



## Motor City Hit Dogs Announce 2020 Baseball Year Programming

*Program Expanding to the Valley in Arizona*

**Rochester Hills, Michigan, August 8, 2019** - The Motor City Baseball Club Hit Dogs (“Motor City Hit Dogs” or the “Club”) are pleased to announce its youth boys travel baseball programming for the 2020 baseball year commencing the fall of 2019.

### ***Teams and Coaching Staffs***

Based on the depth and quality of candidates attending tryouts, the Club could decide to add additional teams to the 17 listed below.

Cohort	Level	Coaching Staff
8U	Major	Steve Stout
9U	Major	Mike Procissi
9U	Major	TBD
10U	Major	Mark Hammond
10U	AA	Tim Youngblood
11U	Major	Tony Leonard
11U	Major	Steve Bean
11U	AA	Chris Yates
12U	Major	Scott Leonard / Joe Matos
12U	Major	Tony Hrinkeew / Scott Leonard
13U	AA	Rick Kristich
14U	Major	TBD
14U – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Major	Tony Busseri / Scott Leonard
14U	AA	Mike Procissi
15U	Open	Rick Kirstich
16U	Open	Devon Conklin
17U	Open	Dan Campbell

Note on the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team: For players graduating high school in 2024 and going into 8<sup>th</sup> Grade in September 2019. If you are interested in a tryout please contact Tony Leonard at (586) 864-2406.

### ***Instruction Staff***



- Chris Yates (Hitting and Pitching Instructor): Chris is a former player for the Houston Astros organization.
- Harrison Wenson (Catching Instructor): Harrison played and started at the University of Michigan for three-years before getting drafted by the Los Angeles Angels. Currently playing High A advanced.
- Justin Orenduff (Pitching Instructor): Justin is the founder of the Delivery Value System (DVS) and creator of the DVS Scoring System. The scoring system was built as a product of Justin's pitching career, research into throwing patterns among pitchers, and hours of testing and validating the scoring system over a five-year period. Justin was an All-American pitcher at both George Washington University and Virginia Commonwealth University. He was a member of the 2003 USA Collegiate National Team and a 2004 first round draft pick of the Los Angeles Dodgers.
- Nick Plummer: Nick was the 2015 first round draft pick of the St. Louis Cardinals out of high school. Nick was named to the All-State Dream Team, Mr. Baseball, Under Armour All-American, **and** Perfect Game All-American.
- Scott Leonard (Infield Instructor). Scott is an owner of the Motor City Hit Dogs and current Director of Player Development. He played at SVSU and is responsible for sending over 128 players to high level colleges. Scott's teams have been ranked top 10 in the country each year, winning over 31 USSSA Super NIT Championships, three third (3rd) place finishes at the USSSA Wilson DeMarini World Series and 12 State Championships.
- Tony Leonard: Tony has been coaching youth baseball since 2005. He started the Michigan Mudhens travel baseball program with one team and in three years grew it to four teams, later merging it with the Motor City Hit Dogs. The majority of the players from the first Mudhens team went on to play college baseball including Nick Plummer, who was drafted in the first round, 23<sup>rd</sup> overall of the MLB draft by the St. Louis Cardinals in 2015. Since Tony started coaching in 2005, all of his teams have been ranked in the Top 20 in the nation.

### ***Management Team and Board of Advisors***

Director, Player Development – Scott Leonard

Director, Player Development – Tony Leonard

College Placement Coordinator – Scott Leonard and Tony Leonard

Board Member – Dan Palomba

Board Member – Mike Procissi

Board Member – Sean Matuszak

Board Member – Steve Stouts

Board Member – Tony Busseri

### ***Hit Dogs Coming to the Valley in Arizona***



Working with our newest Board Advisor Tony Busseri and Nate Trosky from Trosky Baseball ([www.troskybaseball.com](http://www.troskybaseball.com)), the Motor City Hit Dogs will be adding teams to play a full roster of tournaments for the 2021 baseball season. Details on the program model, facility training location, etc. will be provided over the course of the fall and winter of 2019 and early 2020.

