



RECREATION BOARD MEETING UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2026

ALPHARETTA CITY HALL
COMMUNITY ROOM | 2 PARK PLAZA | 5:30 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

- ❖ Interim Chairman Saha called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

• Recreation Board Members Present

- Jit Saha (Chair)
- Karla Piedrahita (Vice Chair)
- Cameron Kline
- Shuntel Beach
- Tate Holcombe
- John Norton
- Percy Lidback
- Derek Kaighin
- Cheryl Rand

• Staff

- Morgan Rodgers, Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Amanda Musilli, Community Agriculture & Sustainability Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Christine Young, Recreation Services Manager, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Lindsey Pritchard, Recreation Supervisor II, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services
- Sarah Bausano, Administrative Office Coordinator, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services

III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Recreation Board Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2026

- Chair Saha called for a motion.
 - Board Member Kline offered a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, from February 10, 2026, Recreation Board meeting.

- Board Member Norton seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved (7-0-1).

V. ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

a. AYBA Presentation

Spencer Ripley presented, he is the Vice President of AYBA. The presentation is attached. There was a lot of questions regarding the upcoming new turf at Field 5 and how it would benefit the program, as well as the potential for more tournaments.

VI. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

a. DIVISIONS

i. Community Agricultural & Sustainability Division – Amanda Musilli

Amanda came forward to present the current events.

RECREATION Q & A

Q How is the fundraising going for the Renovation of the House at the Farm? (Saha)

A We will not know until the plans are revised. (Musilli)

ii. Cultural Services Division – Kim Zane - **Kim was not present, her report was online.**

iii. Recreation Services Division – Christine Young

Christine came forward to present the current events.

RECREATION Q & A

None

iv. Park Services Division (Excluding Wills Park) – Eric Milley – **Eric was not present, his report was online.**

v. Park Services Division (Including Wills Park) – Matt Casey – **Matt was not present, his report was online.**

b. DIRECTOR

i. Director Rodgers will update the Board.

Director Rodgers came forward with the following items:

- Department staff changes – Senior Operations Manager, Christine Young, Project Manager, Nate Hand, Recreation Services Manager, Lindsey Pritchard, Special Events Supervisor, Lyndsey Macon, and Special Events Coordinator, Angel Cornista
- He stated that Matilda's has their final show at Spotlight Stage on April 25th and would love to have everyone attend.
- Director Rodgers went through a photo slide show of all the projects that are currently in the works with Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services.

RECREATION BOARD Q & A

Q Are we maxed out on parking at the Community Center? (Kaighin)

A Yes, we are. (Rodgers)

Q Waggy World, drainage problem? (Rand)

A It wouldn't drain, we had to fix it. (Rodgers)

Q What is happening with the Adult Softball league for the summer at North Park? (Rand)

A They are taking the summer off. (Rodgers)

Q At Encore, is the walkway wooden? (Rand)

- A No, it is on-grade concrete. (Rodgers)
- Q What is the sponsorship cost for the Bike Share? (Beach)
- A It is \$12,000 per year and we have them sign for 3 years. (Rodgers)
- Q What is the timeline for the Bike Share? (Piedrahita)
- A We plan to take it to City Council in mid-May and then 10 weeks after date of approval. (Rodgers)
- Q Ribbon cutting for Wacky World? (Beach)
- A Trying to do it by the end of May. (Rodgers)
- Q Are there trees being planted at the Equestrian Center? (Rand)
- A Yes, a good number being planted. (Rodgers)
- Q Bricks for Wacky World, where are they going? (Beach)
- A They are going in the Plaza area at the Entrance. (Rodgers)
- Q Why is the purple playground closed? (Holcombe)
- A The double slide was in need of repairs. (Rodgers)
- C Thank you to the Recreation Department for all their hard work on Wacky World.
(Norton)

VII. RECREATION BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Chair Saha called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Board Member Rand made a motion to adjourn.
 - Board Member Beach seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously (9-0-0).
- With there being no further business to consider or discuss, Chair Saha adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Bausano

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Administrative Office Coordinator
Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services



Alpharetta Youth Baseball Association

2025 Program Report
Presented to Alpharetta Parks &
Recreation Board
April 14, 2026



AYBA Community Impact

- One of the largest youth baseball organizations in North Metro Atlanta
- Serving 1,468 players across recreational and travel programs
- Volunteer-driven organization focused on development, sportsmanship, and community
- Proud partner with the City of Alpharetta in delivering youth athletics



