



Middleton Baseball & Softball Commission

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MBSC SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PROGRAM

Program Description

The Middleton Baseball and Softball Commission (MBSC) Summer High School Baseball Program is a competitive program for players of ages 15-18 that is primarily for players who played on a Middleton High School (MHS) team during the previous spring season. This program usually has at least one Senior level team and at least one Junior level team. The program will also offer a Senior travel (Legion) team if player numbers and commitment are sufficient. Senior level teams are usually comprised of mostly juniors and sophomores from the previous high school season (ages 16-18). Junior level teams normally are comprised of mostly freshmen from the previous high school season (ages 15-16). Team composition and the number of total teams may vary depending on registration numbers and commitment of players and coaches. Graduated MHS seniors normally do not play in this program, but may be invited to participate on a Senior team by the league director if needed based if more players are needed to fill out a Senior team roster. Senior and Junior level teams will schedule weekday games predominately against other high school age teams in the Madison metro area, under the direction of the Capital Lakes Baseball League scheduling group. Teams may also decide to schedule weekday games independent of the Capital Lakes affiliation. MBSC teams in this program may also play games in selected weekend tournaments. The number and type of weekend tournaments entered will be decided by the league director, with input from summer team coaches and MHS baseball coaches. The Senior travel team and the Junior team will also have the chance to participate in an age appropriate American Legion baseball qualifying tournament at the end of the regular season. The decision to participate in the American Legion tournament will be made by the league director. **This is a competitive program and requires a major commitment by players in order to participate. It is recommended that players have a major commitment to the MBSC Summer High School baseball team over other summer baseball options.**

Team Composition and Formation

Players must have residence in the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District (MCPASD) in order to participate in this program. All players who played on a Middleton High School baseball team during the previous spring season are eligible to participate in this program. Players who did not participate on an MHS spring baseball team may be asked to join an MBSC summer team if the league director and team coaches determine that there is a roster spot for that player. The league director may invite graduated seniors to participate on a Senior team if there is a need to fill out the roster with more players. Playing time for returning high school players will be emphasized over playing time for any graduated seniors that are invited to play on a team. Teams typically have 14-15 players on a roster, but this may vary depending on registration numbers.

The number of MBSC teams in the Senior or Junior levels may vary from year to year, depending on registration numbers and the commitment of players and coaches. Players who played on the varsity team at MHS during the spring season (regardless of school class) and all other juniors who played on a high school team at MHS during the spring season will be automatically eligible to participate on a Senior team. Sophomores who played on a high school team at MHS during the spring season will be eligible to participate on a Senior team. Freshmen who played on a freshmen team at MHS during the spring season will be eligible to play on the Junior team. Any freshmen who played at the JV or varsity at MHS during the spring season will be asked to join a Senior team. Other freshmen may be asked to join a Senior team if there are roster spots to fill on a Senior team. This decision will be made by the league director with input from high school and summer team coaches. Students that did not play spring baseball at MHS but have a serious desire to play on a MHS baseball team in the future may be invited to play on a Senior or Junior team if there is a need to fill out rosters or if specific position players are needed. Evaluations may be necessary to determine which of these players are chosen to play on a team. Players on a MBSC summer team will be allowed to play on another MBSC summer team as needed to help with player shortages during weekday games or for weekend tournament games.



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Registration for the MBSC summer high school baseball program will take place in August of the previous year. Fees will be set by the league director based on budget projections for the upcoming season. Estimated expenditures for each team will be provided by the league director at registration. Final determination of teams and rosters will be done by the league director, after MHS teams have been formed for the spring season. The league director will seek input from summer team coaches and MHS baseball coaches about team formation if needed. If a player registers for the summer high school baseball program during the August registration and does not make a high school team the following try outs in the spring, their registration fees will be reimbursed if no roster spots are available on a summer team. The MBSC will attempt to hire two non-parent coaches for all of the summer high school baseball teams. Parents who wish to help coach a team will be added to coaching staffs as needed per the league director.

