



WAA News

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July/August 2006

WAA Calendar

Late Registrations for
Fall Soccer, Football,
Volleyball and Winter Basketball

Football Grades 1 to 6
Football Camps Grades 1 to 8
Soccer Competitive U9 - U14
Soccer Recreational Pre-K to grade 12
Volleyball Grades 3 - 8
Basketball Grades 1-10

LATE Registrations
At WAA Building
2630 Ojibway Drive

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Register online at www.waafootball.com

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at Woodbury Jr. High
contact Pam Sullivan
651-738-7601 or woodburyvb@comcast.net

Traveling Fall Softball

See website for July to September league

Traveling BASEBALL

See website for August sign-ups

From The President

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Well, as you read this summer is well under way and it has been a good one so far. Baseball, Soccer, and Softball have by far the highest number of kids playing WAA sports at any one time. The three sports combine to include over 4,400 young people playing in the great outdoors. If you really want to see the evidence of the participation, just drive around the City on "ANY" week day evening and look at all of the kids learning and having fun on the grounds of the parks in this great City.

This time of year also we also see the fall/winter sign-ups which keeps things hoping at the office and on the phones. Football registrations are still being taken at the office and basketball late registration is still going on. The office is open Monday thru Friday 2PM to 6PM.

The coaching Certification process that I have talked about in the past three newsletters is going fairly well. We are very serious about the certification mandate and are in the process of training as many coaches as possible. The June training classes were both canceled because of lack of interest but there are still two set for July.

Please send an email to me at WAAEXECDIR@POPP.NET if you are interested in taking one of the classes. They are set as of now for July 12th, and July 20th. These classes will be held at either the High School or the WAA building depending on the numbers that sign-up. When you send your email, include your name, Phone, Email,

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and preferred day. I will send an email confirmation when the classes are set.

Many of you work for Corporations that offer some type of grant for their employees that volunteer their time to non-profit organizations. I would ask that if your company does offer these grants, please take the time to fill out the paperwork and submit it in the name of WAA. This is a great to assist us in our fund raising needs and also get you a little recognition from your company. If there is anything that I can do to help in the process don't be afraid to give me a call. Thank you in advance for your efforts on this matter.

WAA is still offering for sale commemorative Patio pavers which when ordered would be placed on the Patio at WAA . This is a good fundraiser for WAA and a good way for your children to be remembered. The cost of the pavers is \$100 engraved with three lines of your choosing. Stop by WAA and take a look at what is there now and jump on board.

Support WAA at Champps

WAA has a pull-tab operation set up at Champps Your support goes directly to WAA

THANK YOU!

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VOLLEYBALL

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

It's the middle of summer and the WAA Volleyball Camp is just around the corner. The camp is for girls going into grades 3 through 8. The camp will take place from Monday, July 24th thru Thursday, July 27th at Woodbury Junior High. There are three sessions

Session 1: Grades 3-6 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Session 2: Grades 7-8 11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

Session 3: Grades 8-9 1:30-3:30p.m.

This is for 8th graders who have played 2 or more years of Junior Olympic Volleyball.

The cost of Camp is \$60.00. There are still a few slots left in each of the sessions. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pam Sullivan at 651-738-7601 or woodburyvb@comcast.net.

FALL RECREATION LEAGUE

The Fall Recreation league is now taking registrations. The fall league is open to girls who will be in grades 3 thru 8 in the fall of 2006. Teams will practice once a week and play their league games on Saturday at Carver Elementary. The season starts in September and will run through the second week of November. You can sign up during regular business hours at the WAA office.

We are in need of coaches. We will provide training and practice support for anyone interested in coaching. If you are interested in coaching, or have any questions regarding the fall rec league please contact Pam Sullivan.

JUNIOR OLYMPIC

Even though it is still summer, the winter Junior Olympic, or traveling volleyball season will be here soon. **Look for sign-ups in October**, with tryouts taking place in November.

Tentatively, there will be 2 teams each at 12's, 13's, 14's and 15's. We are also exploring the option of a team at 16's and possible one at 17's.

If you have a daughter who would be interested in playing JO Volleyball with Woodbury at the 16 or 17 age level, please contact Pam Sullivan. We would like to have an idea of number of girls interested as the Volleyball Board starts planning for the winter season.

