



Hello, WCBA Families and Followers.

Here is the March 2026 WCBA Newsletter

Winter Training Session:

Winter Training Sessions have been going great, and we continue to see good turnouts. As a reminder these sessions are for any 10U through Legion Players who have registered for the 2026 WCBA Summer Baseball Program.

Tuesdays:

5:00pm to 6:00pm: 10U

6:00pm to 7:00pm: 12U

7:00pm to 9:00pm: 14U and Older

Thursdays:

5:00pm to 7:00pm: 14U and Older

7:00pm to 8:00pm: 10U

8:00pm to 9:00pm: 12U

Registration Updates:

Regular registration is now past and all registration fees will not be increased by \$50.00. Hard deadline is 03/31/2026, no new registrations will be accepted after that unless due to a situation that would have prevented registration during the regular period (i.e. just moved to the community)

2026 Tournament Director:

Still looking for a Tournament Director. If you are someone you know are interested please reach out to us and let us know. Tournament Director would be in charge of coordination of games, umpires, and be the point of contact for each tournament.

Early Bird Tournament/Canaries Game

It has been determined that the 2026 Canaries vs Armatures Baseball game will be held on Sunday, May 10th and will be the conclusion of the Early Bird Tournament. The Canaries game will not only offer fun activities for the kids but will also be held as a memorial tournament honoring the lives of two recently passed away baseball players, Reed Harter and Chandler Bakley. For the kids we will have a minicamp put on by the Canaries, a chance for them to catch Batting Practice Balls and Free meal for those players that participated in the Early Bird Tournament. For the memorial, there will be Silent Auction for a number of items including a Suite at a Canaries Game, Canaries signed Helmet, and Canaries signed bat. All proceeds of the silent auction will go to the Harter/Bakley Scholarship. The game between the Canaries and Armatures will start at 3:00pm. The game and activities will all be free of charge to those that participated in the Early Bird Tournament and \$5 a person for all others. We are also considering the sales of beer at the game but more to come on that as we need to first figure out logistics.

2026 WCBA Hosted Tournaments

Here is a list of the tournaments that WCBA will be hosting this year. There will be plenty of volunteer opportunities and sponsorship opportunities.

10U/12U Early Bird Tournament: May 8th – 10th

8U Midwest Bash: June 12th – 14th

Legion Grand Slam: June 19th – 21st

SD VFW 8U State Tournament: July 10th – 12th

SD VFW 10U State Tournament: July 24th – 26th

Grand Stand for Field A

Waiting on design options and cost estimations.

Umpire Coordinator

This year we will be working with Jason Whitting to set up an official Umpire Coordinator position. This position will be responsible for scheduling all umpires for 14U and above. Cost would be around \$87 per ump per game, which would be less than years past. For 12U and lower, we will be responsible for organizing the 14U players to work the games. We do have an interested individual in being the coordinator for the 12U and under games, Noah Erickson, and he will be invited to the next Board Meeting to discuss.

Hartford Sports and Rec Board Representation

We are reaching out to the Hartford Spots and Rec Board to see about having WCBA representation on the board.

Sunday Youth Winter Camp

Stu and Herb will be working on putting together a youth baseball camp on Sunday, March 22nd. Keep an eye on more information on that to come out.

Gear Store

The Gear Store is nearly complete and hopefully should be up and running soon, we will communicate when ready. This will be different from years past where we will be able to offer more options, direct shipping of orders, and the store will be able to be open all season long, not just a 1 time order.

Scholarship Program

WCBA will be offering 2 - \$1,000 Scholarships to Seniors who play in the WCBA. Just waiting on a final couple clarification and approvals to ensure we have everything in place and then will announce the registration. Entries will need to submit name, school they plan on attending, and an essay on what baseball has taught them and what the WCBA has been able to do for them. We will collect entries until May 1st and then will review over the month of May, the board will review over the month of May/June and announce in July.

Petition To Play Up

We offer the ability for youth to petition to play up a division and we are working on a formal document and request review process. We should have finalized by the next board meeting and we will have a more defined process for the 2027 season.

Coaches Clinic

Stu and Herb will be working on setting up a coaches clinic which will be MANDATORY for all head and assistant coaches. If you are interested in learning the skills that they are training to players in the winter sessions you are more than welcome to join, learn, and even help if assistance is needed.

Umpire Clinic

We are working on setting up and umpire clinic for the youth that will be umping this year. This will be mandatory for all 14U players in order to ump. We will communicate more when this is set up.

Rosters/Schedules

We are working over the course of the next couple weeks to put together rosters and coaches. As soon as they are set you will be getting email notifications of the team alignments for this summer along with practice schedules. MinnDak did put out preliminary dates for their season and they are as follows:

- 6U (Transition): Start May 18th and conclude June 24ths (Games on Mon and Wed)
- 8U (Coach): Start May 12th and conclude June 18th with year end tournament June 20th-21st. Games will be on Tues and Thurs)
- 10U/12U: Start May 11th and conclude June 22nd with year end tournament June 26th – 28th. Games will be mostly on Mon and Wed but some Thurs.
- The 8U/10U/12U Tournament Locations have not been set yet.

10U/12U Select Team Rosters

Information should have went out last week on the rosters; however, if you have not heard anything please contact Stu and Herb at wcbaoperations@gmail.com.

Sponsorships

WCBA is always looking for more sponsors for our program. It is \$500 for a 3 year term and includes a banner which can put on the outfield fence of your choice (Fields A, B, C, D, or E in Humboldt). It is \$100 for a 1 year website sponsorship, and for tournaments it is \$100 to be a tournament sponsor and have your name/business on the program (for tournaments that we have programs). This would be tax deductible as we are a non-profit organization. We also offer team sponsorships as well in which you can sponsor the team of your choice and get your logo on the jerseys (these must be provided in the next couple weeks as we will be getting jersey orders in soon). If you are interested in being a sponsor, please reach out to us at wcbassoc@gmail.com or call/text Heath Thomsen at 605-351-7333.

Next Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 5th at 6:00pm in the Humboldt Community Center.