

WHAT'S PROVIDED?

At all levels, the league supplies all team equipment necessary to play the game – bases, balls, helmets, bats, batting tee (tee-ball) and catcher's gear (coach-pitch and older). WYBSL also provides each player with a team shirt and cap or visor, which the player may keep. Each player must supply a fielder's glove, shoes and shorts or baseball pants (required for boys at the Green Hat level and older). Your coach will probably ask that all players wear the same color of shorts or baseball pants. If possible, please follow the request of the coach. Optional items, such as heart protectors or special masks, are not required and, if chosen, are the family's responsibility.

BATS — IMPORTANT

One of the most distressing things that a parent or player can be told is that a personal bat can't be used because it is "illegal" – especially after it was just purchased last year! In order to avoid costly mistakes, here are some simple guidelines (generally for safety):

1. In Tee-Ball, the bats must be factory-marked "Tee-Ball" - or - "Little League" and "1.15 BPF" (boys) or "Softball" (girls).
2. In Girls Coach-Pitch, bats must be factory marked "Softball".
3. In all other Girls softball leagues, bats must be factory marked "2000 or 2004 ASA".
4. In Boys Coach-Pitch, Green Hat and Red Hat, the bats must be factory-marked "Little League" and **must also be factory-marked "1.15 BPF"**

A bat that is factory-marked "Tee-Ball" can only be used in our Tee-Ball leagues. A boy's bat that is factory-marked "Little League" and "1.15 BPF" can be used from Tee-Ball through Red Hat. A girl's bat that is factory-marked "2000 or 2004 ASA" can be used throughout the softball leagues.

5. When a boy plays Blue Hat or Black Hat ball, NFHS rules apply with one Blue Hat modification:
 - A non-wood bat must be 2 5/8" or less in diameter, 36" or less in length, with a -3 differential between length and weight. The BBCOR standard will also apply. Current and new NFHS bat rules can be found at www.nfhs.org.
 - In Blue Hat only, a bat less than 32" in length may be 2 5/8" in diameter and have a -5 length to weight differential and must be factory marked with the appropriate "1.15 BPF" label.

Most problems occur when Boys' Red Hat players graduate to Blue Hat. Many expensive bats can't be used - so when buying a bat for your older boys, please buy carefully. And, call the League if you have questions.

EQUIPMENT

We suggest a generic infielder or outfielder glove be your first purchase. Most importantly, make sure it is the right size for your player! In older baseball leagues, pitcher's gloves cannot include white or gray. Softball gloves cannot be optic in color.

For our Tee-Ball and Coach-Pitch leagues, gym shoes or baseball/softball shoes are fine. As players grow, we recommend baseball/softball shoes. Also, metal spikes are not allowed except in the Boys' Blue & Black Hat leagues.

We strongly suggest that parents consider that all boys wear cups for protection as they grow in the program. Catchers at Green Hat and older levels must wear one.

SCHOLARSHIPS



The WYBSL would like to thank Dick's Sporting Goods for their generous support that helps fund our scholarship program to help assure more eligible players (who reside within the Westerville City School District) can participate in our League, regardless of financial circumstances.

Depending on the individual situation, this program may allow deferred payments and/or full or partial fee grants to provide assistance with Registration and Fields Fund fees, up to \$130 per year per child.

Full information and scholarship applications can be found at www.wybsl.org or at walk-in registration sessions.

PLEASE NOTE, all scholarship applications must be submitted by March 19th for consideration.

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