



PORTAGE YOUTH SOFTBALL

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2021 PORTAGE YOUTH SOFTBALL ANNUAL MEETING

WELCOME!



Sunday, February 21, 2021 - 3:00 PM

Virtual via  zoom

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Term: 2021-2022



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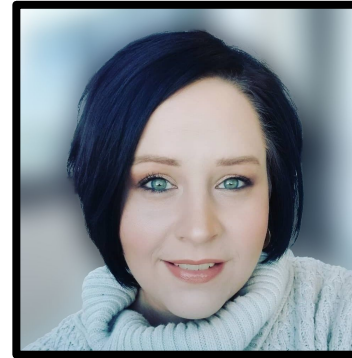
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Jason Krock

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VIEW CONTACT INFORMATION AT WWW.PORTAGEYOUTHSOFTBALL.ORG/BOARD.



Board of Directors: General Information

- New PYS Organizational By-Laws are in effect
 - ▷ www.portageyouthsoftball.org/by-laws
 - ▷ New descriptions/responsibilities for all positions
- Applications accepted December 19, 2020 - January 1, 2021
- Election open January 9, 2021 - January 18, 2021 (online)
 - ▷ 35 ballots received (33% turnout)
 - ▷ Election will occur online each year
- Additional information available on website at www.portageyouthsoftball.org/board
 - ▷ Contact Information
 - ▷ Meeting Agendas & Minutes
- Meetings open to the public

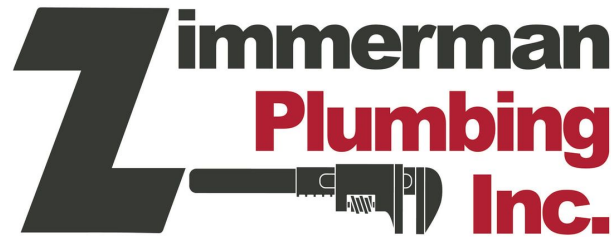


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Volunteers/Coaches Needed!

- Commitments
 - ▷ Complete application requirements (see later slide)
 - ▷ February - May: Help out with Optional Preseason Practices
 - ▷ May/June: 2 practices per week (1 weekend & 1 weekday)
 - ▷ June/July: Approximately 2 games & 1 weekend practice per week
- Rookie Division: PHS softball players and coaches
- All other divisions will need 1-2 head coaches and 2-3 assistant coaches per team

- **We need volunteers for PYS to be successful!**



Head Coach Responsibilities

- Evenly divide the players in their division among the teams of that division with the other head coaches
- Communicate with their team parents & players as well as with PYS with PYS preferred communication methods
- Schedule practices and inform PYS and team parents/players of any changes to the practice schedule
- Schedule games with other teams while trying to create a balanced schedule (frequency of games, home/away, etc.)



Head Coach Responsibilities (cont.)

- Organize practices and delegate responsibilities to other assistant coaches and parent helpers
- Decide what players will play what positions during games while trying to balance playing time
- Promote good sportsmanship among all players, parents, and coaches
- Try to continually improve as a coach while maintaining a fun, competitive, and positive environment



Assistant Coach Responsibilities

- Instruct players with the help of the head coach and other assistant coaches
- Work with the head coach to effectively run a practice
- Run stations during practices and before games
- Assist the head coach in other areas as needed



Parent Helper Responsibilities

- Throw batting practice during practice and before games
- Shag hit/fly balls as needed
- Keep the dugout and field clean during practices
- Help rotate players between stations during practices
- Help players with equipment, especially helping the catchers put on and take off catching gear
- Assist where needed at the discretion of the head coach or an assistant coach
- *Parent helpers can be very useful, but should try not to instruct players on the specific mechanics of hitting, throwing, pitching, etc., unless the head coach instructs them to. Instruction should be left up to the coaching staff. Additionally, parent helpers can help before a game, but should not be in the dugout during the game unless the team is short on coaches.*

