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# SWINGING INTO SUMMER

## Youth Baseball STATELINE FAMILY YMCA YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX



- Players will receive full MLB themed uniforms
- Players can expect to play 10 + games
- Multiple child discount available (discount not available online)
- Financial Assistance is available

**Practices Begin:** Week of July 6 **Games Begin:** Week of July 20

End of Season Festivities: August 29/30



Registration Deadline is JUNE 21 - No late registrations will be accepted

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[ ] Shetland (Age 5-6) \$65 [ ] Pint	to (Age 7-8) \$100 [ ] Mustang (Age 9-10) \$100
[ ] Bronco (Age 11-	-12) \$125 [ ] Pony (Age 13-15) \$125
Participant Name:	Participant Date of Birth: Parent/Guardian Date of Birth: Cell Phone: Email:
<b>Pant Size:</b> Youth - S M L XL Adult - S (26-28) <b>Shirt Size:</b> Youth - S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)	
Would you be w	one of the best way to build community is to be involved. villing to help this summer?  [ ] Volunteer Assistant Coach
Volunteer Name:	Coach T-shirt Size:
Photo Notice	

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I understand and agree that my child's entire last name will not be used (unless a last initial is completely necessary).



#### **Summer Baseball Important Dates**

June 21	Baseball Registration	Deadline
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June 23 Mandatory Coaches Meeting for Shetland and Pinto coaches at Beloit Ironworks YMCA at

6:00 pm

June 24 Mandatory Coaches meeting for Mustang, Bronco and Pony coaches at Beloit Ironworks

YMCA at 6:00 pm

July 6 Teams may begin practice this week

July 20 League Games Begin
August 29/30 End of Season Festivities



#### 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. Our **softball leagues** are for players ages 7-15. **Baseball Players should register based on their age as of May 1st.** Softball Players should register based on their age as of Jan 1st.

#### When does registration begin and where can I register?

Registration officially opens on June 15. You can register at the Ironworks Branch or the Roscoe Branch of the Stateline Family YMCA, on the Stateline Family YMCA app or online at statelineymca.org.

#### What programs are offered for each age group?

#### **BASEBALL**

**Shetland (ages 5-6):** This league is a mix between coach pitch and t-ball. This league plays once a week and follows the guidelines of our other baseball programs. We use soft-core safety baseballs to reduce the fear of injury and increase player enjoyment. This league consists of boys and girls who are put on a set team for the season. Shetland teams can expect to play a minimum of 6 games. Each player receives 5 pitches from their coach and if they do not put the ball in play, a Tee is then used. Games are 1 hour in length.

**Pinto (Grades 1 & 2):** This league is coach pitch to allow for more "hittable" pitches at the plate and more action in the field. Each player can receive up to 7 pitches from their coach. If the batter does not put a live ball into play, after 7 pitches, an out is recorded. Teams are formed by the YMCA.

**Mustang (44/60) (Grades 3 & 4):** This is a player-pitch league. Games are played on diamonds with a 44' pitching distance and 60' bases. There is no leading off and no stealing until the ball crosses the plate. Teams are formed through a draft.

**Bronco (48/70) (Grades 5 & 6):** In this division, games are played on diamonds with a 48' pitching distance and 70' base paths. Players may lead off and steal as they would in a regular game. Teams are formed through a draft.

**Pony (Grades 7, 8, & 9):** Games in this division are played on full-sized diamonds and follow NFHS rules with some exceptions. Teams are formed through a draft.



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

For both baseball register your child based on their age as of MAY 1ST. Softball register your child based on their age as of January 1st. No player is allowed to play up or down a division.

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

No. Each child will be assigned to a new team. This is done so kids have the opportunity to play for other coaches and meet new kids in the program. Due to COVID and time restraints there will be no drafts this year. The YMCA will put together teams. (NOT BY REQUESTS)

#### What do the programs cost?

Due to an anonymous donor we are able to continue to offer the lower pricing we started in 2018! This was done to offer the opportunity to families who may have not been able to afford to participate in the past! We are also lowering prices this year even more due to a shortened season because of COVID-19.

BASEBALL			SOFTBALL		
Level	Cost	Game Nights	Level	Cost	<b>GAME NIGHTS</b>
Shetland	\$65.00	M/T/ or TH	8u	\$70.00	Primarily T/Th
Pinto	\$100.00	M/W	10u	\$70.00	Primarily T/Th
Mustang	\$100.00	M/W	12u	\$70.00	Primarily T/Th
Bronco	\$125.00	T/TH	14u	\$70.00	Primarily T/Th
Pony	\$125.00	M/W			•

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

#### 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 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 not be allowed a refund or a credit. All refund requests will be at the director's discretion.

<sup>\*</sup>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. You must register in person to receive this discount.



#### 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, 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, socks and pants for softball players. YMCA players generally supply their own fielding gloves, batting gloves, shoes/cleats and also BATTING HELMETS this year. **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?

The complete uniform will be given to coaches this year to handout at practice.

#### When is picture day?

There will be no picture day this year due to COVID-19.

#### 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.)

### How many games do the teams play? BASEBALL

In all leagues other than our T-Ball program and Shetland program, our teams play roughly 10 games. Since our leagues have an end of the year tournament, 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?

Practice will begin early July. Games will run from mid July until the last weekend in August. Once games begin, teams will generally play two games per week. T-Ball and Shetland will have 1 game per week. We do our best to schedule our games so that certain leagues play on certain days of the week but we cannot promise that this will always be the case.



#### 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 have unique job situations, 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.

#### Where are the games played?

All league games are played at the YMCA Youth Sports Complex located at 3301 Prairie Ave., Beloit



#### Do games occur on the weekends?

Rarely. We will have end of year festivities on August 29/30. The only other time a weekend game might be played is if there is a make-up game that needs to be played. 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 5:30p.m.



#### **Bat Requirements**

There are new bat standards this year. All of our bat standards will be in line with the USA Bat Little League Standards.

The bat must be a baseball bat which meets the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat) as adopted by Little League. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick, and made of wood or of material and color tested and proved acceptable to the USA Baseball Bat standard (USABat).Beginning with the 2018 season, non-wood and laminated bats used in the Little League (Majors) and below, Intermediate (50-70) Division, Junior League divisions, and Challenger division shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat – USA Baseball's Youth Bat Performance Standard. All BPF – 1.15 bats will be prohibited beginning with the 2018 season. Additionally, starting in 2018, the bat diameter shall not exceed 2½ inches for these divisions of play. Bats meeting the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) standard may also be used in the Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League divisions. Additional information is available at LittleLeague.org/batinfo.

<u>Shetland and Pinto</u> – Any little league approved bat for baseball or T-ball. It shall not be more than 33 inches in length; nor more than  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than  $30\frac{1}{4}$ ) at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16) inches from the small end.

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<u>Bronco-</u> It shall not be more than  $34\square$  inches in length; nor more than 2% inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than  $30\square$ ) at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end.

<u>Pony</u> - It shall not be more than  $34\square$  inches in length; nor more than 2% inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16) inches in diameter (7/8 inch for bats less than  $30\square$ ) at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18) inches from the small end. For a list of approved bats please visit https://usabat.com/