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YMCA Youth Softball
Practice Begins: Week of May 7th
Games Begin: Week of June 4th
Registration Deadline: April 6th

- **Players will spend 60 hours or more improving their skills during this program!**
- **Players will receive full uniforms!**
- **End of the season tournaments for all ages!**
- **Players can expect to play 15 + games!**
- **Multiple child discount available!**
- **Financial Assistance is available!**
- **12u and 15u teams will be formed by a coaches draft!**

Players grades 1 & up will spend an estimated **60 hours** or more improving their skills during this program! Your child will participate in our youth softball league that is designed to improve fundamental softball skills and develop confidence through teamwork. Coaches will teach participants the basic fundamentals to develop each child's game.

Youth Softball, Beloit YMCA

League Is Based on Current Grade Your Child Is In

YMCA MEMBERS RECEIVE \$20 OFF LISTED PRICE

8u (1st – 2nd) \$79 10u (3rd – 4th) \$79 12u (5th – 6th) \$79 15u (7th, 8th, 9th) \$79

Participant Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Child's School: _____

Pant Size: Youth: S M L XL Adult: S (26-28) M (30-32) L (34-36) XL (38-40)

Shirt Size: Youth: S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16) XL (16+) Adult: S M L XL XXL

Volunteer Head Coach

Volunteer Assistant Coach

Volunteer Name: _____

Coach T-shirt Size: _____



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Softball Important Dates

- April 6th*** Baseball / Softball Registration Deadline
- April 19th*** Mandatory Coaches Meeting 6pm @ Beloit YMCA
- April 22nd*** Pre-Draft Skill Session for Ages 11-15. 11/12 year olds at 10:00 am, 13-15 year olds at 11:15am. Held at YMCA Complex.
- April 24-26*** League Drafts
- May 4th*** All players should have received call from coach with team info
- May 7th*** Teams may begin practice
- June 4th*** League Games begin
- June 16th/18th*** 8U and 12U tournament hosted by Stateline Fastpitch
- June 23rd /24th*** 10U and 15U tournament hosted by Stateline Fastpitch
- July 2nd -July 5th*** League Break (No Games)
- July 22nd*** Movie Night / Coaches Softball Game / Team Recognition Night
- July 28th & 29th*** End of Season In House Baseball & Softball Tournament



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Frequently Asked Questions About YMCA Baseball & Softball Leagues

What age groups does YMCA Baseball & Softball serve?

Our **baseball leagues** are for players ages 5(k) – 15 (9th grade). Our **softball leagues** are for players ages (1st grade)7-15 (9th grade). To determine your player's "league age" for each program, please see below.

When does registration begin and where can I register?

Registration officially opens on February 5th. You can register at the Beloit or Roscoe YMCA or online at statelinefamilyymca.org

What programs are offered for each age group?

SOFTBALL

Ages 5 & 6- Shetland Program (Recommended for girls & boys) Please see Shetland Baseball Program.

8U (Grades 1 – 2): This league is an introductory league to live fastpitch. Girls do have an opportunity to pitch, but there are no walks in the league. Instead of a walk, the coach will come onto the field to pitch to their player. Base lengths at this age are 60' and the pitching rubber is 35'. In this league, a majority of the games will be played at the YMCA Sports Complex, **but you can expect up to 6 games to be played in the Roscoe/Rockford area.** This is a girl's only league and teams are formed by the YMCA.

10U (Grades 3 – 4): This league consists of live fastpitch. Girls do have an opportunity to pitch, but there are no walks in the league. Instead of a walk, the coach will come onto the field to pitch to their player. Base lengths at this age are 60'. The pitching rubber in this league is placed at 35'. In this league, a majority of the games will be played at the YMCA Sports Complex, **but you can expect up to 8 games to be played in the Roscoe/Rockford area.** This is a girl's only league and teams are formed by the YMCA.

12U (Grades 5 – 6): Games in this division are played on full-sized diamonds and follow NFHS rules with a few exceptions. Base lengths at this age are 60'. The pitching rubber in this league is placed at 40'. In this league, a majority of the games will be played at the YMCA sports complex, **but you can expect up to 8 games to be played in the Roscoe/Rockford area.** This is a girl's only league and teams are formed through a draft.

15U (Grades 7, 8, 9): Games in this division are played on full-sized diamonds and follow NFHS rules with a few exceptions. Base lengths at this age are 60'. The pitching rubber in this league is placed at 43'. In this league, a majority of the games will be played at the YMCA sports complex, **but you can expect up to 8 games to be played in the Roscoe/Rockford area.** This is a girl's only league and teams are formed through a draft.



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How do I determine my player's "league age"?

For both baseball and softball, register your child based on the current grade your child is in on registration day.

Is my child on the same team he/she was last year?

No. Each child will be assigned to a new team or will be re-entered into the draft. This is done so kids have the opportunity to play for other coaches and meet new kids in the program.

What do the programs cost?

Due to an anonymous donor we are able to continue to offer the lower pricing we started last season! This was done to offer the opportunity to families who may have not been able to afford to participate in the past!

BASEBALL	Game Nights	SOFTBALL	GAME NIGHTS	
Shetland- \$75.00	M/T/or Thur	8u- \$79.00	Primarily	M/W
Pinto- \$125.00	T/TH	10u- \$79.00	Primarily	T/Th
Mustang- \$125.00	M/W	12u- \$79.00	Primarily	M/W
Bronco- \$150.00	T/TH	14u- \$79.00	Primarily	T/Th
Pony- \$150.00	M/W			

***STATELINE YMCA MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE \$25 OFF OF THE BASEBALL PRICE AND \$20 OFF OF THE SOFTBALL PRICE.**

***There will be a \$15 late registration fee.**

***There is a multi- child discount. If you are registering more than one child from the same household you will receive \$10 off of EACH registration.**

Do you offer financial assistance?

