

**WILBRAHAM PARKS & REC  
WILBRAHAM BASEBALL COMMITTEE**

**2024  
COMPETITIVE  
BASEBALL**

**REGISTRATION  
PACKET 8U, 10U**

**REGISTRATION: JANUARY 2nd – 15th**

**Wilbraham Residents and School Choice Students**

**Hampden players must register in Hampden**

NOTE: Players not chosen for a 2024 competitive team will be automatically enrolled in the recreational baseball program unless otherwise specified.



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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.

**In either case, you will be notified by email, 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,  
Dan Beauregard  
Wilbraham Parks & Recreation Program Coordinator

# 2024 Competitive Baseball Fact Sheet

Below are some facts about the baseball evaluations for the 2024 Competitive Baseball season.

## EVALUATION INFORMATION:

- Evaluations for our competitive 8U and 10U teams are held in the winter. The season won't start until early 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 contact all players 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. 6 to 8 year olds (8U), 8 to 10 year olds (10U). The age cutoff is your child's age as of May 1, 2024. Examples:
  - Your child cannot turn 9 before 5/1/24 and still qualify for the 8U division, they would be too old.
  - Your child must be 8 years old as of 5/1/24 to play in the 10U division.
  - Your child cannot turn 11 before 5/1/24 and still qualify for the 10U division, they would be too old.
- Coaches will be selected by the WBC and the Recreation Department.
- Number of teams per age group and where they will be placed depends on talent level of players, total number of players, and anticipated competition at each level of play. We certainly do not want to place players where they will not develop.
- The number of players per team is up to the coach and WBC. We aim for 12 players, with a minimum of 11 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 winter months.
- Competitive teams will play in the John L Sullivan League (JLS). Most teams will play a 14-16 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 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 courtesy.

# WILBRAHAM BASEBALL COMMITTEE

## 2024 8U & 10U COMPETITIVE BASEBALL EVALUATION SCHEDULE

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- This year's format will allow all kids to attend at least one tryout session while also providing the option of attending both sessions.
- If you attend both try-out dates, we will use the higher/better score for each skill.
- Parents will not be allowed in the facility for tryouts because of limited space and safety reasons.\*
- **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 be automatically enrolled in the recreational baseball program unless otherwise specified on the questions on the registration form.**

### Players

**Must attend at least ONE evaluation**

### 2024 Competitive Baseball Tryout Dates

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

### **8U & 10U:**

- Saturday, 1/20/24                      5:00-7:00 PM                      Powerhouse Training
- Saturday, 1/27/24                      5:00-7:00 PM                      Powerhouse Training

*"Actual start time for 10U will be somewhere between 5:30-6pm, and will be determined by how many players are registered for each age group, due to facility size limitations. You will be notified of your player's start time at least one week prior to the first tryout date"*

\*If there are extenuating circumstances which are communicated to and approved by the WPRD prior to the first tryout date, a parent may be allowed in the facility during the tryouts but CANNOT interact with the evaluators or "coach" their child. That parent must remain in the viewing area only for safety reasons.

**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.

## **2024 COMPETITIVE BASEBALL REGISTRATION FORM**

**Registration: January 2 – 15 online or in office**

**(Add \$10.00 late fee after 1/15)**

**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 AS TEAM NOTIFICATIONS ARE SENT 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 the player participate in another spring sport or baseball team Y / N If so, what sports/team? \_\_\_\_\_

► **CIRCLE DIVISION YOU ARE REGISTERING FOR: Cost for each division is listed below**

**8U \$125 WILB./\$150 HAMPDEN**  
**(Grades 1-2 Age as of: 05/01/24)**

**10U \$125 WILB./\$150 HAMPDEN**  
**(Grades 3-4 Age as of: 05/01/24)**

► **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 registration deadline.**

\* **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, I DO NOT want them automatically enrolled in the Recreational Baseball Program and would like a full refund.**

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

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF EITHER PARENT OR GUARDIAN REQUIRED

**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 various 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 is 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: \_\_\_\_\_