

**WILBRAHAM PARKS & REC
WILBRAHAM BASEBALL
COMMITTEE**

**2023
COMPETITIVE
BASEBALL**

**REGISTRATION
PACKET 12U, 14U**

REGISTRATION: AUGUST 16 – SEPTEMBER 4

Wilbraham/Hampden Residents ONLY

Hampden players must register in Hampden

NOTE: Players not chosen for a 2022 competitive team will receive a full refund. If any player is interested in playing *recreational* baseball in the spring, they will need to register in February during the recreational baseball registration period.

WILBRAHAM
PARKS & RECREATION



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To Whom It May Concern:

We understand that all parents want to do best by their child. But please realize that if you attend the evaluations for a competitive baseball team, you are making the commitment to the program and your team placement, regardless of which team your child is placed (or your child's friends are placed).

After the final evaluation we presume all players that tried out want to play at the competitive level, so we make placement decisions based on evaluation results. In some cases players are not selected for competitive baseball.

This year evaluation results will be sent to the designated email listed on the sign up forms.

If you choose to leave the Wilbraham competitive program after the evaluation process has concluded and your child has made a competitive team, it leaves us and the entire team in a very difficult predicament. In this situation, there are no refunds issued after the first evaluation.

Thanks,

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2023 Competitive Baseball Fact Sheet

Below are some facts about the baseball evaluations for the 2023 Competitive Baseball season.

EVALUATION INFORMATION:

- Evaluations for our competitive 12U and 14U competitive baseball teams are held in the fall. This allows us to do the evaluations outdoors. Evaluations for our Competitive 8U and 10U teams will be held indoors in the winter or in the spring.
- Participants are required to attend AT LEAST ONE of the evaluations.
- We hope to notify all players via email if they made a team or not **no later than 4 weeks after the last evaluation.**
- Head coaches will be selected shortly after evaluations, and they will follow up with a phone call after the letters have been emailed out.
- After the first evaluation, there will be no refunds for any reason. Commitment information is attached to the registration forms. You are agreeing to the commitment when you register your child.

LEAGUE INFORMATION:

- The leagues are set up in 2 age groups. 10 to 12 year olds (12U) and 12 to 14 year olds (14U). The age cutoff is your child's age as of May 1, 2023. Examples:
- Your child must be 10 years old *as of 5/1/23 to play in the 10-12 division.
- Your child cannot turn 13 before 5/1/23 and still qualify for the 10-12 division, they would be too old.
- Your child must be 12 years old *as of 5/1/23 to play in the 12-14 division.
- Your child cannot turn 15 before 5/1/23 and still qualify for the 12-14 division, they would be too old.
- Coaches will be selected by the WBC and the Recreation Department based on where their child falls in the evaluation process.
- Number of teams per age group depends on talent. We will make as many "A" teams as possible, then "B" teams as we have talent for but certainly do not want to place players where they will not progress.
- The number of players per team is up to the coach. We strive for a minimum of 12 players, but no more than 14 players on our competitive teams.
- Practices for most competitive teams will begin in late March. If some coaches have access to indoor facilities they may get the players together informally throughout the fall and winter months.
- Competitive teams will play in various local leagues. Most teams will play an 18 game season that begins end of April and runs through the first week of July. Travel will include going to Springfield, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Palmer, Monson, Granby, South Hadley, Hampden and everywhere in between.
- Practice days will be chosen by the coach, but plan on 3x a week before the season starts then 1-2x a week after the season starts.
- Games again will vary but 2 – 3 games a week is practical. Games can be played any day Sunday – Saturday.
- We expect our coaches to make a commitment to the program. Therefore we require the same from the players and parents. Because of the competitive nature of the leagues in which we participate, as well as this being baseball's primary and "only" season played competitively in this area, your child's attendance at both practices and games must be exemplary. All other sports and recreational activities should not impact your child's ability to attend their practices and games. If practices or games are regularly missed, your child's skill development and ability to contribute will suffer, and his or her playing time will be at the coach's discretion. If another activity takes precedence, the Recreational League may be a more appropriate option. Obviously things like doctor's appointments, illness, etc. are not included in the above statement. Please use your judgment.
- Last but not least, always notify your coaches ahead-of-time if you know your son or daughter is going to miss a practice or game. You would expect the coach to notify you if he or she was going to cancel a practice, so please use the same common courtesies.
- 14U participants cannot try-out or play on a Junior Legion team if they are on a JLS team.

