



**CBSL Annual Meeting  
2026**

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# CBSL League wide meeting - Agenda

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- League Governance & Responsibilities
- Protecting Our Kids
- Important Dates – Spring 2026 Calendar
- Online Resources
- Travel Program
- Fundraising & Sponsorships; Umpire Training
- League Accomplishments and Future Plans
- Coaches Guide
- Team Shops
- Upcoming Fundraisers
- Q&A



# CBSL League wide meeting – Governance & Responsibilities

## ❑ CBSL Board of Directors

- The Board of Directors is responsible to uphold the league bylaws and ensure the continued success of the CBSL
- The Board will discuss and resolve any disputes escalated from the league VPs and/or division coordinators
- The Board will determine the league calendar, review league financials , and ratify any changes to the CBSL operating procedures

## ❑ League Vice Presidents, Rec Directors

- CBSL denotes two Vice President positions (one for baseball and one for softball)
- CBSL denotes two Rec Director positions (one for baseball and one for softball)
- League VPs are responsible for the assignment of Division Coordinators and for the league game schedule
- Rec directors will oversee team formation and approve all teams prior to the start of the season

## ❑ Division Coordinators (DCs)

- Division Coordinators are responsible for the day-to-day operation of their respective division / age group
- DCs are responsible for enforcing the [playing rules](#) for their division
- Working with the coaches within the division, the DCs are responsible for field & time assignments for preseason practice, and for the creation of a league playoff schedule (where applicable)
- The DCs are responsible for the assigning of game umpires (where applicable)

## ❑ Managers / Head Coaches

- Coaches are responsible for managing all aspects of their respective teams, including holding weekly practices and managing communications with team members
- All coaches must report game scores to their Division Coordinator (where applicable)
- All coaches must abide by the playing rules set forth for their respective division
- All coaches must complete required certifications (see p.5)



# CBSL League wide meeting – Governance & Responsibilities (cont.)

Board Membership		
Position	Name	email
President	Mike Feeley	ndmets86@gmail.com
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Field Manager - Memorial	Sean Fallon	sfallon@jcboe.org
Field Manager - Adams	Bob Meistrell	baseball424@comcast.net

2025 Division Coordinators		
Position	Name	email
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Seniors Softball	Barry Horbal	barryhames@gmail.com



# CBSL League wide meeting – Protecting our kids

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## Background Checks & Abuse Prevention Training for all coaches

Coaches will receive a [Babe Ruth Membership](#) by registering in SportsEngine. Background checks, Abuse Prevention Systems (APS) training and the Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y certification are required by Babe Ruth for all registered coaches. The Membership will track your progress to ensure compliance. Both the background check and APS training are administered by SportsEngine. All coaches must be [registered](#) as a coach in SportsEngine to be rostered to a team. The APS training is offered online and takes about an hour to complete. Both expire two years after date of previous completion.

## Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. certification

All volunteer coaches must be [Rutgers certified](#). CBSL will offer a class on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This training only needs to be done one time; once completed, the certification is good for life. Click on this [link](#) to signup today. If you are unsure if you have taken the course, check out the [certification directory](#) on the Rutgers site.

Anyone planning on coaching MUST complete these three items. CBSL will pick up the cost of the background checks, APS training and Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. Registered coaches will receive an e-mail from CBSL with discount code to begin the background screening process if one is needed. Don't wait until the last minute to begin the process!!

**\*\*Background checks, abuse prevention and Rutgers Safety training must be completed prior to holding your first practice\*\***

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## Field etiquette – Dealing with fellow coaches, opposing player and umpires

All umpire calls are final and not subject to debate. Mistreatment of any fellow coaches, opposing players or umpires will not be tolerated.

