



West University Softball Association

Winter 2022 – Spring 2023 Newsletter

WUSA Friends and Families:

With the conclusion of our 2023 spring season, I wanted to look back on the last year and provide a state-of-the-league update to all our families. WUSA continues to be in a healthy financial position with premium facilities. We are projecting moderate growth which is manageable with our current facilities, though we will need to think about space utilization when and if that growth accelerates. When the fall 2022 season started, we were in the middle of a substantial renovation of our central pavilion, using portable bathrooms and operating without concessions. To give you some perspective, that building was constructed when the league was half the current size and when there were only 3 fields.

Through several years of fundraising and commitments from families in the league, we raised enough

money to nearly double the footprint of the building to provide additional bathroom, storage, and concessions spaces for a growing league.

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During the last year, we also constructed additional warmup areas, installed new scoreboards with phone app capabilities, and replaced our game cameras. Over the course of the next year, we will add more, similar warmup spaces and are just now starting to initiate other campus improvements.

Once again, we had a record number of girls enrolled in each of our fall and spring seasons, with 557 girls in the fall and topping out with 950 girls this spring, playing on 94 teams. This spring we also played 760 games in 13 weeks.

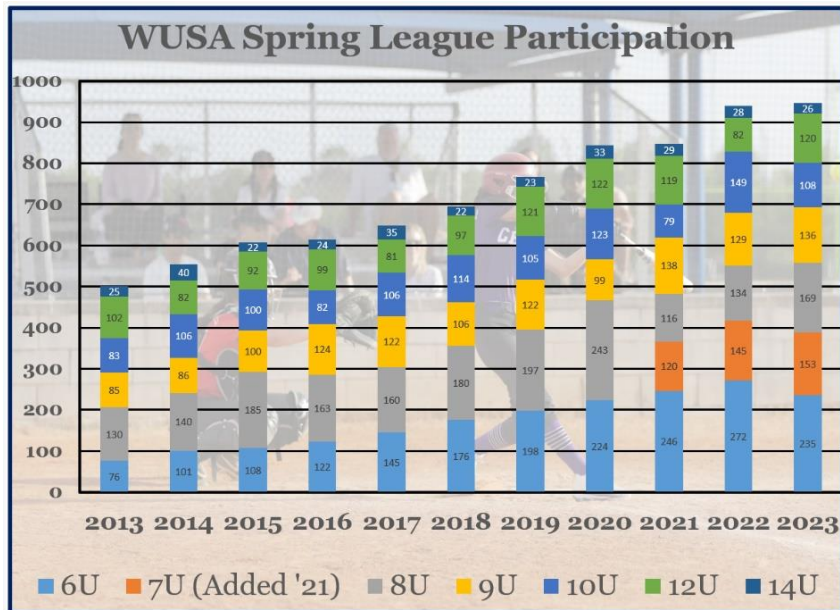
Having filled the role of scheduler in the past, I

know what a feat it was to pull this off with minimal disruptions.

To say it takes a village could not be more accurate. While there are too many individuals to thank, I do want to point out a few volunteers and groups. First, a heartfelt thank you to the board of directors and auxiliary without whom we would not have had such an amazing year on and off the field. I'd also like to thank our sponsors, ACES volunteers (more on them later in the newsletter) and all the parents who showed up to support your girls, work concessions, and give assistance where needed.

As is customary this time of year, we have a few board members stepping down and a transition within the auxiliary. To those stepping down from leadership roles, thank you for your dedication and valuable time. I'd especially like to thank Nicole Louvar and Megan Nicodemus, our outgoing auxiliary co-presidents, who revitalized this awesome group of parents and put on a number of fantastic events. The new incoming auxiliary co-presidents, Anne McAllister and Kate Burton, have big shoes to fill but I'm sure are ready for the task.

Last, thank you to the Cities of West University and Southside Place for their continued support of our league and youth sports.





The end of this year is a touch bittersweet for me. My younger daughter, Emily, wrapped up her WUSA career in 14U, having started 9 years ago on the 6U Stars. In between, she's played on a number of fall, spring, and summer teams and I've managed or been an assistant on all of them. I am grateful to the league for inspiring Emily to develop a love of

the sport, for giving us the numerous opportunities to play softball together, for introducing us to so many wonderful people that have become our friends, and for allowing me to serve multiple roles as a board member and as the current league's president. I hope WUSA is as rewarding for you and your daughters as it has been for me and my family.



