



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 email us.

2025 Fall Season Information

August 1st – Registration Opens

August 29th – Registration closes (no in-person registration – online only). Teams are formed.

September 2nd – Coach's Meeting

September 22nd – Games Begin

October 30th – Final Games

Additional information about our fall recreational baseball program:

- Coach and player requests are requests only and are **NOT** guaranteed
- Games may be played Monday-Thursday (occasional Friday games may be scheduled). Typically, 2 games per week. Practices will be scheduled by the COACHES once registration closes and the teams are formed. The league does not schedule practices.
- WPO plays under the Diamond Youth Baseball rules
- Registration fee is \$125.
- Estimated number of games for the season is 10.
- Each child receives a hat and jersey.
- Your child's age on May 1st in the following spring determines what division he/she plays for the fall. No age exceptions or "playing up" or "playing down".
- Birth certificates may be checked.
- All bats must be unaltered USA bats and contain the USA logo, BBCOR bats, or wood bats