

Information Packet  
Clover Parks and Recreation  
Fall 2015 – Spring 2016



Clover Community Center  
120 Bethel Street  
Clover, SC 29710

## Welcome

The goal of the Clover Parks and Recreation Department is to provide our community with fun and enjoyable programs using quality facilities and a positive environment. We feel it is important for each participant to achieve the best of their ability and receive positive reinforcement for doing so by coaches, parents, and peers.

Here at Clover Parks & Recreation we take pride in providing a wide variety of programs and facilities for all the citizens of Clover, along with our guests who may be visiting from out of town.

If you are looking for Youth Baseball, Youth Soccer, Youth Softball, Youth Basketball, Adult Basketball, Adult Kickball, Adult Softball, picnic shelters, disc golf, trips for senior citizens athletic events, or just a place to sit and relax, we have all that and more.

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## **Registration Process**

Clover Parks and Recreation begins registration for spring youth sports (soccer, baseball and softball) during the month of February.

Registration for the fall sports (soccer, baseball and softball) opens during the month of July. Winter registration for basketball opens during October.

Register online at [www.cloversc.org](http://www.cloversc.org), under Parks and Recreation – Youth Athletics. Registration can also be made in person at the Clover Community Center, 120 Bethel Street, Clover, SC 29710 during normal office hours, 9:00AM – 6:00PM, Monday – Friday.

Be sure to stay up to date by checking our website ([www.cloversc.org](http://www.cloversc.org)), Facebook page (Clover Parks and Rec) or our Twitter page (@Clover\_Rec) for updates about registration and current events.

## **Refund Policy**

An administration processing fee of 25% will be charged to a participant's request for refund during registration. Unfortunately, we do not give refunds once the registration period has ended. Refund requests must come from the parent/guardian who processed the registration.

## **Parent Code of Conduct**

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in youth athletic programs. Remember youth athletic program participation is a time for participants to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything. Play your part and observe the Clover Parks and Recreation Department's Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct & Ethics, located in the back of this packet.

## **Team Parent**

Our coaches are volunteers and like many of us have limited time to devote to coaching. Many coaches find it helpful to have a parent from the team help with everything which goes along with coaching to make

their job easier. It is great to have someone else keep the information, send out emails, organize drink and snack schedules, and even help plan an end of season banquet. Helping with the administration side of the Teams can help Clover Rec and your coach provide your child with a more enjoyable experience. Ask your coach if you can help in any way.

### **Accident Insurance**

Clover Parks and Recreation does not provide accident insurance for the participants. Any injuries which may occur during our programs are the responsibility of the participant or parent.

### **Alcohol and Tobacco Policy**

Clover Parks and Recreation Department has adopted a No Tobacco Policy and No Alcohol Policy which includes electronic cigarettes. This policy states participants and spectators must refrain from using tobacco and alternative nicotine products such as electric cigarettes at all Clover Parks and Recreation Department sponsored events and parks that are maintained by the Town of Clover.

### **Photo Information**

Scheduled team pictures are currently taken by Sport Pix. Your coach will be provided with the date and schedule, at least two weeks in advance. Please be sure to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time to avoid any issues. If you are dissatisfied with your photographs or photography experience, please let us know as soon as possible.

### **Facility Supervisors**

The Clover Parks and Recreation Department schedules staff members to be at each site during practices and games. These staff members are noticeable by a Clover Parks and Recreation logo on the left chest of their shirts. They represent our department and as such represent the final authority for each situation not handled by the referee/umpire or Program Coordinator. They are also responsible for the enforcement of our program and facility rules. However, there will be times throughout the season where one supervisor will be assigned to multiple facilities

and will have to rotate between sites. Please be patient and understanding with any situation which may occur.

Should you have any concerns, suggestions or information, please tell the supervisor. They will be in direct contact with the Program Coordinator on a daily basis.

### **Animals/Pets**

Clover Parks and Recreation does not allow any animals or pets inside the playing area of the facilities at any given time. Violators will be asked to leave.

## **Gallery 120**

The Art Gallery is located inside the Clover Community Center (120 Bethel Street, Clover, SC 29710). Gallery 120 will be showcasing works of the chosen artists throughout the month. It will continue to feature an array of new artists work on a monthly basis. Exhibit will be open to the public Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00AM - 5:00PM.

The mission of Art Gallery 120 is to connect various artists within the community and all over the Metrolina area and showcase their artwork, with a special focus on students work.

For more information, contact Amy Gonzalez (803) 222 - 9493.

## **Special Events**

### **Community Education Seminars**

The Town of Clover proudly presents our community with an array of free seminars, such as:

- Women's Safety & Awareness
- Estate Planning
- Understanding Dementia
- Geocaching
- CPR Certification

### **St. Patrick's Day Festival**

This is our biggest event all year. We have food and craft vendors from all over the state and country who come to provide an amazing atmosphere. We also have other events during this festival such as a dog show, live music, inflatable and other rides.

