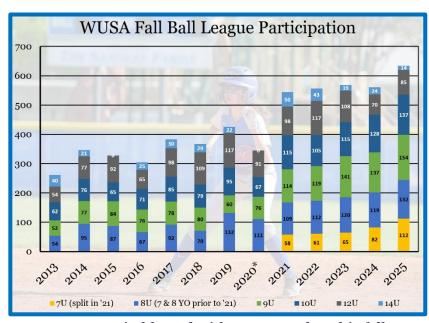


West University Softball Association

Summer & Fall 2025 Fall Newsletter

Dear WUSA Friends and Families:

Each fall we take a pause for reflection on the fun and growth of the league the past summer and fall. This year we have much to celebrate. Our league's enrollment numbers continue to grow. Based on the participation and smiles on the fields, many girls and families are



enjoying their experience. We were once again blessed with great weather this fall compared to past seasons with only a handful of practices and games rained out. We leaned-in even more this fall to emphasize the developmental aspect of our fall program, WUSA expanded the professional coach clinic offerings to include hitting instruction sessions. These sessions were wildly popular and provided outlets for players to get more support to grow their skills. New to fall ball 2025, we will end with an end-of-season Skills Competition. This event is the capstone for the individual player skill development focus that we seek in the fall program. We look forward to great participation and are ready to congratulate all those who will earn top spots in their division in the various skill categories.

With the close of the fall program in sight, we are excited for the 2026 spring season and look forward to seeing both those playing fall ball to return in the spring as we pick up even more players who will be returning to WUSA on the field after the New Year!

Danny Hughes, WUSA Vice President and Fall Commissioner

Fall Ball Player Development Clinics

Team Clinics: As WUSA continues our affiliation with UST, this fall,

UST coaches and players support WUSA teams during team clinic sessions to model skills and drills that helped our players. WUSA players worked directly with college players and saw that the same drills they do at 9U are the ones that college players do for practice. WUSA 14U Fall Ball players were supported with four UST supported practices over the course of the fall preparing these players for middle or high-school. Thanks to UST Coach Angela Froboese and her players for the support this fall and congratulations on their earning a #22 rank in the final NCAA Division III Standings.

Pitcher & Catcher Sessions: Pro Coaches Bailey Cole (UST), Valerie Quiroga (<u>VQ</u> <u>Training</u>), Kim Randolph, and Coach Angela Froboese and Coach Ken Echols (<u>UST</u>) and their UST players supported WUSA's skill development this fall. Pitcher-Catcher

sessions attracted ~80 players every Sunday. WUSA needs players at these skill positions, and we thank these coaches and college players for



their dedication and time to helping our WUSA players develop these unique skills.

Position Player and Hitting Sessions: Not overlooked, were our position-players' fielding and hitting sessions. The new hitting sessions supported ~60 players each Sunday. The WUSA hitting and fielding pavilion was the perfect venue to host the semi-individualized instruction offered by Coach Ken Echols and the UST players.



Facilities & Equipment Updates:

WUSA's commitment to investing in, and improving our facilities was on full display this fall. After the spring season concluded, the league got to work constructing the hitting and fielding pavilion. This amazing facility opened August 27th and consists of an approximately 90' x 90' covered, turf surface. Netting is configurable allowing 12 hitting lanes or opened up to allow fielding practice the size of a regulation infield.



Past WUSA presidents and signature doners were invited for the grand opening where the league's initial pavilion hit, pitch and fielding were celebrated. We extend our thanks to all Daniel Pesikoff (Immediate Past President). Daniel was the philanthropy leader and managed league engagement with our architects, and builder turning this mere idea into an amazing reality. WUSA is forever indebted to our supporters.



Additional improvements that are not as grand, but are meaningful included turfed walk-in space to our dugouts on selected South Campus fields. These are sure to help avoid the mud washouts we often saw at these entrances when we have those classic Houston rains.



This fall we also improved storage shelving in our storage areas allowing us more space to maintain softball equipment and to keep a larger inventory of concessions supplies on hand for our growing league. Up next, improving our lost and found storage!

WUSA Luv-Ya-Blue 2025

WUSA once again celebrated our umpire crews with our Luv-Ya-Blue Umpire Appreciation Week. Our umpires were shown the respect and appreciation we have as a league for their work. We could not host the quality of play we do without our officials.



