



# BATTER UP!



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## WE ARE WESTERVILLE



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Established in 1951, the Westerville Youth Baseball and Softball League has a long and proud tradition serving our community. Whether you're a returning player or new to our community or league, welcome to our 2014 season!

What makes us special is who we are – a community-based, non-profit, all volunteer recreational sports league. And it's important to understand what that means when deciding who you will trust your young players with, where your fees go and hopefully where you will consider volunteering your time!

**Community-based** – together with our partners, the City of Westerville and the Westerville City Schools, we have strategically planned the construction, maintenance and enhancement of all of the fields used in our program. This includes WYBSL funding exceeding \$600,000 over the last 10 years to provide arguably some of the best fields in the region – with more improvements coming!

**Non-profit** – each year, the Trustees strive to operate on a break-even budget. Registration fees are intended to cover operating costs (uniforms, balls, bats, etc.) while our only player fund-raising activity (raffle tickets) and 100% of proceeds from concession services go to our Fields Fund that are allocated back to field and facility projects. Unlike “for profit” programs we invest **all of your fees into building our program and community.**

**All Volunteer** – our goal is to cultivate a pride of ownership in the program because without it, the program cannot flourish. There is room for everyone who has a little or a lot of time to help out – just send us a note and we will put you on our “roster”.

**Recreational** – our policies and operations foster opportunity for all players as well as a focus on sportsmanship and respect. Yes, there is competition, but providing a memorable season with new and old friends while improving athletic skills and learning life lessons is our goal.

In this newsletter you will find information regarding our spring program including registration forms to get you started. Lastly, check our website throughout the season for updates, schedules and events of our program.

***See you at the fields!***

Web Site	Email	Answering Service	Weather Hotline Gamedays - 4:30PM	Twitter
<a href="http://www.wybsl.org">www.wybsl.org</a>	<a href="mailto:wybsl@wybsl.org">wybsl@wybsl.org</a>	(614) 523-6101	(614) 523-6220	@WYBSLalerts

## SPRING 2014 – KEY DATES

Activity	Date(s)*
Walk-In Registration • Westerville Senior Center 310 W. Main St. • 10AM – 1PM	Mar 1 Mar 8 Mar 15
Regular Registration Deadline (late fee applies after 3/17 postmark)	Mar 17
Play-Up Assessments (see p. 5)	Mar 29 Apr 5
Skill Assessments	Apr 5
Practices Begin • Green Hat and older • Coach Pitch and Tee-Ball	Week of Apr 20 Apr 27
Withdrawal with Refund (see p. 7)	Apr 30
Games Begin • Coach Pitch & Older • Tee-Ball	Week of May 11 May 18
Post-Season Tournaments Begin (Coach Pitch & Older)	Week of Jul 1
Spring Season Ends	Jul 26

\*Practice & game dates subject to weather and teams/league

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## NEW IN 2014

**Girls' Black Hat** – high school girls ages 16-18 can now play on a WYBSL Black Hat team in the North Columbus Sports league with other area recreational teams. This is a great opportunity for older girls to continue playing in a "rec" league that includes post-season tournaments. Travel is required to the NCS fields and will be possible if space and interest exists, so register early!

**Boys' Bat Rules** – there are important bat rule changes in the Blue Hat league. Please see p. 6 for details.

FOLLOW US!



FOLLOW US ON TWITTER! WYBSL uses Twitter to share league "alerts" including Weather Hotline updates. Follow us at **@WYBSLalerts** and keep up with important announcements as well as game schedules and special events that might be impacted by weather.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
ON CONCUSSIONS

Concussions are a serious concern in all youth sports. In Ohio, the law requires the league to insure all coaches and umpires complete designated training as well as provide information to all parents. Concussion training is free and can be done online. For training requirements and information for parents as required by law, please visit [www.wybsl.org](http://www.wybsl.org).



## SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Young people wishing to play in our WYBSL 2014 Spring/Summer program may register in four ways:

- Last year's players should receive a personalized application inserted within this newsletter – please mail it to the League with your fees.
- At one of our walk-in registration sessions that will be held at Westerville Senior Center (310 W. Main St.) on any of three Saturdays (March 1, March 8 and March 15) anytime between 10:00AM and 1:00PM.
- By completing the applicable form(s) on pages 9-12 of this newsletter and mailing forms and fees to WYBSL.
- By downloading a registration packet from our website and mailing forms and fees to WYBSL.

If a player did not play in the WYBSL during the 2013 Spring/Summer or Fall Ball seasons, please bring or send a non-returnable copy of the player's birth certificate.

At right is a quick age reference chart for all of the WYBSL Baseball, Softball and Tee-Ball leagues. The playing age is the boy or girl's age on April 30, 2014.

**Registration forms are on pp. 9-12 and at the Westerville Community Center, Westerville Public Library and [www.wybsl.org](http://www.wybsl.org)**

League	Boys	Girls	Registration Fee
Tee-Ball	5 - 6	5 - 6	\$ 71
Coach-Pitch		7 - 8	\$ 76
Coach-Pitch "B"	7		\$ 76
Coach-Pitch "A"	8		\$ 76
Green Hat	9 - 10	9 - 10	\$ 81
Red Hat	11 - 12	11 - 12	\$ 86
Blue Hat	13 - 14	13 - 15	\$ 91
Black Hat	15 - 18 •	16 - 18	\$ 96

- To play at age 18, a player must be a full-time high school student at the beginning of the playing season.

Each player must add a \$24 Fields Fund fee to the above amount. Spring players will receive twelve \$2 Raffle Tickets, which they can sell to defray this cost.

