



Hello, WCBA Families.

Here is the January 2026 WCBA Newsletter:

**Winter Training Sessions:**

Winter Training Sessions launch this Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> and will run every Tuesday and Thursday through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The sessions for the first 2 weeks will be open to all 10U and up Hartford/Humboldt kids, regardless if you have registered yet or not. All sessions after January 15th will be for those registered players only.

Tuesdays:

- 5:00pm to 6:00pm: 10U Fielding and Hitting
- 6:00pm to 7:00pm: 12U Fielding and Hitting
- 7:00pm to 9:00pm: 14U and Up Hitting Only

Thursdays:

- 5:00pm to 7:00pm: 14U and Up Fielding and Hitting
- 7:00pm to 8:00pm: 10U Hitting Only
- 8:00pm to 9:00pm: 12U Hitting Only

Please note, for 10U and 12U if you cannot make your assigned session, you are welcome to come to the others session. For example, if your 10U player cannot make the Tuesday 5:00pm to 6:00pm session, they can join Tuesday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm 12U session.

### **Registration Updates:**

Through January 4th, 2026 we have had 91 kids sign up for baseball, which is about 40% of what was signed up last year at the same time. The original deadline to sign up was December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, for 10U through Legion and February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for TeeBall through 8U without a late fee, and a hard cutoff date of 03/31/2026. We are extending the 10U through Legion Deadline to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, without a late fee. For those not registered yet (10U and above), we invite you to come visit one of the winter workout sessions to see what we are putting together as a program. Make sure to check out the Winter Workout Session email that comes out for details.

If you were selected to a 10U or 12U Select Team, please complete your registration ASAP. Less than ½ the players have completed this and it must be done in order to sign up for tournaments.

Also, don't forget that we implemented 2 payment options this year. You can either pay in full at time of registration or have your payment broken up into 6 monthly payments.

### **City/WCBA Land Purchase:**

WCBA and the City of Humboldt, have purchased a portion of land just to the South of the Bus Barn in Humboldt. We will be asking the city if grass can be planted for now so that it can be used for a parking lot towards the end of the season. There are still discussions and research being done on if we want to keep it a parking lot or move Field B from it's current location to the new land and turn the current Field B location into a parking lot.

### **Open Board Position:**

We still have an open board position. This will be for a 1-year term as an At Large Board Member. If you or someone you or someone you know is interested in joining the board, please email us at [wcbassoc@gmail.com](mailto:wcbassoc@gmail.com) and let us know. Once we receive any candidates, we will review and discuss at the next board meeting.

### **VFW State Tournament Bids:**

WCBA was fortunate to be selected as the host site for both the 2026 State VFW Tournaments for both 8U and 10U. There will be plenty of Volunteer Help needed for these tournaments and it is a great opportunity for us to raise funds for WCBA. Here are all the dates:

1. 8U and 12U: 07/11/2025 – 07/13/2026
2. 10U: 07/18/2025 – 07/20/2026
3. 12U: 7/25/2025 – 07/27/2026
4. 14U: 08/08/2025 – 08/10/2026
5. 17U Allstate Care and Showcase: 08/16/2026

### **WCBA Hosted Tournaments:**

WCBA is looking to host a number of tournaments this year. Typically, we just host a 10U/12U Early Bird Tournament but we are going to try to add a couple more this year. Here are the tentative dates we are looking at but keep your eyes open for more information as we lock them in. These tournaments are open tournaments and not limited to just VFW teams and we are looking to add the gate fee to the team registration fee to eliminate having to collect gate during the tournament.

- 10U/12U: May 8 - 10
- 8U: June 12/13
- Legion: June 19-21

### **Opening Season Ceremonies:**

We are exploring an Opening Day/Season Ceremony event. This event would be a 1 day event to get all players and parents together to kick off the season. Some things we are looking at would be having contests, prizes, food, inflatables, etc making it a family fun event for everyone to come out and join. We are still in the early stages of this idea and we will have more updates at the next board meeting. If your are a business, or family, that would be interested in donating to this event, please let us know and we would be happy to listen to what you have.

### **Monthly Board Meetings:**

To show our support of both communities (Hartford and Humboldt) this month we had our monthly board meeting in the upstairs room of Pizza Ranch in Hartford. Our plan is to alternate between Hartford and Humboldt each month. Monthly Board meetings are held the first Sunday of each month at 6:00pm (unless otherwise communicated on our Facebook page). Next meeting will be Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm in the Humboldt Community Center.

As always, thank you from the West Central Baseball Association Board for being a part of our program!

West Central Board of Directors,

Andy Lueth – President  
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