Volunteer Requirements



- Complete online volunteer application by:
 - ▷ Head Coaches: Sunday, March 21, 2021
 - ▷ Assistant Coaches & Parent Helpers: Sunday, May 30, 2021
 - ▷ www.portageyouthsoftball.org/application
- Complete NFHS Learning Center Concussion in Sports online course
- Request a background check from Protect Youth Sports (VERITY)
- Assist with optional preseason practices if possible
- Coaching clinics may be offered
- Several coaches per team must be CPR/First Aid/AED Certified (PYS will pay for some volunteers to become certified)



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2020 Financial Summary

2020	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	YTD
Total Income	\$10,895.70	\$2,173.27	\$90.00	\$60.00	\$13,218.97
Total Expenses	\$2,950.38	\$9,138.34	\$8,458.32	\$672.00	\$21,219.04
Net Income	\$7,945.32	\$6,965.07	\$8,368.32	\$612.00	\$8,000.07

Balances as of 12/31/2021

- **Checking Account:** \$6,914.60
- **PayPal Account:** \$334.34
- **Total Cash Available:** \$7,248.94



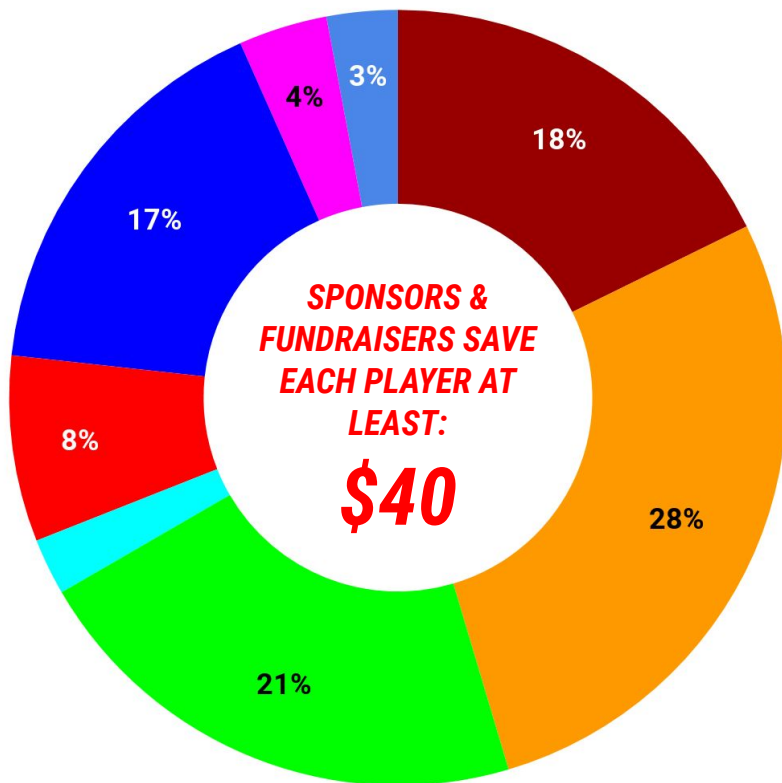
Registration Fee Breakdown

(Approximate for Typical Year)

\$25 late fees, sponsorship fees, & fundraisers cover remaining expenses.

Costs above the athlete registration fee are covered by our generous sponsors and fundraising events.

\$140 Cost/Player (\$100 Registration Fee)
(10U, 12U, 14U, & 16/18U Divisions)



