

SPRING BLOOMS TO SUMMER; FALL BALL AWAITS!



We hope everyone has enjoyed the spring/summer season thus far! As we head towards summer, there is still lots of ball to play and some exciting events upcoming:

All Star Saturday

Our great tradition continues this year on July 2nd (rain date 7/3) at Huber Village and Highlands Park. Events include All Star games for Coach-Pitch and older leagues and Homerun Derbies for Green Hat and older players. Look for a complete schedule of the day's events on our website soon. Bring the family, have a hot dog and a drink and enjoy the holiday weekend with us.

Post Season Tournaments

Coach-Pitch and older leagues will begin single elimination tournaments later this month! The online schedule calendar will be updated and tournament seeds determined once the regular season standings are finalized.

Independence Day Parade

Join us the WYBSL marches in the Westerville parade on July 4th. Coaches are encouraged to organize their team and contact Joe Sylvester (events@wybsl.org) to get details on where we will meet and what we plan to do as a group.

Fall Ball Registration

Online registration for Fall Ball is OPEN! You'll find all the information you need on our Fall 2022 program in this newsletter and also our website. Don't delay, space is limited and you must register by July 18 to ensure a spot on a roster and avoid late fees.

Please join us in thanking the hundreds of volunteers that generously donated their time this spring/summer and made our program possible. Lastly, we'd also like to thank our partners at the City of Westerville and Westerville City Schools for access to some of the best facilities in the area!

See you at the fields!
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REGISTRATION DATES

Activity	Date(s)*
Online Registration Opens	6/13
Virtual "Open House" See website for details	7/16
Regular Registration & Scholarship Application Deadline	7/18
Play-up Assessments (see p. 6)	7/23 7/27
Refund Deadlines: - Full refund - Partial (less \$25)	7/31 8/5

LEAGUE DATES

Activity	Date(s)*
Coaches Meeting - Rosters Distributed	8/6
Practices Begin - Coach-Pitch & Older - Tee-Ball	week of: 8/8 8/15
Photo Day	8/20
Games Begin - Coach-Pitch & Older - Tee-Ball	8/27 9/7
Fall Season Ends	10/17

* Based on weather and final # teams.
See website for details and updates.

FALL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

There will be 10 leagues in baseball, fast-pitch softball and co-ed Tee-Ball. Players will generally be placed in the age level league they will play in next spring/summer. This provides a great way to prepare young players who will be moving up the the next level of play with new rules, larger fields, etc..

We'll assure a place for every family who lives, works or attends school within the boundaries of the Westerville City School District and applies by the regular registration deadline (July 16th this year). We will accept other applications at any time on a space available basis. In all past seasons, we have placed 100% of all applications received by the regular registration deadline date.

REGISTER ONLINE @ www.wybsl.org. Complete program information can be found in this newsletter and on our website. Please register as soon as possible as space is limited and there is a \$30 late fee applied after the July 18th deadline. Fees for all leagues can be found on p. 3.

All players who did not play in the WYBSL during 2021 or 2022 must provide a birth certificate which can be uploaded as part of the online registration process.

NEW THIS FALL

NEW AGE DIVISIONS - This fall, several age divisions will be realigned based on current and forecasted registration levels and skill development needs:

- Coach-Pitch Baseball: there will be one coach-pitch division for 6 and 7 year olds (as of 4/30/22).
- Softball Leagues: the following age divisions are also changing: Red Hat (12U) will be for ages 10-12 and Blue Hat (17U) for ages 13-17 (as of 4/30/22).

"CALL UPS" - used in the Spring season until now, qualified players in Green, Red and Blue Hat (baseball) can join a "call-up" pool of players for teams in the next older division to draw upon to fill in for absent players. Please see important details on p. 13 to learn more.



LEAGUE AGES / FEES

League	Baseball	Softball	Registration Fee
Co-Ed Tee-Ball	4-5	—	\$85
Coach-Pitch	6-7	6-7	\$97
Green Hat	8-9	8-9	\$102
Red Hat	10-11	10-12	\$108
Blue Hat	12-13	13-17	\$113
Black Hat	14-17*	—	\$118

Player age as of 4/30/22.

** A player must be a full-time high school student at the beginning of the playing season.*

FIELDS FUND FEE

Players who did not play in the spring/summer 2022 season must also add a \$24 fields fee (Spring/Summer players have already paid this annual fee).