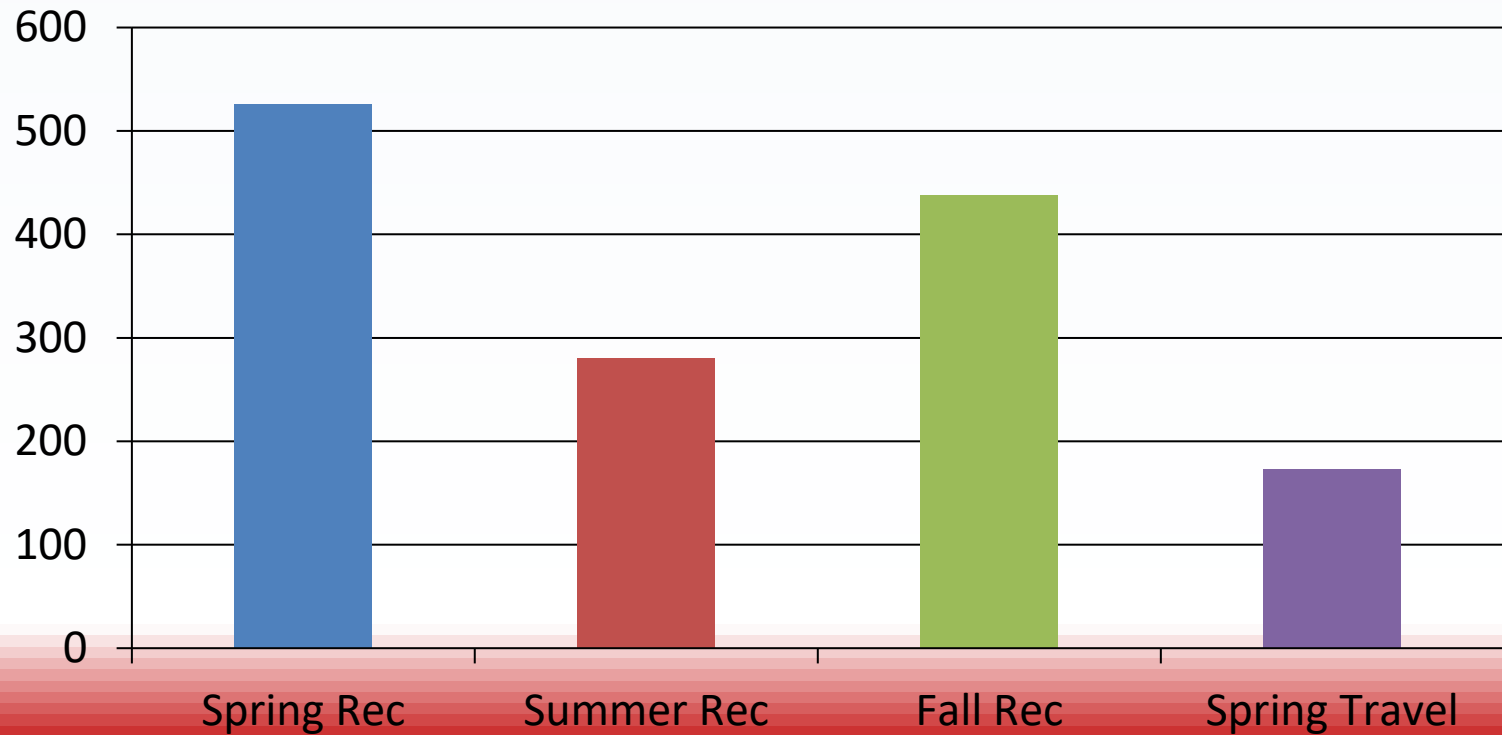
2025 Participation Snapshot

- Total Players: 1,468
- Residents: 1,279 (87%)
- Non-Residents: 189 (13%)
- AYBA continues to be one of the most utilized youth programs at Wills Park and Webb Bridge Park



Participation by Season (2025)

