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To: Prospective 10U/12U Girls Softball Parents

From: Dean Egr, President

Subject: Fall Steak Fry and 2008 Registration

Dear Parents,

You are receiving this letter because you have a daughter that played softball for WARA this past summer and she has (or will) turn 9 years or 12 years of age this year. Wahoo Diamond Sports Association, Inc. (WDSA) is a 501 (c) (3) non profit organization. WDSA has been offering girls the opportunity to play fast pitch softball from age 9 – 18. You can learn more about us (mission, bylaws etc) at www.wdsawahoo.org.

WDSA holds two Steak Fry's each year to raise funds which help support the organization. The Fall WDSA Steak Fry will be held Saturday November 3rd at the Vets Club. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased from any board member or current WDSA participant. The Steak Fry's are instrumental to the success of WDSA and help to keep you registration fees down. A short awards program will be held following the Steak Fry at 8:00 pm. You are welcome to attend. Please support your organization and attend on the 3rd.

Registrations for 2008 are now being taken. A form is included with this letter. Advance registrations are due November 30th, 2007. If you desire, we will bill you in January, but please register now. The registration fee for 2008 remains unchanged from 2007, \$60 for 10U and 12U for \$70. A new 12U Rec team has been added this year the fee for this is \$55 and this team will not have a required fundraiser. Players who participated in the WARA 2007 program receive priority status for a roster spot in 2008. **In order to retain your priority status for roster space, you must pre-register. You will lose your priority status if you do not pre-register.** The fundraising deposit of \$30 will be due when you pay the registration fee. This should be on a separate check. This check will be returned to you after your team completes a fundraiser and your child participates. Checks from players on teams, which fail to complete a fundraiser, will be cashed on 8/1/08. Registration refunds will be given if written request is received by 3/15/08.

This will be the only letter notification you will receive. Late registrations will be accepted up to January 31st, 2008 subject to roster availability. Late registrations and payments (payments after 1/15/08) will be subject to a \$25 charge. If you need additional forms, please make a copy or download a form from our website.

The reason registration is held in the fall is the fact that some of the leagues we participate in need our commitment by February 1st. The board felt that we should therefore have registrations complete prior to the holidays.

Included in this mailing is an information sheet about WDSA that should answer some of your questions about the program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself (443-3344), or Rob Miller (443-4241).

Sincerely,

Dean Egr
President

WDSA 10U Program Summary

What does it cost to participate in the WDSA program?

The registration fee is \$60/player. There is also a fundraising requirement for each team. You will provide a separate check in the amount of \$30 as a fund raising deposit. If your team has a fundraiser and your daughter participates, the check will be returned.

Does this cover all the cost of the program?

No. In 2005, WDSA spent from \$120 - \$200 per player, depending upon the age and team. Revenue from team sponsors and our other fund raisers (two Steak Fry's and invitational tournament) supplement your registration fee.

What Does WDSA provide?

WDSA will provide a team shirt which is yours to keep. We will also provide all necessary equipment (some parents like to provide their own batting helmet; it must be ASCAE approved). You are expected to provide a glove, shorts and a sliding pad. Your daughter can play in athletic shoes, although softball shoes are recommended.

What should I expect for a time commitment?

Practices will begin in late March or April. Most teams practice 2-3 times/week. Your coach will schedule practices. Games usually begin in late May. Expect your child to play 25 – 35 games. This will consist of 12 – 14 league games and the balance of the games in tournaments. Expect to play in a minimum of three tournaments (WDSA Memorial Tournament, League Tournament, ASA District Tournament). Qualifying at the district tournament allows you to play in the State ASA Tournament. The season will conclude in Mid July.

Where are games played?

Home games are played at Hackberry Park, usually on Tuesdays and Thursdays. WDSA participates in the Todd Valley Softball League. Away games are at other league towns (i.e. Yutan, Ashland, Fremont, Blair, Bennington, Valley, and Gretna). District and State tournament locations and dates will be announced in January or early February.

What should I expect for playing time?

Our goal is to have 11 – 12 players on a team. However, registrations will determine this. We have had up to 16 players on a team. Equal play is encouraged, but it cannot be guaranteed.

What happens if my child is injured?

WDSA purchases team insurance from Bollinger Insurance. Bollinger offers their program through ASA (American Softball Association). This policy provides accident insurance if your daughter should be injured in a game or practice. The policy has a \$100 deductible and is secondary to your personal insurance.