

YOUTH SOFTBALL



SWINGING INTO SUMMER FUN

This newly structured girls fast-pitch program is a completely IN-HOUSE YMCA program. All games will be held in Beloit at our YMCA Sports Complex. The program is designed to improve fundamental softball skills while developing confidence through teamwork. Players can expect to spend an estimated 40 hours or more improving their skills during this program and coaches will help players develop individually and as a team.

Practices: Begin the Week of May 23

Games: Begin the Week of June 13

End of Season Festivities

In this positive structured program, children will stay active while learning and improving not only softball skills, but also teamwork.

- Players can expect to play 12+ games
- End of the season Festivities
- All Teams will be formed by School/District
- ALL Games will be played in Beloit
- Games will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays for all age groups
- Financial Assistance is available

Registration Deadline is April 29 - No late registrations will be accepted



MEMBERS \$50 NON-MEMBERS \$65

YOUTH SOFTBALL AT THE YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX

Register your child based on current grade

8u 10u 12u

Jersey: Youth or Adult

Size: S M L XL XXL

Participant Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ School: _____

I am willing to help coach in the following capacity:

Volunteer Head Coach Volunteer Assistant Coach Name: _____ Coach Shirt Size: _____

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IMPORTANT DATES

<i>March 7</i>	Registration Begins
<i>April 29</i>	Registration Deadline
<i>May 5</i>	Mandatory coaches meeting 6:00-7:00pm @ Ironworks Branch
<i>May 20</i>	All players should have received a call from coach
<i>May 23</i>	Teams may begin practice this week
<i>June 13</i>	League Games Begin
<i>July 30-31</i>	End of Season Festivities (TBD)

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What age groups does YMCA Softball serve?

Our **softball leagues** are for players ages 7-15. **You will need to register your participant by their current grade.**

When does registration begin and where can I register?

Registration officially opens **March 7**. 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?

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 30' and the bases at 50'.

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 35' 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'.

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

You will need to register your participant **based on their CURRENT GRADE.**

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 more than one school.

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!

Level	Member Cost	Non-Member Cost	Game Nights
8u	\$50	\$65.00	Primarily T/Th
10u	\$50	\$65.00	Primarily T/Th
12u	\$50	\$65.00	Primarily T/Th
15u	\$50	\$65.00	Primarily T/Th

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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 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 and attend the coaches meeting on May 5th at 6pm at the Ironworks YMCA**

Does my player need to buy any equipment to play?

The YMCA supplies all our teams with balls, 4 batting helmets, and catcher's gear. We also supply all our players with a team shirt and socks. YMCA players generally supply their own fielding gloves, batting gloves, batting helmets, shoes/cleats, pants and infielder's 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 TBD

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?

In our softball leagues, each team will play a minimum of 12 games.

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 at least three consecutive outs on defense in each game.

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

Our season runs from late May until the end of July. Practice may begin the week of May 23.

Our league games are played Tuesday/Thursday with the exception of end of the season tournament, which may be on different days. Once games begin, teams will generally play two games per week. Game start times will be at 6pm and generally last around 90 minutes.

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. in Beloit, WI.

What times are the games?

The softball games are *usually* scheduled to begin at 6:00pm but this may change depending on final registration numbers.

COMMITMENT TO CHARACTER

YOUTH SPORTS TASKFORCE



Core Values

Caring - We expect athletes, coaches, officials, and parents to remain committed to their team, teammates, themselves, and the integrity of the sport while at practice, before, during, and after games, and at all times. Sports, at their core, are about commitment.

Honesty - We are dedicated to an equal and fair standard. This happens when athletes, coaches, officials, and parents are honest at all times. In the end, cheaters never win and winners never cheat.

Respect - We expect all athletes, coaches, officials, and parents to be treated with dignity at all times. The experience is the focus, not the outcome.

Responsibility - We hold athletes, coaches, officials, and parents responsible for their actions. It is vital that everyone is following the rules and conducting themselves with, Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility at all times.

4 Player Values

Caring – I will demonstrate caring to my sport and my teammates by practicing and playing to the best of my ability at all times.

Honesty – I will live out honesty by playing by the rules and don't complain to the officials.

Respect – I will be respectful to my teammates, the coaches, and the officials by treating them how I would like to be treated.

Responsibility – I understand that actions have consequences and I pledge to take accept the consequences for my actions at all times.

4 Coach Values

Caring – I will show my players I care by being prepared for practices and games.

Honesty – I demonstrate honesty by upholding the rules regardless of the outcome.

Respect – I will respect each player and strive to help players development individually and as a team. I will ensure that all players are respected by myself, teammates, and parents and ensuring everyone has equal opportunity to learn and develop is one of my most important role as a coach.

Responsibility – I understand the responsibility of being a coach and the impact my choices have on players and parents. I am a role model for all players and parents and I will not only follow the rules, I will uphold them at all times.

4 Parent Values

Caring – I will show my player that I care and support him/her by encouraging development both on and off the field /court.

Honesty – I will be a good role model for my player and their teammates by demonstrating honesty regardless of the outcome.

Respect – I will respect all players, teammates, coaches, and officials at all times and understand that this level of play is focused on fun, fair play, and development.

Responsibility – I understand that my player will demonstrate the same level of responsibility I have. Therefore, I will follow the rules and policies for the sport in which my player is participating in and will accept responsibility for my actions.