



**Winter Park Optimist**  
**Long Leaf Park, Wilmington, NC**  
**2024 Fall Baseball**  
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Thank you for your support of Winter Park Optimist (WPO) and our recreational baseball program. Each year since 1954, WPO serves about 500 local boys and girls by providing enjoyable opportunities to play organized baseball and softball. Our recreational programs safely accommodate youth from all backgrounds and skill levels. WPO's efforts extend well beyond recreational sports. Your support of our programs, as well as Christmas tree sales and our annual childhood cancer tournament and homerun derby, allows WPO to donate tens of thousands of dollars each year to local families fighting childhood cancer, the Lake Waccamaw Boys and Girls Home, and provides scholarships to several of our youth who are heading off to college. Additionally, WPO invests in field improvements at Long Leaf Park and supports local public-school athletics programs each year. All of this is made possible by your support.

If you are interested in supporting WPO at a corporate level by sponsoring a team, field sign or other donations, please use the "Sponsor" tab on our website.

**2025 Spring Baseball Season Information**

January 1 – Registration Opens  
February 16 – Registration closes (no in-person registration – online only)  
February 18 – Coach's Meeting  
February 21 – Majors Tryouts  
February 22 – Coach Pitch and Minors Tryouts  
February 23 – Tryout Make-up Day (FOR RAINOUTS ONLY)  
February 24-26 – Drafts (Head Coaches Only)  
March 29 – Opening Ceremonies  
March 29-30 – Strikeout Childhood Cancer Tournament  
May 19-30 – End of Season Tournament  
May 30 – Closing Ceremonies

**Additional Information:**

- Games are played Mon.-Thur. (Friday night games may be played this year as well)
- WPO plays under the DYB (Dixie Youth Baseball) rules
- Registration fee is \$150
- Estimated number of games for the season is 12
- Each child receives a hat, jersey, belt, and socks (Tball will receive pants)
- Your child's age on May 1st determines what division he/she plays.
- Birth certificates may be checked - There is no "playing up" or "playing down"
- All bats must be unaltered USA bats and contain the USA logo