

Just an update to all on the 2020 Wolcott / Meriden Fall Ball League –This year we have teamed up with Meriden to offer more fields at two great sites to play games. We have also slightly modified our league entry costs – but we are still by far the most inexpensive fall ball option - We are charging just \$220.00 per team broken up into two fees-

- \$120.00 “Refundable League Deposit” – This amount is fully refundable so long as teams play their scheduled games. This \$120 fee is refunded at the end of the season. If a team fails to play a scheduled game(s) the \$120 fee is retained and the team will need to supply a new \$120.00 deposit before additional games are scheduled.
- \$100.00 League Fee – This fee is Nonrefundable and is retained by the league for scheduling and field maintenance costs.

We have created a very low cost league by design, as we think we can all agree that we would much rather spend funds on other things such as tournaments, winter workouts, uniforms and equipment, etc. The Wolcott and Meriden organizations are lucky to have softball fields that are available through the fall and are offering them out to the organizations that can commit to playing fastpitch through the fall.

The ONLY cost to teams (in addition to the \$100 league fee) will be the umpire fees (one umpire is \$60.00 / divided by two teams is \$30.00 per team per game) and the supplying of a game ball per team / per game. All of this adds up to a very simple league that is “no frills” but will offer good yet flexible competition through the fall season.

Remember that participating in the Wolcott / Meriden Fall League means teams will not need to commit to a full fall season of games – we will offer the opportunity for games every weekend through September & October (starting the weekend of Sat 9/12). The ONLY commitment will occur once teams have returned a weekly game confirmation (which is further explained below).

We have some basic league information listed below – we ask all teams considering play in the Wolcott / Meriden Fall League review this information and highly suggest sending in the deposit as soon as possible, as the available team spots in each division are filling fast!

### **ARE THERE ENOUGH TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION?**

We understand the big question for each team is how many teams will be participating – no one wants to join a league without a good amount of competitive teams. We are very happy to say that we have received a tremendous response over the course of the past few weeks and several teams are locking into our available slots in EVERY AGE DIVISION.

The Wolcott / Meriden Fall League can accommodate up to twelve (12) teams each week in each age division. Because we are receiving responses so quickly, we highly recommend that teams lock in as soon as possible as we are confident that all slots will fill in each age group.

### **WHAT IS THE LEAGUE DEPOSIT FEE FOR?**

The \$120.00 “Refundable League Deposit” will be refunded to teams so long as they do not cancel on any CONFIRMED scheduled games. The league will schedule games one week ahead of time and send a CONFIRMATION NOTICE to each team. Once games are confirmed the teams will be locked in. Confirmation will take place through the league TEAMSNAPE account that all participating teams will be part of.

In the event a team cancels after confirmation, they will forfeit the league deposit fee and will not be scheduled for any further games unless a new league deposit is received – This will help insure that teams play when they are committed and confirmed to do so.

## **HOW DO TEAMS LOCK IN FOR A SPOT FOR THE WOLCOTT/MERIDEN FALL LEAGUE?**

Our web page has the link available to register and process the \$220.00 league entry fee. Please visit [www.wolcottgirlssoftbal.com](http://www.wolcottgirlssoftbal.com) and complete the registration. Once this is done, please fill out [this form](#) so we can set up the TEAMS NAP account and to give us information on dates available - *These are NOT confirmations, this is only for us to gauge which weeks we may need to utilize our alternate fields.*

## **HOW ARE GAMES SCHEDULED?**

Each team that is entered into the Fall League will be enrolled in our Fall League TEAMS NAP account – all league information including communications and scheduling will be generated through the TEAMS NAP app.

All teams can send in the suggested weekends they wish to play and suggested times (Game length will run 1:15 mins each (Finish last inning) – Double headers will generally be scheduled at the following times: 8:00-11:00 / 11:00-2:00 / 2:00-5:00 however times may be adjusted each week depending on weather & scheduled games). Teams can submit these at any time of the season however all games MUST be scheduled and confirmed one week ahead of time.

A text will be sent out about 11-12 days ahead of the weekend of play, typically on Monday or Tuesday the week before. Teams will have 48 hours to request play for the target weekend, along with any restrictions for days and times. After 48 hours, typically Wednesday or Thursday the week before, the request to play window will close and a confirmation will be sent to all participating teams. Teams will then confirm and a schedule will be generated about 8-9 days prior to the target weekend. ***\*Once a team confirms and is scheduled to play, they are locked in and will forfeit their league deposit if they don't play as scheduled.***

## **FLEXIBILITY IN GAME TIMES AND DAYS WILL OFFER THE MOST FLEXIBILITY IN MATCHUPS!**

Entering teams should be as flexible as possible with their game play days and times on the weekends they choose to play. Limiting your team to a certain day or time frame will limit the pool of available teams to play against.

As a general rule teams should try to open themselves up to play at any day or timeframe of the weekend they intend to play. We do realize, however, that some teams will not have this luxury. In these cases they should try to be as flexible as possible within the confines of their availability (IE: If a team can only play on Sunday, they should try to be open to playing at any time frame on Sunday - or - if a team can only play the morning session they should try to be available both Sat and Sun morning, etc.) Remaining as flexible as possible will open your team up to more options of teams to play against.