Teams

Senior Travel Team

- Comprised of predominately returning Junior and Senior class players who commit to playing a more challenging and competitive schedule. Returning Junior and Senior class players will choose between playing on the Senior travel team or the Senior league team during the registration period. Participation on the Senior travel team will require a very high level of player commitment.
- Eligible graduated MHS seniors may be asked to participate on this team, only if the league director decides that roster size and team positional composition indicates a need to add any graduated seniors.
- This team would play 1-2 “league” games per week, along with 5-6 weekend tournaments.
- This team will be registered as an American Legion team and may participate in the postseason AAA American Legion tournament.
- Additional fees paid per player above the base fee will be determined by expected costs of participating in additional weekend tournaments and the American Legion tournament.
- Older players will have first priority for signing up for the Senior travel team. Additional roster spots will be filled based on positional needs along with evaluation of talent level.
- Playing time— Equal playing time will be emphasized for weekday league games. For weekend tournaments, coaches will work to get playing time for all players in every game, though equal playing time not guaranteed. For American Legion postseason tournament games, coaches will work to get playing time for all players in every game, though this is not guaranteed due to the high level of competition.

Senior League Team

- Comprised of predominately returning Junior and Senior class players who choose to play in the league team format.
- This team would play a regular league game schedule of 2-3 games per week, along with 1-2 local weekend tournaments.
- Players registered for the Senior league team would pay only the base player fee.
- Playing time—equal playing time will be emphasized for weekday league games and weekend tournaments.

Junior Team

- Comprised of predominately returning Sophomore class players.
- This team would play a regular league game schedule of 2-3 games per week, along with 1-2 local weekend tournaments. All players will pay a base player fee.
- Players who want additional baseball opportunities that is more competitive than the league only format can choose to play in an additional 2-3 weekend tournaments and the postseason American Legion JV tournament.
- Players who play the league only format will pay only the base player fee.
- Players who choose to play the more competitive tournament and American Legion format will pay the base fee and an additional fee which will be determined by the expected costs of the additional tournaments.
- If player numbers are too high for the weekday league schedule, we will rotate 3-4 players to skip the weekday league schedule every week. This will help coaches manage player numbers more efficiently and will also allow families to have some time away from baseball during the summer season.



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- This team will be registered as an American Legion team and may participate in the postseason American Legion JV U-16 or U-17 tournament if player numbers and commitment level are sufficient for participation.
- Playing time— Equal playing time will be emphasized for weekday league games. For weekend tournaments, coaches will work to get playing time for all players in every game, though equal playing time not guaranteed. For American Legion postseason tournament games, coaches will work to get playing time for all players in every game, though this is not guaranteed due to the high level of competition.

Season

The season will begin in early to mid-June, immediately after the end of the high school baseball season. Players may not play on an MBSC summer high school baseball team until their spring high school season has finished. The number of games played during the season will vary depending on the team. The Junior team and the Senior league team will typically play 13-15 weekday games over a five week period, and the Senior travel team will play 8-10 weekday games over a five week period.. Teams will also play in a number of weekend tournaments during the season. The number of tournaments entered will vary depending on the team. The base registration fee for the Summer High School program will be based on playing a weekday game schedule along with 2-3 weekend tournaments. Additional fees will be charged to the Senior travel team and to Junior team members who choose to play a more aggressive tournament schedule. The additional fee amounts will be determined by the league director based on estimated costs of additional tournaments.

American Legion Baseball

The MBSC summer high school baseball Senior travel team and the Junior team may also participate in an age appropriate American Legion baseball regional qualifying tournament at the end of the season. These teams will be registered as American Legion teams with the Wisconsin American Legion program. Wisconsin State Legion tournaments are held at the U-16, U-17 and U-19 (Senior) Division levels. The winner of an American Legion state qualifying tournament is eligible to play in the Wisconsin State Legion Baseball tournament that is held in early August. In order to register as an American Legion team and participate in this tournament, the team must meet the requirements set forth by Wisconsin American Legion Baseball. The decision to participate in the state Legion baseball tournament will be made by the league director.

Additional Notes

The MBSC will attempt to hire two non-parent coaches for all of the summer high school baseball teams. Parents who wish to help coach a team will be added to coaching staffs as needed per the league director.

Player Liability Notice-- In the event of damage to a hotel room or other lodging accommodation where the team will stay overnight, parents/guardians of those who stayed in that room or living space are financially liable for any and all damages accrued during overnight stays. The parents or guardians of all players registered for overnight tournaments will need to sign a liability waiver agreeing to this language.

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