



McFarland Youth Softball

2024 Softball Season

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About Our Organization

McFarland Youth Softball Association, Inc. (MYSA) is a non-profit and non-stock corporation that is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

The purpose of the MYSA is to promote the growth and development of softball at all levels of competition within the McFarland School District and community.

Organization Goals

- Uniting parents, students, faculty, alumni, and community in the common interest of supporting and encouraging participation in girls fast pitch softball.
- Promoting school and community interest in the improvement of the softball program and facilities through financial support.
- Advocating for McFarland softball by engaging with the community to bring visibility to the program in a positive manner.
- Promoting fan attendance and spirit at softball games of all levels.
- Teaching the values of teamwork, commitment, and sportsmanship both on and off the field.
- Providing structure to youth programs and connecting girls of all ages with appropriate opportunities based on their skill levels and the number of participants.
- Creating a positive and fun softball experience at all levels and developing a sense of pride and tradition for the students and parents.

Board of Directors & HS Coach

- **President:** Erik Schuchardt
- **Vice President:** Scott Berg
- **Secretary:** Vacant
- **Treasurer:** Erik Schuchardt
- **Membership Coordinator:** Vacant
- **Fundraising Coordinator:** Vacant
- **Safety and Equipment Coordinator:** Vacant
- **Program Development Coordinator:** Vacant
- **Community Coordinator:** Vacant
- **Clothing and Spirit Coordinator:** Sara Berg
- **Tournament Coordinator:** Vacant
- **High School Coach:** Alexis Unser

MYSA Program Offerings

- **8U:** Skills and Drills / T-Ball / Coaches Pitch
 - Skill Development
 - Teach Fundamentals
- **10U:** South Central League (USA / ASA Softball)
 - Beginner / Intermediate Level
 - Continued Skill Development
 - Introduction of Strategies for Winning
 - Kids Pitch
- **12U:** South Central League (USA / ASA Softball)
 - Intermediate / Advanced Level
 - Refinement of Skills in a Competitive Format
 - Beginning of Specialization
- **14U:** South Central League (USA / ASA Softball)
 - Advanced Level
 - Highest Level of Competition
 - Specialization
 - High School Team Development

USA Softball Age Classification – NEW 2024

Our 10U, 12U, and 14U teams participate in the South Central WI Girls Softball League. This league complies with the rules of USA Softball. USA Softball changed the age classification rules effective for the 2024 season.

A player's age as of August 31, 2023 is the determining date for age level classification.

The purpose of this rule change was to align age classification in a manner consistent with the player's grade level in school.

Age Level Expectations – 8U

- **League Type:** In-House (Practice and Scrimmage)
- **Age (Season Sep 1, 2023 – Aug 31, 2024):** Birth Date 9/1/2014 and After (Player Must Be in Kindergarten)
- **Practices:** 1 per week for 60-90 minutes
- **Location:** Waubesa Intermediate School (Grass Area or Fields When Available)
- **Ball Size:** 11” softie
- **Pitching:** Tee / Coach Pitch – No strikeouts
- **Batting:** Continuous, Bat Around
- **Field Play:** Maximum of 1 inning per position
- **Infield vs. Outfield:** Equal
- **Playing Time:** Equal
- **Required Equipment:** Glove (10” – 11”), Athletic Shoes, Water Bottle
- **Optional Equipment:** Bat (Fast Pitch ASA Approved), Helmet w/ Face Mask, Fielder’s Mask, Batting Gloves, Equipment Bag

Age Level Expectations – 10U

- **League Type:** South Central League
- **Age (Season Sep 1, 2023 – Aug 31, 2024):** Birth Date Between 9/1/2012 and 8/31/2014
- **Practices:** 1 – 2 per week starting in May for 60-90 minutes
- **Games:** 1 – 2 per week starting in June for 90 minutes, 7-innings or run rule, arrive 1 hour before game
- **Location:** Waubesa Intermediate School and surrounding communities
- **Ball Size:** 11”
- **Pitching:** Player
- **Batting:** Continuous, 3 outs or 5 run rule
- **Field Play:** Free substitution, may play same position for 1-2 innings
- **Infield vs. Outfield:** Minimum 1 infield inning guaranteed
- **Playing Time:** Equal and fair based on attitude and attendance
- **Required Equipment:** Glove (11” – 12”+), Cleats (No Metal), Fielder’s Mask, Uniform, Navy Blue Long Softball Socks, Grey Softball Pants, Water Bottle
- **Suggested Equipment:** Equipment Bag, Helmet w/ Face Mask, Sliding Shorts, Belt, Sport Sunglasses
- **Optional Equipment:** Bat (Fast Pitch ASA Approved), Batting Gloves