**\*\*There is absolutely no alcohol or tobacco use at CBSL facilities and events\*\***



# CBSL League wide meeting – Important Dates

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## Late January – Drafts / formation of teams complete

Teams will be formed once registration is largely complete. Formation of teams is accomplished either by draft or through allocation by division coordinators with coaches' input. The formation of teams is dependent on finalizing uniform sponsorships

## Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. class

All volunteer coaches must be Rutgers certified. The CBSL will offer a class for new coaches to receive certification. This only needs to be done one time; once completed, the certification is good for life

## Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Field cleanup day (rain / snow day March 21<sup>st</sup>)

Field clean up day is one of the most important activities to happen prior to the start of the season. In addition to a clean-up of debris accumulated over the winter, we will look to get additional work done to get the facilities in good order for the start of the season. A signup genius will be distributed a few weeks prior to the event

## Week of March 16<sup>th</sup> – Practices begin / deadline to complete background checks / APS

## Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break (no practices or games)

No games or practices scheduled during spring break. If around, coaches should contact their Division Coordinator for any field requests.

## Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Game schedule begins

## Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> (Baseball) & April 25<sup>th</sup> (Softball) – Picture Day

## Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> – All-Star evening (Memorial)

## Week of May 26<sup>th</sup> – Playoffs begin

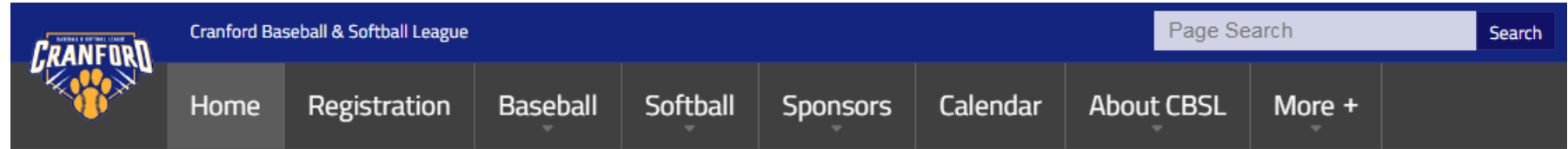
## Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> – Spring season ends



# CBSL League wide meeting – Online Resources

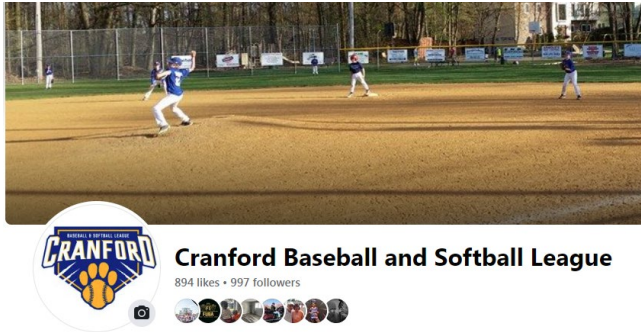
CBSL Website:

[www.CBSL07016.org](http://www.CBSL07016.org)



Including [playing rules](#) for all Divisions

[CBSL Facebook page](#)



SportsEngine & SE Mobile App



<https://www.baberuthleague.org/cal-ripken-baseball.aspx>



<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/about-usa-sb>



# CBSL League wide meeting – Travel Teams

## Travel Baseball

**Contact: Jeff Carman – jeffcarman02@gmail.com**

- Travel baseball teams are formed in November for the following calendar year (Dec – Nov)
- Baseball tryouts are typically conducted in Sept
- Team selection is based on tryouts & player evaluations from previous seasons
- *Tryouts for 7U will take place Sat Apr 25th*

### 2026 Eligibility dates: Baseball

Division	Birthdate
7u	May 1 2018 - Apr 30 2019
8u	May 1 2017 - Apr 30 2018
9u	May 1 2016 - Apr 30 2017
10u	May 1 2015 - Apr 30 2016
11u	May 1 2014 - Apr 30 2015
12u	May 1 2013 - Apr 30 2014
13u	May 1 2012 - Apr 30 2013

