**2023 WILSON YOUTH SOFTBALL PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

We are pleased to present the following program offerings for Wilson Youth Softball for the 2023 seasons for girls ages 5 through 18.

General information you should be aware of as you review the below offerings:

* A player’s “softball age” will be determined by her age as of January 1st of that year.
  + Example- If your daughter turns 11 on January 1st, 2023, she is eligible to play 10u in the spring of 2023.
* Wilson Youth Softball participates in the Berks County Girls Softball League (BCGSL). This is applicable for 8U, 10U and 12U levels. Important links are: [BCGSL Website](https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=berkscgsl) / [Rules by Division](https://www.leaguelineup.com/miscinfo.asp?menuid=30&url=berkscgsl)
* Evaluations by independent evaluators will be utilized for the 8U, 10U and 12U players to establish even teams at 8U and “A” and “B” level teams for 10U and 12U.
* Various softball fields will be used throughout the district dependent on number of registrants.
  + Fields include West Wyomissing Field, High School Campus Fields, and Green Valley field, among others.
* All levels *except for t-ball* will travel to games outside of the school district.
* Discounts for families with multiple children in softball / baseball will apply.
* Information and rules are subject to change based on specific situations.

***Softball Program Details***

**T-ball (Ages 5-6) “In House”**

* All 5 and 6 year old registrants will participate in t-ball to learn the fundamentals.
* All players will receive a t-shirt.
* Instructional, fundamental and positive environment.
* Strictly “in house” within the Wilson School District.
* Season begins in mid to late April and ends in early June (dependent on weather).
* Approximately 2 events a week (1 practice & 1 game).
* No score will be kept / No playoffs.
* Players learn all positions and understand the basics of the game – throw, catch, hit, run, etc.

**8U (Ages 7-8) through the BCGSL**

* All 7 and 8 year old registrants will participate in coach pitch to continue learning the basics and fundamentals.
* Evaluations will take place to evenly distribute players among the different teams based on numbers of registrants.
* Traditional Coach Pitch Level
* Coaches will pitch to players for the entirety of the season. Tee used as needed based on skill level of the player.
* Instructional softball—no score will be kept, no standings, and no playoffs
* Families should expect to have 2-3 events a week (Games and Practice)
* Each batter will get 5 pitches from a coach. If the ball is not put into play, the batter can use a tee. Discretion used by coaches to provide best possible experience.

**10U (Ages 9-10) through the BCGSL**

* All 9 and 10 year old registrants will participate in player pitch to continue developing their understanding of the game.
* Generally, there will be 2 divisions: A and B Level (Depending on the number of registrants)
* Evaluations will take place to determine players for the two levels based on numbers of registrants.
* **10U “A”**
* Traditional Player Pitch
* Competitive Softball – standings and playoffs
* Games are played at 60’ / 35’ distances (base path / pitching distance)
* Families should expect to have 2-3 events (practices and games) per week, including some weekend events
* Coaches can agree to let the girls pitch or after the pitcher throws 4 balls a Coach can come in and pitch to the rest of the batter. Coaches to agree on approach prior to game.
* Playoffs start in middle of June.
* **10U “B”**
* Hybrid of Player and Coach Pitch
* Instructional Softball—No playoffs or standings
* Games are played at 60’ / 35’ distances (base path / pitching distance)
* Families should expect to have 2-3 events (practices and games) per week, including some weekend events
* Coaches will pitch after 4 balls to complete the At-Bat

**12U (Ages 11-12) through the BCGSL**

* All 11 and 12 year old registrants will participate in player pitch to play traditional girls softball.
* Generally, there will be 2 divisions: A and B Level (Depending on the number of registrants)
* Evaluations will take place to determine players for the two levels based on numbers of registrants.
* **12U “A”**
* Traditional Player Pitch Softball
* Competitive softball — playoffs and standing
* Games are played at 60’ / 40’distances (base paths / pitching distance)
* Families should expect to have 3-4 events (practices and games) per week, including some weekend events
* Maximum of 9 players in the field
* All players must participate in at least 2 full innings on defense
* **12U “B”**
* Traditional Player Pitch Softball
* Instructional softball — no playoffs or standings
* Games are played at 60’ / 40’distances (base paths / pitching distance)
* Families should expect to have 2-4 events (practices and games) per week, including some weekend events
* Maximum of 10 players on the field
* All players must participate in 2 full innings

**Travel / Tournament Softball**

* The league is excited to offer a travel / tournament program through the organization. Once the playoffs are concluded for the 10U and 12U levels through the BCGSL, teams may be formed to play in tournaments based on interest level and coaching available. This would be self-funded by the team’s families. Coordination is necessary by coaches who lead the team to facilitate practices and determine schedule of games. Games can be in the form of tournaments (traditionally available in surrounding area) or by scheduling games against other similar teams in the surrounding area. League approval needed in order to provide necessary documentation for the purposes of insurance for the players.

**Fall Softball**

* As we have done in the past, there will be softball played in the fall. This is an opportunity for players to “play up” a level when applicable in a less competitive environment in preparation for the following spring season.
  + For example, a 10 year old player who plays 10U in the spring should “play up” to 12U in the fall to become more familiar with the game at the 12U level in preparation for the following spring. A 9 year old player should continue to play 10U in the fall.
* There will also be tournaments to provide additional experience for the girls. Again, these tournaments will be based on interest and coach availability.

**Summer Leagues**

* **14U (Ages 13-14) and 18U (Ages 15-18)**
* Straight ASA Rules
* Season is middle of June through beginning of August
* Team formation based on interest level and number of registered players.