

WYCO 307 PHILOSOPHY

WYCO 307 stresses the development of fundamental team and individual skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, and a love of softball and baseball in a safe and competitive environment.

Our objective at WYCO 307 is to provide elite softball and baseball instruction. We want youth in Cheyenne and surrounding areas to learn how to play the game correctly. They will be better ballplayers when they have a strong foundation and are fundamentally sound with their mechanics. We want to grow an elite program here in Cheyenne that can compete with other competitive teams in the region.

We also want athletes to love the game and learn from it. We want them to learn how to win and lose gracefully. We want them to learn how to be coachable players; coachable players become employable adults. We want athletes to learn how to work hard for what they want and deal with adversity. We can learn so many tough lessons and grow in softball and baseball.

We also, as coaches, must understand that winning isn't our end-all-be-all for this organization. Yes, winning is great, but we want our athletes to develop all around. The 12u age range and below means that all athletes need opportunities to learn different positions in the outfield and infield. That weekly games and pool play games are opportunities for all athletes to get playing time and play in different positions. At 14u, 16u, and 18u, the competition gets more intense, and athletes have begun to figure out their key positions. Again, winning is great, but we also want to focus on the fundamentals, teaching the game, and getting them to the next level if this is their desire.

Young athletes also must be coached differently than older athletes. They need positivity. Building them up and giving them constructive criticism rather than just what they did wrong is essential. Building a strong relationship with them will help them trust what is being coached and asked of them.