

Washington Township Softball Program

Mission Statement

The primary objective of the Washington Twp Softball Program (WTSP) shall be to bestow on the youth of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence. The objective will be achieved by providing a supervised softball program. The attainment of exceptional skill or winning of games shall be secondary to the prime goal of molding ethical adults.

It's important to remember this focal point. The softball skills developed here will get a few of our children a chance for scholarship. But the lesson of teamwork and of sportsmanship in both victory and defeat, are our primary focus because they are the more universal lessons - and they are lessons for life for all players.

Over the years WTSP has evolved into a highly organized, child-focused, youth sports organization. We have been a leader in developing rules that provide balanced playing time for all, while maintaining a competitive program that develops good playing skills for players with all levels of natural ability.

WTSP offers two scheduled games per week, and operates six days a week. The season actually begins in the fall when the board sets goals and budgets for the season ahead. In January, when registration of over eight hundred players is completed, ratings for players ages nine and up begin. Team selection and field preparation is done in March with practice beginning at the end of the month. The season begins in late April, with over seventy teams playing two scheduled games a week, Monday through Saturday until mid June.

We are a volunteer organization. It's staggering to think of the work of registering, equipping, uniforming, training, and scheduling eight hundred girls and eighty umpires for over one thousand fifty games. And don't forget soliciting over seventy team sponsors! WTSP also maintains four full time softball fields at Washington Lake Park and five other fields located within Washington Township with the help of volunteers and the Parks and Rec staff

None of this would be possible without a lot of help from you the parents. In fact we are all parents first and volunteers second! We must have your continued support if our program is going to continue to work. It could be as a coach, as a Board member, a League Director or Commissioner, or as simple as helping with field preparation. Participation in the program is fun for you, your child, and their teammates - and you'll meet some great people in the process.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at the ballpark!