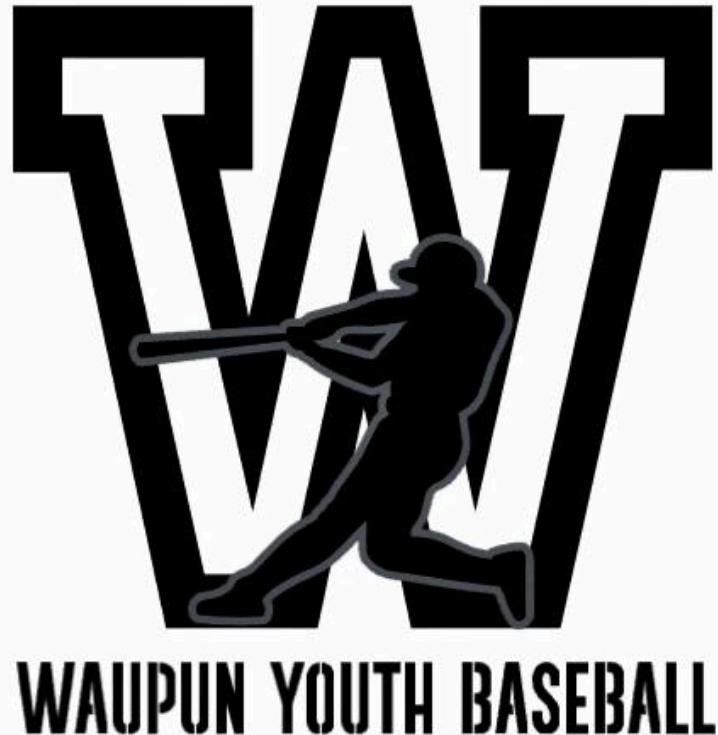


# Waupun Youth Baseball Handbook

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# Communication Resources

## **Website**

Waupun Youth Baseball utilizes its website, [waupunyouthbaseball.com](http://waupunyouthbaseball.com), as one of its most valuable tools. It can be used as a tool for coaches, players, parents and community members. The Organization also utilizes the CrossBar app, available for both Apple and Android devices, where you can easily access posted game schedules for all levels managed by the organization. These communication methods allow:

- Mass communication with teams
- Viewing schedules, rosters, and division standings
- Ease of registration for programs
- Direct communication between parents and/or players and coaches
- Allow for parents to see, adjust and claim volunteer hours

## **Social Media**

Looking for another way to keep up to date and in touch with the organization... look no more! You can find us on facebook: @Waupun Youth Baseball We encourage you to like and follow the page for immediate updates, changes in the schedule due to weather and up and coming fun events.

# Mission Statement

The purpose for which this corporation is formed is to provide recreational and developmental baseball opportunities for youth in the Waupun Wisconsin area.

The corporation shall strive to:

Promote physical and mental well being: the foster and promote the physical, mental, and emotional development of youth through the sport of baseball.

Provide Access to Baseball: To ensure that all youth, regardless of skill level or financial background, have access to baseball progress and related activities.

Encourage Teamwork and Sportsmanship: To teach the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, fair play and respect through the medium of youth baseball.

Develop Community Engagement: To encourage community participation and involvement in youth sports, creating a positive and supportive environment for players, families, coaches and volunteers.

Organize and Manage Baseball Activities: To organize, sponsor, and manage youth baseball leagues, tournaments and other events that serve to enhance the baseball experience for participants.

Promote Volunteerism and Leadership: To create opportunities for adults and older youth to volunteer and contribute to the development of younger participants, fostering leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility.

Educational Purpose: To provide educational programs and activities that emphasize the importance of physical fitness, mental discipline and positive social interaction.

The corporation shall operate exclusively for charitable, educational and recreational purposes as permitted under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and shall not engage in activities for profit or private gain.

# Expectations of WYB

## Communication

- Provide clear communication with coaches through phone, text, email and in person education.
- Update the WYB website in a timely fashion.
- Collect feedback from parents and coaches via an end-of-season survey.

