



PORTAGE YOUTH SOFTBALL

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2023 PORTAGE YOUTH SOFTBALL ANNUAL MEETING

WELCOME!



Sunday, February 26, 2023 - 3:00 PM
John Muir Elementary School Cafeteria

All information presented is subject to change.

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Board of Directors: Executive Officers



Connie Wampler

President, Facility
Coordinator, and PHS
Varsity Head Coach

Term: 2023-2024



Jonelle Brom

Vice President,
Uniform and Apparel
Coordinator, and
Tournament Team
Coordinator

Term: 2022-2023



Sarah Johnson

Treasurer

Term: 2023-2024



Andrea Langan

Secretary and
Sponsorship
Coordinator

Term: 2023

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Board of Directors: Coordinator/At-Large Members



Jason Chilson

Concessions
Coordinator

Term: 2023



Haley Gilman

Marketing
Coordinator and
Volunteer
Coordinator

Term: 2023



Julia Considine

Registrar

Term: 2023



Jill Pogorelec

Equipment
Coordinator

Term: 2023



Board of Directors: General Information

- PYS Organizational By-Laws are in effect
 - ▷ www.portageyouthsoftball.org/by-laws
 - ▷ List of descriptions/responsibilities for all positions
- Applications accepted February 1, 2023 - February 14, 2023
- Election open February 15, 2023 - February 24, 2023 (online)
 - ▷ 22 ballots received (13.8% 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



Sponsorship Program



Thank You to our 2022 Sponsors!



Natural Stone. Groundbreaking Solutions.



*The Miller Family
The Carpenter Family in
Memory of Pete Carpenter
In Memory of Kathy Miller
Andersen Family in Memory of
Bryan Andersen*



Vitality
Massage & Bodywork
Jen Teela, LMT



Sponsorship Opportunities

- Variety of opportunities for local businesses, families, & individuals
 - ▷ Platinum Level (\$750+)
 - ▷ Gold Level (\$400 - \$749)
 - ▷ Silver Level (\$200 - \$399)
 - ▷ Bronze Level (\$50 - \$199)
 - ▷ Individual Level (\$25+)
- 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)
 - ▷ **\$40 savings per player!**

Learn more and become a sponsor online at www.portageyouthsoftball.org/sponsors.



Business Sponsorships

(4) Business sponsorship levels are available with a variety of benefits & costs.

Digital forms of recognition will last through at least December 31, 2023.

We will also work to promote our sponsors in additional ways when possible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF PORTAGE YOUTH SOFTBALL!

BENEFITS	SPONSORSHIP LEVEL			
	PLATINUM LEVEL \$750+	GOLD LEVEL \$400 - \$749	SILVER LEVEL \$200 - \$399	BRONZE LEVEL \$50 - \$199
Recognition (name, logo, & information) on the "Sponsors" page of our website	X	X	X	X
Individual recognition post on our organization's communication app	X	X	X	X
Individual recognition post on our Facebook page (500+ followers)	X	X	X	X
Recognition ¹ on our sponsor posters in restrooms & concession stand	X	X	X	
Recognition ² on our tournament brackets for our Annual Summer Tournament	X	X	X	
Business logo & website link on every team page (rotation with other sponsors)	X	X	X	
Sponsorship banners ³ with business logo & contact info on outfield fences	X	X		
Business logo and website link on the homepage of our website	X	X		
Additional "Sponsor Appreciation" post on our Facebook page during season	X	X		
Business logo ⁴ or name on all PYS coaching shirts & player uniform tops	X			
Business logo or name on all of our online forms (athlete registration, volunteer application, tournament registration, sponsorships, etc.)	X			
Business logo & website link on our mass emails to our 400+ subscribers	X			
Recognition ² as a "Presenting Sponsor" for our Annual Summer Tournament	X			



BECOME A SPONSOR



Non-Business Sponsorships

Non-Business Sponsorships are available for individuals, families, memorials, etc. that wish to financially support PYS! These sponsors will be listed on the “Sponsors” page of our website (through 12/31/2023) and will receive a recognition post on our Facebook page.