UNIFORMS

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

UMPIRE FEES

FACILITY COSTS & MAINTENANCE

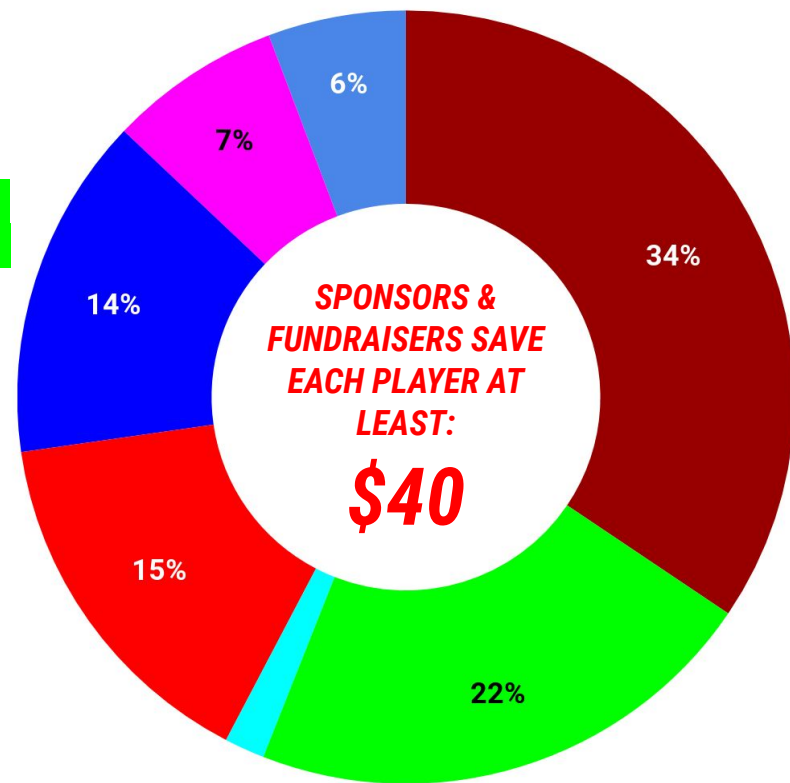
PROCESSING FEES

EQUIPMENT

POST-SEASON PARTY

INSURANCE

\$70 Cost/Player (\$30 Registration Fee)
(Rookie Division)



● Uniform ● Sponsorship & Fundraisers ● Facility Costs & Maintenance ● Processing Fees
● Administrative Costs ● Equipment ● Post-Season Party ● Insurance

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Playing Opportunities

Summer 2021 Season



Rookie Division

- **Ages:** 5-8 as of 12/31/2020 (currently enrolled in or previously completed kindergarten only)
- **Cost:** \$30 (uniform top included)
- **Regular Registration Deadline:** 4/11/2021 at 11:59 PM
- **Late Registration Deadline:** 4/25/2021 at 11:59 PM (+ \$25)
- **Travel:** No, all games & practices will take place in Portage
- **Additional Info:** PHS Softball players and coaches will be leading this league in games and practices
- **Tentative Schedule:**
 - ▷ One practice or scrimmage per week
 - ▷ 5-6 practices followed by 1-3 scrimmages
 - ▷ Mondays at 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM



10U Division

- **Ages:** 9-10 as of 12/31/2020
- **Cost:** \$100 (uniform top included)
- **Regular Registration Deadline:** 3/21/2021 at 11:59 PM
- **Late Registration Deadline:** 4/4/2021 at 11:59 PM (+ \$25)
- **Travel:** Yes, the division will have games in Portage and will tentatively travel to Baraboo, Wisconsin Dells, Reedsburg, Adams-Friendship & other local cities
- **Tentative Schedule:**
 - ▷ One weekday and one weekend practice in May/June prior to games starting in June/July.
 - ▷ Once games start, one weekend practice and 1-3 games per week.



12U Division

- **Ages:** 11-12 as of 12/31/2020
- **Cost:** \$100 (uniform top included)
- **Regular Registration Deadline:** 3/21/2021 at 11:59 PM
- **Late Registration Deadline:** 4/4/2021 at 11:59 PM (+ \$25)
- **Travel:** Yes, the division will have games in Portage and will tentatively travel to Baraboo, Wisconsin Dells, Reedsburg, Adams-Friendship & other local cities
- **Tentative Schedule:**
 - ▷ One weekday and one weekend practice in May/June prior to games starting in June/July.
 - ▷ Once games start, one weekend practice and 1-3 games per week.