## General Principles

- Every Player Participates
  - Every child in our recreational leagues will have fair playing time so long as the child shows up to practice and gives their best effort. Sitting on the bench does not help achieve our goal of player development.
- Emphasis on Skill Development
  - Athletic programs will emphasize the fun of skill development and physical fitness while avoiding preoccupation with winning and perfectionism.
- Sportsmanship
  - Coaches, players, and spectators are representatives of their town and WYB and are expected to act accordingly.
- Rules
  - All levels will use the rules provided by WYB
  - WYB reserves the right to modify/add/delete rules at any time throughout the season as it is deemed necessary
- Volunteer
  - Each family is expected to volunteer for 6 hours each season, these hours can be filled in concessions, base umpiring (New to Minors and above), coaching and volunteering in other various ways listed on the websites volunteer tab.

# Expectations of Parents and Spectators

## Primary Roles

- Motivator: initiate and maintain child's participation
- Teacher: help the child through practice and reinforcement of techniques
- Psychological supporter: give positive advice and support
- Assist with a variety of support tasks/roles as instructed by coach(es)

## Communication

- Ask if you can help and assist only when needed
- Issues involving coaches, players, and/or officials can be openly discussed directly with WYBA Board of Directors
- Please note that if you ever have questions or need assistance regarding your role or any other issues, there are Board Members available to you as a resource
- If you perceive there to be a playing time issue, please allow yourself 24 hours to address it and respectfully do so with the coach at that time. If the issue persists please reach out to the Board for further assistance
- Inform the coach(es) of any possible future absences

## General Principles

- **Rules**
  - All levels will use the rules defined by WYBA, an in-depth explanation of rules can be found on the website
  - Learn the rules of the game
- **Sportsmanship**
  - Set a good example
  - Remember that your player and yourself represents the WYBA and our community
  - Refrain from making abusive or negative remarks toward officials, coaches, players or any other spectators. Instead demonstrate positive support at every game and practice
  - Be considerate of injured players on the visiting team
  - Be courteous and respectful to all coaches, players, officials and spectators
  - Focus should be on development first, winning second
  - Encourage and applaud your team AND the opposing team
  - Verbal abuse or the use of profanity of any kind is prohibited
  - Never criticize the performance of players/coaches/officials on the field or the grounds, praise in public and criticize in private
  - Accept officials decisions

# Expectations of Conduct Players

## Primary Role

- Learn the sport of baseball
- Have fun and be respectful

## Communication

- Ask questions when you are unsure or don't know what is being asked of you
- Use respectful and appropriate language when addressing your coaches

## Rules

- Learn the rules for your age group as defined by WYB

## Sportsmanship

- Have fun
- Remember that not all baseball will end with a win
- Be considerate of other players
- Be courteous and respectful to all other players, coaches, parents, spectators and officials
- Never verbally abuse an official, coach, player, parent/spectator

# Expectations for Coaches

## Coaches will:

- Provide a safe physical environment
  - Know the inherent risks
  - Check fields, playing areas and equipment regularly
- Communicate with staff, coaches, players and parents in a positive way
  - Keep the best interest of ALL players at heart
- Teach the fundamental skills of the sport appropriate for the age level
  - Ensure fun yet productive practices
  - Keep all players engaged during practices (as appropriate for their age)
  - Keep in mind that it is a game
- Teach the rules of the game
  - Know the rules and incorporate them into instruction
  - Cover both offensive and defensive importance
- Direct players in competition
  - Establish starting players and plan position changes throughout the innings
  - Communicate respectfully with officials and opposing coaches
  - Coach players to compete well, do their best and improve skills rather than seeking to win at all costs
- Help players develop a lifelong appreciation of the sport
  - Teach players to enjoy the game as a game
- Help players develop a positive character model
  - Encourage learning, caring, honesty, respect and responsibility
  - Demonstrate positive character traits to set an example for players
  - Prioritize sportsmanship

## Communication

- Maintain multiple means of communication between parents and the association
  - Communicate to parents the preferred method of the SportsEngine app
- Engage in open communication with league officials
- Respond in a timely manner to communications from parents and association, typically within 24 hours.

## Practices

- Practices are at the discretion of the coach(es), they are not a mandatory part of the schedule within the association but are highly encouraged for further development of players.
- WYB encourages parents/players to use drills from practice or games to further their skills at home

## Other Policies

Weather

Rules of Order

Bullying

Disciplinary Action