LEVEL	AMOUNT
<i>Supporting Level</i>	\$25+



Volunteer Opportunities & Requirements



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 parent helpers
- 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 (sportsYou)
- 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 26, 2023
 - ▷ Assistant Coaches & Parent Helpers: Sunday, April 9, 2023
 - ▷ www.portageyouthsoftball.org/application
- Complete NFHS Learning Center Concussion in Sports online course
- Request a background check online from Protect Youth Sports (VERITY)
- Assist with optional preseason practices if possible
- Attend coaching clinic if able to
- At least one coach per team should be CPR/First Aid/AED Certified (PYS will pay for some volunteers to become certified if needed)



PROTECT
YOUTH SPORTS





Coaching Clinics

- Strongly recommended for all head coaches and assistant coaches
 - ▷ Parent helpers are welcome to attend as well
 - ▷ Help make sure all coaches are teaching the same things
 - ▷ If new to coaching in PYS, we expect you to attend if you are available
- Clinic Options
 - ▷ Sunday, March 5 and Sunday, March 12 6:30-7:30 PM
 - ▷ Located in John Muir gym



Family Volunteer Requirements

- We need parents/guardians to assist during the year
- For the 2023 season
 - ▶ **We expect all families to help out for three (3) shifts during the year (we encourage more if you are able to)**
 - ▶ We will be tracking who volunteers
 - ▶ May make it a formal requirement for 2024 if needed
- Opportunities include:
 - ▶ PYS Summer Tournament (concessions, scoreboard/scorebook, field maintenance, grill master, & more!) - **July 21-23, 2023 - SAVE THE DATE!**
 - ▶ Summer season concession stand
 - ▶ Off-season field maintenance
 - ▶ Other fundraising events



Financial Summary

- *2022 Year End Review*
- *Player Registration Fees*



2022 Estimated Financial Summary (Preliminary)

2022	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	YTD
Total Income	\$15,988.54	\$7,798.64	\$13,081.03	\$2,083.00	\$38,951.21
Total Expenses	-\$3,169.77	-\$3,681.48	-\$24,450.13	-\$1,098.40	-\$32,399.78
Net Income	\$12,818.77	\$4,117.16	-\$11,369.10	\$984.60	\$6,551.43

Balances as of 12/31/2022

- **Checking Account:** \$19,296.27
- **PayPal Account:** \$632.19
- **Total Cash Available:** \$19,928.46

Committed (Unspent) Funds

- **New JV Outfield Fence:**
\$7,000



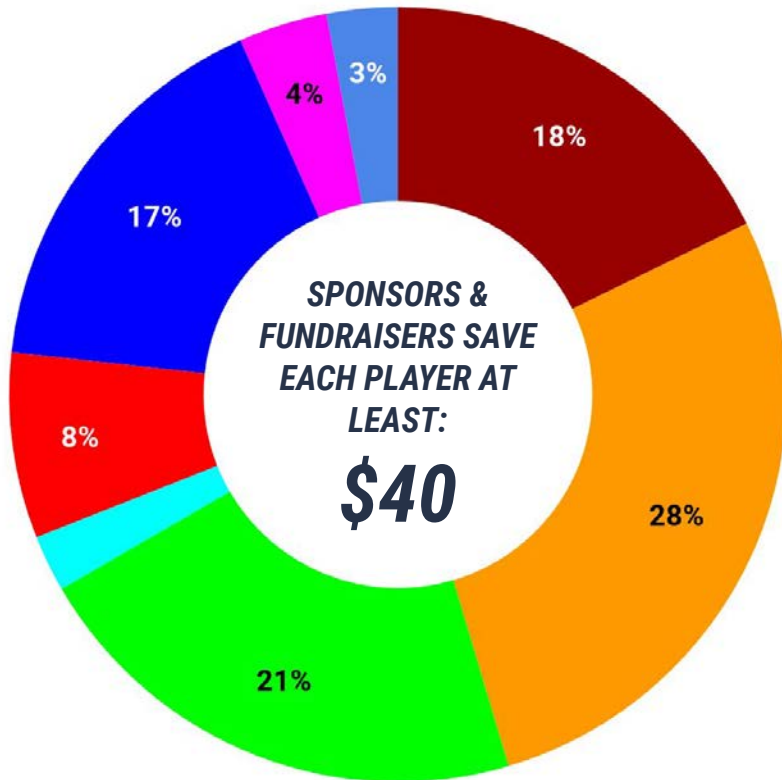
Registration Fee Breakdown

(Approximate for Typical Year)