FEE INCLUDES TEAM SHIRT AND CAP OR VISOR

### **FAMILY PLAN**

(Calculated from highest to lowest registration fee)

First two players @ Full Fee + Fields Fund Fee

All other players Each @ Fields Fund Fee only

### **Late Registration Penalties — After March 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Additional \$30 per player, plus

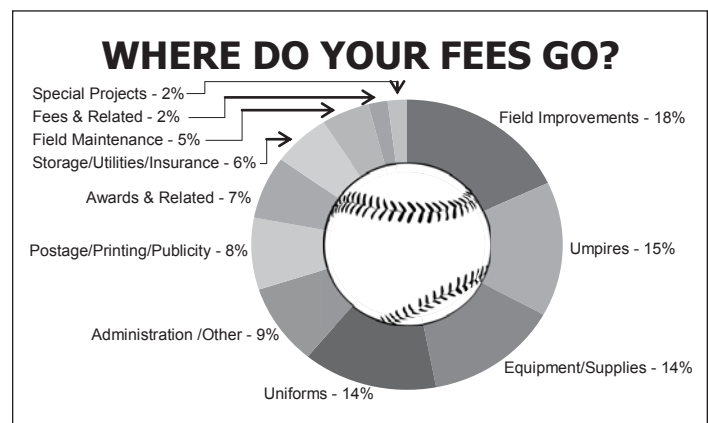
loss of Family Plan discounts (if applicable)

**\$30 will be charged for any returned check or charge.**

## WHERE DO YOUR FEES GO?

The WYBSL is a non-profit organization and strives to "break-even" each year and then adjust fees accordingly to achieve this goal. In 2013, total league expenses were over \$250,000 and League Trustees pride themselves on proper stewardship of all fees.

In one area, WYBSL collects more than \$40,000 in Fields Fund fees — and 100% of your \$24 fee are placed in this fund. This fund is used for field maintenance, improvements, new fields and special projects. A summary of estimated 2014 expenses is shown at right.





## GROWING UP IN THE WYBSL!

Our league offers young boys and girls the opportunity to spend many years in our program. Although skills and competition increase as players advance through the system, the focus at all levels is on learning, playing and fun. Continuous batting orders are used and all players must play a minimum number of innings in the field. And, although we base our rules on National Federation of High School standards, there are modifications for each league to provide a careful evolution and recreational focus as summarized below:

<b>Tee-Ball</b>	No scores or standings are kept, ten players bat each inning regardless of outs and ten defensive players with coaches in the field for instruction.
<b>Coach-Pitch</b>	Coaches pitch to their own team, scores and standings are kept but not emphasized, batters receive up to 7 pitches but there are no walks. Ten fielders are used with coaches teaching from the field and fielders must play 3 innings & must play infield and outfield.
<b>Green Hat</b>	Players are pitching, bunting and stealing (see specific rules). Baseball teams begin draft selection process and play with 9 players in the field.
<b>Red Hat</b>	Competition increases but focus on instruction continues. Stealing of all bases is allowed and dropped 3rd strike is introduced. Limited balk rules in baseball.
<b>Blue Hat</b>	Generally a middle school age league, certified OHSAAs umpires are used, pitchers can pitch complete games. In baseball, field size increases substantially and lead-offs are allowed.
<b>Black Hat</b>	For baseball, generally high school young men playing on "major league" field size. Eighteen year olds must be in high school at registration.

### BOYS' BASEBALL PROGRAM OVERVIEW BY LEAGUE

	Baselines	Pitching Distance	Innings	Ages	Days	Balls	Umpires	IP/ game <sup>2</sup>	IP/ week <sup>2</sup>
<b>Tee-Ball</b>	45'	n/a	5	5-6	TuTh	RIF <sup>1</sup>	Volunteer	n/a	n/a
<b>Coach-Pitch B</b>	60'	36'	6	7	MWF	RIF <sup>1</sup>	Volunteer	n/a	n/a
<b>Coach-Pitch A</b>	60'	46'	6	8	MWF	RIF <sup>1</sup>	Volunteer	n/a	n/a
<b>Green Hat</b>	60'	46'	6	9-10	MWF	League	Paid/Trained	3	6
<b>Red Hat</b>	60'	46'	6	11-12	TuTh	League	Paid/Trained	6	6
<b>Blue Hat</b>	80'	54'	7	13-14	MWF	League	Certified	7	9
<b>Black Hat</b>	90'	60' 6"	7	15-18	TuWTh	League	Certified	7	9

### GIRLS' SOFTBALL PROGRAM OVERVIEW BY LEAGUE

	Baselines	Pitching Distance	Innings	Ages	Days	Balls	Umpires	IP/ game <sup>2</sup>	IP/ week <sup>2</sup>
<b>Tee Ball</b>	45'	n/a	5	5-6	TuTh	9" RIF <sup>1</sup>	Volunteer	n/a	n/a
<b>Coach-Pitch</b>	50'	30'	6	7-8	MWF	11" RIF <sup>1</sup>	Volunteer	n/a	n/a
<b>Green Hat</b>	60'	35'	6	9-10	MWF	11"	Paid/Trained	3	n/a
<b>Red Hat</b>	60'	40'	6	11-12	TuWTh	12"	Paid/Trained	4	n/a
<b>Blue Hat</b>	60'	40'	7	13-15	TuWTh	12"	Certified	7	n/a
<b>Black Hat</b>	60'	43'	7	16-18	TBD	12"	Certified	7	n/a

<sup>1</sup> Reduced Injury Factor

<sup>2</sup> Innings pitched limits

## PLAYING UP FROM YOUR NORMAL AGE

### ★ ★ MANDATORY ASSESSMENT ★ ★

A player's "Playing Age" is his/her age on April 30, 2014, and we urge parents and guardians to consider that children play in the normal league for their age.

But 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.**

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 11) 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 (2013 Spring/Summer or Fall season), or
  2. Attend a mandatory play-up assessment session on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> (see note below) or April 5<sup>th</sup>. Times and locations for each age group are listed in 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.**

**Note: March 29<sup>th</sup> play-up assessment** – this session is intended for those who cannot attend the April 5<sup>th</sup> session. However, players in Boys' Green, Red, Blue and Black Hat leagues who attend this session will be assigned to teams and not eligible to be drafted. **Please only attend this session if you cannot attend on April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

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.

*Visit [www.wybsl.org](http://www.wybsl.org) for complete and updated program information year-round.*

## HOW ARE TEAMS SELECTED

Team selection is a very time-consuming task for your League administrators. Regardless of the age group involved - in all leagues, the first players to be assigned are:

- Sons/Daughters of Head and Assistant Coaches
- Returning players in the same league as last year, unless they ask to be reassigned, or in our girls' leagues if their "play with a friend" request causes a reassignment
- Siblings in the same league are automatically placed on the same team, unless otherwise requested
- Balance the Playing Ages on each team, so that no team has a disproportionate number of older or younger players (but no continuing team is penalized because all potential returning players wish to return to their team)

**Requests for specific coaches or "car pooling" groups unfortunately cannot be honored.**

In **Boys' Black Hat, Blue Hat, Red Hat and Green Hat leagues**, players are selected in a "skill assessment" and "draft" procedure. If a player is new to a league or wishes to play on a different team than last spring, he/she should go to the Skill Assessment Session listed for the appropriate league in the WYBSL calendar on page 18. Coaches then participate in a Player Draft to balance Playing Ages and perceived skills. At the end of this draft, any players who could not attend their skill assessment session are assigned to teams using a "blind draw" or "age and alphabet" assignment.

