

WHEATON WILDCATS TRYOUT INVITATION FOR 2021 SEASON

WHEATON PARK DISTRICT YOUTH SOFTBALL



10U (CANNOT TURN 11 BEFORE 1/1/21)

Wednesday, July 22 | 6–8P | Graf #4 | Tryout code: 340347-01

Tuesday, July 28 | 6-8P | Graf #4

12U (CANNOT TURN 13 BEFORE 1/1/21)

Wednesday, July 22 | 6–8P | Graf #5 | Tryout code: 340347-02

Tuesday, July 28 | 6-8P | Graf #5

14U (CANNOT TURN 15 PRIOR TO 1/1/21)

Thursday, July 23 | 6–8P | Graf #4 | Tryout code: 340347-03

Wednesday, July 29 | 6-8P | Graf #4

16U (CANNOT TURN 17 PRIOR TO 1/1/21)

Thursday, July 23 | 6–8P | Graf #5 | Tryout code: 340347-04

Wednesday, July 29 | 6-8P | Graf #5

18U (CANNOT TURN 19 BEFORE 1/1/21)

Thursday, July 23 | 6–8P | Graf #5 | Tryout code: 340347-05

Wednesday, July 29 | 6-8P | Graf #5

In case of inclement weather, Friday, July 31, 6-8P, will serve as the rain date. See time and field location above.

Full-time Travel Team Tryout to be conducted by the Softball Board of Control and Selection Committee

Tryout Ages

Youth softball players: Ages 9–18
(open tryouts)

Pure travel softball players must try out for each age level they want to be considered for.

Tryout registration is appreciated at wheatonparkdistrict.com by July 17.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Full-time softball travel candidates are encouraged to attend at least two tryout dates. In case of questionable weather, proceed to Graf Park. A decision will be made at the field as to whether tryouts will be held. Graf Park is located next to the DuPage County Fairgrounds and Monroe Middle School on Manchester Road.

Full-time travel team softball (Wheaton Wildcats) is very competitive and requires serious commitment by players, parents, and coaching staff. The regular playing season will start in April and runs through July, and it is anticipated that approximately 60 practice and tournament games will be played during this time period. Practices, games, and/or tournaments will begin this fall. In the winter months, training will continue indoors at facilities located within Wheaton and the surrounding western suburbs.

A team roster of 12 players will be chosen for each age level. 18U will be selected prior to 16U and so on, continuing down to 10U. The selection of additional players for another team at any age level cannot occur until all players at all age levels have been selected and have paid the minimum \$300 fee (for

residents) and \$375 (for nonresidents), as discussed in the paragraph below. The creation of any team is dependent on the quality and depth of talent (especially pitching), plus the availability of qualified coaches. Selection is based upon a number of factors in addition to the tryout itself, including but not limited to: prior travel experience, coaches' evaluations, and prior commitment to the WPD in-house and travel softball programs.

All players chosen must register as part of the regular Wheaton Youth Baseball/Softball registration process and will be assessed a non-refundable registration fee of \$300/resident or \$375/nonresident, payable to the Wheaton Park District. The minimum registration fee will be due immediately upon notification of selection to a team. If payment is not received, an alternate player will be selected.

For more information or to volunteer to manage or assist a team, contact:

Softball Travel Vice President, Nathan Chaney
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PAYMENT

These funds shall be used for umpires, softballs, equipment, field maintenance, and inclusion in the Annual WPD Red, White, & Blue Classic. In January, players will be required to purchase team uniforms. Returning players may use their existing uniforms if they are selected to the same team. Each player will be responsible for an additional \$600-\$800 to go toward uniforms, indoor training, umpire fees, and tournaments. This additional fee could be lowered as a result of fundraising efforts by teams. All other information will be covered at your team's parent meeting.

PARENTS

Please drop off and pick up your players ten minutes before and after the scheduled tryout time. The selection committee will run the tryouts. **If your child is unable to attend the tryouts and would still like to be considered for a team, you must register them AND contact Nathan Chaney prior to the tryouts at the numbers provided.**

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION PROCESS

The number of teams in the travel softball program will be determined at the discretion of the Selection Committee, and shall be based upon the overall talent and qualified managers available. Regardless of the number of tryout participants, the Selection Committee, at its sole discretion, may hold supplemental tryouts. These Supplemental Tryouts will be posted on the WPD website. Players who participated in the initial tryout do NOT need to attend any Supplemental Tryout. The Selection Committee shall use its best efforts to finish the selection process within one week from the completion of tryouts. Team selections by tryout number will be posted on the WPD website. Go to wheatonparkdistrict.com, click on Leagues, click on softball, and click on Announcements (on the right of the screen) to get rosters. A list of the players selected to the travel team(s) and coaches' names will also be placed on file with the WPD Athletic Department and the league administrator after the selection process is completed.

A non-refundable registration fee of \$300/\$375 payable to the Wheaton Park District will be due within 48 hours upon notification of selection to a team. If payment is not received, an alternate player will be selected.

WHEATON PARK DISTRICT YOUTH SOFTBALL Phase 4 Guidelines

The 2021 Wheaton Wildcats tryouts will be facilitated using the Phase 4 Guidelines put together by the Wheaton Park District for youth baseball/softball. These guidelines can be found here:

wpdathletics.org/wpdybs/

- All participants and coaches should conduct a health self-screening prior to attending tryouts and ask the following questions. Parents should conduct the health screening with their child.
 - Are you experiencing the following: fever (100.4° and above), cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle aches, headaches not related to caffeine, diet, hunger, migraines, or tension?
 - Have you been in close contact with anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19 or has symptoms of COVID-19?
 - If the answer is "YES" to any of the above questions: Participant will not be allowed to participate.
- All participants and coaches should wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer before participating.
- All participants and coaches should place personal belongings at least 6-ft. away from others' personal belongings.
- **We encourage all participants to have their own supply of hand sanitizers and disinfecting wipes.**
 - All participants and coaches should sanitize hands regularly during participation.
- All participants and coaches should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth when they are not able to maintain a safe social distance (exceptions can be made for people with medical

conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering).

- All participants and coaches should bring their own source of water. All water fountains are unavailable.
- Spectators are not permitted at tryouts unless required for parental supervision (advanced approval will be required).
- Spectators to keep 6-ft. of distance from the team and other spectators.
 - Spectators should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth when they are not able to maintain a safe social distance (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering).

The Wheaton Park District has issued the above Return to Baseball/Softball Guidelines for use during "Phase 4" of the Restore Illinois Plan. These guidelines were compiled from resources and direct guidance from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Youth Sports Guidelines, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Considerations for Youth Sports and PDRMA COVID-19 Phase 4 Youth Sports Re-Opening Recommendations.

While we are excited to be offering these tryouts and anticipate them running smoothly, the ability for these tryouts to occur is dependent on any Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines released. If for some reason we won't be able to run these programs safely, all participants will be notified.