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

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

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



UNIFORMS

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

UMPIRE FEES

FACILITY COSTS & MAINTENANCE

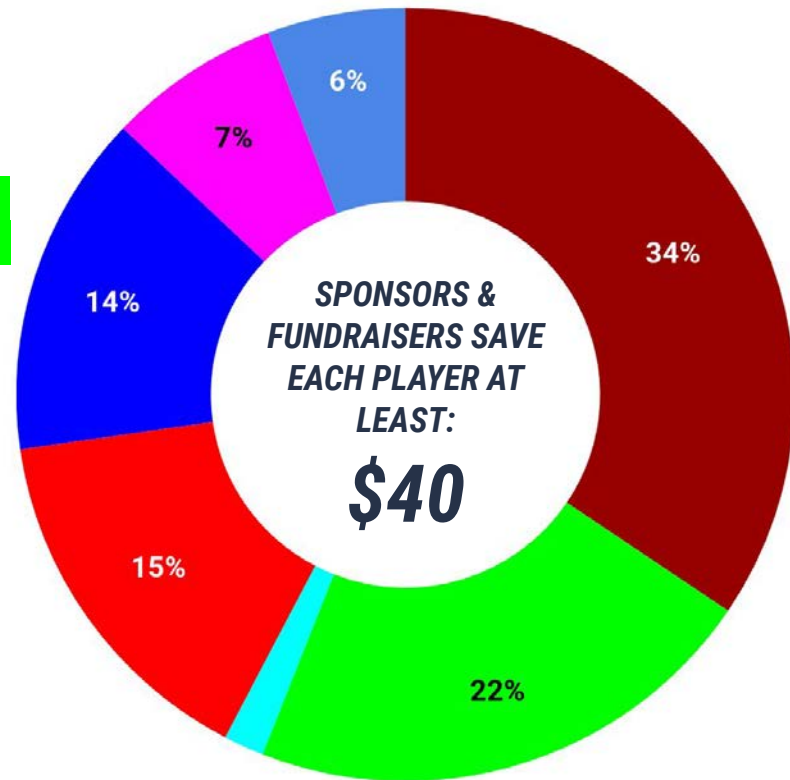
PROCESSING FEES

EQUIPMENT

POST-SEASON PARTY

INSURANCE

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



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

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Playing Opportunities

2023 Seasons



Rookie Division

- **Ages:** 5-8 as of 12/31/2022 (currently enrolled in or previously completed kindergarten only)
- **Cost:** \$30 (uniform top included)
- **Regular Registration Deadline:** 3/26/2023 at 11:59 PM
- **Late Registration Deadline:** 4/9/2023 at 11:59 PM (+ \$25)
- **Travel:** No, all games & practices will take place in Portage
- **Additional Info:** PHS Softball players and parent helpers will be leading this league in games and practices
- **Tentative Schedule:**
 - ▷ One practice or scrimmage per week
 - ▷ 4-5 practices followed by 1-3 scrimmages
 - ▷ Mondays at 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM



10U Division

- **Ages:** 9-10 as of 12/31/2022
- **Cost:** \$100 (uniform top included)
- **Regular Registration Deadline:** 3/26/2023 at 11:59 PM
- **Late Registration Deadline:** 4/9/2023 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, Mauston, Pardeeville, Fall River & 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 12/31/2022
- **Cost:** \$100 (uniform top included)
- **Regular Registration Deadline:** 3/26/2023 at 11:59 PM
- **Late Registration Deadline:** 4/9/2023 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, Mauston, Pardeeville, Fall River & 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 12/31/2022
- **Cost:** \$100 (uniform top included)
- **Regular Registration Deadline:** 3/26/2023 at 11:59 PM
- **Late Registration Deadline:** 4/9/2023 at 11:59 PM (+ \$25)
- **Travel:** Yes, this division will have games in Portage and will tentatively travel as part of the South Central Girls Softball League.
- **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 12/31/2022
- **Cost:** \$100 (uniform top included)
- **Regular Registration Deadline:** 3/26/2023 at 11:59 PM
- **Late Registration Deadline:** 4/9/2023 at 11:59 PM (+ \$25)
- **Travel:** Yes, the league will have games in Portage and will tentatively travel to other local cities
- **Tentative Schedule (after WIAA High School Season):**
 - ▷ Monday evening practices
 - ▷ Wednesday evening doubleheaders/games



Portage Pride Tournament Teams



- Available for 12U, 14U, 16/18U divisions based upon interest
- Each team would play 3-5 weekend tournaments in the summer
- Additional practices will be required
- Additional fees will apply
- **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.