Because the pipeline of umpires continues

to be a challenge, WUSA wants to make sure we are a place umpires <u>want</u> to work. Starting in the Spring 2026, WUSA will begin a new **Junior Umpire Program** where WUSA graduates participate in the umpiring of our 6U games. This program serves as an outlet for older players to obtain volunteer hours and give back to the league, all while gaining a better understanding of the rules of the sport and what it is like to be on the other side of a close call conversation. If you know of a former WUSA player who may be interested in joining the program, have her send her contact information to the WUSA helpline (<u>wusahelp@wusa.org</u>). We will reach out before the first of the year.

WUSA Auxiliary Updates

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Our WUSA auxiliary facilitates so many of our operations that get our girls on the field and enhance the fan experience. Our auxiliary coordinates our WUSA swag from clothing to yard signs. They also spearhead our beloved concessions program. Thanks to WUSA auxiliary Co-Chairs,

Katie Driscoll and Megan Fehn for their leadership this fall. Email auxiliarywusa@gmail.com to get involved with this team.

WUSA Security

Keeping our patrons and out families' property safe is a focus for WUSA. While we cannot prevent all events, in partnership with our parent South Campus Sports



Association, WUSA has officers on duty during our most high-volume periods. Families are encouraged to be mindful to stow valuables out of sight and lock their vehicles.

Summer & Fall Tournament Team Updates

This past summer, WUSA again supported 12 tournament teams. WUSA's tournament team program provides our league players an extended season and a more highly competitive environment. Each team progressed and had many successes as they played around Houston and beyond. Several teams had the opportunity to play in Oklahoma City over the weekend of the Women's College World Series while also attending a few college games. All our WUSA tournament teams and players were invited to attended a special night with the Astros in June.

If your daughter is interest in playing more softball, more competative softball, or extending her season, we encourage you to consider WUSA tournament teams. WUSA fields tournament teams at all skill levels to grow the abilities of your daughter. While the softball reps are great, the comradarie developed among the players and families make our WUSA tournament team experience one you'll never forget!

WUSA "ACES" Program Supports the League

WUSA's – <u>A</u>ssociates <u>C</u>ommitted to <u>E</u>xcellence in <u>S</u>oftball role is our league's volunteer group that complements our Auxiliary and are recognizable in their distinctive blue shirts, and blue hats with the ACES logo. ACES open and close our campus, support various tasks to

maintain the facilities and provided support to our umpire crew and managers for impartial WUSA-centric rule interpretations. Joining the ACES program is another way to support WUSA. Email the <u>WUSA helpline</u> if you have an interest in joining.

Sportsmanship in WUSA

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Help us maintain a positive environment for our girls and guests. Be mindful when you are on WUSA grounds to adhere to our Sportsmanship Code of Conduct. Cheer positively and do not let unregulated emotions or behaviors result in your suspension from league activities. ACES and Board Members are available at our facilities if needed.



WUSA College Scholarship Applications Open December 1st

For seven years now, the league has supported WUSA alumni who are graduating seniors. These seniors will have participated in WUSA for over 8 recreational seasons and continued to play athletics through High School. Applications are now open for the 2026 graduating class.



<u>Link here</u> for more information about WUSA's College Scholarship program and to learn about the qualifying criteria as you plan your daughter's WUSA career.

League Sponsorships

Thank you to <u>our sponsors</u> who's generosity continues to allow WUSA to provide a top-notch softball experiences. When you have the chance, please tell a sponsor thank you for supporting WUSA. When you have the choice, <u>support our sponsors with your patronage</u>. Sponsorships are available at different price points and WUSA can create customized opportunities that will meet your needs. WUSA's 2026 League Sponsorship drive is open. Refer to our <u>2026 sponsorship packet</u> for more information and <u>contact us</u> to discuss the options.

From all of us at WUSA, we hope you added new memories and new friendships during the Fall 2025 WUSA season. Have a wonderful winter break and see you again early next year for our Spring Program!

Michael Liebl

WUSA President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Spring 2025 Season Early Bird Registration November 10th 15th
- Spring 2025 Season Regular Registration November 16th December 25th
- Spring 2025 Season Late Registration December 26th January 8th
- Spring 2025 Season Division Meetings January 15th
- Spring 2025 Season Practices Begin Week of February 20th
- Spring 2025 Season Concludes Weekend of May 4th, 2026



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