In **Girls' Blue Hat, Red Hat, and Green Hat leagues**, players should attend the appropriate Skill Assessment (see calendar on page 18). These are used to help the league staff assign girls to teams by balancing skill level, age, pitchers and catchers while honoring "play with a friend" requests. In **Girls' Tee-Ball and Coach-Pitch**, teams are selected by General Managers based upon "play with a friend" requests and neighborhood.

In **Boys' Tee-Ball and Coach-Pitch leagues**, remaining players are assigned to teams by General Managers. Players are grouped together by neighborhood, although some teams might be composed of multiple neighborhoods and some neighborhoods may be divided. Play with a friend requests unfortunately cannot be honored in these leagues.



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## WHAT'S SUPPLIED – AND WHAT SHOULD WE BUY?

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.



### IF WE BUY A BAT ... WHAT KIND SHOULD IT BE?

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" (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"

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" can be used from Tee-Ball through Red Hat; **commencing with the 2015 Spring Season all boys baseball bats factory-marked with "Little League" must also be factory-marked "1.15 BPF."** 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 $\frac{5}{8}$ " 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](http://www.nfhs.org).
  - In Blue Hat only, a non-wood bat less than 32" in length may be 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ " 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.



### GLOVES, SHOES & "CUPS"

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.



### SCHOLARSHIP FEE ASSISTANCE

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WYBSL would like to thank Atlas Butler Heating & Cooling for their generous support that helps us fund a scholarship program to help assure that all eligible players (who reside within the Westerville City School District) can participate in our League, regardless of financial circumstances.

Depending upon 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 \$120 per year per child.

Full information and scholarship applications can be found at [www.wybsl.org](http://www.wybsl.org) or at walk-in registration sessions. And, if you would like to help fund the scholarship program, please contact the Scholarship Committee through John Hesson at [cfo@wybsl.org](mailto:cfo@wybsl.org).

## ★ ★ REFUND POLICY ★ ★

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

In order to request a refund, a parent or guardian must send an e-mail message to the League at [wybsl@wybsl.org](mailto:wybsl@wybsl.org). Please use the word "Refund" in the subject line and report the:

- |                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Date          | 3. Player's league       |
| 2. Player's name | 4. Reason for withdrawal |

All refunds will be made by WYBSL check, regardless of the method of registration payment.

A refund will be processed within four weeks after the request, if the refund is reported before May 1.

- If reported by March 31, a full refund will be given.
- If reported by April 30, a \$25 processing fee will be charged
- If reported on or after May 1, there shall be no refund.

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**WHAT TO DO IN BAD WEATHER**

**The safety of our players and damage to fields that might affect future games should be primary concerns of all WYBSL participants.** Below is the Weather Policy:

**Rain** — Prior to a scheduled game, only the WYBSL Fields Director (or other WYBSL designee) has the authority to cancel a game. If timing is possible, the league will announce the day's field conditions on the Weather Hot Line (614) 523-6220 and Twitter page @WYBSLalerts. However, if conditions are marginal – or if rain occurs after one and one-half hours before game time, teams should go to their field. At that point, and throughout the game, the authority to stop play rests with the umpires and WYBSL staff. Games may be resumed at any time within 30 minutes of stoppage, if fields are playable.

**Lightning** — If the City's Lightning Prediction System covers a field of play, when there is the possibility of lightning, one continuous horn burst is sounded and all games and practices must stop and fields will be cleared. An all-clear is signaled by three short bursts.

Whether a lightning prediction system is present or not, if lightning is sighted, umpires will immediately clear the field and dugout; if sighted by one umpire in a multiple diamond location, all fields will be cleared. Games may resume no less than 20 minutes after the last lightning sighting, if fields are playable.

**Playability** — If a game is stopped during play, players and fans should move to shelter or cars and wait for a notice from the umpire or WYBSL staff. The final decision regarding playability rests with the umpires (in a multiple diamond location, umpires may consult each other if field conditions are marginal).

**In the case of practices, Head Coaches are responsible for following the weather policy. For all Coach-Pitch and Tee-Ball games, Head Coaches are jointly responsible for following league policy.**

**Make-Ups** — If a game cannot be played or completed, your General Manager will reschedule it as soon as possible, with final confirmation by your Umpire Coordinator. Usually, your make-ups for the week will be played on Saturday (at any time) or on Sunday afternoon. And, once scheduled – the make-up game will be played or considered a forfeit.



## SPRING/SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS

**Skills Clinics** — In past years, Varsity Softball and Baseball Coaches from Westerville High Schools and Otterbein University have worked with us to conduct clinics for players and coaches. Check our website or ask your coach for scheduling information once practices begin.



**First Pitch Celebration** — join us on May 10<sup>th</sup> as we start our season with a special event at Huber Village Park! Bring the family, have a hot dog and enjoy the activities that include:

- **Team Photo Day** — your coach will have your scheduled time and order forms for team and individual photos. Rain date is May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **MLB Pitch, Hit & Run** — WYBSL hosts the Westerville qualifier for girls and boys ages 7-14 (as of July 17<sup>th</sup>) and it's free.
- **Obstacle Course & Bounce House** — great fun for our young players and their siblings!
- **Food Drive** — help those in need by bringing a small donation.

**Independence Day Parade** — March with us in the annual Westerville Parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>! Organize your team or volunteer to help the league create a special entry!

**All Star Saturday** — Our annual tradition continues this year on July 5<sup>th</sup> (rain date July 6<sup>th</sup>) at Huber Village and Highlands Parks. Cheer on the teams and watch the Home Run Derbies for Green Hat and older Leagues.

For more information on any of our events, or to volunteer to help organize them, contact Brent Hendricks at [events@wybsl.org](mailto:events@wybsl.org).

## CONCESSIONS

Concession services at Huber, Towers and Metzger provide participants and families a convenience while also supporting the league in a vital way. **All profits** from concession go to our Fields Funds to maintain, renovate and build new fields.



