

COACHES

Without the help of our volunteer coaches, we would not be able to have a successful program. To support new and returning coaches, the league offers resources and programs including a New Coaches Meeting, NYSCA Certification, Coaching Clinics and League Meetings during the season. Check the calendar on page 18 and the website throughout the season for scheduling details.



Lastly, coaching is a challenging responsibility that is acknowledged by the league. And as safety and security of our participants is paramount, our league policy is to **conduct criminal background checks on ALL coaches and league managers**. Additionally, per Ohio law, **ALL** coaches must complete concussion training and Lindsay's Law requirements.

You can indicate your offer to coach on the registration forms, the volunteer form or by email to Chase Baltzer at hr@wybsl.org.

UMPIRES

The WYBSL schedules over 1,300 games each season using the following classification of Umpires by league level:

Green and Red Hat: The Umpire Director schedules WYBSL trained and paid umpires. Upon completion of required training/evaluation, compensation varies by experience and can be a **great first job for high school students age 15 and above**. Training will be held April 7th and April 14th.

Blue and Black Hat: OSHAA Certified umpires are used to officiate all games at this level.

All umpires must complete concussion training. Contact Marshall Guerin at umpires@wybsl.org or sign-up during Walk-In Registration dates.

Tee-Ball and Coach-Pitch: Adult volunteers are asked to count pitches, call foul balls and safe/out at bases. Please speak to your coach to help out!

VOLUNTEER

Each year, over 600 dedicated volunteers help the WYBSL operate our program. No matter how little or much time you have available and no matter what skills or passion you have, we have place on our roster for you!

Some areas of service you might consider:

Registration Aides: Assist the Registration Director at walk-in sessions as well as processing registrations. Help is needed beginning in early-March through mid-April on a flexible basis.

League General Managers: Work with the Program Director to insure communication between the league and coaches is clear and efficient. Coordinate uniform and equipment distribution, ensure schedules are shared in a timely manner, and generally be a conduit between teams and coaches and the league.

Standings Coordinators: Ensure game scores are reported accurately in a timely fashion. Compile and check standings and share with the league's Webmaster for posting.

Concessions: Work with the Concession Director to schedule managers & volunteers and maintain stock in the concession trailers. Ideal for someone who has available time during the day!

Field Crew: Help check field conditions on weekends for make-up games. Work with the Fields Director to prepare fields for All Star Saturday and other special events.

Equipment Crew: Assist the Equipment Director in organizing inventory, preparing team bags and maintaining field boxes throughout the season!

Fall Ball Committee: Volunteers looking to learn and help the league in important operations – and possible greater, future responsibility – are encouraged to explore this opportunity. Help with registration, team selection, scheduling or day-to-day operations throughout the fall season.

Please visit www.wybsl.org and complete the Volunteer Survey, or contact Chase Baltzer at hr@wybsl.org to discuss how you can help!

"DEAR MOM & DAD: COOL IT"

In an article published on January 14, 2019 from the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), parent's verbal criticism of officials is the primary reason Ohio is facing an "alarming shortage" of high school officials. Additionally, a recent survey by the National Association of Sports Officials found "more than 75 percent of all high school officials say "adult behavior" is the primary reason they quit. And 80 percent of all young officials hang up their stripes after just two years of whistle-blowing."

Lets be part of the solution! We ask all parents to "lead by example" by setting the proper tone of respect that can carry through your child's career and prevent similar challenges in **our league!**