



Hello, WCBA Families and Followers.

Here is the February 2026 WCBA Newsletter

Winter Training Session:

Winter Training Sessions have been going great, and we continue to see good turnouts. As a reminder these sessions are for any 10U through Legion Players who have registered for the 2026 WCBA Summer Baseball Program.

Tuesdays:

5:00pm to 6:00pm: 10U

6:00pm to 7:00pm: 12U

7:00pm to 9:00pm: 14U and Older

Thursdays:

5:00pm to 7:00pm: 14U and Older

7:00pm to 8:00pm: 10U

8:00pm to 9:00pm: 12U

Registration Updates:

10U and Older: Regular registration closed 01/31/2026. You can still register through 03/31/2026; however, there will be a \$50.00 increase.

TeeBall, Transition, and Coach Pitch: Regular registration remains open through 02/28/2026. You can register until 03/31/2026; however, after 02/28/2026 there will be a \$50 increase.

Fundraiser

February 1st officially kicked off the Baseballism Fundraiser month. We have paired with Baseballism for the month of February and a percentage of each sale will come back to WCBA. Make sure to visit the site below and use code Trojans57033-26 at checkout. The association with the top sales will get an additional \$3,000 and 2nd place will get an additional \$500.

https://www.baseballism.com/blogs/news/fundraiser-feb-2026?srsltid=AfmBOor_OjtxseJ6B4g2RRW5f5cM1ob8swiiDCjRzUMaRC21NYgFxr2S&fbclid=IwY2xjawPtrv1leHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETFGV2xzZ1ldzh1aWpjMnAxc3J0YwZhcHBfaWQ_QMjlyMDM5MTc4ODlwMDg5MgABHovyCl01djlEYsxbjg1JUwD6TXuVM3n8pUoMxqkJQLMv9soJbtmWW3QxmiF_aem_3aoGIHQWgEREHyLbTCtcMA

2026 Tournament Director:

There has been an individual that has expressed interest in the Tournament Director position. Conversations will continue and we will look to have the Tournament Director Position announced soon.

Early Bird Tournament/Canaries Game

It has been determined that the 2026 Canaries vs Armatures Baseball game will be held on Sunday, May 10th and will be a conclusion of the Early Bird Tournament. It is been considered to change the Early Bird Tournament format to have 10U and 12U teams compete Friday and Saturday and then have Sunday be Championship morning. The Canaries game will not only offer fun activities for the kids but will also be held as a memorial tournament honoring the lives of two recently passed away baseball players, Reed Harter and Chandler Bakley. For the kids we will have a minicamp put on by the Canaries, a chance for them to catch Batting Practice Balls and Free meal for those players that participated in the Early Bird Tournament. For the memorial, there will be Silent Auction for a number of items including a Suite at a Canaries Game, Canaries signed Helmet, and Canaries signed bat. All proceeds of the silent auction will go to the Harter/Bakley Scholarship. The game between the Canaries and Armatures will start at 3:00pm. The game and activities will all be free of charge to those that participated in the Early Bird Tournament and \$5 a person for all others.

2026 WCBA Hosted Tournaments

Here is a list of the tournaments that WCBA will be hosting this year. There will be plenty of volunteer opportunities and sponsorship opportunities.

10U/12U Early Bird Tournament: May 8th – 10th

8U Midwest Bash: June 12th – 14th

Legion Grand Slam: June 19th – 21st

SD VFW 8U State Tournament: July 10th – 12th

SD VFW 10U State Tournament: July 24th – 26th

Grand Stand for Field A

Stu and Herb are going to work to secure bids to replace/rebuild the Grandstand Structure on Field A that was destroyed in the July 2022 Derecho storm. Money was awarded to the City of Humboldt for the claim and the first step will be to get a quote and then see how much more would be needed to determine timeline of project.

Umpire Coordinator

This year we will be working with Jason Whitting to set up an official Umpire Coordinator position. This position will be responsible for scheduling all umpires for 14U and above. Cost would be around \$87 per ump per game, which would be less than years past. For 12U and lower, we will be responsible for organizing the 14U players to work the games. We may see if this would also be a role that the Tournament Director would like to take on as they will need to be used for Tournaments as well.

Concession Coordinator

It was discussed and approved that Dawn Herr would once again be the Concession Coordinator for the 2026 season. She has done a great job in the past and we look forward to her continued efforts and work. We are exploring other good purchasing options as well to help save cost rather than going to Sam's Club all the time.

Sunday Youth Winter Camp

Stu and Herb will be working on putting together a youth baseball camp on Sunday, March 22nd. Keep an eye on more information on that to come out.

Sports and Rec Board

Currently we have no representation on the Hartford Sports and Rec Board. Matt Cain will be working to see if we can get a spot on the board and then we can determine our representative. This would be good to be a part of as we continue to better support both Humboldt and Hartford.

Gear Store

Chadd Herr will be working to set up a gear store for this year. The site we are looking at using will allow you to order, pay, and have directly shipped to you without having to wait for batch orders and figuring out a pick up time. Turnaround times are usually 7 to 10 business days. This new store will also offer more gear and the ability to order year round, not just once a year.

Scholarship Program

Heath Thomsen has brought up the idea to create a WCBA Scholarship program for graduation WCBA Baseball Seniors each year. We have decided that this would be a great addition and a great opportunity to show our support of our players. We will finalize at the March meeting but thinking about doing 2 - \$1,000 scholarships.

Open Board Position

Kaitlin Retzlaff has reached out and express interest in the open board position we currently have. This position would be an At Large board position and would run through end of September 2026. We feel like she would be a great fit for the board and Vern will be reaching out to verify if she is still interested. If so, we will make it official at the March Board Meeting.

Next Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 1st at 6:00pm in the upstairs of Pizza Ranch in Hartford.