Teams that play at fields serviced are asked to provide one volunteer on one game night (or make-up) during the season to help serve customers. You don't have to cook and it's a great way to help the league so please volunteer when your team is scheduled!

**Concession "Captains"** are paid and trained to open and operate the services at each park. Be a "chef" and manage one of our service locations — and earn \$10/hour to start — by contacting Milt Jones at [food@wybsl.org](mailto:food@wybsl.org).

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☐ Tee-Ball (5-6) ☐ Coach-Pitch B (7) ☐ Coach-Pitch A (8) ☐ Green Hat (9-10) ☐ Red Hat (11-12) ☐ Blue Hat (13-14) ☐ Black Hat (15-18)

☐ Boy ☐ Girl Primary: E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Name: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

 Neighborhood/Sub-Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Lives with: ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Both ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School/Pre-School (at time of registration): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

 From April 21 to July 31, will you have recurring schedule conflicts: ☐ No ☐ School Sports ☐ Soccer ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Last Spring's League: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Spring's Team: \_\_\_\_\_

 If you will be playing in the **same league as last Spring**, do you wish to: ☐ Stay on the same team ☐ Be on another team

 Did you play ball **last Fall**? ☐ Yes ☐ No League: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Father**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (if different): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (if different): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Father I offer to volunteer as: ☐ Head Coach ☐ Ass't. Coach ☐ Umpire ☐ Scorekeeper ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Mother I offer to volunteer as: ☐ Head Coach ☐ Ass't. Coach ☐ Umpire ☐ Scorekeeper ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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 Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: **X** \_\_\_\_\_

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**LEAGUE FEES — PLEASE ADD A \$5 HANDLING FEE IF PAYING BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD**

	Registration Fee		Fields Fund Fee		Total Fee
Tee-Ball (5-6)	\$71	+	\$24	=	<b>\$95</b>
Coach-Pitch B (7)	\$76	+	\$24	=	<b>\$100</b>
Coach-Pitch A (8)	\$76	+	\$24	=	<b>\$100</b>
Green Hat (9-10)	\$81	+	\$24	=	<b>\$105</b>
Red Hat (11-12)	\$86	+	\$24	=	<b>\$110</b>
Blue Hat (13-14)	\$91	+	\$24	=	<b>\$115</b>
Black Hat (15-18)	\$96	+	\$24	=	<b>\$120</b>

**PLAYING AGE IS THE PARTICIPANT'S AGE ON APRIL 30, 2014**
**FAMILY PLAN (Calculated from highest to lowest Registration Fee)**

First two players @ Registration Fee + Fields Fund Fee (Total Fee)

All Others: Each @ \$24 Fields Fund Fee only

**LATE REGISTRATION PENALTY – After March 17**

Additional \$30 per player, plus loss of Family Plan Discounts (if applicable)

There is a \$30 charge for any returned check or charge.

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Registrar: \_\_\_\_\_

 Birth Certificate: ☐ Not Needed – Continuing Player ☐ Reviewed by Registrar ☐ Still Needed in Order to Play

 Total Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Cash ☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Credit/Debit Card (Attach Authorization) Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**GIRLS' SOFTBALL REGISTRATION FORM****WESTERVILLE YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE 2014 SPRING/SUMMER SEASON**
☐ Tee-Ball (5-6) ☐ Coach-Pitch (7-8) ☐ Green Hat (9-10) ☐ Red Hat (11-12) ☐ Blue Hat (13-15) ☐ Black Hat (16-18)
☒ Girl

Primary: E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Name: (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood/Sub-Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Lives with: ☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Both ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School/Pre-School (at time of registration): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

From April 21 to July 31, will you have recurring schedule conflicts: ☐ No ☐ School Sports ☐ Soccer ☐ \_\_\_\_\_Skill Level (Check One): ☐ Never Played ☐ Fair ☐ Average ☐ Good ☐ Very Good Is a: ☐ Pitcher ☐ Catcher

▪ Friend or Sister to Play With (if possible): \_\_\_\_\_

Last Spring's League: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Spring's Team: \_\_\_\_\_

▪ If you will be playing in the same league as last Spring, do you wish to: ☐ Stay on the same team ☐ Be on another team

▪ If a friend/sister is named and matches her choice, that choice will apply; "stay on same team" may not be possible.

Did you play ball last Fall? ☐ Yes ☐ No League: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Father**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (if different): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (if different): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: X \_\_\_\_\_

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Birth Certificate: ☐ Not Needed – Continuing Player ☐ Reviewed by Registrar ☐ Still Needed in Order to PlayTotal Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Cash ☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Credit/Debit Card (Attach Authorization) Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH REGISTRATION IF REQUESTING TO "PLAY-UP"**To play up to the next level, conditions listed on the form **MUST** be met before playing. See Page 5!**2014 SPRING/SUMMER PLAY-UP FORM****IMPORTANT! IF YOU WISH TO "PLAY-UP" AT THE NEXT HIGHER LEVEL ...**

Please make certain that your check includes the correct amount. Fees listed are total fees, including the Fields Fund Fee.

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED EACH SEASON IN ORDER TO PLAY-UP!**

Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Boys' Baseball Leagues:**Normal League: ☐ Tee-Ball ☐ Coach-Pitch 7 ☐ Coach-Pitch 8 ☐ Green Hat ☐ Red Hat  
"Play-Up" to: ☐ C-P 7 (\$100) ☐ C-P 8 (\$100) ☐ Green Hat (\$105) ☐ Red Hat (\$110) ☐ Blue Hat (\$115)**Girls' Softball Leagues:**Normal League: ☐ Tee-Ball ☐ Coach-Pitch ☐ Green Hat ☐ Red Hat  
"Play-Up" to: ☐ Coach-Pitch (\$100) ☐ Green Hat (\$105) ☐ Red Hat (\$110) ☐ Blue Hat (\$115)

As the player's parent or guardian, I hereby petition the WYBSL to allow him/her to play at the next higher level. I understand that the WYBSL staff has sole discretion in this matter and will only allow this move after March 17: (1) on a space-available basis; and (2a) if the player has played in the same higher age division before, or (2b) if, after a mandatory skill assessment session (to be attended on either Saturday, March 29 or Saturday, April 5), the staff feels that the player is able to compete readily at the higher level. If, after such skill assessment, the staff does not believe that the player should "play-up", there is no assurance that a space will be available at the player's normal age level at that time.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Send all forms and fees to:****WYBSL SPRING REGISTRATION • P.O. Box 1198 • Westerville, OH 43086-1198****PLEASE RETURN THIS VOLUNTEER SURVEY WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM**

or send as soon as possible to: Tom Georgantis, 5274 St. Andrews Drive, Westerville, OH 43082