### **Annual Clover Easter Egg Hunt**

Clover Parks and Recreation organizes an annual youth event where The Easter Bunny is our special guest, handing out candy and posing for photos. Children up to the age of 11 are encouraged to bring their egg collecting bags or baskets.



### **Annual Mayors Ride & Bike Rodeo**

During the month of May, our very own mayor leads a group of youth and adult bicycle riders through the town every year to celebrate bicycle safety month within the town of Clover and Safe Kids York County.

### **Feis-Chlobair**

This festival is an opportunity to encourage growth of the shared heritage by showcasing those who practice Scottish & Scotch-Irish arts, crafts, music, athletics & traditions. There are a couple of events and variations that have been added over the centuries, but the core of the sport remains, “throw heavy things as far or as high as you can.”

### **Movies in the Park**

Movies in the Park is a summer activity for families and friends! During the last Friday in May, June & July, a giant screen will be set up at New Centre Park and we invite the community to come relax and enjoy an evening of great films & laughs under the stars.

All movies will begin at dusk and will be located on field #1 at New Centre Park. Admission is free! Movie goers are welcome to bring blankets & low back chairs. Concessions will be open and offer several items for sale.

No pets, tobacco, coolers, alcoholic beverages or outside food allowed.

In case of inclement weather, movies may be cancelled. Visit [www.cloversc.org](http://www.cloversc.org) or our [Facebook](#) page for more information and updates.

### **Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest/Fall Festival**

This is a free community event offering games, activities, snacks, and drinks. We welcome all participants to compete in our pumpkin carving contest.

## **Sponsorship**

Sponsorship of youth programs is available to everyone - companies, individuals, groups, associations etc. In fact, anyone interested in supporting a fantastic Clover community program with the added benefits of a broad spectrum of advertising! Be recognized as a community leader and supporter of Clover's youth programs.

Sponsorship not only supports the youth programs but also provides affordable advertising through continuous exposure to the residents and companies throughout the Clover and surrounding communities.

As we look forward to beginning our fall youth athletics seasons, we hope you and your business will join us in ensuring our program is second to none. We have high expectations for our programs in the near future. In preparation for the new season, we are offering your business an opportunity to have a 4ft x 8ft banner on one of our athletic fields. Each field will host more than 100 games per season with teams from Fort Mill, Tega Cay, Steele Creek, Lake Wylie and Clover. Sponsorship deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

If you are interested in supporting young athletes in our area, please contact Colby Parnell.

## **Soccer**

Our soccer program is governed by South Carolina Youth Soccer Association. There are various camps and clinics for both players and coaches. Be sure to check our website and social media training opportunities.

All of our leagues are offered in the spring and fall. Our age groups are U4 Coed, U6 Coed, U8 Coed, U10 Boys, U10 Girls, U12 Boys, U12 Girls, U14 Boys, U14 Girls, U17 Boys, and U17 Girls. Subject to cancellation if minimum participation is not met.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding soccer, please contact Colby Parnell.

## **Baseball**

Our baseball program is governed by the rules of Little League Baseball and the bylaws of Clover Parks and Recreation Department. Baseball is offered in both spring and fall. There are various camps and clinics for both players and coaches. Be sure to check our website and social media for the updated information.

In the spring we offer Tee-Ball, Machine Pitch, Minor League, and Intermediate League.

In the fall we offer Coach Pitch, Minor League, and Intermediate League.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding baseball, please contact Josh McCarter.

## **Softball**

Our Softball program is governed by the Bylaws of Clover Parks and Recreation Department. Softball is offered in both spring and fall. There are various camps and clinics for both players and coaches. Be sure to check our website and social media for the updated information.

Our age groups are offered in both the fall and spring. Our age groups are 8 & Under, 10 & Under, 12 & Under, and 16 & Under.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Softball, please contact Josh McCarter, contact information listed in the staff directory on page 1.

## **Basketball**

Our Basketball program is governed by the Bylaws of Clover Parks and Recreation Department. Basketball is offered in the winter. There are various camps and clinics for both players and coaches. Be sure to check our website and social media for the updated information.

Our age groups are Start Smart, 6 & Under Coed, 8 & Under Boys, 9 & Under Girls, 10 & Under Boys, 12 & Under Girls, 12 & Under Boys and 15 & Under Boys.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Basketball, please contact Josh McCarter. Contact information listed in the staff directory on page 1

## **Adult Sports**

We offer Adult Soccer, Adult Softball and Adult Kickball during the summer months. Players must be 14 years or older. Adult sport registration is done by teams rather than individuals. If you are interested in one of these sports, please contact our office.

