

## ASSESSMENTS



The league conducts two different types of assessments; skill assessments for team selection and play-up assessments for those wishing to play in a league older than their age would place them.

Play-up assessments are **mandatory** for those wishing to “play-up”. Please see important details on this page.

Skill assessments are only conducted for certain leagues. In Girls Blue Hat leagues, these assessments help league staff balance team selection.

In Girls Green and Red Hat and Boys Green, Red, Blue and Black Hat leagues, assessments are used for coaches to draft teams. Players who cannot attend their skill assessment are assigned to teams using a “blind draw” or age and alphabet” assignment.

Skill assessments are not mandatory, but highly encouraged in order to balance team formation.

Note: Interscholastic, Middle/High School team players cannot participate in assessments. Please check the calendar on p. 18 for dates and times.

### UMPIRES WANTED!

The WYBSL provides paid training for non-certified umpires to officiate our baseball and softball leagues for players 9-12 years old.

Umpires must be at least 15 years old, and start earning \$26 per game. **Please contact Umpire Director Marshall Guerin at [umpires@wybsl.org](mailto:umpires@wybsl.org) for more information.**

## PRACTICES AND GAMES

Practices begin in late April and games begin in mid May. Coaches may schedule additional practices during the season.

Teams generally have 2 weeknight and one Saturday practice scheduled each week until games begin. Weeknight practices are either 5:30-7PM or 7-8:30PM.

Regular season games begin at 6:15PM or 6:30PM depending on league. Normally, two games are scheduled each week.

Games are scheduled on “playing days” outlined on page 4. Practices are scheduled on “playing days” and week-ends. Make-up games will be scheduled as necessary on Saturdays, and Sundays when needed.

## PLAYING-UP

A player’s “Playing Age” is his/her age on April 30, 2019, and we urge parents and guardians to consider that children play in the normal league for their age.

We realize that there are some reasons for “playing up” to an older league – such as skill level, wishes to play with siblings, etc. – and WYBSL provides a way for boys and girls to do so – at their parent’s request and with the approval of the WYBSL. **Assessment attendance is a mandatory criterion.**

Players may play-up one age year – NOT one league. For example, a five year old may request to play Coach-Pitch instead of Tee-Ball – a four year old cannot.

For **GIRLS** with Playing Ages of 6, 8, 10 or 12, and For **BOYS** with Playing Ages of 6, 7, 8, 10 or 12,

- A parent or guardian must submit a Play-Up Form (found on page 10) with the player’s application.
- After regular registration ends, space must be open.
- Players will be considered in the chronological order in which their forms and fees are received.
- **The player MUST either:**
  1. Have played in the **same** higher age division before (2018 Spring/Summer or Fall season), or
  2. Attend a mandatory play-up assessment session on **April 6<sup>th</sup> (rain date April 13<sup>th</sup>)**. Times and locations for each age group are listed on the calendar on page 18.
- WYBSL staff must agree that the player is able to **safely and competitively** play at the requested level.

If the player does not meet the above criteria, or if the staff does not believe that the player can safely and competitively play at the requested level, the parents will be contacted and given the option of playing at the normal age level, **if space is available.**

The WYBSL reserves the right to re-evaluate a play-up participant at any time, before or during the season, and take appropriate action to ensure the safety of all participants.

### MAKE-UP SCHEDULES

**When necessary, schedules will be posted by Friday morning at [www.wybsl.org](http://www.wybsl.org)**