Looking ahead, I am excited to serve another year as president. I cannot wait to hear how our summer 2023 teams fare during the tournament season. I know they will represent WUSA well and put on a display of great sportsmanship and excellent skill.

This coming fall and spring we will continue to provide pitcher/catcher clinics and will roll out a fall program similar to what we did in 2022 but with a few tweaks based on your feedback. We have engaged a different coaching staff who I think will have a great relationship with the players and coaches. Last, I'm sure we will continue to grow and enhance our spring season and look forward to welcoming a new set of 6U families as well as watching your girls graduate to the next division. We will have new challenges and hurdles, but I am positive this team of volunteers is ready.

As much as I am ready for a little break this summer, I and the board are already working on fall 2023 and spring 2024. Until then, have a safe and happy summer. I will see you in the fall. (Registration will open late July.)

Daniel Pesikoff, WUSA President

WUSA Spring Season Final Standings

The Spring 2023 season showcased great competitive play that culminated in our season-ending, league tournament. Congratulations to both our 2023 Spring Season and 2023 Spring Tournament runners-up and champions.

2023 Spring Season		
Division	Champion Team (Manager)	Runner-up Team (Manager)
7	Fireballs (Landrum)	Quicksand (Delisi)
8	Galaxy (Russell)	Zodiac (Galtney)
9	Tigers (Louvar)	Bears (Blumberg)
10	Vipers (Lane)	Boas (Colon)
12	Velocity (Debusk)	Explosion (Gaw)

2023 Spring Tournament		
Division	Champion Team (Manager)	Runner-up Team (Manager)
7	Cyclones (Jorgensen)	Earthquakes (Kuzma)
8	Supersonic (Hans)	Aliens (McKenny)
9	Pumas (Beinart)	Bears (Blumberg)
10	Moccasins (Castillo)	Vipers (Lane)
12	Explosion (Gaw)	Velocity (Debusk)

WUSA Auxiliary Updates



Our WUSA

Auxiliary hit it out of the park this spring with all the events they hosted. From the parade and carnival to kick off the season to the Father-Daughter Night and the WUSA adult social, there was fun to be had for all ages! Our auxiliary facilitates so many of our operations that get our girls on the field as well. The Auxiliary was 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](#). To get involved with this amazing team email auxiliarywusa@gmail.com [Follow us on facebook too!](#)



WUSA College Scholarships Awarded

Eight WUSA alumni were awarded college scholarships in recognition of their time in the league and continued participation in high-school athletics. Congratulations ladies! Good luck as you begin your college careers!



WUSA “ACES” Program Proves Successful



Starting spring 2023, WUSA introduced the “WUSA – Associates Committed to Excellence in Softball (ACES)” role to our league’s volunteerism ranks. They were recognizable in their distinctive blue shirts, and blue hats with the ACES logo. Our ACES program worked out very well. ACES supported campus opening and closing responsibilities throughout the spring season, supported various tasks to maintain the facilities and provided support to our umpire crew and managers for rules interpretation when needed. Our ACES Showed up when we needed a tarping crew to ensure fields would be playable after heavy rains to keep the game schedule...on schedule. Joining the WUSA ACES is another 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. Qualifications, expectations, and tenure of our Associates is provided below.

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

Many thanks to the 2023 Spring Season ACES

David Abrams	Nir Goldberg	Anne Le	Bradley Olitzki
Brandon Baudin	Tracy Hale	JB McAllister	Clint Pasche
Chad Bourg	Justin Harbison	Jenny McCarthy	John Raborn
Brian Bova	Brent Hodges	Paul Monsour	Frank Rivas
Phillip Bunting	Mike Jones	Austen Morris	John Robertson
Andrew Debusk	John Keller	Nick Nicodemus	Heidi Slay
Andrew Driskoll	Mike Kim	Jamie Nodler	Shawn Williams
John Galfione	Greg Koush	Chris O'Neil	Lee Wright
			Wei Zhang

Sponsorships

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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

- Fall Early Bird Registration – July 23rd – July 29th
- Fall Regular Registration – July 30th - August 23rd, 2023
- Fall Manager Meetings Begin - August 28th, 2023
- Fall Season Practices Begin – Week of September 4th, 2023

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