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YMCA Youth Softball

Registration Deadline: April 5th
Practice Begins: Week of May 13th
Games Begin: Week of June 3rd
End of Season Tournament: July 27 & 28



- **Players can expect to play 15 + games!**
- **End of the season tournaments for all ages!**
- **Multiple child discount available! Discount not available online**
- **Register before March 15th and receive an extra \$5 off! Discount not available online.**
- **Financial Assistance is available!**
- **All Teams will be formed by School**
- **Most games will be played in Beloit at our Youth Sports Complex!**

Players grades 1 & up will spend an estimated 60 hours or more improving their skills during this program! Your child will participate in our youth softball league that is designed to improve fundamental softball skills and develop confidence through teamwork. Coaches will teach participants the basic fundamentals to develop each child's game. This program is newly structured so that it is an In-House program only! The majority of the games will be held at the YMCA Sports Complex!

Youth Softball, Beloit YMCA

League Is Based on Current Grade Your Child Is In

YMCA MEMBERS RECEIVE \$20 OFF LISTED PRICE

8u (1st – 2nd) \$79

10u (3rd – 4th) \$79

12u (5th – 6th) \$79

15u (7th, 8th, 9th) \$79

Participant Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Child's School: _____

Shirt Size: Youth: S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16) XL (16+) Adult: S M L XL XXL

Volunteer Head Coach

Volunteer Assistant Coach

Volunteer Name: _____

Coach T-shirt Size: _____



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Softball Important Dates

<i>April 5</i>	Baseball / Softball Registration Deadline
<i>April 22</i>	Mandatory Coaches Meeting at Beloit Ironworks YMCA at 6:00 pm
<i>May 8</i>	All players should have received call from coach with team info
<i>May 13</i>	Teams may begin practice this week
<i>June 3</i>	League Games Begin
<i>July 1-5</i>	League Break (No Games)
<i>July 27 & 28</i>	End of Season In House Baseball & Softball Tournament



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Frequently Asked Questions About YMCA Softball Leagues

What age groups does YMCA Softball serve?

Our **softball leagues** are for players ages (1st grade)7-15 (9th grade). You will need to register your participant by their "current grade."

When does registration begin and where can I register?

Registration officially opens on February 17th. You can register at the Beloit or Roscoe YMCA or online at statelineymca.org

What programs are offered for each age group?

SOFTBALL

Ages 5 & 6- Shetland Program (Recommended for girls & boys) Please see Shetland Baseball Program.

8U (Grades 1 – 2): 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. New this year, the majority of the games will be played at the YMCA Sports Complex! There will be no travel to Roscoe, Belvidere, or Roy Gayle

10U (Grades 3 – 4): 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. New this year, the majority of the games will be played at the YMCA Sports Complex! There will be no travel to Roscoe, Belvidere, or Roy Gayle

12U (Grades 5 – 6): This will be a player pitch only league. The pitching rubber will be at 40' and the base lengths will be at 60'. New this year, the majority of the games will be played at the YMCA Sports Complex! There will be no travel to Roscoe, Belvidere, or Roy Gayle

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'. New this year, the majority of the games will be played at the YMCA Sports Complex! There will be no travel to Roscoe, Belvidere, or Roy Gayle

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

For both baseball and softball, register your child based on the current grade your child is in on registration day. No player will be allowed to play "up" or "down" an age group.

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.



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What do the programs cost?

Due to an anonymous donor we are able to continue to offer the lower pricing we started last season! This was done to offer the opportunity to families who may have not been able to afford to participate in the past!

SOFTBALL	GAME NIGHTS	
8u- \$79.00	Primarily	T/Th
10u- \$79.00	Primarily	M/W
12u- \$79.00	Primarily	M/W
15u- \$79.00	Primarily	M/W

***STATELINE YMCA MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE 20 OFF OF THE SOFTBALL PRICE.**

***There will be a \$15 late registration fee.**

***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.**

***There is also a \$5 discount if you register your child before March 15th**

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 in by April 1st. To be granted financial assistance we will need the previous year's tax form or a letter of non-filing, 1 month of paystubs, and all federal and state aid your receive (S.S.I, food share, etc.). **We ask that anyone who plans to apply for financial assistance have their application in by March 15th to ensure enough time for the application to be processed before the registration deadline.**

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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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 we do not offer a refund or credit unless there are unusual circumstances. This director will have final approval in these situations

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 and infielders masks. Softball players will be responsible for supplying their own pants this year. For softball players who would like pants we will be selling these items at the ballpark in the concession stand but limited sizes and colors are available. **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?

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 15 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.



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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 beginning of August.

Teams are formed in late April. Your coach will contact you by May 8th and practice is allowed to begin the week of May 13th.

Our league games are played Monday-Thursday with the exception of end of the season tournament which will be held on July 27 & 28. Once games begin, teams will generally play two games per week. We do our best to schedule our games so that certain leagues play on certain days of the week but this may not 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 has a unique job situation, 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?

Most league games are played at our facility at the YMCA Youth Sports Complex located at 3301 Prairie Ave., Beloit. **Some softball games may be held in Janesville or Clinton. But would be very few.**

What times are the games?

The softball games are *usually* scheduled to begin between 5:30 or 6:30p.m.

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 6:00p.m.



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