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SWINGING INTO SUMMER

Youth Baseball

STATELINE FAMILY YMCA
YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX

- Players will spend 40 hours or more improving their skills during this program
- 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 May 17

Games Begin: Week of June 7th

End of Season Tournament: July 24 & 25



Registration Deadline is April 9 - No late registrations will be accepted

Summer Youth Baseball - Youth Sports Complex

League is Based Player's Age as of May 1st

YMCA members receive \$25 off listed price

☐ Shetland (Age 5-6) \$65

☐ Pinto (Age 7-8) \$100

☐ Mustang (Age 9-10) \$100

☐ Bronco (Age 11-12) \$125

☐ Pony (Age 13-15) \$125

Participant Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Participant Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Date of Birth: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

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) Adult - S M L XL XXL

At the Y, we build community and we believe one of the best way to build community is to be involved.

Would you be willing to help this summer?

☐ Volunteer Head Coach

☐ Volunteer Assistant Coach

Volunteer Name: _____

Coach T-shirt Size: _____

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I understand and agree that these materials shall become property of the Stateline Family YMCA and will not be returned.

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



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Summer Baseball Important Dates

February 15	Registration Begins
April 9	Baseball Registration Deadline
April 20	Mandatory Coaches Meeting (Shetland and Pinto coaches) at Ironworks Branch at 6:00 p.m.
April 22	Mandatory Coaches Meeting (Mustang, Bronco, and Pony coaches) at Ironworks Branch 6:00 p.m.
May 9	Pre-Draft Skill Session Ages 9/10 from 12-1 p.m. Ages 11/12 from 1:15-2:15 p.m. Ages 13-15 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.
May 10-11	League Drafts for Mustang, Bronco, and Pony Divisions
May 14	All players should have been contacted by their coach
May 17	Teams may begin practice this week
June 7	League Games Begin
July 2-6	League Break– No Games During This Time
July 24-25	End of Season Tournament



Stateline Family YMCA's Youth Sports Taskforce COMMITMENT TO CHARACTER



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.



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 **February 15th**. 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 (ages 7-8): 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 (ages 9-10): 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 (ages 11-12): 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 (ages 13-15): Games in this division are played on full-sized diamonds and follow NFHS rules with some exceptions. Teams are formed through a draft.



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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 for the Shetland and Pinto programs based on school/area. **Requests will be considered at these age groups but not PROMISED.** The Mustang, Bronco and Pony teams will be put together by a coaches draft. **No requests will be considered at these age groups.**

What is the Pre-Draft Skills Session?

All of our teams ages 9-15 are formed by a coaches draft. The skills session will be run by Beloit Memorial and Beloit Turner's baseball programs. They will put all participants through individual drills while our Y volunteer coaches look on and take notes. The following week all coaches will meet with the YMCA Sports Director and have league drafts. Drafts are not on site or in front of players or parents. We encourage ALL participants to show up to the pre draft skills session as this will help coaches draft and help us get fair teams as much as possible. Also it is a good opportunity to learn from two local high school baseball programs. With that being said, even if you miss this skills clinic you will still be drafted onto a team.

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!

BASEBALL

Level	Cost	Game Nights
Shetland	\$65.00	M/T/ or TH
Pinto	\$100.00	M/W
Mustang	\$100.00	M/W
Bronco	\$125.00	T/TH
Pony	\$125.00	M/W

***STATELINE YMCA MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE \$25 OFF OF THE BASEBALL PRICE**

***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.**

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.

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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, and socks for softball players. YMCA players generally supply their own fielding gloves, batting gloves, bats, 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?

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.)

How many games do the teams play?

BASEBALL

In all leagues other than our T-Ball program and Shetland program, our teams play roughly 12 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 the week of May 17. Games will run from June 7th– July 25th. 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.



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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 guidelines that each team **NEEDS** to practice at least once per week during the season. 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.

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 tournament on July 24/25. 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, 6:00 or 7:30p.m.

Softball games are *usually* scheduled to begin at 6:00p.m.

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.



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 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ " 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.

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

Mustang – The bat may not exceed 33" in length nor more than 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ " in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16") inches in diameter (7/8" for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed sixteen (16") inches from the small end.

Bronco – It shall not be more than 34" in length; nor more than 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ " in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16") inches in diameter (7/8" for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. Wood bats taped or fitted with a sleeve may not exceed eighteen (18") inches from the small end.

Pony – It shall not be more than 34" in length; nor more than 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ " in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16") inches in diameter (7/8" for bats less than 30") 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/>