



MBSC Monthly

NEWSLETTER FROM THE MIDDLETON BASEBALL & SOFTBALL COMMISSION

Mark Your Calendar Now!

- Dec 13 • MBSC Commission Meeting 7:30pm
 - Jan 16 • Brewer's Banquet – Middleton Marriott
 - Feb 27-28 • Registration 6pm-8pm – MHS LMC
 - Mar 5-6 • Registration 6pm-8pm – MHS LMC
 - April 14 • Baseball Tryouts – NO ALTERNATIVE DATES
 - April 15 • Softball Tryouts – NO ALTERNATIVE DATES
- **Go to mbscwi.com for times and/or if you need additional information.

Baseball Approved Bats for 2012

For anyone considering a baseball bat as a Christmas Gift for their son this year, note the new rule changes for Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth. The comments below are directly from the Cal Ripken website.

Cal Ripken Baseball Division

The bat may not exceed 33" in length, and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 1/4" in diameter. Only 2 1/4" barrel non-wood bats marked BPF 1.15 will be allowed. Wood 2 1/4" barrel bats are allowed.

13-15 Baseball Division

The bat may not exceed 34" in length, and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 5/8" in diameter. All aluminum/alloy barrel bats and all composite handle (only) aluminum/allow barrels are allowed. Only composite barrel bats certified and marked BBCOR .50 will be allowed. Wood barrel bats conforming to the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are allowed.

16-18 Baseball Division

The bat may not exceed 34" in length and the bat barrel may not exceed 2 5/8" in diameter or be greater than a -3 length to weight ratio. Only composite bats certified and marked BBCOR .50 are allowed. Wood barrel bats conforming to the specifications of Official Baseball Rule 1.10 are allowed. ☼

Donation Request

MBSC is always concerned about safety of both its players and spectators. One item we would like to add at Firefighters Memorial Park is an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). Please contact Mike Hinz if you would like to make a donation toward this endeavor. You could help save a life. ☼

Varsity Coaches - Insights

At the last MBSC commission meeting, board members asked the MHS varsity softball and baseball coaches, Arin Opperman and Tom Schmitt, what MBSC can provide to help the high school programs. Besides continuing to provide quality youth baseball and softball, the coaches made the following comments:

- 1) Improve the development of MBSC coaches so that they will provide better instruction to players.
- 2) Provide more competitive games and tournaments for MBSC players.
- 3) Assist in getting more young softball players to UW softball clinics.
- 4) Tees for hitting stations, provide electricity to batting cages for pitching machines, a pitching warm-up area outside of Diamond #3, and continue to improve our already quality facilities.
- 5) Keep growing the MBSC program with more players and teams.
- 6) Continue to stress good sportsmanship and baseball etiquette to MBSC players, coaches and parents.
- 7) Help to promote programs for high school players – Legion, Club, etc.
- 8) Emphasize player skill development and practices, rather than emphasizing games.

MBSC will take these suggestions to heart and continue to work on making our youth and high school programs some of the best in the state. ☼



Coaches Wanted for 2012

We have already received notes from several potential 2012 baseball and softball coaches, but we still need more. If you or someone you know is thinking about coaching an MBSC softball or baseball team in 2012 we want to hear from you. MBSC is encouraging anyone that would like to coach next season to contact one of the league directors this fall so we can plan our seasons. MBSC is committed to teaching all coaches, with any level of experience, how to improve their coaching ability and provide our players the best possible opportunity to improve their playing skills. Look at the MBSC directory and contact the respective league director for the level you are considering coaching and they will answer any questions you might have. ☼

Job Opportunities

MBSC is looking to fill the following two positions at the Firefighters Memorial Park Concession Stand for the upcoming 2012 Summer Season:

Concession Mgr I

Monitor, order and stock all inventory for the concession building from various vendors. Maintain all concession equipment and building interior.

Start: April

End: August

Hours per week: Start around 1-2 hrs/wk may ramp up to 15 hrs/wk based on historical info (Average = 8 hrs/wk)

Pay: TBD

Concession Mgr II

Schedule workers, track hours and fill in (if necessary) for the daily activity at the concession building. Account for daily money (beginning, ending and daily sales) to operate the concession building.

