



City of Aventura 2016-17

YOUTH SPORTS

August 2016 - June 2017

Information Packet

For complete **details and schedules**, visit cityofaventura.com/sports.
Registration is open and can be completed online at cityofaventura.com/ors
and in person at the Community Recreation Center, Waterways Park or Founders Park.



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the City of Aventura Youth Athletics Program. We offer a variety of youth athletics throughout the year including flag football, girls' softball, basketball, girls' and boys' soccer, tee ball and baseball. These programs have been planned to provide supervised athletics that are safe and fun.

It is our pleasure and responsibility to provide professional, responsive, and quality programming for your family. We look forward to providing your child with a safe and exciting athletics season and hearing your comments as part of our continuous efforts to bring you the best activities and programs to your children. For more information about the City of Aventura, please visit the City's website cityofaventura.com.

Please feel free to contact Kimberly Merchant at 305-466-8008 with any questions or concerns not addressed in this packet.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Merchant

WE WANT YOU

A coach on staff will be assigned to each team to ensure players have a positive and memorable experience in an environment that they can learn sport skills or develop current skills. The City of Aventura is always looking for volunteers to assist with the teams. If you or someone you know is interested in making a difference, please contact the Aventura Sports Director, Donald Krumrie at dkrumrie@aventurasports.com

All volunteers will be required to be:

- At least 16 years of age.
- Pass a criminal background check (Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Federal Bureau of Investigation).

- Complete the National Youth Sports Coaches Association Certification (NYSCA) through the National Alliance of Youth Sports (NAYS).

Volunteers who successfully complete the requirements will receive an ID Card to be worn at all games and practices and a volunteer shirt to be worn on game days.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

Registration Procedures

Registration for flag football, little league, basketball, girls' and boys' soccer can be completed online at cityofaventura.com/ors, or in-person at any of the following facilities:

Aventura Waterways Park
3301 NE 213 Street
Aventura, FL 33180
305-466-8008

Aventura Founders Park
3105 NE 190 Street
Aventura, FL 33180
305-466-0183

Aventura Community Recreation Center
3375 NE 188 Street
Aventura, FL 33180
305-466-3883

If you choose to register online, you must complete and return all required paperwork prior to the start of the program.

Participant Information Form

All payments for youth programs must be paid in full at the time of registration. Acceptable forms of payment include: cash, check, Visa, or MasterCard. The City of Aventura cannot hold availability without appropriate payment. Birth certificates must be shown at the time of registration, and all required registration forms must be completed and submitted at the time of registration.

Refund Policy

Refunds are only considered when an activity or program is cancelled by the City or for medical emergencies. No refund request or credit will be considered after a program has concluded. Refunds are issued to the original payee only.

STANDARDS AND ETHICS

The City of Aventura Youth Athletics Programs are designed to provide children with the opportunity to experience sports in a structured environment. Participation in athletics plays a valuable role in the development of children. Aspects of teamwork, dedication, discipline, physical fitness, self-esteem, and fair play all contribute to the overall growth and maturation of youth. It is our goal to conduct programs to accomplish these objectives.

The City of Aventura has also adopted the “National Standards for Youth Sports” compiled by the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS), an organization dedicated to improving out-of-school youth sports by raising awareness through leadership, education, and advocacy. The standards are as follows:

Proper Sports Environment

Parents must consider and carefully choose the proper sports environment for their child including the appropriate age and development for participation, the type of sport, the rules of the sport, the age range of the participants, and the proper level of physical and emotional stress.

Programs Based on Children’s Well-Being

Parents must select youth sports programs that are developed and organized to enhance the emotional, physical, social, and educational well-being of children.

Drug, Tobacco & Alcohol-Free Environment

Parents must encourage an environment free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol for their children.

Part of a Child’s Life

Parents must recognize that youth sports are only a small part of a child’s life.

Training

Parents must insist that coaches are trained and certified.

Parent’s Active Role

Parents must make a serious effort to take an active role in the youth sports experience of their child providing positive support as a spectator, coach, and/or caring parent.

Positive Role Models

Parents must be a positive role model, exhibiting sportsmanlike behavior at games, practices and home, while also giving positive reinforcement to their child and support of their child’s coaches.

Parent Commitment

Parents must demonstrate their commitment to their child’s youth sports experience by annually signing the Parent’s Code of Ethics Pledge.

Safe Playing Equipment

Parents must insist on safe playing facilities, healthy playing situations and proper first aid applications, should the need arise.

Equal Play Opportunity

Parents, coaches, and league administrators must provide equal sports play opportunity for all youth regardless of race, creed, sex, economic status, or ability.

Drug, Tobacco & Alcohol-Free Adults

Parents, coaches, and fans must be drug, tobacco and alcohol-free at youth league sporting events.

POLICIES

Practices

Practices are scheduled in one hour increments. Each team will practice once a week at Founders Park, Waterways Park, or the Community Recreation Center. Practices will be chosen by coaches on a first-come first-serve basis.

