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# **SWINGING** INTO SUMMER

# Youth Softball STATELINE FAMILY YMCA

This newly structured girls program is a collaboration with JYBSA and is designed to improve fundamental softball skills while developing confidence through teamwork. Players can expect to spend an estimated 50 hours or more improving their skills during this program and coaches will help players develop individually and as a team.

Games will be played at the YMCA Youth Sport Complex in Beloit or the Janesville Youth Sport Complex.

- Players can expect to play 12+ games
- End of the season tournaments for all ages
- Multiple child discount available (discount not available online)
- All Teams will be formed by School/District
- Games will be played in Beloit or Janesville
- Games will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays for all age groups
- Financial Assistance is available

**Practices Begin** Week of May 11 **Games Begin** Week of June 1 **End of Season Tournament** Late July (dates TBD)



Registration Deadline is April 10 - There will be a \$15 late fee if registered after April 10

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League is Based Child's Age as of January 1				YMCA members receive \$20 off listed price					
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Volunteer Name:		<b>Iould you be will</b> Head Coach	ing to he	elp this sumn	n <mark>er?</mark> er Assista	ant Co	ach		l <b>.</b>
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**

April 10 April 14	Baseball / Softball Registration Deadline Mandatory Coaches Meeting at Beloit Ironworks YMCA at 6:00 pm
May 6	All players should have received call from coach with team info
May 11	Teams may begin practice this week
June 1	League Games Begin
July 3-7	League Break (No Games)
End of July	End of Season Softball Tournament (Dates TBD)



## Frequently Asked Questions About YMCA Softball Leagues

#### What age groups does YMCA Softball serve?

Our softball leagues are for players ages 7-14. You will need to register your participant by their age as of Jan 1.

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

Registration officially opens on February 17th. 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? SOFTBALL

**8U:** This league is an introductory league to live fast-pitch. 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 so that the games can move along and everyone gets their needed reps. The pitching rubber will be at 35' and the bases at 60'.

**10U:** This league consists of live fast-pitch. 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 so that the games can move along and everyone gets their needed reps. The pitching rubber will be at 345 and bases at 60'.

**12U:** This will be a player pitch only league. The pitching rubber will be at 40' and the base lengths will be at 60'.

**15U (Grades 7, 8, 9):** This will be a player pitch only league. The pitching rubber will be at 43' and the base lengths will be at 60'.

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

You will need to register your participant based on their age as of January 1st.

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

Not necessarily. New this year teams will be formed by schools. Depending on registration numbers some teams may be comprised of 1 or more schools.

#### 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! **SOFTBALL** 

Level	Cost	Game Nights				
8u	\$89.00	Primarily	T/Th			
10u	\$89.00	Primarily	T/Th			
12u	\$89.00	Primarily	T/Th			
15u	\$89.00	Primarily	T/Th			

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

<sup>\*</sup>There will be a \$15 late registration fee

<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 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 turned in by March 15. To be granted financial assistance we will need the previous year's tax form or a letter of non-filling, 1 month of paystubs, and all federal and state aid your receive (S.S.I, food share, etc.) To ensure there is enough time to process your financial aid application remember to turn in the completed application and all required documentation by March15.

#### 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.

#### 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, some helmets, and catcher's gear. We also supply all our players with a team jersey and socks. YMCA players generally supply their own fielding gloves, batting gloves, shoes/cleats, pants and infielders masks. Softball players will be responsible for supplying their own pants this year. 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.)



# How many games do the teams play? **SOFTBALL**

In our softball leagues, each team will play a minimum of 12 games. Since our leagues have an end of the season 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?

Our season runs from mid-May until the end of July. Teams are formed in late April and your coach will contact you by May 6th. Practice is allowed to begin the week of May 11th.

Our league games are played Tuesday/Thursday with the exception of end of the season tournament which will may have games on the weekend. Once games begin, teams will generally play two games per 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 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?

Games are played in Beloit at the YMCA Youth Sports Complex located at 3301 Prairie Ave. Beloit, WI 53511 OR in Janesville, at the Janesville Youth Sports Complex located at 100 South Withering Hills Drive, Janesville, WI 53546

## What times are the games?

The softball games are usually scheduled to begin between 5:30 and 7:30p.m.