



# 2024 WYB Tournament Baseball

## Player and Parent/Guardian Commitment Letter

Spring/Summer 2024

Dear Washington Youth Baseball Parent or Guardian,

WYB will again be sponsoring teams from Pinto through Pony to participate in tournament baseball this Summer. Tournament Teams play and player selection is by age (as of May 1, 2024). For example, players from our Bronco League will play either on our 11-year-old team (11U) or on our 12-year-old team (12U).

Tournament baseball is competitive play; therefore, WYB does not impose playing requirements on the team manager (except for the 7, 8, and 9 year old teams which have a two-inning per game play rule). The manager may utilize players in any manner including positions, playing time, and batting order. These and all decisions are at the manager's discretion based on the game situation, tournament rules, available players, and other factors that are taken into consideration. The manager's decisions are final.

Participation in tournament baseball is strictly voluntary. Player must be committed to the tournament team or should not apply or accept a nomination. In order for a player to be eligible for consideration, the following criteria must be met:

### 1. WYB and PONY Baseball Rules and Policies

Comply with all rules and regulation of WYB and PONY Baseball.

### 2. Residency and Age

For sanctioned tournament play, player must reside in either the Trinity Area or Washington school district. If a player was registered and played in WYB regular season in 2014, and was in the Avella, Burgettstown, McGuffey, Chartiers-Houston or Fort Cherry, he/she is grandfathered in and eligible for sanctioned tournament play. Upon request, proof of residency and age (certified birth certificate) must be provided.

### 3. Application for Tournament Team Consideration

Complete and submit the Application for Tournament Team Consideration form according to the instructions and deadline provided. The form is available at [washyouthbaseball.com](http://washyouthbaseball.com).

Playing on a Tournament Team is a privilege and not everyone submitting an Application for Tournament Team Consideration will be selected. Team size is limited and selection is determined by the regular season team managers and League President, in accordance with WYB and PONY Baseball rules and regulations.

If selected to a tournament team, the player and his parent/guardian will commit to the following. Failure to meet and maintain these requirements may lead to dismissal from the team and/or disqualification on of all future Application(s) for Tournament Team Consideration.

### 1. Time Commitment

This will vary by age group but in general, play begins in late June and runs into early August. Team practices commence at the time regular season league play concludes. Player absences make it very difficult for the team to be successful. Participation demands a strong commitment to be available

during this time for practices and games. Parent/Guardian must identify on the Application for Tournament Team Consideration form known days that their child will be absent due to prior commitments, including family vacations, weekend trips, sports/social events, etc. Parent/Guardian who does not identify dates and then permit their child to miss practice(s) or game(s) (excluding excused illness, emergency situations, or injury), understands that this behavior may cause their child to be dismissed from the team and/or disqualify their child from future consideration for being selected on a tournament team.

Player and parent/guardian must be flexible and prepared. Unforeseen situations or events may occur. Weather or poor field conditions, for example, may cause a game or tournament to be delayed, rescheduled, or cancelled without notice. Unforeseen situations or events may result in additional, unplanned time and expenses for travel, meals, lodging, etc., that may not be reimbursed by WYB.

## 2. Work Requirements

WYB may elect to host a tournament. Parent/Guardian will be required to perform duties such as concession stand work, scoreboard operator, scorekeeper, field maintenance, parking lot attendant, 50/50 raffle sales, PA announcer, and other functions necessary to support a tournament. Hosting a tournament is a very good team and league fundraiser. Other pre-approved fundraising events such as a car wash or hoagie sale have been used in prior years. If your team's manager implements a similar fundraiser this year, your participation will be required.

All parents/guardians are required to work one (1) shift at the PONY League World Series in August. Each Tournament Team will be assigned their respective shift and they will be notified by their team manager.

## 3. Fee

Each player is charged \$75 by WYB to offset the expenses to sponsor the Tournament Team and pay the entry fee to participate in four (4) tournaments (1 home tournament and 3 away tournaments).

NOTE: If the team is unable to hold a home tournament for any reason, an additional \$25 per player charge will be assessed to offset the cost.

## 4. Other Player Expenses

One coach on each Tournament Team will serve as the "business manager" who is responsible for the team's finances and submitting an expense report to WYB immediately following tournament play. Each team, in accordance with WYB and PONY Baseball rules and regulations, may conduct fundraisers or solicit donations to make authorized purchases, participate in additional tournaments, or off-set allowable individual player/team expenses.

Other expenses may include travel, meals, lodging, or uniforms. Parent/Guardian will be responsible for expenses not covered/reimbursed by WYB. The business manager and team manager will discuss this with you and keep you informed.

If you wish to be considered for a WYB Tournament Team, please complete the attached Application for Tournament Team Consideration form or find it on-line at [www.washyouthbaseball.com](http://www.washyouthbaseball.com) and return it to your team manager by June 8, 2024.

Good luck and best wishes! - WYB Council