



PORTAGE YOUTH SOFTBALL

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2022 PORTAGE YOUTH SOFTBALL ANNUAL MEETING

WELCOME!



Sunday, February 20, 2022 - 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: 2021-2022



Jonelle Brom

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

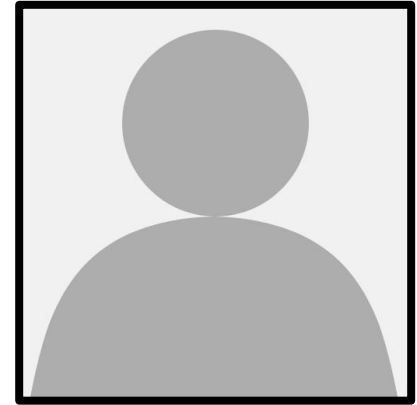
Term: 2022-2023



Mark Witt

Treasurer &
Tournament
Coordinator
Co-Umpire Coordinator

Term: 2021-2022



Eric Carpenter

Secretary
Co-Umpire Coordinator

Term: 2022-2023



Board of Directors: Coordinator/At-Large Members



Tim Kratz

Registrar

Term: 2022



Jennifer Teela

Sponsorship

Coordinator

Term: 2022

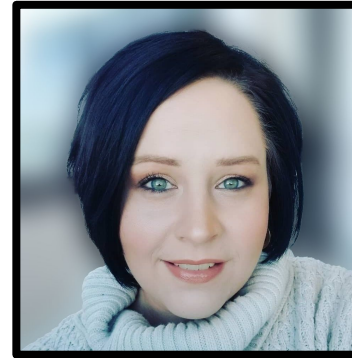


Jason Krock

Equipment

Coordinator

Term: 2022



Haley Gilman

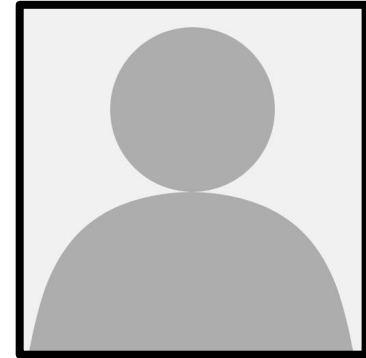
Marketing

Coordinator &

Volunteer

Coordinator

Term: 2022



Jason Chilson

Concessions

Coordinator

Term: 2022



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 January 9, 2022 - January 22, 2022
- Election open January 27, 2022 - February 5, 2022 (online)
 - ▷ 22 ballots received (16% 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

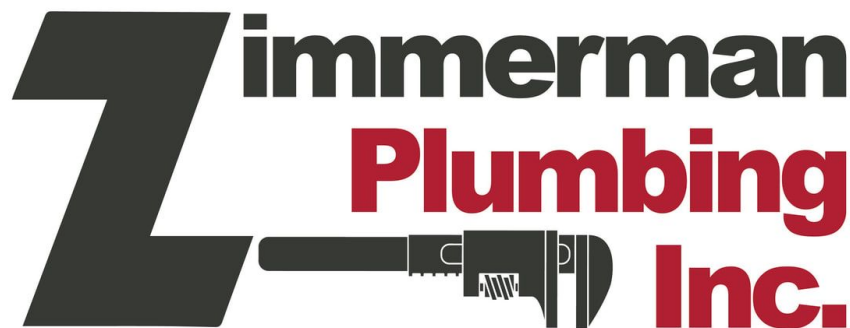


Sponsorship Program

Thank You to our 2021 Sponsors!



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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)

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



Business Sponsorships

Four business sponsorship levels are available with a variety of benefits and costs.

Digital forms of recognition will last through at least December 31, 2022.

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
Recognition (name, logo, & information) on our mobile app's "Sponsors" tab	X	X	X	X
Individual recognition post on our Facebook page (400+ 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 and website link on every team page (rotation with other sponsors)	X	X	X	
Sponsorship banner ³ with business logo & contact info on outfield fence of two fields	X	X		
Business logo and website link on the homepage of our website	X	X		
Rotating banner advertisement ⁴ on our mobile app during our summer season	X	X		
One additional "Sponsor Appreciation" post on our Facebook page during the season	X	X		
Business logo ⁵ 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, sponsorship form, surveys, etc.)	X			
Business logo and website link on most of our mass emails to our 350+ subscribers	X			
Recognition ² as one of our "Presenting Sponsors" 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 and will receive recognition on our Facebook page. Website recognition will last through at least December 31, 2022.