WILBRAHAM BASEBALL COMMITTEE
2023 COMPETITIVE BASEBALL
EVALUATION SCHEDULE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Players will have to attend at least one tryout session but there is still the option of attending both sessions.
- If you attend both try-out dates, we will use the higher/better score for each skill, so attending a second day cannot negatively impact your scores.
- Parents are NOT allowed to be on the field during the evaluations and should not interact with the evaluators as they will be busy making evaluations.
- Players should show up early (20-30 minutes) for check-in and warm up, as we will start promptly at the start times listed.
- **No new registrations will be accepted at the door. All registrations must be completed online, in Rec Office or via mail by September 6. If the players name is not on the tryout list, he/she will not be evaluated.**
- **If a player is selected for a competitive team and decides not to play for any reason a refund will not be issued.**
- **All players not making the competitive teams will receive a refund. In order to play recreational baseball in the spring you must register in February 2023. You will NOT be automatically enrolled into recreational baseball.**

Players Must attend at least ONE evaluation

2023 Competitive Baseball Tryout Dates

No onsite registration will be available

****Registration/Check-In starts at 5:00pm****

12U:

- | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| • Tuesday, 9/6 | 5:30-7:00 PM | WNE Baseball Field |
| • Thursday, 9/8 | 5:30-7:00 PM | WNE Baseball Field |

14U:

- | | | |
|------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| • Wednesday, 9/7 | 5:30-7:00 PM | WNE Baseball Field |
| • Friday, 9/9 | 5:30-7:00 PM | WNE Baseball Field |
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NOTE: Evaluations will result in some children not being placed on competitive teams. For developmental purposes they may be better suited for recreational play. In this instance, parents will receive a full refund and will have to register for the recreational program in February 2022.

2023 COMPETITIVE BASEBALL REGISTRATION FORM

Registration: August 16 – September 4

Wilbraham residents must register in Wilbraham

Hampden players must register in Hampden

NAME: _____ D.O.B. ___/___/___ AGE: _____ GR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL #1: _____ CELL #2: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PRINT VERY CLEARLY

→ Team notifications will be sent via email, clearly print the email you desire your notification to be sent to:

Please check your email (including your junk/spam folders) daily. Communications is now done via email.

Parent/guardian is responsible for informing coach(es) about relevant allergies/restrictions

PARENTS/GUARDIANS NAMES:

(PLEASE INDICATE INTEREST BY CIRCLING THE FOLLOWING - IF YES PLEASE INDICATE WHO

WILL PARENT COACH? YES / NO MOM OR DAD? OTHER? NAME: _____

WILL PARENT ASST.COACH? YES/NO MOM OR DAD? OTHER ? NAME: _____

DOES YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IN ANY OTHER SPRING SPORTS? Y / N

Which sports? _____

► REGISTRATION FEE: Please circle the division you are registering for:

12U \$150/\$175

(Grades 5/6)

Age as of: 05/01/22

14U \$150/\$175

(Grades 7/8)

Age as of: 05/01/22

14U participants cannot try-out or play on a Junior Legion team if they are on a JLS team.

UNIFORMS: The WPRD and Baseball Committee decided that it would be in the best interest of everyone to SEPARATE the registration fee and uniform fee. This will expand the offering of uniform separate pieces, and eliminate past distribution issues. After teams are formed, you will be notified via email with instructions for ordering and paying for your child's uniform.

► **PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY:**

- * **WAIVER:** I, the undersigned parent and/or guardian of _____, a minor, on the date of _____, do hereby consent to my child's participation in voluntary recreational programs of the Town of Wilbraham. I agree not to sue and also agree to forever release the Town of Wilbraham, and the H.W. School District their servants, officers, officials, employees, agents and ("the releases") assisting or participating in voluntary recreational programs of the Town of Wilbraham from any and all claims, rights of action and causes of action that may arise in the past, or may arise in the future, directly or indirectly, from personal injuries to my child or property damage resulting from my child's participation in the Town of Wilbraham voluntary recreational programs. I also promise, to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the releases against any and all legal claims and proceedings of any description that may have been asserted in the past, or may be asserted in the future, directly or indirectly, arising from personal injuries to my child or property damage resulting from my child's participation in the Town of Wilbraham voluntary recreational programs. I further affirm that I have read this Consent and Release Form and that I understand the contents of this form. I understand that my child's participation in these programs is voluntary and that my child and I are free to choose not to participate in said programs. By signing this form, I affirm that I have decided to allow my child to participate in the Town of Wilbraham's athletic recreational programs with full knowledge that the releases will not be liable to anyone for personal injuries and property damage my child or I may suffer in voluntary Town of Wilbraham recreational programs.
- * **REFUND POLICY:** If you notify the WPRD prior to the end of the registration period you will receive a refund minus a \$5.00 administrative charge. Full refunds will be given to players not making a team. **No refunds will be given after the first evaluation.**
- * **RELEASE:** For promotional purposes, photos may be taken of my child and put on the WPRD website or in printed material. I understand it is my responsibility to notify the WPRD in writing as well as the coach and photographer if my child is not to be photographed.