**WYBSL VOLUNTEER SURVEY (Please check all that apply – this survey covers current and future service)**

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ League: \_\_\_\_\_

Dad's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mom's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I/We would like to help the WYBSL in the areas listed below!**LEAGUE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS**

<u>Dad</u>	<u>Mom</u>		<u>Dad</u>	<u>Mom</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Board of Trustees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fall Ball Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	League General Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Field Preparation Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	League Coordinator (Assistant GM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fund-Raising/Donations Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	League Umpire Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Human Resources (Volunteers) Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Standings / Scores / Statistics Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parade (July 4) Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All-Star Games Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Relations (Publicity) Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Concessions Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration/e-Registration Task Force
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Concession Stand Stocker or Worker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Events Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equipment Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	I'd like to help, but I'm not sure how. Please contact me to discuss my possible commitment.			

**PAID UMPIRE POSITION (for Green Hat Leagues or older)**

Green and Red Hat (you must be 15 or older) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Blue Hat and Black Hat (you must be Certified) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_



## WYBSL CHARGE AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize Westerville Youth Baseball and Softball League to charge the total amount specified to the following designated credit or debit card:

Player(s) to be Registered: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Fees (Registration and Field Fees):** \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Add Non-Refundable Handling Fee: + 5.00

Total Amount to be Charged: \$ 1,000.00

**You do not need to fill in Card Information if you are having your card processed at a WYBSL Walk-In Registration Session on March 1, March 8 or March 15.**

Name on Card:		
Address of Cardholder:		
City, State ZipCode:		
E-Mail Address:		
Debit or Credit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Debit Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card
Card Type: (Visa, MasterCard, Discover)	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover	

**Account Number:**

Expiration Date:      /        Security Code:   

Month

Year

Last three digits on back of Card

I understand and agree that, if I have miscalculated the amount of total fees to be paid for the participating child(ren), upon e-mail notification to me, the Westerville Youth Baseball and Softball League (WYBSL) has my permission to change the total amount of charge to equal the correct total fees. To the extent permitted by law, I agree not to dispute or seek any refund of the amount charged through my credit or debit card issuer and acknowledge that the only means of obtaining a refund is through the WYBSL in accordance with its refund policies.

I understand and agree that any refund of fees must be requested as specified in the Spring, 2014, WYBSL Newsletter. I am able to get a full refund if I request said refund on or before March 31. I further understand and agree that, if I request a refund after March 31, but on or before April 30, WYBSL will retain a \$25 processing fee – and that there shall be no refund allowed on or after May 1.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 head coaches and league managers**. Additionally, per Ohio law, all coaches must complete concussion training.

You can indicate your offer to coach on the registration forms, the volunteer form or by email to Tom Georgantis at [hr@wybsl.org](mailto:hr@wybsl.org).

***Be sure to sign ALL registration forms and have them postmarked by March 17<sup>th</sup> to avoid late fees.***

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

All umpires must complete concussion training. Contact Tommy Abbott at [umpires@wybsl.org](mailto: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!

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Coaches	General Managers
Registrars	Event Staff
Concessions	Social Media Marketing
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Visit our website and the Volunteer/Staff link to learn more or contact Tom Georgantis at [hr@wybsl.org](mailto:hr@wybsl.org)

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## EMPLOYER GRANTS FOR VOLUNTEERING

**Free Money!!!** Now that we have your attention, did you know that your volunteer service to the WYBSL can also provide us with financial support? Many employers make financial contributions to non-profit organizations such as the WYBSL when an employee volunteers. Please check to see if your company offers such grants as these contributions help to offset our expenses. The WYBSL would like to thank the employers that have contributed to us in the past: JPMorgan Chase & Co., Wells Fargo/Wachovia, PPG Industries, and Time Warner Companies. If your employer has such a program, please contact the WYBSL Chief Financial Officer, John Hesson, at (614) 783-6747 or [cfo@wybsl.org](mailto:cfo@wybsl.org).

# LAST YEAR YOU DONATED OVER 1,700LBS. OF FOOD

and we were able to feed 25 families 3 meals a day for a week. This year we want to hit a HOME RUN and DOUBLE our collection efforts at the WYBSL Photo Day this year.



## Here is how you can help:

**Step 1.** WYBSL is asking every family to bring one can good or box food item to photo day this year.

**Step 2.** Purchase any Photo Package A-E from Midwest Sports and receive One Free Photographic Product with your donation.

**Step 3.** The Cub Scouts from Pack 966 and Boy Scouts from Troop 64 will be collecting your can goods and box food items on Photo Day.

**Westerville Youth Baseball & Softball League  
Individual & Team Photo Day:**

**SATURDAY, MAY 10th**

**Huber Village Park (behind field #4 and #5)**

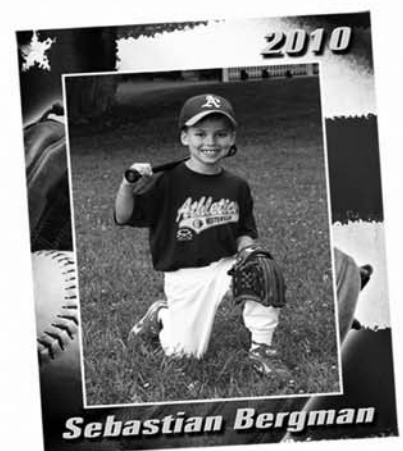
**9:00AM - 3:00PM**

All of the food items collected will be donated to a local food pantry. On behalf of Midwest Sports, Cub Scouts Pack 966, Boy Scouts Troop 64 and WYBSL we thank you for your donation.

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Sports**



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For additional information, please call Midwest Sports at 614.841.7608





## WYBSL SPORTSMANSHIP

We expect excellent sportsmanship in our leagues – and work hard to make sure it happens. The WYBSL is blessed that there are very few incidents of negative conduct each year.

Sportsmanship has a lot of parts – attitude, intensity, commitment and the way we interact with each other. And good sportsmanship is the responsibility of all of us – especially the examples set by coaches and parents.

We expect all players, coaches and fans to respect the work of our umpires. Understand that our younger and less experienced umpires officiate in the Green and Red Hat leagues and may make mistakes while learning.

