



Hello, WCBA Families.

Here is an outline of what is new and going on in West Central Baseball:

City/WCBA Land Purchase:

West Central, in coordinated efforts with the City of Humboldt, is purchasing a section of land just to the North of the current Bus Barn with the intent of enhancing the facilities. This land will either be utilized to expand the parking lot to create more parking, or if funding is available, move Diamond B from its current location to the new land and then replace Diamond B with expanding parking.

Board Member Resignation:

Tyler McCoy has officially requested to resign from the WCBA Board effective immediately. We do thank Tyler for his dedication and efforts put into WCBA. With Tyler's departure, we do have 1 vacant board position currently. This will be for a 1-year term as an At Large Board Member. If you or someone you or someone you know is interested in joining the board, please email us at wcbassoc@gmail.com and let us know. We will look at all the candidates and will select at the next board meeting.

VFW State Tournament Bids:

Bids are open starting November 1st and will close November 15th. WCBA has decided to place a bid to host all age groups.

VFW State Tournament Dates:

VFW State Tournament Dates were posted and are as follows:

1. 8U and 12U: 07/11/2025 – 07/13/2025
2. 10U: 07/18/2025 – 07/20/2025
3. 17U: 7/25/2025 – 07/27/2025
4. 14U: 08/08/2025 – 08/10/2025
5. 17U Allstate Care and Showcase: 08/16/2025

Feedback Results:

We were able to collect approximately 50 feedback surveys and received some great feedback. One thing that was consistent and clear was communication and transparency. This letter serves as an example of us working towards addressing these items and taking the feedback seriously. Other items we will be looking at is how to create more shade at the facilities, utilizing both Humboldt and Hartford Fields, assessment process, and training. The great news on the training side of things is we have secured turf time at the 40HQ off the Renner Exit, and we will be able to have winter workouts for a period of 12 weeks and possibly have some off-season camps as well. Winter workouts will start with our 10U and up divisions and will be included as part of your registration cost, but we are looking at camps for all ages. The additional workouts will also give us the opportunity to look at a better process for assessments and team assignments.

We will continue to support any feedback given, we just ask that it is constructive and if you have any ideas on how to improve on issues that always helps as well. We did receive a few feedback surveys that were only intended to belittle the association and the board and offered no constructive feedback.

Volunteer Checks:

After going through all the volunteer checks that were issued it was apparent, also through feedback surveys, that parents are not submitting their volunteer checks at all. Volunteering is a big part of our association and what allows us to generate more funding for improvements and help keep registration costs low. We will be coming up with a plan going forward to help keep accountability for everyone to turn in checks. There were nearly 1,200 volunteer hours put in last year, and could be more this year if we end up hosing more tournaments. If we paid for all the hours put in last year we would have paid out over \$18,000.

Officer Elections:

New officer positions were elected for the upcoming year, and they are as follows:

- President – Andy Leuth
- Vice President – Matt Cain
- Treasurer – Heath Thomsen
- Secretary – Lance Koenig
- Chad Herr – At Large
- Vern Lind – At Large

Registration Costs/Registration:

This year we took a good look at what all goes into each team to truly understand what we need to set the registration costs at so we are not losing money and can continue to grow the program, facilities, and development. To give an idea as to how much we put into each team, here is a breakdown of costs:

- 1 New Case of 12 Baseballs per team - \$96.00
- Field Maintenance/Chalk - \$250/team a year
- Jerseys
 - TeeBall/6U: \$18.99/Player
 - 8U – 17U: \$36.99/Player
- Hats - \$18.99 per player
- Coaches
 - TeeBall – 10U: No Cost
 - 12U: \$1,500/Paid Coach
 - 14U/17U: \$2,000/Paid Coach
- Cost to Play in MinnDak per Team - \$150 / year
- Cost to Play in I29 League per Team - \$175 / year
- Cost to play in WCBA Paid Tournaments - \$350 to \$375 / year
 - MinnDak or I29 and VFW State
- Assessment Fee
 - TeeBall – 10U: None
 - 12U – 17U: \$50.00
- Provided Catchers Gear and Gear Bag - \$200 / Team
- Umpires (10U – 17U): \$550 to \$1,600 depending on Age Division

With that said, we have some costs that need to be adjusted to better align with what is put into each team and this will hopefully stabilize the cost, so we don't see them increase each year. Here are the costs that are set:

- TeeBall - \$50
- 6U (Coach Pitch) - \$150
- 8U (Transition) - \$150
- 10U - \$200 (After \$50 Assessment Fee Discount)
- 12U - \$250 (After \$50 Assessment Fee Discount)
- 14U (7th – 9th Grade) - \$300 (After \$50 Assessment Fee Discount)
- 17U (Varsity, JV, Sub-JV) - \$400 (After \$50 Assessment Fee Discount)

****Note:** The \$50 Assessment Fee that we collect during the assessment period goes back to the individual's conducting the assessments.

For 10U and up, if you did not complete the assessment in the fall you can still register; however, you will need to attend a future assessment date and still pay the \$50 assessment fee.

12U we have priced based upon having volunteer coaches. If there are no volunteer coaches and we have to hire coaches then a discussion will need to be had to discuss hiring coaches along with their compensation and team fundraising to help pay for the coaches.

14U and 17U should be more; however, we made a discussion that each player can umpire 4 games voluntarily to help keep the cost down. If they choose to ump over 4 games, they will then be paid accordingly. If they do not want to ump at all, you will have an option to pay \$200 at registration. If they do not complete their volunteer umping, and do not pay the fee at registration time, they will be asked to pay at the end of the season.

For 14U and 17U we normally charge a \$5.00 per adult gate admission fee for games as well. New this year we will give you the opportunity to purchase a gate pass at registration in the amount of \$50 per adult. This will cover all regular season 14U and 17U gate admissions per adult.

We are also adding a Non-Volunteer Check option at registration as well. If you are wanting to not volunteer you are able to do so and pay your \$150 at time of registration rather than writing a check and waiting until the end of the year for it to be cashed.

The family cap for this year will be set at \$600 for registration costs. If your player registration will exceed \$600 please email us at wcbassoc@gmail.com and we will get you a code so it caps your registration cost. Gate Pass, Non-Umping Fee, and Non-Volunteer Fees are not included in the \$600 cap, that is only player registration cost.

We have also set it up this year that you can pay in full at time of registration or you can elect to pay over 6 monthly installment payments as well.

Registration will open on Thursday, November 6th at 8:00am CST.

TeeBall through 8U registration cutoff date will be 02/28/2026, after 02/28/2026 there will be a \$50 Late Fee.

For 10U and up, the registration cutoff date will be 12/31/2026, after 12/31/2026 there will be a \$50 Late Fee

Last date to register will be 03/31/2026. The only registrations that will be allowed after 03/31/2026 will be anyone new to the district.

Monthly Board Meetings:

As a reminder, Monthly Board Meetings are typically held the first Sunday of each month at 6:00pm at the Humboldt Community Center. These are open to the public to join either in

person or via Facebook Live. Make sure to watch our Facebook page and we will post the agenda along with if there are any changes to date/time/location.

As always, thank you from the West Central Baseball Association Board for being a part of our program, we are looking forward to a great year!