The Woodbury Volleyball program is growing by leaps and bounds. It is great to see the girls excited to play volleyball. If you are interested in helping with the Volleyball program, **please contact Pam Sullivan at woodburyvb@comcast.net**

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BASKETBALL

Registration

On-site registration is now complete and we are planning for the upcoming season. If you still need to register, please do so as soon as possible so we can effectively plan. At this point, a late fee of \$20 is assessed for in-house grades 3-11, and a fee of \$40 for traveling grades 4-9. Late fees are not assessed for grades 1 & 2, but I encourage you to sign-up soon so we know the number of participants.

If you still need to register, just complete a registration form, available at the WAA Building M-F 2-6pm, and leave it with the WAA receptionist or mail it to WAA at 2630 Ojibway Park Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125.

Surveys

Thank you for completing the survey that was posted to the WAA Basketball web site!! The Basketball Board has been reviewing the responses to incorporate changes for next year.

Permits & Scheduling:

Our schedule for the upcoming year is taking shape and you can view it on the web site. Please keep in mind that our schedules are tentative until permit requests are confirmed by Community Education, We expect this to occur AFTER school starts in the fall.

In general, we expect to hold parents meetings for in-house and traveling in mid to late September and traveling try-outs will follow in late September. The in-house shoot-arounds start in late October with the first game before Thanksgiving. The 1st/2nd grade program will start in early November. You will receive program specific communication via mail in September and at the parents meetings.

GOLF

Golf began the week of June 12. Teams of four players golf once per week for 10 weeks ~ they do not golf the week of July 4th.

This year there are over 275 players golfing on six leagues and playing at five courses. The leagues are: **Bogey League** playing at Country Air Golf Park; **Eagle League** playing at Cimarron; **Birdie League** playing at Ponds of Battle Creek Golf Course; **Herron League** playing at Oak Marsh Golf Course; and the **Double Eagle League** Niner and Double Eagle League playing at Eagle Valley. All the leagues have individual competition with team competition on the Double Eagle leagues. I would like to extend a special thank you to all the staff on the courses for their support of the leagues, it is greatly appreciated.

Any questions about the league, please contact Denise Kapler at dkapler@comcast.net Thank you.

The best of play!!!
Denise Kapler
Golf Director

WRESTLING

WAA YOUTH WRESTLING 2006-2007

The wrestling schedule for 2006–2007 has been set. Our fifth season will start on November 13th. Sign-ups will be at the WAA building on two Saturday's, October 21st and October 28th from 9:00 AM until Noon and Thursday October 26th 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

Have a great summer and I will see you in the fall!

Pride: Bring it

SOCCER

WAA Indoor Recreational Soccer Program

The Woodbury Soccer board welcomes you to the winter 2005 indoor recreational program.

The primary objective in this youth soccer recreational program is for the young player to have fun with, the emphasis on sportsmanship, good play, and following the laws of the game.

Recreational players in Pre – K and Kindergarten will be playing on ¼ of the field with pug nets. 1st grade through 4th grade will play on half the field and depending on the number of 5th and 6th graders that register they could play full field or on half of the field. Depending on the number of players registered, the teams could be comprised as follows: 1st and 2nd grade players of the same sex, 3rd and 4th grade players of the same sex, Co-Ed 5th and 6th grade team or teams will be comprised of one grade level and the same sex.

The winter indoor recreational program lasts approximately 6 weeks, starting the week of October 28th and the last game will be on December 16th, no games will be held on the Thanksgiving weekend. The practice schedule is **tentatively** as follows:

Monday – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Pre K & Kindergarten Boys/Girls & 1st and 2nd grade Girls

Monday – 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – 3rd and 4th Grade Girls and Boys

Tuesday – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Boys 1st and 2nd Grade & 1st and 2nd grade Girls

Tuesday – 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – 3rd and 4th Grade Boys

Thursday – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Boys 1st and 2nd Grade / Pre K & Kindergarten Boys/Girls

Thursday – 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – 5th and 6th Grade Co-Ed / 3rd and 4th Grade Girls

Games will be held on Saturday between 8:00 a.m. thru 6:00 p.m. Each player will play a minimum

of one-half of each game either in person or online. As with all other commitments, it is expected that players attend practice on a regular basis, inform the coach of anticipated absences, and arrive at the field on game day at the time designated by the coach.