Age Level Expectations – 12U

- **League Type:** South Central League
- **Age (Season Sep 1, 2023 – Aug 31, 2024):** Birth Date Between 9/1/2010 and 8/31/2012
- **Practices:** 1 – 2 per week starting in May for 60-90 minutes
- **Games:** 1 – 2 per week starting in June for 90 minutes, 7-innings or run rule, arrive 1 hour before game
- **Location:** Waubesa Intermediate School and surrounding communities
- **Ball Size:** 12”
- **Pitching:** Player
- **Batting:** Continuous, 3 outs or 8 run rule
- **Field Play:** Free substitution, may play same position for 2-3 innings
- **Playing Time:** Not equal but fair based on ability, attitude and attendance
- **Required Equipment:** Glove (12”+), Cleats (No Metal), Fielder’s Mask, Uniform, Navy Blue Long Softball Socks, Grey Softball Pants, Water Bottle
- **Suggested Equipment:** Equipment Bag, Helmet w/ Face Mask, Sliding Shorts, Belt, Sport Sunglasses
- **Optional Equipment:** Bat (Fast Pitch ASA Approved), Batting Gloves

Age Level Expectations – 14U

- **League Type:** South Central League
- **Age (Season Sep 1, 2023 – Aug 31, 2024):** Birth Date Between 9/1/2008 and 8/31/2010
- **Practices:** 1 – 2 per week starting in May for 60-90 minutes
- **Games:** 1 – 2 per week starting in June for 90 minutes, 7-innings or run rule, arrive 1 hour before game
- **Location:** Waubesa Intermediate School and surrounding communities
- **Ball Size:** 12”
- **Pitching:** Player
- **Batting:** Standard 9-Player + DP/Flex or Continuous, 3 outs
- **Field Play:** NFHS/WIAA or free substitution, may play same position for whole game
- **Playing Time:** Not equal but fair based on ability, attitude and attendance
- **Required Equipment:** Glove (12”+), Cleats (Metal is permitted), Fielder’s Mask, Uniform, Navy Blue Long Softball Socks, Grey Softball Pants, Water Bottle
- **Suggested Equipment:** Equipment Bag, Helmet w/ Face Mask, Sliding Shorts, Belt, Sport Sunglasses
- **Optional Equipment:** Bat (Fast Pitch ASA Approved), Batting Gloves

Fields and Facilities

Waubesa Intermediate School

- Varsity and JV Diamonds with Dugouts
- 3 Batting Cages
- New Concession, Bathroom and Storage Facilities for Softball to be constructed by Spring 2024.

Parent Expectations

- Be on time for drop-off and pick-up
- Communicate absences to coaches
- Encourage players
- Respect coaches, umpires, players and hosts
- Remain in the spectator area during games
- Allow coaches to coach - do not shout instructions from the spectator areas
- If you have a concern, allow at least 24 hours to pass. Parents should contact the head coach of your child's team outside of practice or games. If your concern is unresolved, please contact a Board Member.

Player Expectations

- Be on time
- Have fun
- Encourage and support teammates
- Respect coaches, umpires, teammates and parents
- Players are responsible for both the team's gear and their gear
- Practice with purpose
- Set challenging goals and work hard to achieve them
- Represent our community in a positive way

Parent Action Items

- Get involved
 - Complete registration for your child
 - Volunteer to coach
 - Offer to help with field maintenance
 - Serve on the Board or Committees
- Inspect your child's equipment and renew/replace as needed
- Help raise funds to support the organization
 - Order clothing and spirit packs
 - Amazon Smile
 - Spartan Pizza fundraiser
 - Business sponsorships
 - Company and family donations
- Like us on Facebook for updates

Recent and Upcoming Events

- February 1 – 2024 Registration Opens
- March 6 – South Central League Rules Meeting (Virtual)
- March TBA – Open Gyms/Player Evaluations
- April 1 – 2024 Registration Closes
- April 15 – Team Registration Due to South Central League
- April 19 – Rosters Due to South Central League
- May 6 – South Central League Game Schedule Due
- July 30 – South Central League Championship Night
- TBA – Youth Softball Night at a Varsity Home Game

Other Useful Information

- MYSA website – www.mcfarlandyouthsoftball.com
- Clothing and spirit – Squad Locker – McFarland Spartans
[https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/mcfarland-spartans? k=t1bb1m](https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/mcfarland-spartans?k=t1bb1m)
- Player play-up policy
- Financial assistance policy and application
- South Central League – www.scsoftball.org

Recognition of Program Gold Sponsor



Matt Splinter Foundation – www.ms22.org

Interested in Becoming a Sponsor?
Add your Business Name and Logo Here!



Questions?

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