What we can tell you now is that the Arizona based Motor City Hit Dogs teams will be called the ***“Motor City Hit Dogs powered by Trosky Baseball”***.

For the upcoming 2020 baseball year, some of our Motor City Hit Dogs Detroit based teams will play in a late fall or winter tournament in the Valley. To offset travel costs, we are pleased to announce that Route1 Inc. ([www.route1.com](http://www.route1.com)) will be helping to defer some of the costs for our Hit Dogs teams travelling to Arizona this fall.

In addition to the launch for the fall 2021 baseball year, certain team members from the Motor City Hit Dogs program, including Scott Leonard, Nate Trosky, and Tony Busseri, will be holding an elite travel baseball skill clinic in November 2019 in the Valley. The Date, time, location and how to sign up for the event will be made available in later this month.

The clinic will provide players and their family an opportunity to consider our baseball development model; we think it is different than what is currently available in the Valley. The model is currently used to great success by the Motor City Hit Dogs Detroit based teams which has led to top 10 nationally ranked Hit Dogs teams at the 10U to 14U cohorts for the 2019 season. It is program wide the success we are experiencing.

The clinic will also allow the Motor City Hit Dogs to consider players from the Valley for the 10U to 14U cohorts to augment our Detroit based rosters for large, national tournaments that will be held in the 2020 spring and summer season.

### ***Motor City Hit Dogs Programming – What it is All about***

1. Baseball punishes those players that don't do the work; you can't cheat the reps in baseball.
  - Do the work with the goal of training to develop, not training to win. Train with experienced instructors. At practices there is no standing around, no eye wash drills, it is high energy, progressive instruction and lots of reps.
2. Exceptional development manifests itself in consistent, great on field performances at all cohorts, not one or two teams.
  - We are not shy to discuss the exceptional outcomes we create for our players.



3. We are not a baseball program for casual explorers of their talent.
  - Train with the best, compete with the best.
4. Playing deep into “major level” tournaments means more ABs, more innings and learning to compete with expectations against the very best.
  - It also simply means more exposure for our players.
5. “Cradle to grave” skill development model.
  - No need to work with non-academy instructors to learn a skill position.
6. Our younger players do not get “pigeon holed” into one defensive position.
7. We carry small roster - 11 or 12 players at 14U cohorts and below.
8. We teach an attack mentality in all aspects of the game - hitting, pitching, base running and defense.
9. We balance practice with game play - 10 to 12 tournaments over a full year and 3 to 4 practices per week.

### ***2019 Year in Review***

Guest Instructors that Visited:

Nate Trosky - Nate is the owner and founder of Trosky Baseball, is employed by the Milwaukee Brewers, New Balance Area Code Baseball, Pro Baseball / BTS and serves as a private consultant for the German National team. He has served as a baseball clinician for numerous West-Coast colleges and universities (i.e. Stanford, USC, Cal Poly Slo, USF, USB, SCU, Sonoma State, Cal State Monterey Bay, and others).

Todd Coburn, “The Catching Guy” – Todd started conducting catcher only events in Northern Nevada in 2006. Now, 13 years later, he conducts events around the country. He is one of the most sought-after catching coaches in the world who is known for not only his passion for the position, but also his passion for teaching the position. Todd is a lifetime catcher who loves spreading the knowledge to anyone who wants to listen and learn.

2018 and 2019 Team Accomplishments:

- Six teams ranked in the Top 10 Nationally - 2019



- 2nd place finish at the Perfect Game (PG) World Series in Florida - 13U 2019
- Six State Champs 2019
- 10 Super NIT Championships
- 2018 Cooperstown Championship
- 2019, two players selected in the MLB draft
- 2019, four players selected to All-Tournament team PG Georgia
- 2018-2019, eight players signed to NCAA DI scholarships

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