Cost

- Pre Kindergarten \$ 65.00
(must be at least 4 years old by Oct. 26th)
- Kindergarten \$ 65.00
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade \$ 75.00
- 5th and 6th grade \$ 85.00
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Registration

In person registration can be done at the WAA building which is located at 2630 Ojibway Drive. The hours are M – F from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Online registration will be available September 5th until October 4th. There will be a \$20 administrative fee for anyone withdrawing after they have registered. After October 5th you will be charged a \$20 late fee and placed on a waiting list. No refunds after October 5th, 2006.

Every effort is made to resolve scheduling conflicts. However, those requests must be noted in the registration form. Please honor you team assignment. We have a wonderful group of coaches and players. A new team is a new opportunity to make new friends.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a head coach, WAA will waive the fee of the child whose team you coach. We will offer coaching manuals free of charge to all coaches, and encourage parents who have never played the game to consider getting involved.

Best regards,

Colleen Hase

Indoor Soccer Recreational Coordinator

chase@woodburysoccer.com

TRACK

The WAA Woodbury Track Club had strong representation this season with nearly 200 participants. The club had a strong showing at all three of the Woodbury Home meets. A large number of runners and fielders qualified and participated in the Hershey's District and State Meets, with several of them placing in the top three in many events. Woodbury also had a strong participation level in both the AAU and USATF Junior Olympic Meets.

Thank you to all of the dedicated parent's who donated their time and efforts in volunteering at our home meets. Your efforts were greatly appreciated by both the Coaches and the Club.

A special thank you to all of our coaches who donated many hours and a lot of effort to our program. This year's coaches were:

- ◇ Pre-K/Kind-head coach-Kim Eastlund-assisted by Karen Kobler
- ◇ 1st grade-head coach-Rob Class-2nd grade Sherri Willaert-assisted by Guy Hummel & Dan Schuller
- ◇ 3rd grade-coached by Mike Henning
- ◇ 4th grade coached by Mark Grenfell and assisted by Kim Orf & Tracy Blodgett
- ◇ 5th grade and older were coached by sprinting coach Steve Dahlman and long distance coach Paul Gergen.
- ◇ Shot & discuss was coached by Dave Bosch
- ◇ "Team Woodbury" was coached by John Patterson & David Pomfret.

Thanks to all of these coaches for their many dedicated hours of coaching and training. Thanks also to all of our parents that stepped in and volunteered at our home meets. Without all of their help, we would not be able to host our three home meets!

Thanks for a great season!!

FOOTBALL

www.waafotball.com

2006 Season

Mission Statement

The purpose of the WAA Youth Developmental Football Program is simple; it is to properly teach, and develop our youth in the basic fundamentals skills of football as well instill and foster sportsmanship. All of this is to be conducted in an environment where everything that we teach as adults is focused on four core principles: Safety, Sportsmanship, Teamwork and Fun.

FLAG: FEE - \$ 90.00/PLAYER

- League: WAA In-House
- Open to Grades: 1st, 2nd, 3rd/4th (Combined)
GRADE = grade attending in Fall 2006
- Equipment issued: Jersey

TACKLE: FEE - \$ 180.00/PLAYER

- League: East Metro Football League (EMFL) playing communities such as Oakdale, Mahtomedi and Upper East Side.
- Open to Grades: 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th.
- GRADE = grade attending in Fall 2006
- Equipment issued : Helmet, Shoulder Pads, Pants. Must be returned at end of season or replacement fees will be charged. Jersey is issued and kept by the player
- Personal Equipment : Mouth Guard (w/strap), Football Cleats - rubber non removable cleat, protective cup.
- Fees include: \$15.00 WAA Membership Fee
- The Fee price noted is for Cash or Check.
- Credit card and Online registration will incur additional processing fees.

WAA FOOTBALL FEES

Please understand that due to the number of participants - specific team, coach or player pairing requests for the TACKLE PROGRAM will not be granted. Same household and siblings will be placed on the same team unless requested otherwise.