Start: Mid-May

End: Mid-August

Hours per week: Start around 1-2 hrs/wk may ramp up to 9 hrs/wk based on historical info (Average = 5 hrs/wk)

Pay: TBD

If interested and would like more details, please contact Renee Kalscheuer before February 1, 2012. Call her at 608-577-8858 or send an e-mail (include "Concession Mgr" in the subject line) to reneekal@hotmail.com ☼

Volunteer Opportunities

MBSC will continue to notify you as volunteer opportunities arise. MBSC is still seeking a potential **Website Manager** to help improve and manage the website content, and bring new ideas to this important way to communicate with our families. If you are skilled in this area and have the desire to help improve our website, please contact Jay Smith at jsmi17@amfam.com with your credentials and willingness to help. ☼



Winter Softball Pitching Clinic

For: Softball Players Grades 3rd-8th

The MHS softball coaching staff will be conducting a winter pitching clinic for girls interested in pitching. No previous experience is required!

During this clinic, we will emphasize good pitching mechanics, warm up techniques, and drills to help with accuracy and speed. This clinic will be a valuable experience for pitchers of all ages and skill levels.

Dates: Sundays, January 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Check-in time: 8:45 am

Location: Middleton High School Fieldhouse

Cost: \$50 clinic participation fee will be collected at the door on the first day of the clinic. Please make checks payable to Middleton Baseball Softball Commission.

What to bring: All players should wear sneakers, bring a glove and a softball, and provide their own catcher. If your catcher is a softball player (any age), a facemask will be required, and a chest protector and shin guards are highly recommended.

Go to the website to register.

<https://sites.google.com/site/middletonsoftball/winterpitchingclinic> ☼



All Kids Should Play Baseball or Softball

Baseball and softball are unlike any other sport. These games require strategy, intelligence and skill. But what is often overlooked is what can be achieved in baseball and softball by all walks of life.

You will not succeed in the NBA if you are under 6'; in the NFL you need to fit a physical and psychological profile to play every position. In the NHL, you need to be able to skate and have a place to skate frequently.

When you look at baseball and softball, you can fit any physiological profile. You can be short or very tall. You can be overweight or slow as a grandmother. You can be the nicest person in the work or super-intense. You can have all the talent in the world or you can have minimal talent but work harder than everyone else.

Baseball and softball offer more opportunities that you are dealt in life than any other sport. In baseball and softball, there are positions out there for anyone.

No one should be forced to play a sport they don't like. However, persuading them to play a few seasons will expose them to teaching opportunities you won't see in other sports.

- Patience. In other sports, acting and reacting quickly is imperative to all facets. But in these games, you have to wait your turn to bat and cheer on your teammates while you wait.
- Responsibility for your own behavior. If you say something nasty to a kid on the other team, there is no guarantee that you won't get it back threefold.
- Respect. If you argue balls and strikes with an ump, you will get booted.
- How to be an individual. When a batter approaches the plate, there are no teammates to hide behind. It is one person on the stage to perform how that single person is prepared to do.
- How to pick yourself up from failure. This is huge. In baseball and softball, you are going to strike out, you are going to make an error, you are going to lose. And what you learn when you fail is to pick yourself back up and do better the next time. You go home to your parents and friends and life goes on. A very valuable life lesson.

Baseball and softball are about the virtues they teach. They are about fun, camaraderie, sportsmanship and many other valuable life lessons that will help kids grow into happy, healthy, responsible adults.

PLAY BALL! ⚾



"Quick, Mister, the ball! He's rounding second!"



2012 State Baseball Tournaments

State Tournaments sites and dates were recently awarded for the 2012 baseball season.

MBSC programs always seem to have great success so it is never too early to start planning for next summer.

The tournaments are listed below.

- 8 year old machine pitch-Janesville, July 13-14-15
- 9 year old, Neenah, July 12-13-14-15
- 10 year old, Janesville, July 14-18
- 11 year old 60", Dodgeville, July 14-18
- 11 year old 70", Janesville, July 14-18
- 12 year old 60", Marinette, July 14-18
- 12 year old 70", Neenah, July 14-18
- 13 year old, Green Bay, July 14-18
- 14 year old, Eau Claire, July 14-18
- 15 year old, Sauk Prairie, July 14-18
- 16-18 year old, Dodgeville, June 30-July 5

“Kids today are looking for idols, but sometimes they look too far.... They don’t have to look any farther than their home because those are the people that love you. They are the real heroes.”

