



Westerville Youth Baseball and Softball League

Serving our Community's Youth since 1951

This spring marks our 68th year of play. Each year, approximately 1,800 athletes and 500 adult volunteers take part in our Spring/Summer and Fall programs – playing on almost 150 teams in 23 leagues on over 30 diamonds.

As a **non-profit, independent volunteer group**, we are Westerville's approved baseball/softball organization and the largest program of its type in Central Ohio. WYBSL's divisions, **JBBL** (Junior Boys Baseball League) and **JGSL** (Junior Girls Softball League), bring baseball, softball and tee-ball to our community's youth.

In our Spring/Summer programs, we strive to provide a quality experience that not only teaches fundamentals – but stresses fun and sportsmanship for boys (5-18) and girls (5-18), as well as their coaches, parents and fans. WYBSL has a policy of maintaining a strong intramural or recreational base. In all of our leagues, we use a “continuous batting order” and all players must play a minimum number of defensive innings.

The league's boundaries coincide with those of the Westerville City School District and every family that lives, works, or attends school within the boundaries of the School District – or has a Westerville mailing address – is eligible to participate.

And, we uphold a philosophy of being community minded by being partners with the City and School District, assisting both bodies in maintaining, building and improving their baseball and softball fields.

WYBSL continues to strengthen and grow as it evolves to meet the needs of our expanding community. While every attempt is made to create space for everyone who wishes to play, available fields limit capacity – **so register early!**

WYBSL SPRING/SUMMER LEAGUES

WYBSL offers 13 leagues in boy's baseball and tee-ball and girls' softball and tee-ball. Practices start in mid-April; games begin in May. The regular season ends at the end of June. In all leagues, except tee-ball, post-season league tournaments are held during July. Each player receives a team shirt and cap or visor. The league supplies all fields, batting, and catcher equipment. Players supply gloves, shoes, socks, and baseball pants or shorts (depending on the league).

PLAYER FEES

Fees include a league registration fee and \$24 Fields Fund fee. Each player receives 12 \$2 raffle tickets and may sell these tickets to defray costs or use them as entries in our July raffle. This system was instituted to replace other player fund-raisers and each year raises more than \$25,000 for field improvements, maintenance and special projects. **There are no player fund-raisers during the season.**

REGISTRATION

Young people who played in the WYBSL during 2018 should receive a mail registration packet in mid-February. All players may register by either:

- Using our on-line registration application – linkable from our website: www.wybsl.org.
- Coming to a walk-in registration session on March 2nd, March 9th, or March 16th at the Westerville City Building; 64 E. Walnut St. (East entrance) from 10AM-1PM.

Additionally, payment can be made by check, money order, debit, or credit card at walk-in sessions. On-line registration requires a credit/debit card payment. If you register on-line, also remember to upload a copy of the player's birth certificate if you did not play in 2018.

AWARDS

All Tee-Ball and Coach-Pitch players receive an award at the end of the season. In all other leagues, trophies are awarded to league division champions (larger leagues) or champions and runners-up (smaller leagues and tournaments).

VOLUNTEERS

There's a place for all adult volunteers in the WYBSL. Each year, we must fill over 500 positions for coaches, scorekeepers, “team moms or dads” and league staff members. Please offer your time.

TEAM SELECTION

In **Tee-Ball** and **Coach-Pitch** leagues, the players are assigned to teams by each league's selection group. Although we attempt to honor parent requests, a key goal is to group players together by neighborhood.

In **Girls Blue Hat Softball** the league staff also selects teams. Girls may request to play with a friend; the teams are then balanced by skill level and age. **Girls Green & Red Hat** as well as older **Boys Baseball** teams are selected using a “skill assessment” and “draft” procedure.

If someone is new to an age division or wishes to play on a different team than last spring, the player should attend the appropriate Skill Assessment session listed in the WYBSL newsletter. More information about team selection and “play with a friend” procedures can be found in the newsletter or on our website.

UMPIRES

Certified umpires are used in Blue and Black Hat leagues. Volunteers umpire at the coach-pitch levels. League-trained, paid officials are umpires for the Green and Red Hat leagues. If you are 15 years of age or older, please consider offering to be an umpire!