Coaches will be responsible for informing teams of their practice times. Participants should arrive at practice on time and in appropriate attire. Practices will primarily be held on week nights, but may be held on weekends and holidays.

Games

Game schedules are created based on the number of teams created. Games will last approximately 45 minutes to one hour. On occasion practices may be cancelled to allow for make-up games. Game information will be available on the City of Aventura website at cityofaventura.com/sports.

Uniforms & Awards

All participants will receive a jersey to keep. Parents are responsible for any other apparel or personal equipment required for the sport.

All players shall be issued uniforms prior to the first game. Uniforms will be distributed by the size listed on the participant information form.

Each player will receive a participation/championship award at the last game of the regular season.

Severe Weather

All City parks are equipped with a lightning prediction system. When a potential lightning strike is imminent within the area, participants

will hear one 15 second blast. All activities will be discontinued and the parks will close.

Parks will reopen and programming may resume when the lightning prediction system gives three short 5 second blasts. Programming may continue unless other types of adverse conditions exist.

Games and practices may be canceled in cases of inclement weather. When applicable, coaches will notify their team at least one hour in advance when games or practices are canceled. Parents are encouraged to check the City of Aventura website in cases of severe weather. Canceled games will be made-up based on availability. Parents will be notified via e-mail of make-up games.

Clinics & Skills Ratings Method

The City of Aventura will hold clinics and skills ratings to introduce the sport and assess players' skill levels. The City encourages all players to attend the clinics and skills ratings to help maintain equality between teams and ensure integrity of the league.

During the skills ratings, players will be identified by a number. One half of the field or court will be used for skill demonstrations and the remaining space will be used by staff to organize players into groups. Staff will give each group instructions to perform drills.

Players who do not attend player evaluations will not receive a rating before teams are created, however if they have previously played in City of Aventura athletics, the Athletics Director may place them on a team accordingly. Any player registering after the clinics and skills ratings will be placed on a team by the Athletics Director. Please remember that special requests

are not guaranteed and that team rosters are subject to change.

Coaches & Team Parents

A Coach on staff will be assigned to each team to ensure players have a positive and memorable experience in an environment that they can learn sport skills or develop current skills. The City of Aventura is always looking for volunteers to assist with the teams. If you or someone you know is interested in making a difference, please contact the City of Aventura. All volunteers will be required to be:

- At least 16 years of age.
- Pass a criminal background check (Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Federal Bureau of Investigation).
- Complete the National Youth Sports Coaches Association Certification (NYSCA) through the National Alliance of Youth Sports (NAYS).

All teams will have a maximum of two coaches which will need to be present at all team meetings, practices, games, and any other team function.

Volunteers who successfully complete the requirements will receive an ID card to be worn at all games and practices and a volunteer shirt to be worn on game days.

Parental Involvement

Every parent will receive a copy of the Parents Code of Ethics. Parental signature is required and these will be filed with the Parks and Recreation Manager. The form is available in this packet.

A parents' orientation meeting will be held at the beginning of each sport to inform parents of the rules, organization, and to answer any questions they may have at that time.

Parents will be given an evaluation form and be strongly urged to complete this and return it to the Department of Community Services for program evaluation for future seasons.

CONTACT INFORMATION

We are looking forward to an exciting, enjoyable, and safe season. Should you have any other questions or concerns, please contact Kimberly Merchant, Parks and Recreation Manager at 305-466-8008.

All of the staff listed below can be contacted at 305-466-8008.

City Personnel

Kimberly Merchant
Parks & Recreation Manager

Jamie Evers
Parks & Recreation Supervisor

Lanorris Miller
Parks & Recreation Supervisor

Aventura Sports LLC Personnel

Donald Krumrie
Owner/Director

Francis Rajotte
Owner/Director

City Facilities

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Registration Form

For Recreation Programs

One participant per form - Please print and fill out completely

Participant: First		Last	Date of Birth	Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	
Street Address	Apt#	City, State		Zip		
Home Phone		Work Phone		Cell Phone		
Parent/Guardian: First		Last				
Street Address	Apt #	City		Zip		
Home Phone		Work Phone		Cell Phone		
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION						
<i>Please list an emergency contact not living in the household. This is in case of an emergency only. We will contact the parent or guardian first.</i>						
First Name		Last Name		Contact Number		
	Does this person require assistance or special accommodation to participate in the chosen activity?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Specify special needs:						
Activity #	Program Name	Day/Date	Resident fee	Non-resident fee		
Total Fees \$		<input type="checkbox"/> Cash (walk in only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Check #	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card (online and walk in only)		

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate must contact the Community Services Department at least 48 hours in advance.

Waiver For Adult

As a participant in a City of Aventura (the "City") cultural, sporting, entertainment or other activity or event, or as a user of any City facility, premises or equipment, I hereby voluntarily assume the risk of any loss, injury or damage to myself or my property which in any way arises out of the use of such facilities, premises or equipment or participation in such activities or events, which said loss, injury or damage is sustained while upon said facilities or premises, using such equipment, participating in said events or activities or being transported therefrom or thereto. Further, I do hereby waive any claim against the City and its agents, servants and employees, arising from said loss, injury or damage and do covenant not to sue City or its agents, servants and employees, thereon, regardless of whether such loss, injury or damage is caused in whole or in part by the negligence of City or by the negligence of the agents, servants, or employees of the City.