Extreme circumstances may be considered and allowed only with Board approval.

IMPORTANT Dates to Note

August:

1st - Player Evaluation & Equipment Issue

- 5th-6th Grade TACKLE ONLY- 6-8pm WAA Building

3rd - Coaches Meeting and Tackle Blind Draft

- 7:00pm - WAA Building

5th - TACKLE Practices begin - NO PADS - HELMETS ONLY

12th - FLAG coaches clinic and meeting - 9am-Noon @ Bielenberg

13th - TACKLE: Full pad -Full Contact practices may begin.

19th - FLAG practices begin

20th - WAA YOUTH FOOTBALL GROUP PICTURE!

- Royals Stadium Bleachers - 6:00pm

- ALL TEAMS - ALL LEVELS! From Kindergarten Flag through High School Varsity

- WEAR YOUR GAME JERSEY!!

- Concessions will be Open and **FREE ROOT-BEER FLOATS!!!**

September:

17th - Team-Individual Picture Day @ Bielenberg

October:

14th - Tackle & Flag Equipment Turn In - TENTATIVE

GAME SCHEDULES

Game Schedules will be issued to coaches for distribution as soon as they are available from the League.

Calendars and Schedules are subject to change! please visit the website for the latest information. www.waafotball.com

Also on our website:

Fee Disclosure statement

2006 Football Board Contacts

Complete Calendar and more

Jr ROYALS FOOTBALL CLINIC

Coach LaBore will be directing a Football Skills Clinic incorporating the "Polishing Diamonds" Curriculum. This will be a high-quality football clinic designed for players of ALL skill levels. These Clinics are design to teach and enhance skills such as passing, catching, running, kicking, punting etc... There will be various drills, skills and competitions each day.

Jr. Royals Football Clinics are being offered for two groupings of players (1st-4th grades and 5th-8th Grades). Grades are what the player will be entering in the fall of 2006. Sessions are being held in two-week increments on Monday through Thursday. In the case of inclement weather - clinics will be held indoors. Enrollment is limited to ONLY 200 players each session. Sign up NOW!

(Register online at www.waafotball.com)

CLINIC #2 = July 17th - July 27th. 12:00pm-2:00pm at Bielenberg

PLAYER EVALUATION and EQUIPMENT ISSUE NIGHT

There are two player evaluation nights: July 31st for 3rd and 4th grade tackle players, and August 1st - for 5th and 6th. Those same nights, player equipment will be issued.

Player Eval Night is similar to a mini combine event. Players will be tested and measured in eight different skills sets. IT IS IMPORTANT for the players to attend since these Evaluations are key to establishing the player rankings used for the Player Draft.

If you cannot attend, previous rankings will be used. Please visit www.waafotball.com for alternate equipment issue dates.

SOFTBALL

SPORTSMANSHIP

A reminder about SPORTSMANSHIP

Please remember, during the course of your daughter's games, whether in tournaments or league games, keep your comments positive and be supportive of your daughter and her teammates. Additionally, let the umpires do their jobs. They are for the most part fairly young, and will make mistakes just like coaches and players...It's a game, try to relax and enjoy it! You are representing your family, and the WOODBURY Community. Please have fun! Thank you!

WOODBURY WILDPITCH TOURNAMENT

This year the WILDPITCH Tournament took place May 12-14, 2006 for 10U, 12U, and 14U teams. The tournament was played at Ojibway and Bielenberg, and was a terrific success! Our Woodbury teams played well and represented our community with class and sportsmanship! We hope some of our younger In – House players had a chance to go check out some of the tournament action, and hope to see YOU in the WILDPITCH tournament next summer!

The weather was wet, again, which is becoming somewhat of a tradition. However, with all the dedicated volunteers who pitched in and helped out, the tournament was again a big success!

Special thanks To Jim Reetz, the WILDPITCH TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR. Jim and his staff did a wonderful job! We are very fortunate to have these folks step up and take on this big responsibility!

Please join me in thanking our WildPitch Team: Jim and Karla Reetz, Deb and Dan Shoemaker, Carole and Rhett Ryan, Pam and John Sullivan, Mark Moore, Mark Cahill, Mark Hager, Jim Syvertsen, Tom Schmidt, Pam and Gary Gaides, Mary Dupay, and Fred Falk. Thanks to all for your help in running a great tournament.