14U Division

- **Ages:** 13-14 as of 12/31/2020
- **Cost:** \$100 (uniform top included)
- **Regular Registration Deadline:** 3/21/2021 at 11:59 PM
- **Late Registration Deadline:** 4/4/2021 at 11:59 PM (+ \$25)
- **Travel:** Yes, this division will have games in Portage and will travel. *League and travel locations for the 14U Division will be determined after registration.*
- **Tentative Schedule:**
 - ▷ One weekday and one weekend practice in May/June prior to games starting in June/July.
 - ▷ Once games start, one weekend practice and 1-3 games per week.



16/18U Division

- **Ages:** 15-18 as of 12/31/2020
- **Cost:** \$100 (uniform top included)
- **Regular Registration Deadline:** 4/11/2021 at 11:59 PM
- **Late Registration Deadline:** 4/25/2021 at 11:59 PM (+ \$25)
- **Travel:** Yes, the league will have games in Portage and will tentatively travel to other local cities as part of the Capitol Area Fastpitch League
- **Tentative Schedule (after WIAA High School Season):**
 - ▷ Monday evening practices
 - ▷ Wednesday evening doubleheaders/games



Portage Pride Tournament Teams



- Available for 10U, 12U, 14U Leagues & 16-18U
- Each team would play 3-5 weekend tournaments in the summer
- Additional practices will be required
- Additional fees will apply (max of \$200 for Pride season)
- **Tryouts on February 28, 2021 at John Muir (6:30 PM - 8:00 PM)**
 - ▷ Register for tryout online at www.portageyouthsoftball.org/pride
- Indicate on the Athlete Registration Form if your player is interested in playing Portage Pride

Consideration of Additional Teams

- I am interested in being considered for a spot on a PYS Tournament Team (i.e. Portage Pride) for the upcoming summer season.



Fall Softball Teams

- Available for 10U, 12U, 14U, & 16/18U Leagues
- Registration will open towards the end of the summer season
- Teams will form if there is enough interest
- Each team would play 1-2 games on a single day during fall weekends
- Additional fees may apply
- **Indicate on the Athlete Registration Form if your player is interested in playing Fall Softball**

Consideration of Additional Teams

I am interested in being considered for a spot on a PYS Fall Team for the upcoming fall season.



Expectations of Parents

- Most parents behave well, but some don't
- Parent Code of Conduct will be enforced
- Be on time (or early) for games & practices
- Communicate with coaches
- Follow the 24 hour rule
- Respect all parents, players, coaches, and umpires

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Optional Preseason Practices & Open Gyms

■ Optional Preseason Practices

- ▷ Located in John Muir Gym
- ▷ Sunday evenings (2/21/2021 - 3/28/2021)
- ▷ **Rookie & 10U Divisions:** 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- ▷ **12U & 14U Divisions:** 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- ▷ Parent volunteers needed (sign up online)

■ Open Gyms

- ▷ High School Players (16/18U League & some 14U players - Current 9-12 graders): 6:30 - 7:30 PM
- ▷ 3/14/2021 - 4/11/2021

■ Digital Waiver Required for All Athletes

■ www.portageyouthsoftball.org/preseason





COVID-19 Safety Precautions

(Subject to Change)

- Safety Precautions will be updated as required
 - ▷ Apply as written to ALL in attendance
 - ▷ **If you can't follow safety precautions, you cannot attend.**
- **View more information and detailed precautions at:**
www.portageyouthsoftball.org/covid19

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COVID-19 Safety Precautions: Optional Preseason Practices (Indoor Activities) (Subject to Change)

- Masks required at all times (over mouth and nose)
- Maintain social distancing of six feet (6')
- No sharing of food & beverages (drinking fountains discouraged)
 - ▷ Players should bring their own water bottle
- Parents/guardians must stay on side of gym by bleachers
 - ▷ Maintain social distancing and wear masks
 - ▷ Encouraged to wait in vehicles during practice times
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer prior to entering and as needed

- **Player waiver required at:**
www.portageyouthsoftball.org/preseason



COVID-19 Safety Precautions: Outdoor Events (from 2020 summer season) (Subject to Change)