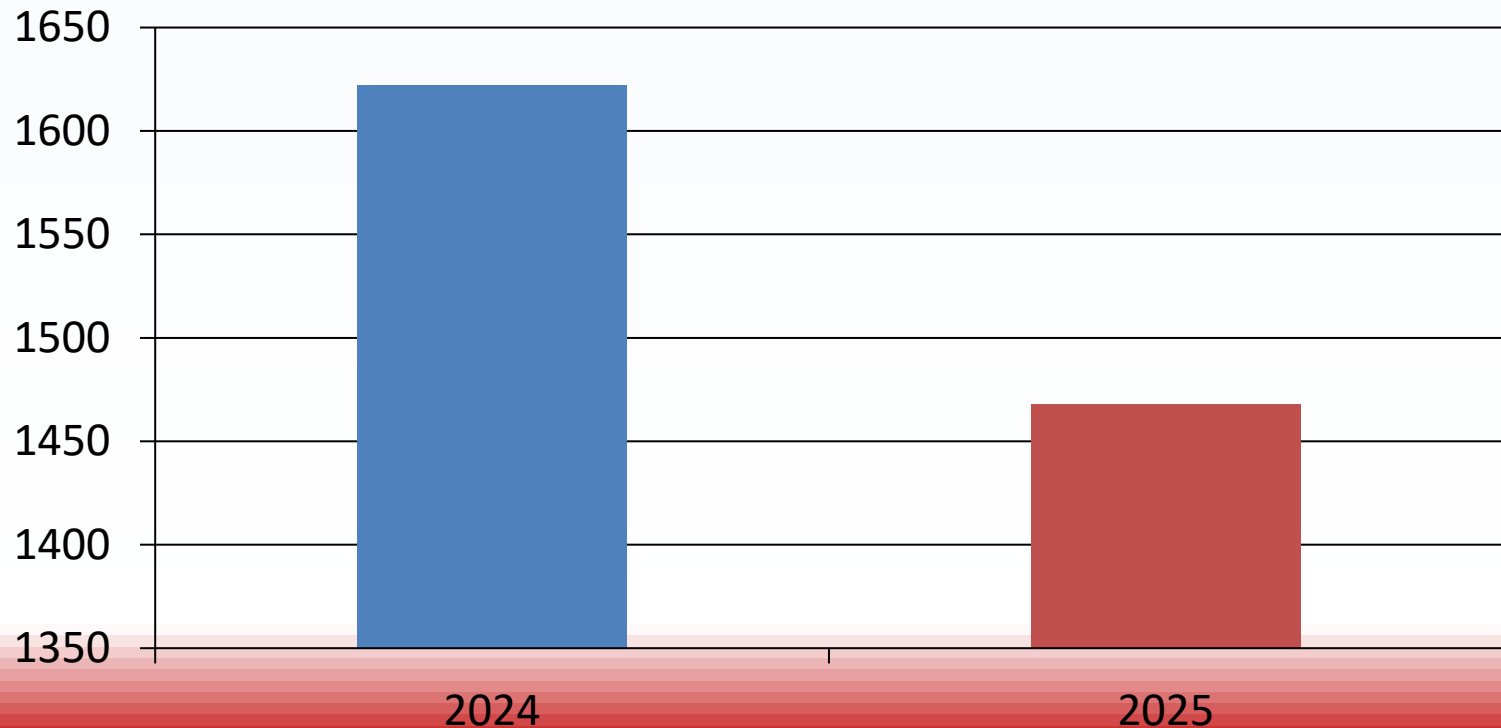
Players





Total Participation Trend

Players





What the Participation Trends Tell Us

- Traditional recreational participation faces regional pressures
- Travel participation continues to grow significantly
- AYBA continues to serve a large base of Alpharetta families
- Facility availability remains critical to sustaining youth sports participation



2025 Organizational Highlights

- Raised \$3,000 in sponsorships supporting scholarships and program improvements
- Three AYBA All-Star teams captured Braves Country State Championships
- Expanded partnerships with Alpharetta High School and the local baseball community
- Continued strong volunteer engagement across the program



Program Strengths

- Outstanding baseball facilities at Wills Park and Webb Bridge Park
- Strong reputation throughout North Metro baseball
- Development-focused coaching philosophy
- One of the few remaining summer recreational baseball leagues in the region
- Dedicated volunteers and coaches supporting the program



