



MBSC Monthly

NEWSLETTER FROM THE MIDDLETON BASEBALL & SOFTBALL COMMISSION

Tryouts

Tryouts for Cal Ripken & Babe Ruth Baseball will be held April 10 (boys ages 9-15), and tryouts for Girls South Central Softball will be held April 11. Tryouts will be held at MHS Fieldhouse.

Baseball – April 10th:		Softball – April 11th:	
Age 9	8:00-9:30 AM	U10	4:00-5:30 PM
Age 10	9:30-11:00 AM	U12	1:15-3:45 PM
Age 11	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	U14	10:15 AM-12:45 PM
Age 12	1:00-2:30 PM	U16	8:30-10:00 AM
Age 13	2:30-4:00 PM	U18	NA
Ages 14-15	4:00-5:00 PM		

Also see www.mbscwi.com for times.

Volunteer Today!

With nearly 700 players this season, your support and volunteerism is critical. Fulfill your volunteer obligations – sign up today:



- **Softball Events: Special Olympics Softball Event at Firefighters Memorial Park on June 19th or Midwest Fast Pitch Softball Showcase Sports Camp at Firefighters Park on August 11-12. contact Michelle Schreier, Jerry Gurtner, or Jay Smith**
- **Field maintenance/groundskeeper. contact Mike Hinz, Brad Novinski, or Tim Brown**
- **Hitter's Sports Camps need volunteers to run the concession stand during the day 10AM-2PM. contact Don Stephan or Renee Kalscheur**

(See directory on Page 4 for contact information.)

Volunteer sign up sheets will also be available at both the baseball and softball tryouts.

Registration Update

MBSC baseball and softball programs are off to a spectacular start! As of March 9th, approximately 370 baseball players and 250 softball players from over 500 families are signed up to participate this season. We look forward to seeing you all out at the ball parks this summer.

The online registration process received positive feedback. We would greatly appreciate any suggestions you might have as we continue to improve our registration and communication process.

Please note that the log in feature for the registration process is not set up for registrant use. Although you received a password and username at registration, you are not allowed to log back into the registration website at this time. The current registration is only set up for administrator log in. We apologize for any confusion.

Please visit mbscwi.com if you need any information.

IMPORTANT – New Bat Rule

If you are out shopping for a new bat this season, there's a new bat rule to keep in mind.



Babe Ruth Baseball 13-15 Division has adopted standards for metal bats that limit the diameter of a bat to 2 ⁵/₈". Wood bats conforming to the dimensions described in Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are approved for use in Babe Ruth League.

Mission Statement: MBSC shall administer and implement a complete, healthful, meaningful and wholesome community baseball and softball program, which will afford each participant the opportunity to play organized ball, which is dedicated to the highest standards of sportsmanship, fair play and competition.



Coaches – Are You Ready?

The upcoming season brings new hopes and challenges to the many volunteer coaches that share their passion for baseball or softball with the many youth that participate in our programs. Coaches hold many responsibilities. If you are one of these wonderful volunteers, or considering becoming one, here are some goals to consider as you prepare for the season (courtesy of Cal Ripken’s “Coaching Advanced Baseball – The Ripken Way”).

- Teach, encourage, and motivate
- Be patient and enthusiastic
- Be positive, fair, and consistent with players
- Set a good example for players and fans
- Use care in making all player-related decisions
- Conduct daily organized practice sessions in a safe environment
- Establish and keep channels of communication open with players and parents
- Make sure that players know expectations, procedures, policies, and requirements
- Provide updated game schedules throughout the season
- Help athletes set goals for themselves and the team

Cal Ripken reminds us to remember four priorities when it comes to coaching.

- 1) Keep lessons simple
- 2) Explain *why* you are teaching concepts and tasks
- 3) Celebrate each individual’s accomplishments
- 4) Make the experience *fun*

Plan to be a positive coach, one who supports his players, challenges them to pursue excellence, and focuses on effort rather than outcome. Errors are part of the game. Your players can learn from them, but should not feel humiliated by them. Make it your goal to make this season the best experience ever for ALL of your players. Success at youth coaching should be measured by those priorities, not wins and losses.

