

2023 WHS

LADY TIGER SOFTBALL

2023 Season - Need to Know

- ❖ We will have a concession stand operating during all home games. I have created a schedule for all home games that we will be working. Please find the dates you'll be working (listed by your daughter's last name). If you need to switch with someone, please feel free to do so on your own.
- ❖ The varsity will play in four tournaments during the season. These tournaments take place on Friday and Saturday. **ALL** players are expected to go to the Morrisville Tournament (Friday), KC Tournament (Friday and Saturday), and the Springfield Tournament (Friday and Saturday). Only varsity will attend the Helias games on Sept. 9 and the Rolla Tournament on Oct. 6/7.
- ❖ The hotel rooms, dinner on Friday night, breakfast and lunch on Saturday are all PAID for at the KC Tournament. The only thing the players need money for is lunch on Friday and any snacks they want to purchase.
 - Players will stay with their parents during the Rolla Tournament. Only varsity is attending this tournament. If a player is on varsity, but their parent(s) are not attending the tournament, please make arrangements to stay with another player.
 - Players will be picked up at location for the following games:

Date	Location
08/18/23	Glendale (Jamboree)
08/26/23	Morrisville Tournament
09/23/23	Bolivar JV Tournament
09/30/23	Springfield Tournament

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 - Morrisville tournament – no lunch, food available to purchase at field, and snacks provided
 - Rennison, Burks, Reiber, Menditto, Hicks, Cooper, Motlagh - KC Tournament (Sept. 15/16), lunch Saturday
 - Torbert, Anderjaska, Arauz, Kimrey, Piper, Wood, Ebert, West - Springfield Tournament (Sept. 29/30), lunch Saturday
 - Anderson, Davault, Miller, Compton, Dixon, Johnson, Barr - Rolla Tournament (Oct. 6/7), lunch Friday
- ❖ Money due during the season (everything paid online):
 - Athletic fee - \$60 – before first game (Aug. 25)
 - Jacket = \$80 due Aug. 25
 - Food = \$25 due Sept. 2
 - Visors (not everyone) - \$15 due Sept. 9
- ❖ Needed parts of uniform:
 - Black/white Under Armour socks
 - Black/white belt (doesn't have to be Under Armour, but can't have another logo showing)

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

The coaching staff would like to take this opportunity to put in writing our coaching philosophy and goals for you, your student-athlete, as well as the team for the 2023 softball season. School athletics can be an exciting time for your student-athlete. It can be a place where they grow their skills and confidence as a softball player. As you read through this letter you will find our coaching philosophy, objectives for the season, information about playing time and positions, team rules and discipline, player and parent expectations and contact information of the coaches. Please read through this letter and if you have any questions feel free to contact Coach Williams for any explanations. We are excited and hopeful for a successful 2023 softball season!

Mission Statement

To develop respectful and responsible individuals, who excel academically, athletically, and socially.

Coaching Philosophy

We believe that school athletics are a place where student-athletes gain confidence in their athletic abilities. We also believe that the confidence attained in athletics carries over into other aspects of the student-athlete's life. Positive attitudes not just from the student-athletes, but also you as parents and us as coaches are pertinent to achieve the highest level of confidence in your student-athlete. Because of this belief, we will do our best to provide an atmosphere where confidence can grow and be fostered.

We believe that athletics are a place where student-athletes learn hard work, perseverance, competition, effort, and discipline. We will provide an atmosphere where these qualities will be developed. Practices will be hard, but they are hard to prepare the student-athlete for competition. If the student-athlete gives 100% at every practice, they will be rewarded for their hard work.

We believe it is our job as a coaching staff to teach the fundamentals and skills of softball. The place and time to do this is during practice. During a game is where the small things are addressed, but overall this is the chance for the student-athlete to perform the skills they have learned. We expect the same out of the parents and would ask for you to refrain from coaching from the stands or coming to the dugout to instruct your student-athlete during games.

Goals and Objectives

- Help your student-athlete develop skills necessary to be successful at the high school level.
- To have fun and have each student-athlete develop a love for the game of softball.
- Learn about the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship.
- Give positive reinforcement based on effort rather than results
- Provide a safe and healthy environment for all the kids on the team.

Expectations

Players are expected to come to EVERY practice, work hard, have fun, display a positive attitude, pass all of their classes and treat teammates, coaches, and officials with respect.

Parents as well as friends of the family are expected to support the coaches and **ALL** the players, and treat coaches, players, and officials with respect. If you have any concerns, please make an appointment with Coach Williams outside of practice and game times.

If there is a parent or friend of the family that is making inappropriate comments about the players, coaches, officials, or other team the supervisor on duty will be notified and the parent will be removed from the game. We have ZERO tolerance for disrespectful spectators.

Authorized Absences: School sponsored events, family emergencies, and certain medical appointments.

Unauthorized Absences: Non-school sponsored events, sick (case by case basis), and parties/vacations.