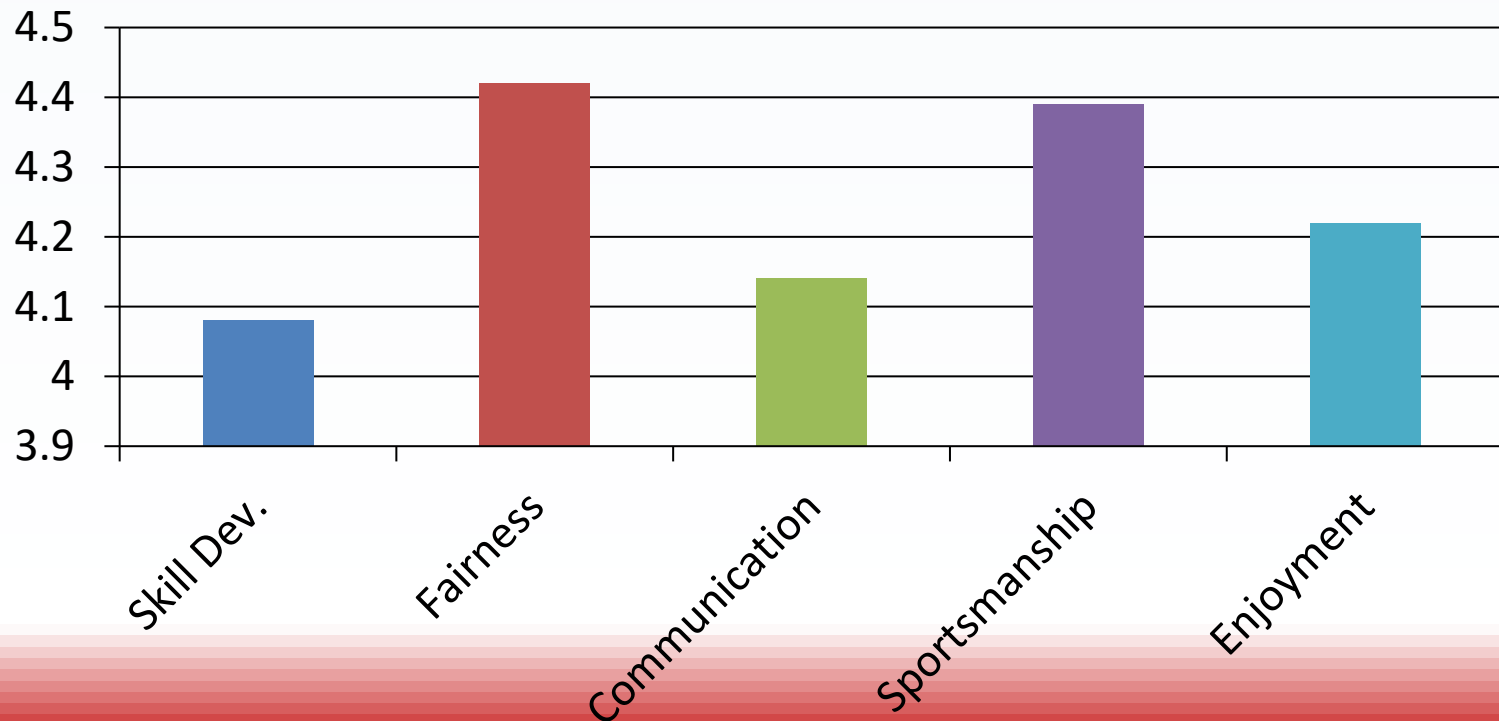
Youth Sports Environment

- Travel baseball continuing to attract players at younger ages
- Competition from other youth sports
- Non-resident participation limitations from surrounding municipalities
- Families increasingly expecting higher levels of training and competition



Parent Satisfaction Survey (1-5 Scale)

Average Score





Community Engagement

- AYBA Facebook community exceeds 2,200 followers
- New website platform improved registration and communication
- Strong engagement between families, volunteers, and the Alpharetta community



Facility Investment Priority

- Proposed Project: Artificial Turf Installation – Field 5 at Wills Park
 - Increases field durability
 - Creates more playable days during weather events
 - Allows more games and practices to be scheduled
 - Supports tournament hosting opportunities
 - Strengthens Alpharetta’s reputation as a premier youth baseball destination



Recreational All-Star Success

- 9U Braves Country Baseball State Champions
- 11U District Champions and State Champions
- 12U Braves Country Baseball State Champions & 12U Braves Country Baseball World Series Championship Runner-Ups



Georgia Bombers Partnership

- Continued collaboration with Georgia Bombers Baseball Club
- Shared focus on player development, discipline, and character
- Provides a pathway for players advancing beyond recreational baseball



Travel Program Highlights

- 13 players with college commitments from the Class of 2025
- Multiple Perfect Game tournament championships
- Championship teams across 12U through 17U levels
- Continued partnership with Alpharetta High School feeder programs



Thank You

- AYBA appreciates the continued partnership with the City of Alpharetta
- Special thanks to the Parks & Recreation team for maintaining exceptional facilities
- Together we continue providing outstanding youth baseball opportunities for our community