We need everyone's help to make sure that the WYBSL experience is a great one for all players. Please direct your "enthusiasm" toward positive encouragement.

If you observe negative conduct, excessive "intensity" or willful violations of the rules on the part of anyone – speak to your coach or, if appropriate, call your Program Director or the WYBSL answering service (614) 523-6101 immediately. The league will review the basis of your concern in a confidential manner and, if warranted, deal with such conduct fairly, but swiftly.

**EVERY SEASON STARTS AT**



**WYBSL SHOPPING DAY**  
April 19th – Easton Location  
Special Discount for WYBSL families

## LOOK FOR "THE SHIRTS"



WYBSL key personnel on the fields will again be wearing blue golf shirts, jackets or caps with the WYBSL logo.

So – when you're at the fields and need information about the program that your coach can't supply – or wish to share ideas or concerns – or wish to volunteer to help in any capacity – just **look for "the shirts"**.

## TURN IN YOUR RAFFLE TICKET STUBS

After practices start, your coach will distribute raffle tickets to each registered player. Each player receives a bundle of 12 tickets which were paid for as part of his/her registration. This is WYBSL's only fundraiser and proceeds go into our Special Fields Fund for maintenance, renovation and construction of facilities and playing fields.

Players can sell each ticket for \$2 each and keep the proceeds to offset the fee paid to the league or put their name on the tickets. Either way, be sure to turn the tickets in to your coach or at a concession trailer by June 28 – and don't forget to pull the staple out!

Winning tickets will be drawn on All-Star Saturday at Huber Village Park and you don't have to be there to win!

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**WYBSL CONDUCT RULE**

**Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated in the league.** Team coaches are responsible for their conduct and the conduct of their players and fans. A coach, player or fan can be ejected from a game and/or removed from the playing field area by order of an umpire, General Manager, Commissioner or Program Director if they violate a league rule of conduct, as follows:

- A. In a game, no coach may utilize any player(s) not currently assigned to his/her team roster by the League. Violation of this rule will result in automatic permanent suspension of the coach(es) involved.
- B. No coach, player or fan shall ever engage in a physical altercation with any player, umpire, coach or fan.
- C. No coach, player or fan shall intentionally violate or refuse to follow any league or game rules.
- D. No coach, player, umpire or fan shall come to the playing field under the influence of alcohol or an illegal drug; and no coach, player or umpire shall use tobacco products at the playing field during a game or practice.
- E. No coach, player or fan shall engage in grossly unsportsmanlike conduct, including, but not limited to, throwing equipment, use of profanity, arguing with an umpire over a call or directing remarks to a player, umpire, coach or fan which are of a degrading or distracting nature.
- F. Only the Head Coach, or his/her designee in the Head Coach's absence, may leave his/her designated area to dispute a judgment call by an umpire. This infraction may be penalized by either restricting to the dugout for the remainder of the game or ejecting the Head Coach and/or the offending coach.
- G. After each game, in the practice of good sportsmanship, all coaches and players shall form two opposing lines and proceed through a traditional, orderly "handshake line". No coach or player shall avoid participation in this line or exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct in the line.
- H. No coach, player, parent or fan shall, at any time, threaten, intimidate, attempt to intimidate, harm or attempt to harm, any umpire, player, coach, WYBSL official or fan. Any person who violates this rule may immediately be banned from all WYBSL sites and activities for a period of time to be determined by the Board of Trustees, up to and including a permanent ban. This rule shall be applied regardless of where and when the offending conduct takes place.

If a coach, player or fan is ejected from a game and/or removed from the playing field area for conduct as described above (or in the case of G. above, does not participate as described), the person shall provide a written statement describing his/her version of the events and/or other explanation to the General Manager within twenty-four hours of the incident, and may not attend or participate in any practice or game until doing so.

The General Manager and Commissioner or Program Director shall review the statement and gather any other information from other parties that they deem necessary to determine if a further penalty should be assessed. Such further penalty, if any, shall be assessed before the team's next scheduled game.

Any coach who violates the above guidelines may be immediately removed from his/her position by his/her Commissioner, GM or Program Director. In the event of such an occurrence, each coach would be provided with the opportunity to appear before the Board of Trustees at its next scheduled meeting in order to describe for the Board his/her version of the events which may exist for reinstating the coach.

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## 2014 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 **last year, more than 900 young people played on 75 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 mail registration materials in late June; **our 2014 Fall Ball walk-in Registration Sessions will be held on Saturdays, July 12 and 19 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. And, 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, 2014.

League	Boys	Girls	Registration Fee
Tee-Ball	4 - 5	4 - 5	\$ 61
Coach-Pitch		6 - 7	\$ 76
Coach-Pitch "B"	6		\$ 76
Coach-Pitch "A"	7		\$ 76
Green Hat	8 - 9	8 - 9	\$ 81
Red Hat	10 - 11	10 - 11	\$ 86
Blue Hat	12 - 13	12 - 15	\$ 91
Black Hat	14 - 17		\$ 116

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 19.**  
**There is a \$30 charge for any returned check or charge.**

## CONDITIONING FOR YOUR SPORT

Many injuries sustained by young athletes playing organized sports can be avoided if the athlete is properly conditioned. Remember, being physically fit for one sport or position does not mean an athlete is prepared for another. Below are 10 Principles of Conditioning:

- 1. Warm up/cool down-** A light jog or swimming a few easy laps gets blood flowing into the muscles to warm them up. It is easier to stretch a warm muscle than a cold muscle. After warming up, stretch the appropriate muscle groups, perform the activity, and then cool down with stretching.
- 2. Motivation-** coaches should be creative with workouts and practices to keep the athlete interested. Training is allowed to be fun!
- 3. Overload-** work harder than normal to place a stress on your body, within limits, and your body will adapt and improve to those levels as long as they are not too difficult.
- 4. Consistency-** workouts must have a regular set schedule to be effective.
- 5. Progression-** like overload, increase the intensity of a workout (more reps or weight) gradually over a period of time.
- 6. Intensity-** work hard for shorter periods of time, rather than for longer periods of time.
- 7. Specificity-** drills should match the skill the athlete requires for the sport.
- 8. Individuality-** every athlete will need individual attention.
- 9. Minimize stress-** give them time to rest during the week (at least one to two days off).
- 10. Safety-** make sure where the athlete is training is safe and teach proper technique.

