits of organized sports.

Gaston Youth Sports is committed to providing a positive and enriching sports experience for all youth participants. To maintain the quality and sustainability of our programs, the following **Participation Fee Policy** is in effect for all sports:

Policy:

1. Registration and Payment Deadline:

- The full payment for each player's participation in the sports season must be received by the closing date of registration. This payment covers necessary costs such as equipment, facility use, insurance, and other associated program expenses.
- Players will only be officially placed on a team once payment is received in full. If payment is not made by the registration deadline, the player will not be assigned to a team, and their spot in the program may be forfeited.

2. Payment Methods:

- Payments can be made through our secure online registration platform, Venmo, or in person with a current board member.
- Families who require a payment plan or financial assistance may request such options before the registration deadline. All arrangements must be finalized before the registration closes for the player to be eligible to participate.

3. Refund Policy:

- Refunds will only be issued for players who withdraw from the program prior to the first official game of the season.

4. Scholarship and Financial Aid:

- We believe that every child should have the opportunity to participate in sports, regardless of their financial situation. Limited scholarships and financial aid options are available to qualifying families. Please contact us for details on how to apply.