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
- 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 20, 2022
 - ▷ Assistant Coaches & Parent Helpers: Sunday, April 4, 2022
 - ▷ 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 must 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, February 27, 2022 from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 - ▷ Sunday, March 6, 2022 from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 - ▷ Located in John Muir gym during Optional Preseason Practices



***NEW* Family Commitment**

- We need parents/guardians to assist during the year
- For the 2022 season
 - ▷ **We expect all families to help out for three (3) shifts during the year (you can do more if you want)**
 - ▷ We will be tracking who volunteers
 - ▷ May make a requirement for 2023 if needed
- Opportunities include:
 - ▷ PYS Summer Tournament (concessions, scoreboard/scorebook, field maintenance, grill master, & more!) - **July 22-24, 2022 - SAVE THE DATE!**
 - ▷ Summer season concession stand
 - ▷ Off-season field maintenance
 - ▷ Other fundraising events



Financial Summary

- *2021 Year End Review*
- *Player Registration Fees*



2021 Financial Summary

2021	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	YTD
Total Income	\$9,065.05	\$2,974.21	\$9,684.80	-	\$21,724.06
Total Expenses	- \$2,803.36	- \$5,268.21	- \$9,973.15	- \$1,241.55	- \$17,111.27
Net Income	\$6,261.69	- \$2,294.00	- \$288.35	- \$1,241.55	\$4,612.79

Balances as of 12/31/2021

- **Checking Account:** \$11,436.25
- **PayPal Account:** \$1,731.31
- **Total Cash Available:** \$13,167.56



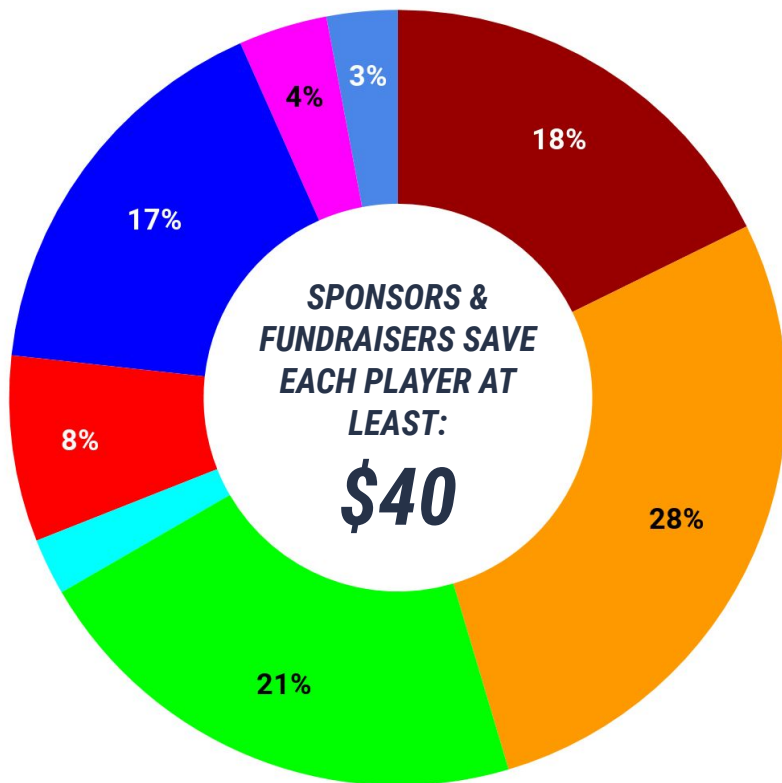
Registration Fee Breakdown

(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)



