

# GET IN THE GAME!

The Official WMGSA Newsletter | 2023



## Registration is now on!

Please note: the WMGSA is encouraging everyone to take advantage of the online registration option available at [www.wmgsa.com](http://www.wmgsa.com) . . . for those members unable to do so, please contact the office: [office@wmgsa.ca](mailto:office@wmgsa.ca). There are no office registration hours currently scheduled, although that could change if necessary.

For all of us who are looking forward to our annual combined **Try-It/Registration Event**, we are thrilled to tell you that we DO have a date booked . . . the event will be held at the RIM Park Fieldhouse **Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 2pm**. Please check your email and our social media accounts for more details.

We understand that some of our children have missed out on organized activities in recent years and recognize that you may have questions . . . we want to be as responsive as possible. Should you wish to chat with one of our executive members, please send an email to: [office@wmgsa.ca](mailto:office@wmgsa.ca) and we will get back to you to set up a convenient time. Alternatively, should you prefer, your questions can be emailed to the same address.

## BASIC REGISTRATION INFORMATION: HOUSE LEAGUE

Kick-off is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting:

T-Ball U7: 9am – 10am      Mini-Mite U9: 10am – 11am      Mite U11: 11am – 12:15pm

Squirt U13: 12:45 – 3pm      Novice U15: 3pm – 5pm

**Final Days for T-Ball, Mini Mite, U11, U13, and U15 will tentatively be July 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Merged U17/U19 play-off games tentatively planned up to and including Friday July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Division	Birth Year	Tentative Playing Nights
T-Ball U7	2016, 2017, 2018	Wednesday pm, Saturday am
Mini-Mite U9	2014, 2015	Tuesday, Thursday
Mite U11	2012, 2013	Monday, Wednesday
Squirt U13	2010, 2011	Tuesday, Thursday
Novice U15	2008, 2009	Monday, Wednesday
Merged U17	2006, 2007	Tuesday, Thursday
Merged U19	2003, 2004, 2005	Tuesday, Thursday
Note: Evening games begin at 6pm or 8pm and could last 2+ hours. We always try to schedule on weeknights, but we also play some weekend games, average 2 games/week.		

## Registration Fees

T-Ball U7      \$85      Sq U13/Nov U15      \$180

MM U9/Mite U11      \$160      Merged U17/U19      \$190

Family: Third (& subsequent) child from the same family receives a 25% discount

*Late Registration Fees: Please note that registration fees increase by \$20 per player (family discount will not be applied) on March 7<sup>th</sup> and an additional \$30 (\$50 total) per player on April 4<sup>th</sup>.*

*You may submit a registration form and make payment arrangements to avoid these late fees.*



## REP DIVISION: Competitive fastball in intercity leagues/tournaments: May – August

WMGSA fields teams in the Mite U11 through Midget U19 divisions. There are still spaces in some divisions. Contact [office@wmgsa.ca](mailto:office@wmgsa.ca) for more information.

**Rep Fees** will be in addition to the basic registration fee and may be paid in instalments.

*Note: each player MUST be registered with WMGSA before participating in a tryout, practice or game. The registration fee will be refunded should the player not make the team and decides not to play on another WMGSA team in either Rep or House League.*

## Email Addresses

If you have an email address, please ensure that it is listed correctly on your registration form. We do a lot of communication via email and we want you to be in the loop!

## SPONSORS

If you are interested in sponsoring a house league or rep team, please as a volunteer at the registration table for details or contact the office: [office@wmgsa.ca](mailto:office@wmgsa.ca). We have many unique sponsorship options for you to choose from or we can tailor a package to suit your needs!

## Financial Information

Fee Assistance Leisure Access Program: to apply, you need to arrange for an interview with Lynn Dicks-Egley at 519-747-8512 or via email [lludwig@city.waterloo.on.ca](mailto:lludwig@city.waterloo.on.ca). Fill out a registration form and advise our office that you are applying for payment assistance.

Deferred Payment Plan: if you would like to use a deferred payment plan, you may deposit the deferred cheques with WMGSA at the time of registration.

NSF Cheque Policy: A \$25 fee will be charged.

## Tournament Committee & Conveners Needed!

Our Tournament Committee is looking for volunteers and our House League division has an urgent need for conveners. This is a great way to “get your feet wet”! No experience is necessary. If you can help out, please contact Cathy: [office@wmgsa.ca](mailto:office@wmgsa.ca)

## Introducing your 2023 WMGSA Executive

President	Tim Sothern	<a href="mailto:president@wmgsa.ca">president@wmgsa.ca</a>
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Umpire-in-Chief	Liz Richardson	<a href="mailto:uic@wmgsa.ca">uic@wmgsa.ca</a>
Executive Director	Cathy Fletcher	<a href="mailto:office@wmgsa.ca">office@wmgsa.ca</a>

## Calling all umpires!

Do you love softball? Have you been “itching” to get involved? Maybe you need to earn some extra cash. We have a great opportunity for you!

Waterloo Minor Girls Softball is looking for umpires in our House League program for Mini-Mite through Midget divisions. Students (age 13 and over), grandparents, parents, or anyone who enjoys the game of softball should submit an application to the WMGSA office at 500 Parkside Drive, Waterloo, ON (Albert McCormick Arena).

### All umpires must attend an umpires’ clinic

WMGSA-hosted Softball Ontario Junior Development/Intermediate Clinic information:

When: Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> (To be confirmed)

Time 8:30am – 4:30pm

Where: Location/format to be confirmed

You must email the office: [office@wmgsa.ca](mailto:office@wmgsa.ca) to pre-register by April 15<sup>th</sup>

**Bring-a-Friend Discount: House League players who register with a Mite U11 to U20-aged player who is NEW to the WMGSA, you will both get \$20 off your registration fee!**

**Bring-a-Sponsor Discount: Bring in a sponsorship (minimum \$350 – HL Team Sponsor) that is NEW to the WMGSA and you get \$50 off your registration fee!**

## House League Players:

You LOVED it! So... Team Kick-off is back for 2023!

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>: T-Ball U7, Mini-Mite U9 and Mite U11 in the morning;

Squirt U13 and Novice U15 in the afternoon.

Mark the date on your calendars! Clinics and other details to follow soon.

You should receive a call from your coach sometime in the last week of April. If you have not heard from a team by April 28<sup>th</sup>, please contact Cathy via email: [office@wmgsa.ca](mailto:office@wmgsa.ca) and we will look into it. It would help speed up the process if you were to provide your name and division.

## Mouth Guard Clinic

WMGSA recommends all players wear a mouth guard!

The Waterloo Wellington Dental Society runs a mouth guard clinic in Waterloo every spring. Check their website for this year’s clinic <http://www.wwds.ca/>

Alternatively, you can get a mouth guard from your own dentist or from a local sports store.

## Coaches

What: Learn to Coach (House League)

When: Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (to be confirmed)

Time: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Where: Location/format to be confirmed

You MUST pre-register by email: [office@wmgsa.ca](mailto:office@wmgsa.ca) by April 8<sup>th</sup>

Note: one approved coach/team must have a Softball Ontario Community clinic (as offered above)

House League Coaches: watch your email for information about your coaches’ meeting!

