



# West University Softball Association

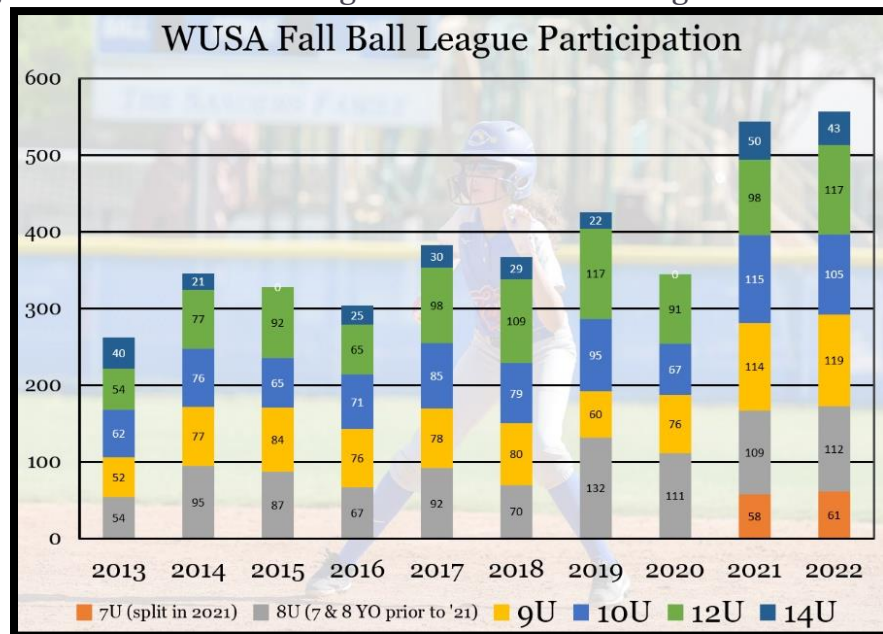
*Summer – Fall 2022 Newsletter*

WUSA Friends and Families:

We have lots to cover in this edition of our WUSA newsletter. We will recap our record-setting participation for the Fall Recreation season and highlight some of the skills development efforts introduced this fall. We have updates on the Summer and Fall Tournament seasons and our ongoing campus construction projects. Lastly, we will spotlight work on the administrative side of our league as we introduce a new role for parents to support the operational needs of the league.

### **Fall 2022 WUSA Recreation Season Recap:**

Participation in our league continues to be strong. Enrollment this fall again exceeded previous years' and we had a particularly strong enrollment in our 8U division with 112 enrollees where we had fifty-eight 7U enrollees last year who would have aged up to 8U this fall. Each division held closely or expanded gains from previous years.



To continue our league's focus on developing our player's skills and situational knowledge during the fall season, WUSA partnered with University of St. Thomas softball and Prime Performance to conduct team-based clinics and pitcher-catcher clinics respectively.



WUSA coaches' and players' feedback on the UST supported clinics were positive overall. Seeing college coaches and college players interact with our girls at the start of the season was great. In addition to the one team-based clinic offered to our 7 – 12U division players, our 14U players had three clinic sessions over the course of the fall to interact with the UST players and coaches. These were valuable additions to our 14U fall offering. We wish to extend our thanks to [Head Coach Angela Froboese](#) and her players for supporting WUSA. Our players and families can catch [UST Softball](#) on Field 4 this spring as WUSA hosts UST home softball games at South Campus.



Our pitching-catching clinics supported by [Prime Performance](#) had tremendous attendance again early in the season. WUSA had over 70 girls

participate each week the first couple of pitcher-catcher sessions before our fall games began. This attendance signals strong interest in the development of players at these two skill positions which is great for the league.

The fall recreation season wrapped up with our end-of-season tournament running from November 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>.

Teams and players showcased their development over the fall and tested their competitive chops as a prelude to the 2023 spring season.

Congratulations to the Fall Recreation Season Tournament Winners.



<b>Division</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Manager</b>
7	Hurricanes	Westin
8	Nebula	Nodler
9	Tigers	Louvar
10	Vipers	Judkowitz
12	Impact	Gaw

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## **WUSA Tournament Team Updates**

WUSA hosts both Summer and Fall Tournament teams that play additional events outside of our recreational season schedule. For families new to the league, our summer tournament teams play between 5 and 8 weekend tournaments between Mother's day weekend and the middle of July. Teams will typically play between 30 and 50 games against select ball and recreation division opponents in that timeframe. The Fall tournament teams play between 4 – 6 weekends between Mid-September to Mid-November. Link to our [administrative rules](#) (section V.) to read more about our WUSA tournament team formation.

## **Summer Tournament Wrap-up**

Congratulations to the players and families of our summer teams on an outstanding summer of tournament team softball. WUSA Summer Tournament Team contingent consisted of 9 summer teams among the 12U, 10U and 8U divisions. Our WUSA teams represented some of the best of WUSA and the sport at highly competitive events throughout Texas with some teams traveling out of state for events. Scroll down on our [WUSA homepage](#) for pictures of some of the events the teams participated in and the awards they garnered.