*Consult your primary care physician for more serious injuries that do not respond to basic first aid. As an added resource, the staff at **Nationwide Children's Hospital Sports Medicine** is available to diagnose and treat sports-related injuries for youth or adolescent athletes. Services are now available in five locations. To make an appointment, call (614) 355-6000 or [request an appointment online](#).*



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## 2014 WYBSL SPRING/SUMMER SEASON CALENDAR

MARCH	
Sat 1st, 8th and 15th	<b>Registration - Westerville Senior Center</b> 310 W. Main St. - 10:00AM-1:00PM
Mon 17th	<b>Regular registration postmark deadline</b>
Sat 29th	<b>Special Play-up Assessment</b> (See p.5) Same Schedule as April 5th
Week of 30th	<b>Boys' Coaches' Meetings:</b> Green/Red/Blue/Black Hat Leagues
Mon 31st	<b>Deadline for withdrawal with full refund</b> <b>New Coaches' Meeting; 6:00-7:30PM and</b> <b>NYSCA Certification Clinic; 7:30-9:00PM</b> Westerville Community Center

APRIL	
Sat 5th	<b><u>SOFTBALL &amp; BASEBALL PLAY-UP ASSESSMENTS</u></b> (Rain Date: Saturday, April 12)
	<b>Girls' Play-up Assessments - Huber Village Park</b> Coach Pitch Play-ups for 6 year olds: 8:30AM Green Hat Play-ups for 8 year olds: 9:30AM Red Hat Play-ups for 10 year olds: 12:30PM Blue Hat play-ups for 12 year olds: 1:30PM
	<b>Boys' Play-up Assessments - Huber Village Park</b> Green Hat Play-ups for 8 year olds: 8:30AM Coach Pitch "A" Play-ups for 7 year olds: 9:00AM Red Hat Play-ups for 10 year olds: 9:30AM Coach Pitch "B" Play-ups for 6 year olds: 10:30AM
	<b>Boys' Play-up Assessments - Highlands Park</b> Blue Hat Play-ups for 12 year olds: 11:00AM
Sat 5th	<b><u>GIRLS' SOFTBALL SKILL ASSESSMENTS</u></b> (Rain Date: Saturday, April 12)
	<b>Green Hat (9-10) - Huber Village Park</b> Time Last Name 9:30 AM A-M 11:00 AM N-Z
	<b>Red Hat (11-12) - Huber Village Park; 12:30 PM</b>
	<b>Blue Hat (13-15) - Huber Village Park; 1:30 PM</b>
Sat 5th	<b>Black Hat (16-18) - Huber Village Park; 12:30 PM</b>
	<b><u>BOYS' BASEBALL SKILL ASSESSMENTS</u></b> (Rain Date: Saturday, April 12)
	<b>Green Hat (9-10) - Huber Village Park</b> Time Last Name 10:00 AM A-D 11:30 AM E-H 1:30 PM I-L 2:30 PM M-P 4:00 PM Q-Z
	<b>Red Hat (11-12) - Huber Village Park</b> Time Last Name 10:30 AM A-E 12:30 PM F-J 2:00 PM K-Q 3:00 PM R-Z

APRIL CONTINUED	
Sat 5th	<b><u>BOYS' BASEBALL SKILL ASSESSMENTS CONTINUED</u></b> (Rain Date: Saturday, April 12)
	<b>Blue Hat (13-14) - Highlands Park</b> Time Last Name 11:00 AM A-L 12:00 PM M-Z
	<b>Black Hat (15-18) - Highlands Park; 1:30 PM</b>
Week of 6th	<b>Boys' League Drafts</b>
Week of 13th	<b>Girls' Roster Meetings</b>
Week of 20th	<b>Coaches' Meetings:</b> Boys Coach Pitch and All Tee-Ball Leagues
	<b>Team Practices Begin</b> Except Coach Pitch and Tee-Ball
Sun 27th	<b>Boys and Girls Coaches' Clinic</b> Time and Location - TBD
Sat 26th	<b>Umpire Training</b> Time and Location - TBD
	<b>NYSCA Certification Clinic - 9:00AM-11:00AM</b> Westerville Community Center
Week of 27th	<b>Team Practices Begin</b> Coach Pitch and Tee-Ball Leagues
Wed 30th	<b>Final Deadline for refunds</b>

MAY	
Sat 3rd	<b>Umpire Training</b> Time and Location - TBD
Sun 4th	<b>Boys' Skills Clinic: Coach Pitch and older</b> Huber Village Park: 1:00-4:00PM
	<b>Girls' Skills Clinic: CP/Green/Red Hat Players</b> Location and Time - TBD
Sat 10th	<b>Team Photo Day - Huber Village Park</b> (Rain Date: May 17th)
	<b>Westerville Pitch, Hit &amp; Run Competition</b> Huber Village Park
Week of 11th	<b>Leagues Begin Play (Subject to Change)</b> Coach Pitch and Older Leagues
Week of 18th	<b>Leagues Begin Play (Subject to Change)</b> Tee Ball Leagues