I hereby give permission for the City to call my physician and/or arrange for emergency medical service technician response or for transportation to a hospital, in the event of any injury or illness to myself, although I understand that the City assumes no responsibility to do so.

READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED TO this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Participant Signature: _____ Name (print): _____

Witnessed By: _____

Waiver For Minors (By Adult)

As the parent or guardian of a minor child participating in the City of Aventura (the "City") cultural, sporting, entertainment or other activity or event, or as the parent or guardian of a minor child participating as a user of any City facility, premises, or equipment, I hereby waive any claim against the City and its agents, servants and employees, hereafter arising from injuries to said child, which said injury is sustained while upon said facilities or premises, using such equipment, participating in said activities or being transported therefrom or thereto, regardless of whether such injury is caused in whole or in part by the negligence of said City or by the negligence of the agents, servants or employees of City.

Further, I do covenant to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the said City, its agents, servants and employees from any claim, liability or damages hereafter arising out of any injury to said child, regardless of whether such injury to said child is caused in whole or in part by the negligence of said City or by the negligence of the agents, servants and employees of City.

I hereby give permission for the City to call my child's physician and/or to arrange for emergency service technician response or for transportation to a hospital, in the event of any injury or illness to my child, although I understand that the City assumes no responsibility to do so.

READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED TO this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Child's Name: _____ Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Witnessed By: _____

Print/Electronic Media Release

I hereby give my permission to the City of Aventura to take, use and display photographic or digital images of me or my child, which may be posted on the City's Internet website or forwarded to newspapers and other publications in which the photograph or digital image would be associated with the City of Aventura.

READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREED TO this ____ day of _____, 20____

Participant/Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Witnessed By: _____

Official Use Only

- Form is complete, signed and witnessed.
- Confirm birth certificate and age of participant.
- Confirm residency with acceptable form of identification. Confirm that address and phone numbers are correct.
- Update household in RecTrac.

Employee Name: _____ Date: _____



City of Aventura

Parent Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support and encouragement for my child participating in the City of Aventura Youth Programs by following

“The Parent Code of Ethics Pledge”.

- I will demonstrate and encourage good sportsmanship, respect and positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or any other youth sports event, regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I will support the coaches and all officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will be respectful of all official's decisions.
- I will demand a positive environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will be a "team" fan, not a "my kid" fan.
- I will remember that the game is about and for the children and not for adults.
- I will not use any profanity or conduct myself in an unsportsmanlike manner.
- I understand that any unsportsmanlike conduct will result in suspension from all practices and games for the remainder of the season and possibly the next.

Childs Name (Please Print)

Season

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Name (Please Print)



City of Aventura Community Services Department

Youth Athletics Participant Information Form

Please print legibly

Participant Name:		Age:	Date of Birth:	Sex: M F
Street Address:		Name of Current School:		
City:		Current Grade:		
State:	Zip:	Cell Phone:		
Shirt Size: (Please circle only one)	Youth: Small Medium Large	Adult: Small Medium Large		
Pant Size: (Soccer and Little League only)	Youth: Small Medium Large	Adult: Small Medium Large		
Specify any Allergies or Special Needs:				
Days of the week you <u>CAN NOT</u> practice:				
Email Address:				
Parent / Guardian Information				
Name:		Relationship to participant:		
Street Address: (if different from participant):		Home Phone:		
City:		Business Phone:	Ext.	
State:	Zip:	Cell Phone:		
Name:		Relationship to participant:		
Street Address: (if different from participant):		Home Phone:		
City:		Business Phone:	Ext.	
State:	Zip:	Cell Phone:		
Emergency Contact Information				
List at least one person who can respond to an emergency in the event that the Parent/Guardian cannot be reached. <i>Please print clearly.</i>				
Name	Relationship	Cell Phone	Alternate Phone	
Volunteer Opportunities				
The City of Aventura is always looking for parent volunteers. If you are interested in being an assistant coach or a team parent, please let us know. All volunteers must undergo a background check through the Department of Florida Law Enforcement and attend a training session prior to the start of each season.				
Name: _____		Contact Number: _____		
Youth Athletic Magazine				
<i>In our efforts to go green, The City of Aventura's Youth Athletic Magazine is available online at www.cityofaventura.com. Parents/Guardians will be held responsible for all information in this handbook. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Waterways or Founders Park.</i>				
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____		Date: _____		
<i>Official Use Only</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Form is completed and legible. <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm age of participant. Copy of Birth Certificate is attached <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Residency required: Valid Drivers License, Utility Bill, Deed or Lease, Voters Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Code of Ethics signed and attached <input type="checkbox"/> If necessary update household information in RecTrac.				
Employee Name: _____		Date: _____		