FAMILY PLAN

(Calculated from the highest to lowest registration fee)

First two players @ Full Fee + Fields Fund Fee
All other players @ Fields Funds Fee only

**LATE REGISTRATION
AFTER July 18, 2022**
Additional \$30 per player

UMPIRES NEEDED!

The League trains and pays umpires for Green & Red Hat leagues. You must be at least 14 y/o and should Contact Bob Albert (umpires@wybsl.org) for more information!

SCHOLARSHIPS

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The WYBSL would like to thank Dick's Sporting Goods, Lake Shore Cryotronics and Westerville Local 3480 Firefighters for their generous support that helps fund our scholarship program to help assure that 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 \$118 per year per child.

Full information and the scholarship application can be found within our online registration.

PLEASE NOTE, all scholarship applications must be submitted by July 18th for consideration.

REFUNDS

We understand unforeseen circumstances may 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 to WYBSL@WYBSL.ORG** reporting the player's name, league, date and reason for withdrawal.

If the withdrawal is reported by July 30th, a full refund will be issued within 4 weeks. If reported after July 31st and before August 5th, a \$25 fee will be charged. After August 5th, there shall be no refunds.



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SUMMER/FALL CALENDAR

JUNE

Mon 13	Fall Ball Online Registration Opens www.wybsl.org
Fri 17	Last day to turn in Raffle Tickets at any concession stand.
Week of 20	Summer Post-Season Tournaments Begin Coach-Pitch & Older Leagues

JULY

Sat 2	★ ★ Spring All Star Games & Home Run Derbies ★ ★ Coach-Pitch / Green / Red / Blue Black Hat (Rain Date: 7/3)
Mon 4	Westerville Independence Day Parade
Sat 16	Fall Ball Virtual "Open House" 12PM - 1PM Video Conf. Link to be posted.
Mon 18	Regular Fall Registration Deadline
Sat 23 Wed 27	Mandatory Play-up Assessments Huber Village Park (7/23-10AM; 7/27-6PM)
Sun 31	Last day to request/receive a full refund

AUGUST

Sat 6	Fall Head Coaches Meeting Rosters & Equipment Distributed (except Tee-Ball)
By Mon 8	Players Notified of Team Assignments - (except Tee-Ball)
Week of 8	Team Practices Begin (Tee-Ball Practices begin 8/17)
Sat 20	Team Photo Day @ Practice Fields (rain date 8/27)
Sat 27	Fall Leagues Begin Game Play (Tee-Ball Games begin 9/7)

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Oct 17	Fall Leagues Complete
Nov 5	Fall Ball Coaches Meeting WYBSL Annual Meeting & Elections

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LEAGUE OVERVIEW

We offer young boys and girls the opportunity to spend many years in our program. Although skills and competition increase as players advance, the focus at all levels is on learning and fun. Continuous batting orders are used and all players must play a minimum number of innings in the field. 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:

Co-Ed Tee-Ball	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. Players placed in different field positions each inning.
Coach-Pitch	Coaches pitch to their own team, scores and standings are kept but not emphasized, batters receive up to 7 pitches, there are no walks. Ten fielders are used with coaches teaching from the field. Fielders must play 3 defensive innings and must play both infield and outfield.
Green Hat	Players are pitching, bunting and stealing (see specific rules). Baseball teams play with 9 players in the field with pitch counts. Softball plays with 10 players & pitchers are limited to 3 innings per game.
Red Hat	Competition increases but focus on instruction continues. Stealing of all bases is allowed and dropped 3rd strike is introduced. In baseball, field size increases, limited balk rules & pitch counts are added.
Blue Hat	Generally a middle school age league, certified OHSAA umpires are used, baseball pitchers can pitch complete games subject to pitch count. In baseball, field size increases and lead-offs are allowed.
Black Hat	For baseball, generally high school young men playing on "major league" field size. Seventeen year olds must be full-time, high school students during the season.

Baseball Overview By League

	Baseline	Pitch Dist.	Innings	Ages	Days	Balls	Umpires	IP/Game ²	IP/WK ²
Co-Ed Tee-Ball	45'	n/a	4	4-5	WSa	RIF ¹	Volunteer	n/a	n/a
Coach-Pitch	60'	36'	6	6-7	TuWSa	RIF ¹	Volunteer	n/a	n/a
Green Hat	60'	46'	6	8-9	TuThSa	League	Trained	55 pitches	120 pitches
Red Hat	70'	50'	6	10-11	TuThSa	League	Trained	65 pitches	130 pitches
Blue Hat	80'	54'	7	12-13	TuThSa	League	Certified	75 pitches	140 pitches
Black Hat	90'	60'6"	7	14-17	TuWThSa	League	Certified	85 pitches	150 pitches