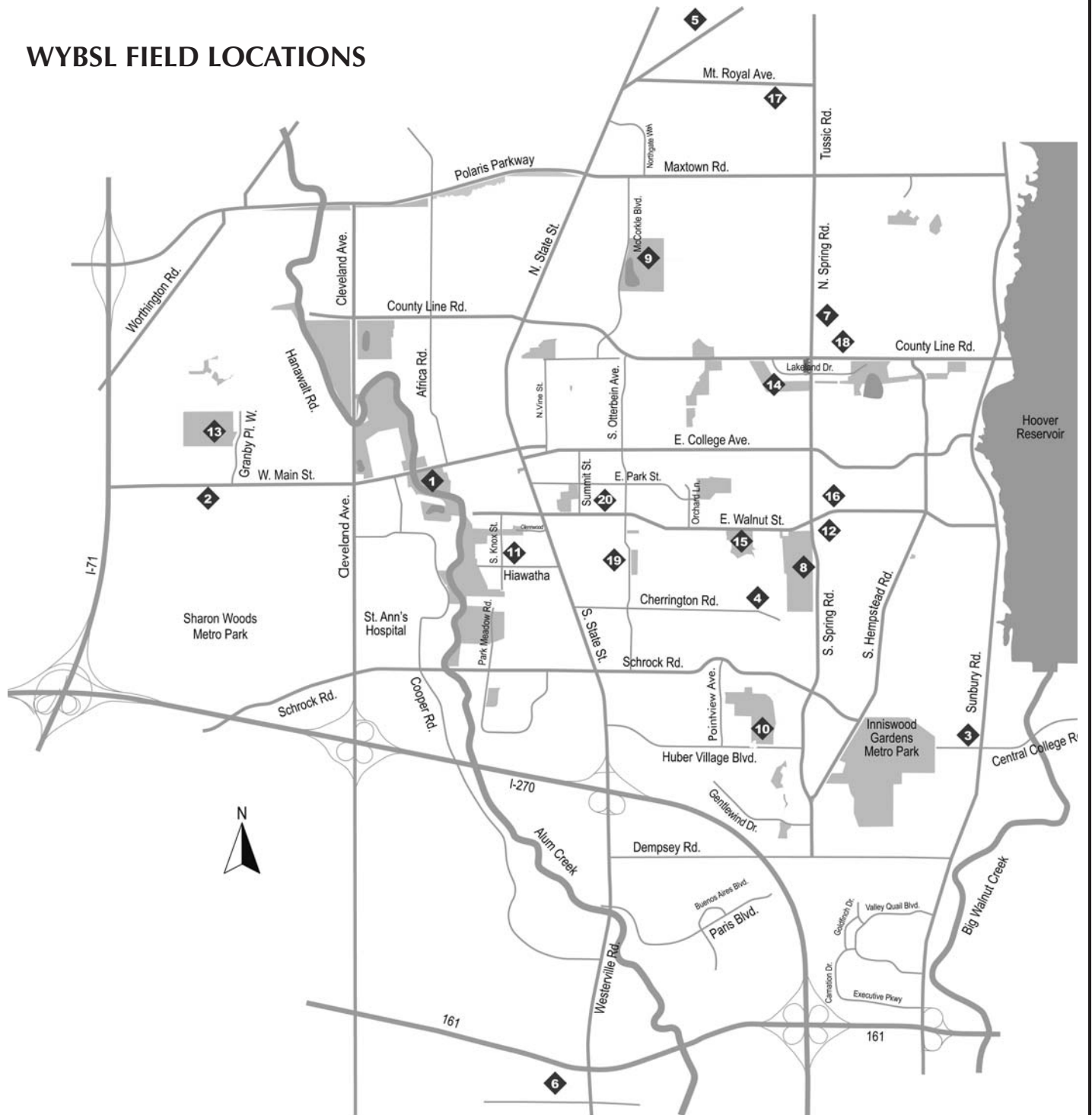
JUNE	
Fri 27th	<b>Last Day to turn in raffle tickets</b>

JULY	
Tue 1st	<b>Post Season Tournaments Begin</b> (except Tee-Ball, subject to change)
Fri 4th	<b>Independence Day Parade</b>
Sat 5th	<b>** All Star Games **</b> Green Hat - Red Hat - Blue Hat - Black Hat Rain Date: July 6th
Sat 12th Sat 19th	<b>FALL BALL WALK-IN REGISTRATION</b> City Offices, 64 E. Walnut St. - 10:00AM-1:00PM
Sun 27th	<b>Spring/Summer Season Ends</b>

Activities and Events are subject to change.  
Please visit [www.wybsl.org](http://www.wybsl.org)  
for complete and updated information.

**WATCH FOR MORE FALL BALL INFORMATION**

## WYBSL FIELD LOCATIONS



Key	Park/School	# of Fields	Location	Key	Park/School	# of Fields	Location
1	Alum Creek Park	1	221 W. Main St.	11	Longfellow School	1	120 Hiawatha Ave.
2	Annehurst School	2	925 W. Main St.	12	Mark Twain School	1	799 E. Walnut St.
3	Central College School	1	825 S. Sunbury Rd.	13	Metzger Park	4	137 Granby Pl.
4	Cherrington School	1	522 Cherrington Rd.	14	Towers Park	5	161 N. Spring Rd.
5	Genoa Middle School	2	5948 Old 3C Hwy.	15	Walnut Ridge Park	3	529 E. Walnut St.
6	Hawthorne School	1	5001 Far-View Rd.	16	Walnut Springs Middle School	1	888 E. Walnut St.
7	Heritage Middle School	1	390 N. Spring Rd.	17	Westerville Central HS	1	7118 Mt. Royal Ave.
8	Highlands Park	4	245 S. Spring Rd.	18	Westerville North HS	1	950 County Line Rd.
9	Hoff Woods Park	1	556 McCorkle Blvd.	19	Westerville South HS	1	303 S Otterbein Ave.
10	Huber Village Park	8	362 Huber Village Blvd.	20	Whittier School	1	130 E. Walnut St.

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MARCH 17 POSTMARK

## WHEN WE PRACTICE & PLAY

	<i><b>Practices</b></i>	<i><b>Games</b></i>	<i><b>Make-Up Games</b></i>
<i><b>Start</b></i>	Begin in late April	Begin in mid-May	n/a
<i><b>Days</b></i>	Same week nights as "Playing Nights" (see p. 4)	"Playing Nights" as stated in league descriptions (see p. 4)	Saturdays & Sundays (*Except Girls' Blue Hat)
<i><b>Frequency</b></i>	2 Weeknights & Saturday each week before regular season begins	2 Weeknights/week	As needed
<i><b>Time</b></i>	Weeknights: 5:30PM or Later Saturdays: vary Sundays: Noon or later	Weeknights: 6:15 or 6:30PM	Saturdays: vary Sundays: Noon or later

**Weather Hotline (614) 523-6220 & Twitter @WYBSLalerts:** updated on **game nights ONLY** by 4:30PM, 8AM on Saturdays & 10AM Sundays. Field changes, if necessary are also posted here. The league will generally not give further updates on weekdays, but may do so on weekends if conditions change and allow for alerts regarding later games.

**Make-up weeks:** Friday through Thursday. For example, a Thursday night rain-out will be made up two days later on Saturday. A Friday night rain-out will be made up eight days later on the following Saturday. If more than one rain-out occurs in a "make-up" week, Saturday & Sunday games may be scheduled. There will be NO make-up games Memorial Day weekend. **At the end of the regular season, make-up games will be scheduled as necessary to insure the start of the tournament schedule.** \*Exception: Girls' Blue Hat make-up games may be made up any day(s) of the week.



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