## **Rules and Regulations**

The bylaws for each and every sport we offer are on our website ([www.cloversc.org](http://www.cloversc.org)) under Parks and Recreation. Should you have any questions about a rule please contact the appropriate coordinator, we will be glad to answer your questions.

## **Facilities**

### **Clover Community Center** – 120 Bethel St,

- Recreation administrative staff, art gallery, activity space, and council chambers
- SC Horseshoe Pitching Association Hall of Fame
- Space also used for variety of town functions such as Planning Commission and Economic Development Board Meetings

### **Clover Community Park** – 256 Community Park Dr.

- Maintenance office headquarters
- Two full-sized lighted baseball/softball fields
- SC Horseshoe Pitching Association approved lighted horseshoe park with 16 pits
- Lighted walking trail (1 mile) with fitness circuit
- Lighted Picnic Shelters – first come, first serve except with reservation
  - \$25 fee to reserve 30x60 shelter with 10 picnic tables and two charcoal grills
  - \$15 fee to reserve small shelter with 3 picnic tables
- Seasonal Concession Stand
- Playground
- 9 hole disk golf

### **Roosevelt Park** – 312 Mobley St.

- One full-size and two Youth League size baseball fields
- Outdoor, full-size basketball court
- Stellie J. Jackson Enrichment Center

- Lighted 30'x60' picnic shelter; \$25 fee to reserve
- Playground

**New Centre Park** – 501 Memorial Dr.

- Four full size soccer fields(three lighted)
- Seasonal concession stand with restrooms

**Blue Eagle Academy** – 300 Clinton Ave, Clover, SC

- Fields are maintained by the town during Youth Soccer and Youth Baseball season; available for use at no charge
- Indoor Gymnasium used for youth basketball practice and adult basketball games
- Lighted walking trail

**Griggs Road Elementary** – 100 Griggs Rd, Clover, SC

- Fields are maintained by the town during Youth Soccer and Youth Baseball season; (available for use at no charge)
- Playground

**Optimist** – 1501 Tom Joye Road, Clover, SC

- Owned by Optimist Club but maintained year round by the town
- Available for use by the town at no charge
- One full-sized baseball field

**Kinard Elementary** – 201 Pressley Street, Clover, SC

- Baseball/Softball practice field
- Playground

**Larne Elementary** – 3598 Filbert Highway, Clover, SC

- Baseball/Softball practice field

## **Frequently Asked Questions about Recreation Sports**

What is the typical length of a season?

Each youth sports regular seasons typically consist of 8 to 12 games.

Spring seasons: Approximately March to late May or early June. (Baseball, Softball and Soccer)

Fall season: Approximately August to late October or early November. (Baseball, Softball and Soccer)

Winter season: Approximately November to late January or early February (Basketball)

Single or double elimination post season tournaments are held for ages 7 and older, which are typically played after the regular season ends for all youth sports.

How are the leagues organized?

Leagues are organized based on the number of individuals registered within a specific age division. Generally we would like to have a minimum of four teams to have an individual league but there are certain exceptions. All new players or players moving up an age division will be required to enter the draft.

Exception: A sibling will be placed on the same team without having to go to the draft.

When and where will my child practice and play games?

The Clover Recreation uses many fields and facilities for practice. This allows teams the opportunity to practice before and during the season.

Baseball and Softball: Clover Community Park, Roosevelt Park, Kinard Elementary, Larne Elementary, Clover Optimist Club, Griggs Road Elementary and Larne Elementary.

Soccer: New Centre Park

Basketball: Blue Eagle Academy, Clover Middle School and Clover High School

Recreation staff will provide a preseason practice schedule for all teams. Preseason practices will be held twice a week. Once the regular season has started, practices will be scheduled based on field/gym availability.

The Clover Recreation Department will make a concerted effort to have a game schedule available as soon as possible. Games may be scheduled on any day of the week, but will typically be scheduled on Monday Tuesday and Thursday Game schedules depend on total number of teams, field/gym availability, school district calendar and other organizations compatibilities.

How much are registration fees and what do they cover?

Registration fees vary \$40.00 to \$50.00, depending on the season and age division. Fees help cover uniforms, games and field preparation costs.

Baseball/Softball: Jersey, hat, officials, team equipment (field usage and any needed maintenance).

*Fees do not cover - pants/shorts, belt, socks, cleats, trophies, or team banquet.*

Soccer: Jersey, shorts, socks, officials, team equipment, field usage, and any needed maintenance.

*Fees do not include shin guards, cleats, goalie gloves, trophies, or team banquet.*

Basketball: Jersey, shorts, officials, team equipment, gym space, and any needed maintenance.

*Fees do not include shoes, socks, trophies, or team banquet.*