Softball Overview By League

	Baselines	Pitch Dist.	Innings	Ages	Days	Balls	Umpires	IP/Game ²	IP/WK ²
Coach-Pitch	50'	30'	6	6-7	WSa	11" RIF ¹	Volunteer	n/a	n/a
Green Hat	60'	35'	6	8-9	TuThSa	11"	Trained	3	n/a
Red Hat	60'	40'	6	10-12	TuThSa	12"	Trained	4	n/a
Blue Hat	60'	40'	7	13-17	TuThSa	12"	Certified	7	n/a

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² Innings/Pitch Limits

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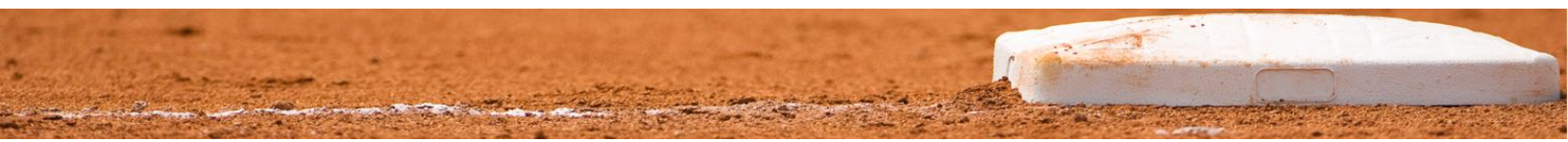
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PLAYING UP

A player's "Playing Age" is his/her age on 4/30/22 and we urge parents and guardians to consider that children play in the normal league for their age.

We realize that skills develop faster for some and the WYBSL provides a way for boys and girls to "play-up". To do so, **parents must complete a Play-up Application** with their registration and pay the appropriate fees for that age level. Players must also attend and pass a **mandatory play-up assessment**.

Players may play-up one age year – NOT one league. For example, a five year old may request to play Coach-Pitch instead of Tee-Ball – a four year old cannot. In summary, play-up eligibility is:

- For SOFTBALL Playing Ages of 5, 7, 9 or 12*
- For BASEBALL Playing Ages of 5, 7, 9 or 11

* Please see next column regarding exceptions for 12 y/o girls.

Players will be considered in the chronological order in which their registration(s) are received and space must be open after regular registration ends.

Players must either:

- Have played in the same WYBSL higher age division during the 2022 Spring season.
- Attend a mandatory play-up assessment session on July 23 or 27. **Times and locations are listed on the calendar on p.4.**

The 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, the parents will be contacted and given the option of playing at the normal age level, **if space is available.**

If parents are not completely confident of their daughter or son's ability to play-up, we recommend not applying.

The WYBSL reserves the right to evaluate a play-up participant at any time, before or during the season, and take appropriate action to ensure the safety of all participants. Please note, "play-down" requests to a younger level will not be honored.

AGE DIVISIONS & PLAY UP NOTICE

It is the WYBSL's intention to realign age divisions this fall and keep those changes in place during the spring/summer 2023 season.

Fall Ball provides players with the opportunity to play in the league they will be playing in during the following spring and therefore ages will be aligned accordingly. Below is a summary of new Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 age divisions:

DIVISION AGE CHANGES

Division	Fall '22 Ages**	Spring '23 Ages***
Coach-Pitch Baseball	6-7	7-8
Red Hat Softball	10-12	11-13
Blue Hat Softball	13-17	14-17

** As of 4/30/22.

*** As of 4/30/23

NOTICE FOR BLUE HAT SOFTBALL PLAY-UPS - due to the change in playing ages of Fall Ball, 12 y/o players do NOT have to attend mandatory play-up assessments to play in Blue Hat as this will be their "natural" league next spring.

Please note, a 12 y/o player must still complete the Play Up form as part of their registration to play in the Blue Hat Softball division. If a 12 y/o would like to remain in Red Hat this fall, they can do so.



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TEAM SELECTION

The WYBSL staff builds teams with the goal of "balancing" ages and skill levels based on:

- Coach and Staff member ratings of players who played in our spring/summer leagues.
- Parents' ratings of their child.

The WYBSL Staff then assembles teams by:

1. Honoring "friend" requests. Please note; adults wishing to coach together must use this procedure. See procedure at right.
2. Siblings in the same league are automatically placed on the same team, unless otherwise requested.
3. Assigning pitchers and catchers (in older leagues).
4. Allocating remaining players while attempting to achieve parity among teams.
5. In Coach-Pitch and Tee-Ball, we attempt to build teams by geographic area.