TRAVELING FALL SOFTBALL

All players from 10U to 18U are encouraged to sign up for FALL SOFTBALL. Look for registration information on the website in June. This is a great opportunity, especially for In-House players, to get a feel for traveling ball. Fall Ball is somewhat less competitive and is for skill development. There are approximately 1-2 practices per week with games on Sundays. The league runs from late July to September 24, 2006

IN –HOUSE NOTES

The In-House tournament will be held July 15-16, 2006. Best of luck to all teams at your year end tournament!!

Our In – House coordinator, Jim Reetz, is looking for someone to coordinate and organize the concessions for the In-House tournament at Bielenberg July 15 & 16. Please contact Jim Reetz for details.

EVALUATION FORMS

To all In-House coaches grades 4-12; EVALUATION FORMS were handed out at the beginning of the season. Please fill out and collect all completed player evaluation forms and videos and return them to the WAA building by July 17, 2006. If you need player evaluation forms, contact Jim Reetz

EQUIPMENT RETURN

Equipment return is scheduled for Tuesday July 18, 2006 at the WAA building, from 7-8 PM. Please return all equipment CLEAN and on time! Thanks!

Thank you to all the volunteers who help make WAA softball a success!

See you on the field!

Bill O'Hearn/Kim Moore

WAA Softball Co- Directors

THANK YOU

From the Editor

As another great season of athletics comes to a close for our children please take time to say THANK YOU!

You have probably wondered to yourself “How do they do it?” The volunteers for WAA that coach your children, the volunteers that are seated at sign-ups (when it is all you can do to get there on the day of sign ups) patiently helping you register your child, the volunteers that coordinate the team your child is able to play on, the fields used, the equipment, the schedules, and on and on. There are so many volunteers in WAA coordinating an endless series of activities to put your children in their sport of play and hopefully you have asked yourself “How do they do it?” and “Have I said Thank you!”

As your sport comes to a close it is easy to get caught up in the thrill of having a break and forget the people, especially the coach, that has taken time to patiently work with your child. Your coach had to make it to practices, call when they were cancelled, wait when parents weren't there to pick up their players, and so on. They also had the thrill of watching your player grow and mature at the sport they coached. They had the honor of being your child's leader and guide. They heard your child say “thanks coach”. Yes, your coach probably wanted to be there. The volunteers come willingly, yet they still are making a sacrifice to be there, volunteering. PLEASE don't forget to say thank you!

When your appreciation is great and you want to go beyond the thank you on the field, or you hope for your child to “feel” the appreciation for what you have received, here are some ideas. You have to do what feels right for you in your heart.

- Send a letter or card
- Get the players involved (sign a ball, make a

video, be creative with your ideas).

- Call the volunteer and simply say, “Thanks”.
- Send flowers, cookies or ?
- Write a letter to the newspaper to thank publicly
- Give your coach some help (can you mow a lawn or weed...)
- Gift certificate
- Token gift that says ‘thanks a million’
- Host a BBQ in their honor at your house or the field
- Ask your players for ideas.
- Ask your coach “what can I do to help?” or think of something specific you could do to support him/her or the team.

Of course you don't have to do any of these things. You could think of how when you coached no one did anything special for you. You can remember that yes, you did have to pay to have your child play in the sport (and still volunteers were necessary). You could remember how you felt when sincere thanks were given to you. You decide.

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Youth Wrestling 2006-7 Season

October 21 Saturday 9 to Noon at WAA
October 26 Thursday 6:30 to 9PM at WAA
October 28 Saturday 9 to Noon at WAA

For More details on these and all registrations: waa.woodbury.org

Mark your calendar for **future registrations:**

Traveling BASEBALL - Aug. 10, 12 & 17

WRESTLING - October

Traveling SOFTBALL - Fall - First 2 weeks in June

SOCCER July - Summer Competitive

September - Winter Recreational

October - Winter Competitive

U5-U8 - February

DEVELOPMENTAL BASEBALL - February

SOFTBALL - February

GOLF - February

TRACK - February

VOLLEYBALL—JO sign up in October