## Travel Softball

**Contact: Lauren McComb – lauren.mccomb@yahoo.com**

- Travel softball teams are formed in early August for the following year (Aug – July)
- Tryouts will be conducted in the summer for team placement in the fall
- Travel Softball follows USA Softball guidelines for age eligibility and divisions (8U, 10U, 12U, 14U)
- Team selection is based on tryouts & player evaluations from previous seasons

### 2026 Eligibility dates: Softball

Division	Birth Year
8u	Sept 1 2016 – Aug 31 2018
10u	Sept 1 2014 – Aug 31 2016
12u	Sept 1 2012 – Aug 31 2014
14u	Sept 1 2010 – Aug 31 2012



# CBSL League wide meeting – Fundraising & Umpire Training

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## Fundraising - Sponsorships

Contacts: Tom Murray – [CBSLsponsors@gmail.com](mailto:CBSLsponsors@gmail.com)

Fundraising is one of the most important jobs that the CBSL takes on each year. It allows us to keep registration costs manageable and strengthens the bond between the CBSL and the larger Cranford community.

Opportunities for [CBSL sponsorship](#):

- Field Signs - \$250 / year (returning sponsors), \$400 (new sponsors)
- Uniform Sponsorship - \$300 (spring only)
- YourGameCam webcam Sponsors - \$100 / Website banner ad sponsor - \$50

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## Umpire Training – Opportunities for Middle & High School Youth

- Some of our younger divisions use youth umpires (typically grades 6 – 9) to call rec games
- Training will be held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 12pm at Memorial for all kids interested in umpiring games
- Great way to earn extra money while staying involved in the league
- If interested, [sign up](#) today for the season



# Facility Improvements

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## Improvements - Memorial and Adams Ave Fields: (2019 – 2025)

- New Safety Netting on all Memorial fields
- Live Cameras at Memorial (all fields) & Adams (Antoine only)
- New Scoreboard at Adams (Cormier Field) & Replacements at Memorial (Coffee & Wetherell)
- New LED Lighting Systems on all lighted fields
- Renovation of Adams Ave Snack Stand & Bathrooms
- Concrete Pavilion between Antoine & Cormier at Adams
- CHS Lockerroom Trailer at Adams
- Professional Renovation at Memorial (Grall, Wetherell & Coffee Infields) and Adams (Antoine & Cormier) plus cyclical tune-ups
- Memorial Facility Entrance / Picnic Area Improvements
- Refurbishment of Coffee & Grall dugouts and painting exterior of Memorial snack stand
- New John Deere for Adams
- New Sprinkler Systems at Adams & Memorial

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## Looking Ahead: 2026

- Extensive Tree Trimming at Adams (Antoine) & Memorial (Coffee / Snack Stand) (Winter 2026)
- Remove Varsity Turf Clay Mound, Purchase Portable Mounds / Fencing (Winter 2026)
- Improve Spectator Viewing on Antoine OF at Adams (Winter 2026)

## Long Term Goals

- Nomahegan Dugout / Field Renovations at Adams (Fall 2026 & Fall 2027)
- Modernizing Security Camera System at Adams & Memorial (Summer 2026)
- Memorial Field Varsity Turf replacement (Long range – 2030+)



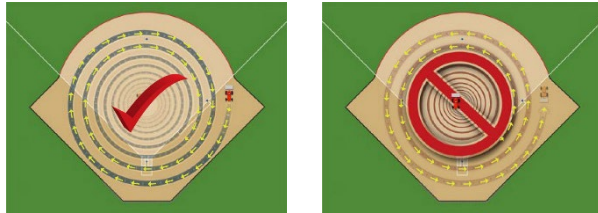
# CBSL League wide meeting – Coaches Guide

## Coaches Guide

- Illustrative instructions on how to prep fields upon arrival, close facility when departing and evaluate field conditions during inclement weather

### Arrival:

- The manager of the **home team** must see that the field equipment (bases, catcher's gear, etc.) is on hand and available at least 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time and that the field is prepped and lined.
- If dragging field, always start on the outer edge and work your way inwards towards the pitcher's mound. Drive **SLOWLY!** Keep **3-feet away** from the grass edge and **NEVER** pull the drag into the grass when finished.