REFUNDS

Although we expect every registered child to play in the WYBSL, we know unforeseen circumstances do arise that might cause a player to withdraw from the league.

In order to request and receive a refund, a parent or guardian must send an email message to WYBSL@wybsl.org – reporting the player's name, league, date and reason for withdrawal. If the withdrawal is reported:

- **By March 31st, a full refund will be given**
- **By April 30th, a \$25 fee will be charged**
- **On or after May 1st, there shall be no refund**

FALL BALL

Fall ball is a unique part of our program. Last year we offered baseball for boys (ages 6-17), softball for girls (ages 6-15), and co-ed tee-ball (ages 4-5). Look for information in mid-June. Walk-in registration sessions will be held on **Saturday, July 6th and July 13th at the Westerville City Building; 64 E. Walnut St. from 10AM to 1PM.**

AGES, DAYS OF PLAY, AND FEES

SPRING/SUMMER 2019

Copies of birth certificates are required for all players who did not participate in 2018

Girls Softball Leagues

| | Birthday | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-------|-------|
| Tee-Ball (5-6) | 5/1/12 - 4/30/14 | TuTh | \$79 |
| Coach-Pitch (7-8) | 5/1/10 - 4/30/12 | MWF | \$90 |
| Green Hat (9-10) | 5/1/08 - 4/30/10 | MWF | \$95 |
| Red Hat (11-12) | 5/1/06 - 4/30/08 | TuWTh | \$100 |
| Blue Hat (13-15) | 5/1/03 - 4/30/06 | TuWTh | \$105 |
| Black Hat (16-18) | 5/1/00 - 4/30/03 | MTuSa | \$110 |

Boys Baseball Leagues

| | Birthday | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-------|-------|
| Tee-Ball (5-6) | 5/1/12 - 4/30/14 | TuTh | \$79 |
| Coach-Pitch (7) | 5/1/11 - 4/30/14 | MWF | \$90 |
| Coach-Pitch (8) | 5/1/10 - 4/30/11 | MWF | \$90 |
| Green Hat (9-10) | 5/1/08 - 4/30/10 | MWF | \$95 |
| Red Hat (11-12) | 5/1/06 - 4/30/08 | TuTh | \$100 |
| Blue Hat (13-14) | 5/1/04 - 4/30/06 | MWF | \$105 |
| Black Hat (15-18) | 5/1/00 - 4/30/04 | TuWTh | \$110 |

Each Player must add a \$24 Fields Fund fee to the above amount. See "Player Fees" to read how families can defray this cost.

Playing Age is the age on April 30th, 2019

FAMILY PLAN

(Calculated from highest to lowest registration fees)

First two players @ Full Fee + Fields Fund Fee

All other players: Each @ Fields Fund Fee Only

Late Registration Penalty – After March 18th

Additional \$30 per player, plus

Loss of Family Plan Discounts (if applicable)

\$30 will be charged for returned check/charge

Teams will normally play twice a week, on the days listed; teams in MWF leagues normally play two of those days in any combination. Make-up games are generally scheduled on Saturdays during the day and Sundays after noon. With league permission and if space permits, a child may play-up one year (only one league); for example a six year old can request to play in Coach-Pitch instead of Tee-Ball – a five year old may not. To request this option, a Play-up Form must be submitted each season and such players must attend a mandatory assessment session. **Parents should not request that a player "play down" to a younger level.**

To contact WYBSL:

Registration Questions:

Email - register@wybsl.org

General Questions/

Answering Service:

Telephone - (614) 523-6101

Website - www.wybsl.org

Click on Registration

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(All numbers in area code 614)

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WYBSL thanks our partners, without whom our young people would not have the opportunities to play:

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Randy Auler, CPRP, Director

Westerville City Schools

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WESTERVILLE YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Serving Our Community Since 1951
2019 Spring/Summer Season
Boys' Baseball • Girls' Softball
Boys' and Girls' Tee-Ball



Register On-Line

- or -

**Walk-In Registration Sessions at
Westerville City Building
64 E. Walnut Street
(East Entrance)**

**Saturday, March 2nd
Saturday, March 9th
Saturday, March 16th
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

(614) 523 – 6101

WYBSL Answering Service

www.wybsl.org

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from our website!!**