****Any questions refer to the Rules/Team and Individual Discipline Section on this packet.**

Practice

Every player is expected to be at every practice. Unauthorized absences from practices will result in penalties and affect playing time. Please call, text, or email Coach Williams if you are unable to attend.

*Check above or the student handbook for further explanation about authorized and unauthorized absences.

*Practices are open to parents. You may watch from your cars or stands. Please do not communicate with your child during practice. Coaching from outside the field of play is a distraction and dangerous. We will try to be prompt at letting them out on time.

*If a player misses a practice the day before a game, that player will not play in the game. We understand that special circumstances do arise and those are taken into consideration. Please have your daughter discuss this with Coach Williams before the practice she misses.

Games

Willard High School Girls Softball Schedule is located on the Willard Softball website.

*Bus times are posted on the website. The players will also receive a sheet with bus times they will give to their 6th/7th hour teachers.

*During away games, your daughter must be signed out by a parent in order to not ride the bus home. If there are extenuating circumstances, please contact Coach Williams.

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*The following dates/locations will be days that players will need to be picked up at the location of the games. There will not be a bus to bring the players back to Willard.

Date	Location
08/18/23	Glendale (Jamboree)
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Playing Time

Playing time will be based on attendance to practice, work ethic, and attitude. Those players who do not miss practice, work hard, and display a positive and encouraging attitude will earn more playing time.

***Playing time will not be discussed with parents. If you or your daughter would like an explanation about playing time, she can speak with the coaching staff on ways to improve their chances to receive more playing time.**

Rules, Team and Individual Discipline

All extracurricular activity rules stated in the Willard High School Athletic Handbook will be followed.

In addition, these team rules will also be followed.

- Three unauthorized practices will result in removal from the team.
- As stated above unauthorized absences from practices will result in extra conditioning and shortened playing time. School related activities, certain family activities, and certain medical appointments are considered authorized. However, each player will be expected to make up conditioning from that practice.
- Tardiness for practices and/or games will also result in extra conditioning for the team.

There has been an increasing concern about the use of e-cigarettes and vapes by student-athletes. Please review the student handbook about the discipline that comes with getting caught with e-cigarettes, vapes, vape pods, cigarettes, alcohol, and/or illegal drugs. The Student Handbook and MSHSAA Rule Book will be followed. Additional discipline will also be given by the head coach.

There has also been an increasing concern about the use of social media by parents and student-athletes. If a parent engages in slanderous writing about the team, coaches, or individual players actions will be taken as follows:

- 1st offense: Parent(s) will be required to have a meeting with administration where the future of the student-athlete's participation as well as the parent's participation will be reviewed.
- 2nd offense: Student-athlete will be removed from the team.

If a student-athlete engages in inappropriate behavior on any social media the following actions will be taken:

- 1st offense: Student-athletes will be verbally warned, have extra conditioning, loss of playing time, and parents will be notified.
- 2nd offense: Student-athlete will be removed from the team.

Any player receiving any type of school discipline will spend their first practice back from suspension doing **INTENSE** conditioning at the coach's discretion.

For In School Suspension, if the team has a game on the day a player serves ISS, the player will sit out that game. If the team does not have a game during the course of ISS, the player will sit out the next game to be played.

For Out of School Suspension, there will be a meeting with the player and parents in order to discuss appropriate discipline. This will be looked at on a case by case basis, but could result in the removal from the team.

Any player receiving any other form of discipline during the course of the school day (i.e. office referral, detention, etc.) will receive extra conditioning at the coach's discretion and loss in playing time during the next game.

Repeated offenses will result in removal from the team.

Equipment

Your daughter is provided with three practice shirts, two game jerseys, two game pants, one helmet, one wrist coach, one equipment bag, and one warm-up pullover. She is responsible for this equipment and is to return everything in the same or better condition that she received it. Failure to return any equipment at the end of the season will result in a fine to replace the missing equipment.

Money

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All fees have been posted to SIS (or RevTrack) and can be paid online. If you need an extension on any of the fees, please let me know and we can figure it out.

Fees/Due Dates:

-Jacket = \$80 due Aug. 25

-Food = \$25 due Sept. 2

-Visors (not everyone) - \$15 due Sept. 9

-Senior banners/balls (not everyone) - T.B.D.

-If you did not pay your summer fee, that has also been applied.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Coach Williams to schedule a meeting time.

We are looking forward to another awesome season with a great group of student-athletes.

Thanks,

WHS Softball Coaching Staff

Head Coach: AshLeigh Williams

Years Coaching: 17

Alma Mater: Saint Louis University

Festus High School

Asst. Coach: Staci Wattie

Years Coaching: 13

Alma Mater: Missouri State University

Westmoore High School

Asst. Coach: Trevor Bowling

Years Coaching: 8

Alma Mater: Southwest Baptist University

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