- Gameday setup - use templates to mark batter's boxes before chalking. Never chalk foul lines in the outfield grass.



### Departure:

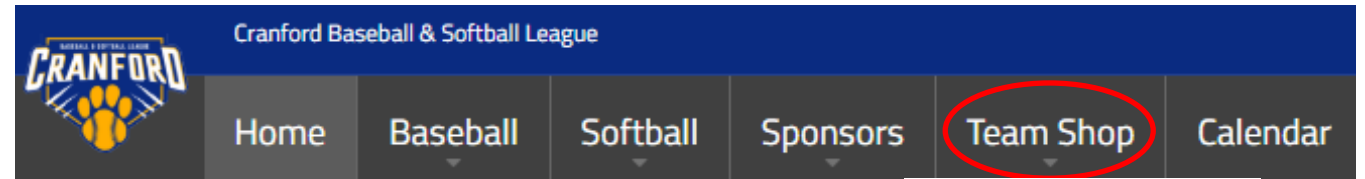
- The manager of the **visiting team** must see that the field equipment (bases, catcher's gear, etc.) is put away after each game.
- We need your help to keep the facilities looking like what a Cranford facility should look like. Be sure to complete these items when you are last to leave the field.
  - 1) Keep the dugouts clean. Take one sweep when all your players have exited
  - 2) Empty garbage cans that are over half full in the dumpster
  - 3) Double check the bathroom doors and shed doors are locked if you are last to leave facility
  - 4) Turn off the lights and return scoreboard remote control to the snack stand
- If unsure about anything at Memorial or Adams, just ask for help. Facility Directors ([Sean Fallon](#) at Memorial and [Bob Meistrell](#) at Adams) are the first resource and generally always available, but Baseball and Softball League VP's and Division Coordinators are always willing to offer advice and help.



# CBSL League wide meeting – Spring Team Shops

## Baseball and Softball Team Shops

- Online store will be open in a few weeks
- Check out new Cranford gear and take 20% OFF equipment plus FREE SHIPPING on top products from Evoshield, DeMarini, Louisville and the Wilson family of brands.
- Most items available in multiple colors & styles



2025 DeMarini  
Zen (-10) USA  
Baseball Bat

~~\$349.95~~  
\$279.96



Winter 2024 Matt  
Chapman A2K®  
MC26 Game  
Model 11.75"  
Infield Baseball  
Glove

~~\$399.95~~  
\$319.96



# CBSL League wide meeting – Upcoming Fundraisers

## Spring 50 / 50

Online 50/50 to be conducted for entire spring season

- Drawing to occur on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> (All Star Night)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HR Derby Day

Date: Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

- Each division to host a HR Derby on its playing field, open to all CBSL players
- Mom & Dad's divisions

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mom's Night Out

Tentative Date: Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

- Canvas Painting event with Porch Leaner; theme of HOME and Baseball or Softball




## Cranford Day at Somerset Patriots

Date: Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:05pm (Jersey Diners promotion)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Outing

Date: Likely Monday in late October

Location: Galloping Hill




### 2026 FAMILY DAY AT THE SOMERSET PATRIOTS

## SUNDAY, MAY 30TH, 1:05 PM

**OPPONENT:** New Hampshire Fisher Cats (Blue Jays affiliate)  
**GATES:** 12:00 pm    **TICKETS:** \$14.50 each

**PROMOTIONS:**

- CBSL will form the arc around the infield during the National Anthem. All players and coaches need to report to the RF lawn area no later than 12:30
- Award winning “Jersey Diners” promo theme with oldies music, diner food specials, and a TBD giveaway at the gates
- Performance by “The Pacemakers” senior citizens dance team
- Kids run the bases after the game!



### HOW TO GET TICKETS:

**Purchase link coming soon!**

**A PORTION OF EACH TICKET SOLD WILL GO BACK TO THE CBSL!**



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Questions?