## **Fall Tournament Teams Update**

WUSA fielded a total of 6 Fall Tournament Teams among the 14U, 12U (2 teams), 10U (2 teams) and 8U divisions. Our WUSA Fall Tournament teams are in the final weeks of their season and have among them, earned their place atop several tournaments. Traditionally, the fall tournament season sees our teams playing against year-round select teams engaging in a high level of competitive play as many recreational teams are not formed for fall play. Our teams have fared very well with a number of championships to their credit. Our league's tournament team format allows an outlet for league players to gain valuable experience in a more challenging, competitive setting for those that are committed to this level of play.

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## **WUSA Facilities Upgrades**

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, families and to the foresight of our league leaders over the past 5 years, the much-needed expansion of our South

Campus bathrooms, storage and concessions facilities will be complete for the spring



season. Planning started in 2017 and [announcements were made in 2020](#). Construction began just after our Spring 2022 season ended. The project, led by Mission Construction, was completed on-time and with great effort to match the existing facilities. Families have already

enjoyed the expanded bathroom capacity and we are excited to fully utilize the added concessions space this Spring. The construction process disrupted some of our game streaming capabilities this fall, but streaming will be available again in the spring along with new scoreboards and scoreboard controllers.

We are working on enhancements at south campus such as pitching lanes and new tee stations in time for the spring. The changes will allow better use of the space by players and will improve player and spectator safety when walking around the facility.

Investments were made at WUSA's three Bayland Park Fields this fall also. Looking toward greater use of these fields as the league grows, WUSA improved the field conditions by adding higher-quality infield dirt and leveling. WUSA refurbished the dugout facilities making the locations viable for competition softball. With the changes, WUSA hosted softball games for a consortium of area high schools on Monday nights this fall. A significant number of our WUSA alumni players competed on these fields for their respective schools. Additional work to these facilities is planned to raise them to the level of quality our WUSA families have come to expect.

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## Administrative Updates

Starting this spring, WUSA will introduce a “WUSA Associate” role to our league’s volunteerism ranks. League “Associates” will be recruited from registered families and will support some of the operations needs of the league each season. An outline of the qualifications, expectations and tenure of our Associates is provided below. Being a WUSA Associate is a way to expand your support of the league’s operations beyond involvement in your daughter’s individual team. Email the [WUSA helpline](#) if you have an interest in learning more about the WUSA Associate role.

### WUSA Associate

- Qualifications:
  - Has current player in the league
  - Current, cleared background screen
  - Energetic about the mission of the league and its advancement
  - Possesses a skill aligned with need of the league
- Responsibilities:
  - Field oversight/maintenance needs as scheduled (~3 nights per season)
    - Opens campus and closes down campus at the end of the day
    - Serves as a liaison to WUSA Board and Executive levels when on duty)
  - Tarp Team member
  - Associate would be aligned with one of the following activities as discussed with the Associates Director.
    - Support a Spring Player Evaluation Session by running a station (e.g. timing running, fielding, throwing, hitting skill stations) while division managers score players.)
    - Support the preparation and return of WUSA-provided team equipment before season starts and at the end of the season

## Auxiliary Updates



Our WUSA Auxiliary continues to be an unstoppable, positive force supporting the league’s off-the-field activities and injecting fun in all we do. Our auxiliary facilitates so many of our operations that get our girls on the field as well. The Auxiliary is essential to facilitating our player evaluation days and organizing player uniforms while also keeping us all outfitted with the latest WUSA gear through our [WUSA Store](#). WUSA Auxiliary is constantly advancing the visibility of the league with the yard signage program and the fun within the league through our Spring kick-off Parade, Carnival, and mid-spring season Adult Social. To get involved with this amazing, fun team, email us at [auxiliarywusa@gmail.com](mailto:auxiliarywusa@gmail.com).

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## **Sponsorships**

Thank you to [our sponsors](#) who help us provide top notch softball experiences. Please support [our sponsors](#) and let them know you appreciate their commitment to WUSA. Sponsorships are available at different price points and we can create customized opportunities to meet a sponsor's specific interest. As we are changing out our scoreboards for 2023, there is one opportunity to get your company's name prominently displayed on a field. To discuss, [contact us](#).

From all of us at WUSA, we hope you added new memories and friendships during the fall season. We wish you a peaceful winter and will see you next year.

***Michael Liebl***  
*WUSA Vice President*



### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

- Spring Regular Registration – November 12, 2022 – December 25, 2022
- Manager Meetings Begin – January 11, 2023
- Spring Player Evaluations – January 12 – 14, 2023
- Division/Team Meetings – January 18, 2023

If you missed any of our past newsletters, link to them here:

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