~Bobby Bonilla

2011-2012 Calendar of Events

MBSC Commission Meetings

Edgewood College, Deming Way

Next one...Dec 13th at 7:30PM

(Baseball subcommittee meeting is the 1st Tuesday of the month, next one...Jan 3rd at 7:30PM)

Other Important Dates

January 8-29 • (Sundays) Softball Pitching Clinic Grades 3-8***

Feb 27-28 • Registration 6PM-8PM MHS LMC

Mar 5-6 • Registration continues 6PM-8PM MHS LMC

**Mar 24 or 31 (tbd) • Spring Workday at FFMP & Adler

April 14 • Baseball Tryouts – NO alternative dates

April 15 • Softball Tryouts – NO alternative dates

**May 20 • 8th Annual Pig Roast Fundraiser 12PM-8PM

May 21 • Cal Ripken and 13s Babe Ruth Seasons Open

June 11 • Recreational baseball & softball starts

**June 17 • Special Olympics Softball Invitational

June 20 • Cardinal Youth Camp at FFMP

Advanced Hitting, Pitching/Catching

June 23-24 • Cardinal Dugout Club Youth Baseball Tourney

July 13-15 • MBSC Softball Tournament (U10-U14)

**August 8-9 • Midwest Fastpitch Softball Showcase

**August 11 • Fall Workday at FFMP & Adler

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Visit mbscwi.com for additional information

***flyer for girls’ winter softball pitching clinic at this site

<https://sites.google.com/site/middletonsoftball/winterpitchingclinic>

Sponsors

The MBSC would like to thank Woodall Training and The Bruce Company for their generous donations and continued support of MBSC.

The Bruce Company has many great gift ideas and ways to decorate your home or business for the holidays (and all year round).



Look to Woodall Training for baseball instruction and fitness training. It is a gift that will last a lifetime.



Do you have something for the newsletter?

The MBSC newsletter welcomes all your ideas. Anyone is encouraged to submit articles, facts, and information regarding games and performance of your teams. We will publish as many highlights from the upcoming seasons as possible. We also welcome photos from your games and/or teams. Contact Mike Schoonveld at mike.schoonveld@mbscwi.com. ☺





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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.



MBSC Committees

Concessions: Renee Kalscheuer, Michelle Schreier, Brenda Delabarre

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Fund Raising: Mike Land, Brenda Delabarre

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Ad Hoc: Open

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Coaches Meeting: Tom Schmitt, Don Stephan

Purchasing: Don Stephan, Jerry Gurtner

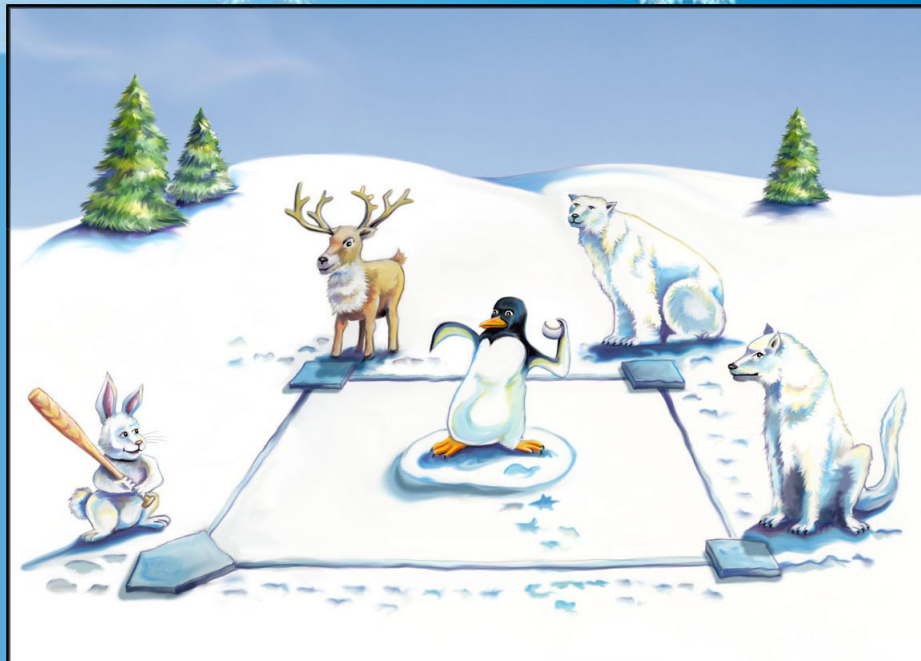
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Happy Holidays from MBSC



*MBSC would like to wish all of its members, participants,
and their families a safe and happy holiday season.*

Thank You for your support. ❄️