Unfortunately, requests for specific coaches or "car-pooling" groups can not be honored.

PLAY WITH ONE FRIEND OR COACH

While we again try to honor requests to play with **one** friend or coach with **one** other coach, the league uses the following process:

In order for two players to be placed on the same team, **both players** must list each other as "**1st Choice**" on their registration forms.

In order for two coaches to be placed on the same team, each coach's respective player must list the other coach's player as "**1st Choice**" on their registration forms. If a friend is not listed as first choice on both player's registration form, it will not be treated as a valid friend request.

This process is in place to avoid "chaining" of skilled players that results in a lack of team parity.

As a reminder, the spring/summer and fall leagues are independent from each other, so teams do not stay together. Additionally, last year's *Fall Ball* teams will not be kept together.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Due to the short duration of the fall season, as well as the declining sunlight, games will be scheduled on Saturday and/or Sunday of Labor Day weekend. There will NOT be games scheduled on the Monday holiday.

FALL BALL PHOTO DAY

All teams and individual players are encouraged to take part in WYBSL's Photo Day, which will be on Saturday, August 20th. In case of rain, photos will be taken on August 27th. Coaches will provide order forms and time for this event.



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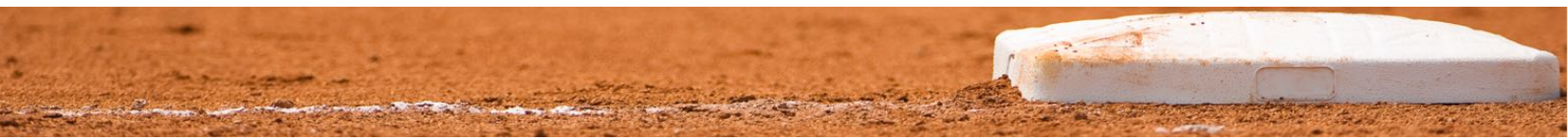


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WHEN DO WE PRACTICE & PLAY

	Practices	Games
Start	Week of August 8 (Tee-ball 8/15)	August 27 (Tee-ball 9/7)
Days	See p.5 by league	See p.5 by league
Frequency	2 times each week (practices limited after season start)	Generally 1 weeknight & 1 weekend day each week. (incl. Labor Day weekend)
Time(s)	Weeknights: 5:30p-7p or 7p - 8:30p Saturdays: vary	Weeknights: 5:00/5:30pm Saturdays: vary Sun. make-ups: after Noon

WEATHER HOTLINE: 614-523-6220

The hotline is updated for GAMES & EVENTS ONLY.

Weeknights: by 4:00p

Saturdays: 8a

Sundays: 11a

Please note, field changes are sometimes necessary due to non-weather events

Generally, there will not be further updates on weekdays. On weekends, if conditions change and allow, additional alerts may be posted regarding later games.

Updates also available on Twitter @WYBSLalerts & Facebook.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE



New to Westerville or the WYBSL Fall Ball program? Or do you just have questions before registering for the season?

Join us on Saturday, July 16th for a virtual "open house" video conference. Our Staff will be online and ready to answer your questions. Video conference details will be posted

during the week leading up to this event. We look forward to seeing you then!

MAKE-UP GAMES

Eight games are scheduled in Tee-ball, twelve in all other leagues. The WYBSL will reschedule as many make-up games as possible during the season.

Make-up games are traditionally scheduled on Sundays (after 12p) and Mondays.



MAKE-UP WEEKS

Saturday thru Thursday. For example, a Thursday rain-out will be made up 3-4 days later on Sunday/Monday. A Saturday rain-out will be made-up 8-9 days later on the following Sunday/Monday.

SPORTSMANSHIP

The WYBSL believes good sportsmanship is the responsibility and expectation for all. 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, email the League (wybsl@wybsl.org).



EQUIPMENT

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. Optional items, such as heart protectors or special masks, are not required and, if chosen, are the family's responsibility.

CATCHER CHEST PROTECTORS - The WYBSL will provide improved equipment in Blue & Black Hat baseball leagues for protection against commotio cordis (impact-related cardiac arrest). All chest protectors (e.g. player owned) used in these two leagues must meet NOCSAE standards as included in NFHS rules.

Regarding gloves, 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 leagues, pitcher's gloves cannot include white or gray. Softball gloves cannot be gray, white or optic (neon) in color.

