

**2023**  
**Western Ohio**  
**Youth**  
**Softball League**

The Western Ohio Youth Softball League (WOYSL) is a community-based, youth recreational softball organization located in Darke and Miami counties in Western Ohio. Established in 2021, the league expanded to six teams in 2022 including organizations from Ansonia, Covington, Greenville, Miami East, Piqua, and West Milton.

**All-Division Rules & Regulations**

1. All organizations are to be community-based organizations with the goal of providing softball to all girls in their local community. No select/travel organizations or independent ball teams.
2. Players must play in the school district of residence or the district in which they live unless softball is not offered in that division by their local organization. If there is a question about eligibility, it will be handled on a case by case basis with agreement by all league members.
3. No more than 2 school districts per team.
4. Players may move up a division if needed. Players may also play side to side if an organization has multiple teams and are short players, during league play only.
5. Home schooled players must play for the school district in which they live.
6. No metal cleats.
7. Players must have visible numbers on the back of jersey.
8. All players must play 2 innings during league play (Not In Tournament Play)
9. Home team provides and pays for umpires and supplies, one new ball, and one good used ball.
10. A player from a lower division may not pitch.
11. The 14U division shall be governed by high school rules. The only exception is teams may use free substitutions and may bat the entire roster.

**League Fees**

No cost/team in 2023. Organizations with teams in each division will split the cost equally of end of season tournament trophies. Organization hosting a league tournament are required to provide and pay umpires.

## Tournament Rules

1. A game may not start after 10:00 PM.
2. In the event a team is short players heading into the tournament, the team must pull a player up from a lower division from within their home organization. This player may not pitch and must have played rec ball during the current season. **THIS PLAYER MUST BE PLACED ON THE TEAM ROSTER BEFORE THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT.**
3. Teams may **NOT** play a player from a lower age group unless the team cannot field the minimum required (8 players) roster due to injury or are short players by unforeseen circumstances, not for disciplinary actions. Teams violating this rule are subject to forfeiture from the tournament.
4. Players pulled up from a lower age group may not play over a player that is an originally rostered player. A player showing up late will be entered immediately for the player who was pulled up and will be placed at the bottom of the batting order.
5. All divisions will have an end of season league tournament.
6. Teams will be seeded in a double elimination bracket by random draw. Teams will not play teams from their own organization in the first round, if possible. (Organizations with multiple teams should be drawn and placed on the bracket first to avoid this.)
7. All tournament championship games have no time limit.

### 2023 Tournament Sites

8U – Ansonia	beginning 6/21
10U – Miami East	beginning 6/26
12U – Covington	beginning 6/26
14U – Piqua	beginning 6/26