

I HEAR YOU (WE ALL DO!)

“Oh, that was a terrible call!”...
 “C’mon, Ump! — She was safe by a mile!”...

I have been involved with WYBSL for several seasons now, starting my reluctant coaching career as an assistant T-ball coach. From there, both my daughter and I got hooked on what would become countless Spring and Fall seasons on Westerville ball fields, and become more involved with WYBSL.

When we began to experience a lack of umpires, I agreed to umpire some baseball and softball games. This allowed the kids to play rather than cancel a scheduled game, and it allowed parents and grandparents to watch their young ball players take part in America’s greatest pastime.

It was immediately clear to me why we had an umpire shortage after umpiring my first game. The umpire hears everything mumbled, argued, and sometimes even screamed at them from the nearby stands and sidelines. Why this level of intensity in little league? Have we forgotten the reason we love the sport? When the kids get to play ball, they learn some of the skills that will be needed for the rest of their lives: teamwork, competition, personal improvement, sportsmanship, resilience in the face of loss and ownership of themselves and their community.

WYBSL will do our part to contribute to your child’s positive development, but we encourage each of our parents to do their part, as a positive spectator, or a competent, caring coach. Together, we are responsible for our league, our games, and ourselves.

Be good sports, because we all hear what you are saying... Please respect the people who are giving their time so that your ball player can have this wonderful experience.

Steve Polovick, HR Director

FALL BALL

Fall Ball is a big part of our program. In 1996, our girls softball program conducted a test *Fall Ball* league for girls – and in 1997, the boys baseball program also added *Fall Ball* leagues. We have expanded the program each year – and **each year, about 800 young people play on 70 teams in 12 leagues for girls (4-15) and boys (4-17).**

Fall Ball in the WYBSL blends spring/summer season veterans with new players, those of other leagues, and local “travel teams” – and is a great way to prepare young people who will be moving up to the next level of play in the spring or begin play in our youngest leagues. Our emphasis is on learning and geared to fun.

Spring players should receive registration materials in late June; **our 2020 Fall Ball walk-in Registration Sessions will be held on Saturdays, July 11th and 18th at the Westerville City Building at 64 E. Walnut Street from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**

Please consider this added opportunity for our young people. We will need *Fall Ball* Committee members – call us (614) 523-6101 to offer your help.

Below is a quick age reference chart for all of the WYBSL Fall Baseball, Softball and Tee-Ball leagues. The Playing Age is the boy or girl’s age on April 30, 2020.

League	Baseball	Softball	Registration Fee
Tee-Ball	4 - 5	4 - 5	\$ 69
Coach-Pitch		6 - 7	\$ 90
Coach-Pitch “B”	6		\$ 90
Coach-Pitch “A”	7		\$ 90
Green Hat	8 - 9	8 - 9	\$ 95
Red Hat	10 - 11	10 - 11	\$ 100
Blue Hat	12 - 13	12 - 15	\$ 105
Black Hat	14 - 17		\$ 130

If player did not play in a WYBSL league during the Spring/Summer, you must add \$24 to the above fee for our Fields Fund, which is used for capital improvements, maintenance and special projects.

FEE INCLUDES TEAM SHIRT AND CAP OR VISOR
 PLAYERS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A
 SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS

FAMILY PLAN

(Calculated from highest to lowest registration fee)
 First two players @ Full Fee + Fields Fund Fee
 All other players Each @ \$25

**Late Registration Penalties of \$30 apply after July 20.
 There is a \$30 charge for any returned check or charge.**

A special thanks to...

