

Information for Parents - 2013

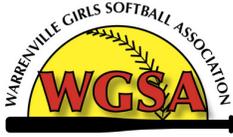
- ❖ The WGSA conducts **Skills Clinics** on Sundays from 1pm-3pm in January, February and March. This is where your daughter can learn the correct way to catch, throw, field and hit. **Sunday, February 10th** is the **Skills Evaluation** – every girl except those in Instructional **MUST** attend.
- ❖ On **Saturday, March 2nd** we will hold our annual “Meet the Coach” **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**. This will give your daughter a chance to meet her coach and teammates. However, this event is primarily a fundraiser so please encourage all your friends and neighbors to join us.
- ❖ Your daughter’s enjoyment and success in softball largely depends upon **you**.

Her enjoyment of the game is directly related to her ability to catch and throw the ball and to hit the ball. These are skills that she needs to practice at home several times a week all season. Someone needs to **play catch** with her for **15-20 minutes a day**.

Once we can get outdoors in April, depending on the weather each team may only be able to practice a few times before they begin their schedule of games. The coaches must use this time to teach the girls to play positions and how to execute as a team. There is very little time to drill on basic catching and throwing. After the season is underway the team will be averaging two games per week. Each player may only have the opportunity to field the ball a couple times per game and come to bat two or three times. This is inadequate to significantly improve her ability to catch, throw and hit. The better she can catch and throw, the better she will play and the more fun and sense of accomplishment she will have. We and your daughter are depending on **you** to make the difference in her ability by playing catch with her at home. If you have a bat and the space, you should also practice hitting.

- ❖ **Be on Time; Be Early:** Time is very precious and each coach would like to accomplish much more at each practice and before each game than he/she has time for. When a player shows up late she disrupts the flow of practice and detracts from her teammates’ practice. Please respect the coaches and other players by always planning to Be Early.
- ❖ **Website -- www.wgsa.org:** There are many tips about equipment and play available to you on the WGSA website under the Equipment Info and Coaching Resources sections. Please have a look. Also refer to the website regularly for updates on schedules and general information. You can often easily find the answer to a question on the website without having to email or telephone someone.

Thank you for being a part of the WGSA. We look forward to your support and to a productive season.



PITCHING INSTRUCTION with WWS Coach Denise McCance

Six Thursdays scheduled January 28th, February 4th, 11th, 25th, March 4th, and 11th. Attend some or all of them! **Only \$40 for the entire 8 session program.**

- Open to All WGSA Pitchers , ages 8 – High School
- A **MAXIMUM** of six (6) girls per session with the instructor
- **You will need to provide your own catcher (parent preferred)**
- For registration purposes – **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS** – to guarantee a time slot
- Cost is a fixed \$40 per individual. That is the fee per person no matter how many of the eight scheduled sessions an individual can attend over the period
- Four half-hour time slots: 7:00pm, 7:30pm, 8:00pm & 8:30pm.
- Location: Hubble Middle School, east gym.

Register by email to **Register@wgsa.org**. Indicate player name, age and 1st & 2nd choices for time slot. Include phone number(s) and name of catcher. Registrants will be contacted as soon as possible to confirm receipt of their registration information followed soon thereafter by the final schedule. Payment needs to be made in advance as best you can – payment at the first session attended is preferred; a check made out to WGSA is required, please no cash. This is a great opportunity to get professional pitching instruction for your daughter.

THRILL-IN-THE-VILLE All-Star Teams

The WGSA conducts two Thrill-in-the-Ville Tournaments hosting teams from across the Chicago region. These weekend tournaments are open to 'B'-level Travel Teams and All-Star Teams.

The WGSA will be organizing All-Star Teams at the 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U levels to be our representatives in the Thrill-in-the-Ville and to compete in 1 or 2 additional tournaments during the summer. Try-outs for these teams will take place in the spring and additional practices will be required. There will be a yet-to-be-determined cost for the teams to participate in additional tournaments.

For those players who are interested in preparing to try-out for the All-Star Teams some additional work-outs will be held in February, March and April. Please let a coach know if your daughter is interested in these advanced work-outs or email **register@wgsa.org**.

- **12U and 14U Thrill-in-the-Ville is June 14, 15 & 16.**
- **10U and 16U Thrill-in-the-Ville is July 12, 13 & 14.**