Your players and parents will soon forget wins and losses. The *experience*, however, will be remembered long after the season has ended.



Still Time to Register

Mailed registration forms for the Instructional and Recreational programs will be accepted until **May 1, 2010**. (A \$10 late fee applies.)

Registration Fees (including late fee)

Baseball:		Softball:	
Instructional	\$90	Little Brewers	\$80
Little Bucks	\$100	Cardinal	\$80
Pepper	\$100	Minor Rec	\$90
AAA	\$115	Junior Rec	\$90
		Senior Rec	\$90

Program Descriptions

For a description of MBSC programs offered, please go to MBSC’s website www.mbscwi.com

“I think about baseball when I wake up in the morning. I think about it all day. And I dream about it all night. The only time I don’t think about it is when I’m playing it.”

-- Carl Yastremski, Boston Red Sox Outfielder 1978

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More Tournament Action at MBSC Venues

In addition to the tournaments and camps we've previously mentioned (and are listed at right), we are proud to announce that the MBSC board members have secured a few more quality youth events to be held right here in Middleton.

- ◆ June 19th, Firefighters Memorial Park will host the **Special Olympics Softball Tournament**. Come out and support these dedicated athletes as they strive for Gold with true passion and desire. You and your children will be surprised at how much effort and reward these athletes give and receive.
- ◆ July 14-18, Sorenson Field will host the **Babe Ruth 13 District Tournament** and MHS field will be the site of the **Junior Legion U16 Regional Qualifier**. Make sure you come and support your local teams and give them "The Home Field Advantage" as they battle their way towards a state tournament berth.
- ◆ Middleton Youth Softball will host **U12-U14 tournament** on July 16-17.
- ◆ Hitters Sportsplex is organizing **9-12 year-old baseball and softball camps** at Firefighters Memorial Park this summer. Kids will have the opportunity to learn the game from professional coaches, participate in drills and fun-filled events during this week-long camp. Campers will also have the chance to tour Miller Park during the week. **Softball Camp:** June 14-18 (note date correction), **Baseball Camp:** June 28-July 2. Register at www.hitterssportsplex.com

Advertising

Know a business (or own a business) that would like to advertise to our baseball and softball community? Let us know!

The MBSC newsletter welcomes your ideas. Contact Mike Schoonveld at mike.schoonveld@mbscwi.com.

May 2010 newsletter article submission deadline is April 15, 2010.

2010 Calendar of Events

MBSC Commission Meetings

2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 PM
Edgewood College, Deming Way
Next one...April 13th at 7 PM

Open Gym Girls Softball Grades 4-8

every Sunday from 6-9 PM, MHS Fieldhouse

Tryouts at MHS Fieldhouse

April 10 • Baseball-Cal Ripken Jr & Babe Ruth
April 11 • Girls South Central Softball

Other Exciting Events

- May 24 • Cal Ripken Jr Baseball Start Date (tentative)
- May 25 • Babe Ruth Baseball Start Date (tentative)
- June 8 • Start of Summer Baseball & Softball
- June 14-18 • Hitters Sportsplex Softball Camp
- June 19 • Special Olympics Softball Invitational
- June 21 • Baseball Clinic-Advanced Pitching
- June 21 • Baseball Clinic-Advanced Catching
- June 22-24 • Baseball Summer Camps-Instructional
- June 26-27 • Dugout Club Youth Baseball Tournament
- June 28 - July 2 • Hitters Sportsplex Baseball Camp
- July 14-18 • Junior Legion U16 Regional Qualifier
- July 14-18 • Babe Ruth 13 District Tournament
- July 16-17 • Middleton Youth Softball Tournament U12-U14
- Aug 11-12 • Midwest Fast Pitch Showcase-Showtime Sports
- Aug 21 • 6th Annual Pig Roast-Middleton Sport Bowl





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