For our Tee-Ball and Coach-Pitch leagues, gym shoes or baseball/ softball molded plastic cleats are fine. As players grow, we recommend baseball/softball shoes. Also, metal spikes are not allowed except in the Blue & Black Hat Baseball leagues (see important note below).

We suggest strongly 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.



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 ALL softball leagues, bats must be factory marked with the ASA and USSSA logos below:



2. In Tee-Ball, bats must be factory-marked "USABaseball" or "Tee-Ball" or a softball bat with ASA 2004 and USSSA logos as shown above. Tee-Ball only bats are only legal for play in the Tee-Ball league.

3. In Coach-Pitch, Green Hat and Red Hat baseball, the bats must be factory-marked "USABaseball".

4. When a boy plays Blue Hat or Black Hat ball, NFHS rules apply with the following Blue Hat modifications:

- 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 and logo will also apply to these bats.
- A bat less than 32" in length must have the new "USABaseball" logo, with a -5 differential between length and weight or meet BBCOR standard.

Most problems occur when Red Hat baseball 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.



HIGHLANDS PARK MOUNDS/METAL CLEATS

Metal cleats are prohibited on the portable mounds in Black/Blue Hat Baseball divisions. Pitchers must wear molded, rubber cleats. **Please note, in 2023 NO metal cleats will be allowed in these divisions.**



Each year, hundreds of 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:

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: Work with the Fields Director to help check field conditions on weekends for make-up games.

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 use the on-line application or contact Steve Polovick at hr@wybsl.org to discuss how you can help!

CONCESSION CAPTAINS WANTED!

The WYBSL operates concession services at Huber Village and Towers Park. Training is provided and a friendly, service oriented personality is required! Concession Captains must be at least 18 years old and start earning \$10 per hour. Please contact Concessions Director Stephen Naumann at food@wybsl.org for more information.

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, NAYS Certification, Coaching Clinics and League Meetings during the season.



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 using our online registration application!

UMPIRES

The WYBSL schedules over 800 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.

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

All umpires must complete concussion training.

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!

Become a "Blue" - Contact Bob Alberts at umpires@wybsl.org if you're interested in umpiring!

Upon completion of required training/evaluation, compensation varies by experience and can be a great first job for high school students age 14 and above.



WEATHER POLICY

The safety of our players and damage to fields 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/Thunder - If the City's Lightning Prediction System covers a field of play, when one continuous horn burst is sounded, all games and practices must stop and fields must be cleared. An all-clear is signaled by three short bursts. This applies at all times and in all weather conditions.

Whether a lightning prediction system is present or not, if lightning is sighted or thunder is heard, umpires will immediately clear the field and dugouts; if sighted by one umpire in a multiple diamond location, all fields will be cleared. Games may resume no less than 30 minutes after the last lightning sighting or thunder is heard, 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, the League 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 Sunday or Monday. Once scheduled, the make-up game will be played or considered a forfeit.

"CALL-UP" PLAYERS

For the first time in the Fall, the league will utilize "call-up" players in Green Hat and older baseball and softball leagues. A "Call-Up" player is one that is asked to play a game, in the next higher division, if a team may be short players on a given day (e.g. a 12-year-old Red Hat player filling in on a Blue Hat team)

At a date, to be determined by the Program Directors, Head Coaches in these leagues will be asked to identify potential players on their current roster that are capable of being a Call-Up player and would have an interest in becoming a Call-Up player. These potential players must attend a Call-Up player assessment and would need approval from the staff for their play and safety, before being added to the Call-Up list. Parents of Call-Up players must also submit a permission and release form as well.

There are additional requirements and restrictions regarding call-up players and coaches can provide further information and permission forms once teams are formed.



WYBSL CONDUCT RULES

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, Fall Ball Committee Member or WYBSL Trustee 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 restriction 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 modified "handshake line" to maintain State guidelines. 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 Committee within twenty-four hours of the incident, and may not attend or participate in any practice or game until doing so.

The Committee 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 the Committee. 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.

SOCIAL MEDIA RESPONSIBILITY

The WYBSL uses social media platforms primarily to communicate league updates in a timely and consistent fashion. It is also a conduit for parents and participants to ask questions and share feedback with the league. While these platforms are an effective means to communicate, they can also be used in negative ways. Please know that the WYBSL's conduct and sportsmanship policies also pertain to the use of social media.

Lastly, please remember we are all members of the same community participating in a recreational program for our young people. If you have significant concerns with the actions of individuals or league operations, please email us and we'll be happy to assist!