Yes! If you are in need of financial assistance you may apply at the YMCA. To ensure that the paperwork is completed on time, we ask that the financial assistance, paperwork is in by April 1st. To be granted financial assistance we will need the previous year's tax form or a letter of non-filing, 1 month of paystubs, and all federal and state aid your receive (S.S.I, food share, etc.). **We ask that anyone who plans to apply for financial assistance have their application in by March 16th to ensure enough time for the application to be processed before the registration deadline.**



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What does the player fee cover?

Each player's fee covers only a portion of the expenses we incur to operate our leagues (team equipment, uniforms, umpires, grounds crew wages, grounds keeping equipment, concession stand supervisors, janitorial services, etc.). We cover the rest of our operating expenses with support from a combination of sources, including our donors, team sponsors, on-field advertisers, concession stand operations, and tournament hosting activities.

What is Your Refund Policy?

Once practice begins you are only eligible for a **50 percent refund** or a **50 percent credit** on your account. This is due to the fact that uniforms are already ordered and teams have already been formed by this time. All refund requests are subject to the director's approval. Once games begin you will only be eligible for a partial credit on your account at the director's discretion.

Do parents need to volunteer in the concession stand or in any capacity?

Our concession stand is fully staffed so you can sit back and relax while watching your child's game! We do however, depend on volunteer coaches for our program. Our program is a very large program and the need for motivated and dedicated volunteers is constantly growing. If you are interested in coaching please indicate that on the registration form or contact the YMCA at 608-365-2261.

Does my player need to buy any equipment to play?

The YMCA supplies all our teams with balls, bats, helmets, and catcher's gear. We also supply all our players with a team uniform, which consists of a T-shirt, hat, pants and socks for baseball players, and a T-shirt for softball players. YMCA players generally supply their own fielding gloves, batting gloves, shoes/cleats. For softball players who would like pants and socks, we will be selling these items at the ballpark in the concession stand. **We also encourage all softball players to purchase a fielders mask.** We strongly encourage players to label their equipment so that we can return it to them if they happen to lose it during the season!

When is uniform pickup?

Uniforms will be given directly to coaches to hand out during practice

When is picture day?

Picture day is currently being scheduled!

Does the YMCA cut any kids?

No. If you register for YMCA baseball or softball, you are registered and will be placed on a team. (Please note, however, that we do have limits to the number of players who can play in each league, and we will close registration for those leagues as they are filled.)



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How many games do the teams play?

BASEBALL

In all leagues other than our T-Ball program and Shetland program, our teams play roughly 20 games. Since our leagues have beginning and year-end tournaments, the exact number of games for each team depends on how well the team does in the tournaments.

SOFTBALL

In our softball leagues, each team will play a minimum of 15 games. Since our leagues have mid season and year-end tournaments, the exact number of games for each team depends on how well the team does in the tournaments.

Does every player get to play?

Yes! In all leagues every player on the team roster must have at least one plate appearance and play three consecutive outs on defense in each game.

When does the season start, and how long does it last?

Except for t-ball, our season runs from mid-May until the beginning of August. The T-ball program has two sessions with session one beginning in May, and session two beginning in June.

Teams are formed in mid-to-late April. Your coach will contact you by May 4th and practice is allowed to begin the week of May 7th.

Our league games are played Monday-Thursday with the exception of the Stateline Fastpitch Tournaments. The 8U and 12U tournaments will be the weekend of June 16th/18th and the 10U and 14U tournament will be the weekend June 23rd/24th. **There will be no YMCA opening weekend tournament for softball this year.** The End of Season Tournament will take place July 29th/29th. Once games begin, teams will generally play two games per week. We do our best to schedule our games so that certain leagues play on certain days of the week.

How often will my player's team practice?

We believe one of the most important factors in player development is regular team practices. For that reason, we encourage our volunteer coaches to practice with their teams as often as they can, subject to our guideline that every team should have at least three sessions per week (practices and games combined), weather permitting.

Because each of our coaches has a unique job situation, and because the practice fields in our area are limited, it is impossible for us to tell you exactly when your player will have practices during the season. In general, you can expect your player's team will practice two or more times per week before the season starts, and that the practice schedule will lighten after league games begin.



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Where are the games played?

All league games are played at our facility at the YMCA Youth Sports Complex located at 3301 Prairie Ave., Beloit. **Some softball games will be held in the Roscoe/Rockton and Rockford area.**



Do games occur on the weekends?

Rarely. There are three weekends that games will occur on. The 8U and 12U Stateline Fastpitch tournaments will be held the weekend of June 16th-18th. The 10U and 14U Stateline Fastpitch tournaments will be held on the weekend of June 23rd and June 24th. The end of season tournament for baseball is also on a weekend which is July 28th & 29th. We do our best to schedule our league games for Mondays through Thursdays only, and to keep Fridays open so that if we have rainouts during the week, those games can be made up on Friday without disturbing weekend plans.

We do our best to schedule our league games so that they occur on certain days during the week, but since the number of teams in each league fluctuates from year to year, we may not always be able to do this.

What times are the games?

The baseball games are *usually* scheduled to begin at either 5:30 or 7:30p.m. Softball games are *usually* scheduled to begin at 6:00p.m.