- ***Note: Most teams may already be formed and may or may not have additional spots available.***

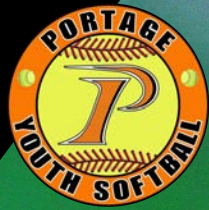


Fall Softball Teams

- Available for 10U, 12U, 14U, & 16/18U Divisions (pending interest)
- 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 to cover umpire fees
- **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.



Miscellaneous Information



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

SPORTSMANSHIP

**PLAYERS
ARE
KIDS**

**COACHES
ARE
VOLUNTEERS**



**UMPIRES
ARE
HUMAN**

**SOFTBALL
IS A
GAME**



Optional Preseason Practices & Open Gyms

■ Optional Preseason Practices

- ▷ Located in John Muir Gym
- ▷ Sunday evenings (2/19/2023 - 4/30/2023)
 - ▷ Except 3/12, 3/19, & 4/9
- ▷ **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 PM - 7:30 PM
- ▷ 2/19/2023 - 3/12/2023

■ www.portageyouthsoftball.org/preseason





Uniforms & Apparel Order

■ Uniforms

- ▷ Uniform top is provided with registration
- ▷ Pants, socks, cleats, & equipment are not provided
 - ▷ Black pants recommended
 - ▷ Metal cleats only allowed for 14U & 16/18U divisions
 - ▷ Individual helmets & gloves recommended

■ 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**
 - ▷ Friday, May 5th
- **Portage Warrior Softball Invitational**
 - ▷ Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM
- **Senior Night**
 - ▷ Friday, May 12th
- **4th Annual PYS Summer Tournament**
 - ▷ July 21-23, 2023 at Softball Fields
 - ▷ 12U & 14U Tournament
 - ▷ **Volunteers needed for entire weekend**
 - ▷ **Main fundraiser for PYS**
 - ▷ **16 total teams**
 - ▷ www.portageyouthsoftball.org/tournament





Warrior Softball Teams

- Come support the Warrior Softball Teams throughout the season!
- Numerous home games and tournaments
- **We encourage youth players and parents to attend at least one game throughout the high school season!**
- Game schedules available on PYS website





Equipment

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



Download SportsYou Today!

- SportsYou is replacing TeamApp in 2023
- Coaches & PYS 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 via the SportsYou website**





How to Download our Mobile App!

1. Download "sportsYou" from Google Play or the App Store.
2. Log in or Sign up.
3. Join the PYS News & Announcements group using access code: **ARMCJMX8**
4. Once teams are finalized, join your team(s) on the app as well.



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





2023 Registration Process (All Online - One Form to Complete)

1. Visit www.portageyouthsoftball.org/registration.
2. Read through information on “2023 Registration Home” page.
3. Go to “Athlete Registration” page or click “Register Now”.
4. Enter all required information on registration form.
5. Read through all agreements and PYS policies.
6. Sign your signatures to agree to agreements.
7. Enter payment information and submit registration.

8. Then download and join SportsYou!
www.portageyouthsoftball.org/app



Connect with Us!

- **Website**

- ▷ www.portageyouthsoftball.org

- **Facebook**

- ▷ www.facebook.com/portageyouthsoftball

- **Email**

- ▷ portageyouthsoftball@gmail.com

- **SportsYou (Communication App)**

- ▷ Join group with Access Code: **ARMCJMX8**

- ▷ www.portageyouthsoftball.org/app





Questions?



2023 Registration

- Registration is now open at:
www.portageyouthsoftball.org/registration
- Help us spread the word!
- The more players that register, the better
- **Registering early helps us plan better!**
- We hope you have a great 2023 season!



REGISTER TODAY!

Online Registration Is Now Open