- Approved volunteers/players in field, dugout, and bleacher areas only (bleachers closed to spectators/parents)
- No eating of food or spitting/chewing of seeds
- No attendance if sick or exposed to sick person
- Dugouts only used for games and not practices
- Limited restroom availability
- Limited sharing of catching gear
- Game balls switched every half inning
- No high fives or non game-play contact



COVID-19 Safety Precautions: Outdoor Events (from 2020 summer season) (Subject to Change)

- Social distancing of six feet (6') when possible
 - No huddles, conferences, or celebrations in the field
 - No sharing of water/sports drinks
 - Use of hand sanitizer throughout games/practices
 - Spectators/parents/fans must provide their own chairs
 - Parents not allowed to watch practices (must wait in vehicle)
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- **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WILL BE UPDATED PRIOR TO AND DURING THE 2021 SEASON...**



Survey Results

- We did not conduct a 2020 post-season survey due to the changes caused by COVID-19
- Survey will likely be sent out following summer and/or fall season

- Contact Board of Directors with any questions or concerns



Uniforms & Apparel Order

■ Uniforms

- ▷ Uniform top is provided with registration
- ▷ Pants, socks, cleats, & equipment are not provided

■ Apparel Order

- ▷ Information will be released at a later date
- ▷ Variety of shirts, pants, sweatshirts, socks, hats, jackets, and more could be available



Important Upcoming Events

- **Youth Night & Tailgate Fundraiser**
 - ▷ TBD
- **Portage Warrior Softball Invitational**
 - ▷ Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 9:00 AM
- **Senior Night**
 - ▷ TBD
- **2nd Annual PYS Summer Tournament**
 - ▷ July 23-25, 2021 at Softball Fields
 - ▷ 12U & 14U Tournament
 - ▷ Volunteers needed for entire weekend
 - ▷ **Main fundraiser for PYS**
 - ▷ www.portageyouthsoftball.org/tournament

**NOTE ON ATTENDANCE:
ATTENDANCE RESTRICTIONS DUE
TO COVID-19 MAY BE IN PLACE.
CHECK ONLINE CALENDAR PRIOR
TO ATTENDING.**





Warrior Softball Teams

- Come support the Warrior Softball Teams throughout the season!
- Numerous home games and tournaments
- Schedule, roster, newspaper articles, and more available online at:
 - ▷ www.portageyouthsoftball.org/varsity
 - ▷ www.portageyouthsoftball.org/jv
- **We encourage youth players and parents to attend at least one game throughout the high school season!**

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Sponsorship Opportunities

- Variety of opportunities for local businesses
 - ▷ Gold Level (\$750)
 - ▷ Silver Level (\$300 - \$749)
 - ▷ Bronze Level (\$150 - \$299)
 - ▷ Individual Level (\$50 - \$149)
- More information available online at www.portageyouthsoftball.org/sponsors
- Please support our generous sponsors!
- Consider becoming a sponsor if you own or manage a business
- **Sponsors help us make facility and equipment improvements while keeping costs low**
 - ▷ Estimated actual cost for single player
 - ▷ **Rookie:** \$70 (We charge \$30)
 - ▷ **10U - 16/18U:** \$140 (We charge \$100)



Equipment

- Visit our website for:
 - ▷ Equipment requirements
 - ▷ Advice on purchasing equipment
 - ▷ Link to our Facebook group:
Portage Softball Equipment - Buy, Sell, & Trade
 - ▷ www.portageyouthsoftball.org/equipment