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

UNIFORMS

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

UMPIRE FEES

FACILITY COSTS & MAINTENANCE

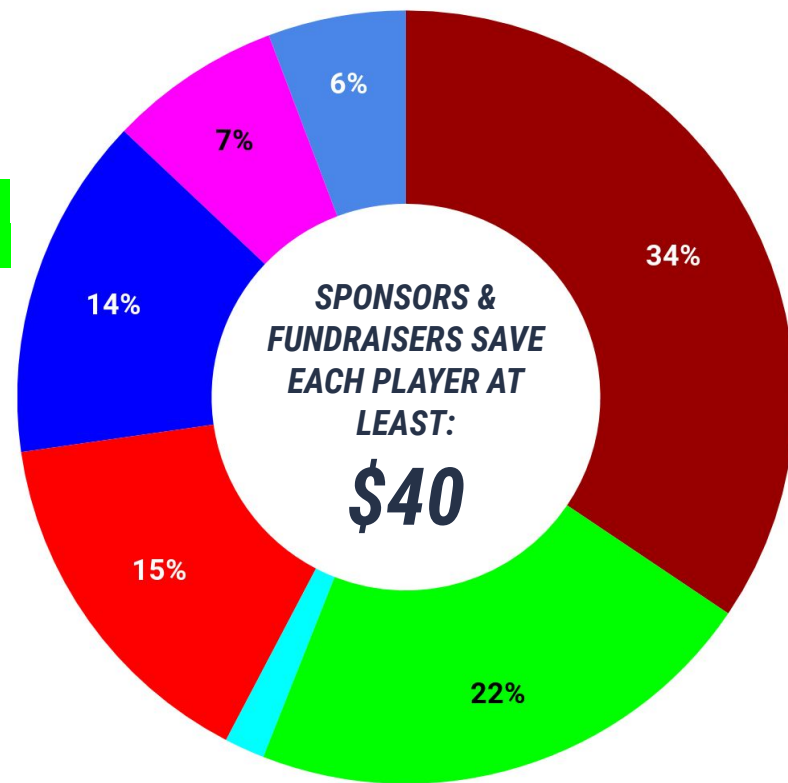
PROCESSING FEES

EQUIPMENT

POST-SEASON PARTY

INSURANCE

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



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



Playing Opportunities

2022 Seasons



Rookie Division

- **Ages:** 5-8 as of 12/31/2021 (currently enrolled in or previously completed kindergarten only)
- **Cost:** \$30 (uniform top included)
- **Regular Registration Deadline:** 3/20/2022 at 11:59 PM
- **Late Registration Deadline:** 4/3/2022 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 12/31/2021
- **Cost:** \$100 (uniform top included)
- **Regular Registration Deadline:** 3/20/2022 at 11:59 PM
- **Late Registration Deadline:** 4/3/2022 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 12/31/2021
- **Cost:** \$100 (uniform top included)
- **Regular Registration Deadline:** 3/20/2022 at 11:59 PM
- **Late Registration Deadline:** 4/3/2022 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 12/31/2021
- **Cost:** \$100 (uniform top included)
- **Regular Registration Deadline:** 3/20/2022 at 11:59 PM
- **Late Registration Deadline:** 4/3/2022 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 12/31/2021
- **Cost:** \$100 (uniform top included)
- **Regular Registration Deadline:** 3/20/2022 at 11:59 PM
- **Late Registration Deadline:** 4/3/2022 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
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- **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: Some 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 (2/20/2022 - 4/10/2021)
- ▷ **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 PM - 7:30 PM
- ▷ 2/20/2022 - 3/13/2022

■ www.portageyouthsoftball.org/preseason





COVID 19 Safety Precautions (subject to change)

- Masks required indoors for all players and spectators
- No eating of food or spitting of seeds in the dugouts
- No sharing of drinks/water bottles



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**
 - ▷ TBD
- **Portage Warrior Softball Invitational**
 - ▷ Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 9:00 AM
- **Senior Night**
 - ▷ TBD
- **3rd Annual PYS Summer Tournament**
 - ▷ July 22-24, 2022 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!**





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

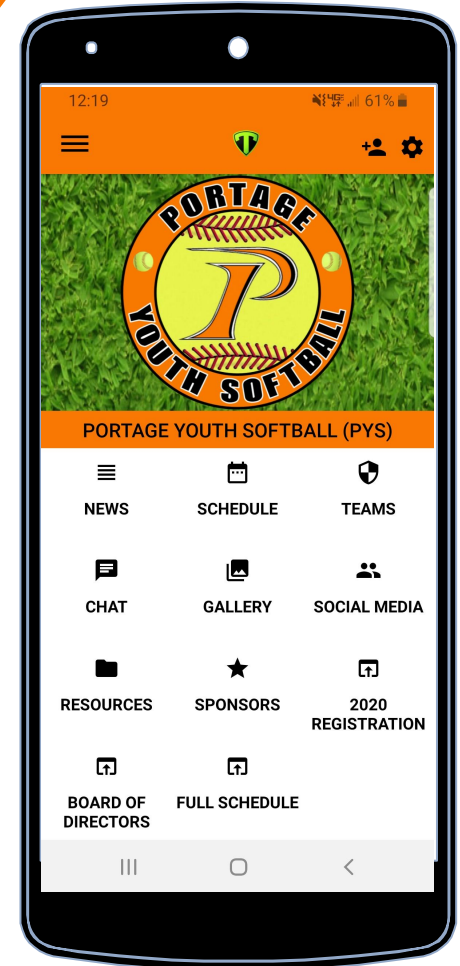


**PORTAGE SOFTBALL EQUIPMENT
BUY, SELL, & TRADE**



Download our Mobile App Today!

- We have a mobile app we will be using to send out messages (Stack 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 "Stack 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 Stack Team App.

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



PORTAGE YOUTH SOFTBALL (PYS)





2022 Registration Process (All Online - One Form to Complete)

1. Visit www.portageyouthsoftball.org/registration.
2. Read through information on "2022 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 all required information on registration form.
6. Read through all agreements and PYS policies.
7. Sign your signature to agree to agreements.
8. Enter payment information and submit registration.



2022 Registration Process: Registration Credit Promo Codes

You may have a “Promo Code” for 2022 Registration if you:

- Did not use your 2021 Registration promo code due to COVID-19
 - Paid the 2021 16/18U Portage Pride deposit and opted for a credit instead of a refund
 - Contact us if you lost your promo code or are unsure if you have one to use
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- **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.**



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?



2022 Registration

- Registration will open this week online:
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 2022 season!



REGISTER TODAY!

Online Registration Is Now Open