PLEASE CHECK THE BOX AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION:

- If my child does NOT make a competitive team and would like to play recreational baseball, I understand that I must register for recreational baseball in February 2022. I understand that my child will not automatically be enrolled in recreational baseball.**

Make Checks Payable to: THE TOWN OF WILBRAHAM

I have read, understand and agree to all of the above information.

SIGNATURE OF EITHER PARENT OR GUARDIAN REQUIRED

DATE: _____

Wilbraham Parks & Recreation Programs
Adult Code of Conduct Contract

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child and other children participating within this program by following this Code of Ethics to help establish a positive experience for all players, coaches, and families involved.

- I will encourage and demonstrate by example the importance of good sportsmanship and positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at practices and games.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child over my personal desire to win.
- I will assist in a drug, tobacco and alcohol-free environment.
- I will assist in teaching my child that rules are important and must be followed.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I understand that verbal and physical abuse including profanity and foul language is not to be tolerated against anyone in this organization.
- I understand that racial epithets or negative innuendo related to a person/players race, religion or ethnicity will not be tolerated.
- I will respect all officials, coaches and volunteers.
- I will not approach a coach, before, during or after a game, and I will wait 24 hours before speaking with a coach.
- I will not create conflict by slander, malicious rumors or threats, nor will I entice others to do so either verbally or through social media

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

I understand that both my son or daughter and I will be fully committed (attending practices and games) and supportive of the Wilbraham Program.

It is the expectation of this Commission that both parent and coach should always act in a manner exemplifying the attributes that are instilled in the participants by various programs of the Wilbraham Parks & Recreation Department. We expect parents to treat others as you know they should be treated and as you wish them to treat you.

At no time should a parent or coach confront each other before, during or after a contest or practice. Furthermore any such contact in the presence of children will call for immediate sanction by the Commission.

Any concern(s) between parent and coach should follow the guidelines established by the agreement where:

1. Concerns are brought to the attention of the Director of the Wilbraham Parks and Recreation.
2. Parties will be allowed to speak with the Director.
3. Should the Director and Party(s) reach an impasse, this matter shall than be presented to the Commission.
4. Each Party shall be given an opportunity to present the matter before the Commission.
5. Once each Party has presented, the Commission shall within a specified time announce its decision

The Commission strongly discourages the use of any social media to broadcast thought and judgments which may bring hurt upon any/all involved. Broadcasting disparaging remarks and opinions (directly or indirectly) about a coach, parent or athlete are strongly discouraged by the Commission.

It is the hope that the execution of this document will discourage any/ all behavior which may be detrimental to the children and citizens of the Town of Wilbraham.

By signing below, I understand that if I violate any of these Codes of Ethics it will affect my/our participation in any activity for not less than the balance of the current season, or as determined by the Wilbraham Recreation Department and/or Commission.

Your signature constitutes acknowledgement by both spouses/guardians/step parents of agreement to abide by the rules and regulations stated above.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Player Name(s) _____ Grade: _____

WAIVER/RELEASE FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19

ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of being allowed to participate in Town of Wilbraham Parks & Recreation Department programs and related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. In addition to general risks of participation, the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. Town of Wilbraham Parks & Recreation Department seeks to limit the spread of COVID-19 by requiring that participants stay home if they: 1) are sick, 2) are feeling any symptoms of COVID-19 as identified by the CDC (such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, or new loss of taste or smell), 3) have a fever of 100°F or above, 4) are suspected of having COVID-19 or 5) had recent exposure to someone with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19. By signing below, I acknowledge that I will abide with these requirements to self-monitor and will take my temperature and my child(ren)'s temperature prior to participation. On behalf of myself and my family - we agree to adhere to all state, local, and other guidelines in place designed to keep people safe. I understand that Town of Wilbraham Parks & Recreation Department is not monitoring whether I or other participants comply with this requirement.
5. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Town of Wilbraham, Town of Wilbraham Parks & Recreation Department, their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Name of participant: _____

Participant signature: _____ Date signed: _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child/ward including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases. Furthermore, my child/ward understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I for myself, my spouse, and child/ward do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse, and child/ward do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's/ward's presence or participation in these activities as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent provided by law.

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Parent guardian/signature: _____ Date signed: _____