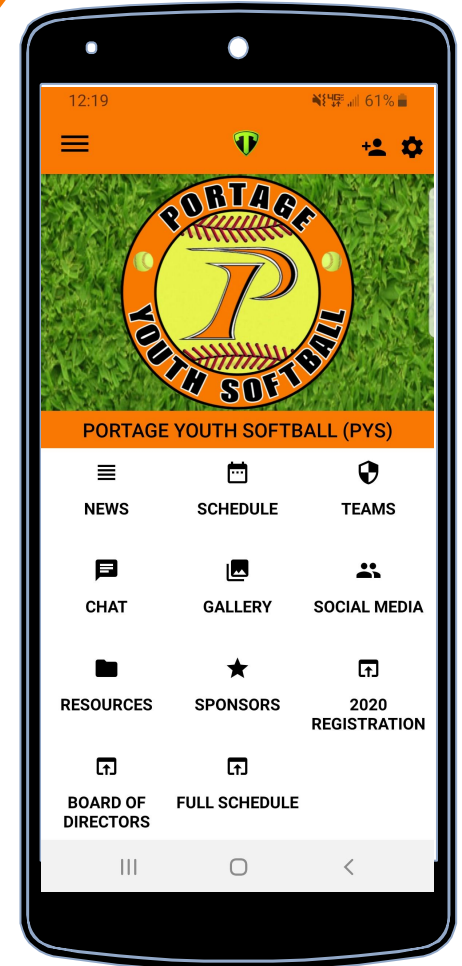


**PORTAGE SOFTBALL EQUIPMENT
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Download our Mobile App Today!

- We have a new mobile app we will be using to send out messages (Team App)
- Coaches will be able to send out team messages
- Parents, coaches, and players can chat with other team parents, coaches, and players via the app.
- **We encourage that everyone with a smartphone downloads the app**
- **If you do not have a smartphone, you can still sign up and receive email alerts**





How to Download our Mobile App!

1. Download "Team App" from Google Play or the App Store.
2. Log in or Sign up.
3. Search for "Portage Youth Softball".
4. Tap the banner to request to join our Team App.

Detailed instructions are available at www.portageyouthsoftball.org/app.



PORTAGE YOUTH SOFTBALL (PYS)





2021 Registration Process (All Online - One Form to Complete)

1. Visit www.portageyouthsoftball.org/registration.
2. Read through information on “2021 Registration Home” page.
3. Go to “Athlete Registration” page or click “Register Now”.
4. Find your “Promo Code” prior to registering (if applicable).
 - ▶ Check your email or contact PYS directly for your code.
 - ▶ See next slide for more information on “Promo Codes”.
5. Enter athlete information (and “Promo Code” if applicable).
6. Enter Parent/Guardian contact information.
7. Enter Emergency Contact information.
8. Enter Medical Information (i.e. allergies, fainting, etc.)
9. Read through all agreements and PYS policies.
10. Sign your signature to agree to agreements.
11. Enter payment information and submit registration.



2021 Registration Process: Registration Credit Promo Codes

You likely have a “Promo Code” for 2021 Registration if you:

- Registered, paid, and did not play in 2020 and you **requested a registration credit**
 - ▷ \$30 or \$100 credit awarded based on amount paid in 2020
- Played on the 2020 10U Team or 16/18U Team and originally **registered and paid for the 10U Division or 16/18U Division**
 - ▷ \$50 (10U) or \$75 (16/18U) credit awarded due to lack of games
- **Enter the “Promo Code” on the registration form to receive the discount. We can’t apply the discount after registration. Codes are good for one use only. Do not share your code with others.**



2021 Registration Process: Outstanding Balance/Fees

You may have an Outstanding Balance if you:

- Were moved to a higher division in 2020
 - ▷ Owe the difference in registration fees
- Registered and played **but did not pay during registration**
 - ▷ Amount due varies by age division and number of games played

Ways to pay the Outstanding Balance:

- Via PayPal invoice that was sent on February 17, 2021
 - ▷ *If paying via invoice, fee may appear on registration form for several days after payment until removed from registration system*
- Via 2021 registration if player legal name matches name on file
- Must be paid prior to start of 2021 summer season



Connect with Us!

- **Website**

- ▷ www.portageyouthsoftball.org

- **Facebook**

- ▷ www.facebook.com/portageyouthsoftball

- **Email**

- ▷ portageyouthsoftball@gmail.com

- **Team App**

- ▷ Search for "Portage Youth Softball"

PORTAGE YOUTH SOFTBALL (PYS)





Questions?



2021 Registration

- Registration is now open on our website: www.portageyouthsoftball.org/registration
- Help us spread the word!
- The more players that register, the better
- We hope you have a great 2021 season!



REGISTER TODAY!

Online Registration Is Now Open