

CAA DIAMOND SPORTS DIGEST



Registration Updates

By Kelli Hallstrom 01/26/2025, 12:00pm CST

Baseball:

Registration is open for 5–8-year-old in-house, 9-year-old in-house, and 10–15-year-old community league baseball!

For 5-8 in-house baseball, we are making some changes for the 2025 season. Over the past few years, we have seen a large number of cancellations due to weather and wet fields. The season will now open the week of May 19th and conclude by July 25th. We will take the week of June 30th through July 4th off for the holiday and will have a mid-season Jamboree for our entire league. The Minors will have an end of season tournament played during their last week of regular games.

CAA's 9-y/o in-house baseball is a combination of in-house-only players and players on tournament teams. They generally practice on Mondays and play games on Tuesday and Thursday at the Chanhassen Rec Center fields. If you are already placed on a tournament team, you do not have to register again.

10-15 y/o players join teams that compete in the 10/11, 12/13, and 14/15-y/o leagues of the SW Metro community baseball league, with practices and games during the week. The league includes other teams from nearby communities, including Eden Prairie, Edina, Chaska, Shakopee, and others.

Community league baseball is a great way for players to enjoy the fun and competition of baseball without committing to the time and weekend commitments of travel baseball. We look forward to seeing you and your players on the diamond this summer! Register for **[Baseball HERE](#)**.

Softball:

Softball registration is open for K/1/2, 8u, and all rec programs. 10U and 12U teams have already been formed. If your daughter is not on a team and did not attend the

player evaluations last October, please contact a CAA board member, as there are still some openings available.

- K/1/2: Players with birth dates 9/1/16 or later
- 8U: Players with birth dates 9/1/15 or 8/31/17
- 10U: Players with birth dates 9/1/13 or 8/31/15
- 12U: Players with birth dates 9/1/11 or 8/31/13

Registration is open until Feb 24th. If your player is already registered, don't forget to make the final payment online. Register for [Softball HERE](#).



5,000 Swings

By CAA Diamond Sports 01/26/2025, 11:30am CST

As part of player development, CAA Diamond Sports is sponsoring the 5,000 swings off season program. Players that complete the 5,000 swings will be recognized during the 2025 season, and more importantly, they will be better players this upcoming season!

Program details:

- The program is open to all baseball and softball players.
- You are tracking batting swings taken, not balls hit.
- Players will have from Dec 1st, 2024 through Apr 15th, 2025 to complete their swings.
- Bat swings may be in the batting cage, off a Tee, soft toss, live pitching, or other hitting drills.
- 500 swings must be against live pitching - can be on any baseball/softball field, basement, batting cage, or safe area to swing a bat.
- Swings must be logged when they are done.
- Parents must sign off. It is the honor system, and we can tell if a kid has really worked on it or not.

There is no cost for registration. Registration can be completed by following this [link](#) or by going to the registration page on the CAA Diamond Sports website.

Once you have completed your 5,000 swings, please email the 5k Swing log to CAADiamondSports@gmail.com.



Volunteers

By CAA Diamond Sports 01/26/2025, 11:00am CST

Open Positions & Opportunities

There are still several open positions. Please check out the openings and see where you can help out! All positions would fulfill the annual volunteer requirement. Please send an email to caadiamondsports@gmail.com if you have questions or are interested in any of these positions.

Director Softball Hosted Tournaments

- Serves as Tournament Director for hosted softball tournaments
 - Typically 10U or 12U State Qualifier in late June
 - Typically 10U or 12U State bracket in mid-July
- Coordinates with CAA Tournament and Concessions Director
- Plans and manages volunteers and resources
- Works with MN Softball on event planning and setup

Director Softball K/1/2-8U Programs

- Coordinate the K/1/2 program which includes setting up teams and game schedules.
- Manages and coordinates the 8U program

Field/Facility Lead

- Provide and manage solutions for parent or coach feedback on field issues that come up during the season.
- Manage any general field maintenance issues throughout the season, partnering with City Parks Department, the Dugout Club and CAA volunteers (via DIBs sessions)
- Partner with Director of Field Operations / City Liaison on large capital projects and any field maintenance needs
- Accountable for leading Field Day activities (spring setup/fall take down)

BB Player/Coach Development Coordinator

Develops programs for the training and development of coaches and players. Works with skilled resources on program content.

Coordinator Concessions

Will be responsible for purchase and set-up of concessions during tournaments and other events as determined.

Director of Volunteers

The current Director of Volunteers has one year left in her term and is looking for an organized, responsible, dedicated replacement to shadow her for the 2024-2025 volunteer season and take over the role officially in October 2025. This role is perfect for somebody who wants to be involved with the CAA Diamond Sports Board of Directors but isn't a baseball or softball expert (although you can be!) and prefers administrative work to on-field volunteering. This role involves managing the Dibs module on SportsEngine, collecting volunteer checks, tracking credit fulfillment *by family* in a spreadsheet, sending out volunteer communications, and attending monthly Board meetings. If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing, please reach out to Amanda McGibbon for more information at caabbsbvolunteers@gmail.com.

2025 Baseball/Softball DIBS



Board Minute

By CAA Diamond Sports 01/26/2025, 10:30am CST

Schedulers

Did you know we have dedicated coordinators who help organize the scheduling for the entire season for baseball and softball? Megan Dunham and Emily Bemis team up behind the scenes, making everything happen so your son or daughter is on the right field at the right time!

Between baseball and softball, there are many different sized fields that are determined by the age levels of each team. There are locations throughout cities of Chanhassen and Victoria that we consider our home fields. Megan and Emily also load everything into SportsEngine for all the teams for both baseball and softball. They are responsible to help coordinate changes due to weather, and often coaches will often reach out for help making changes to fields or times.

Once the fields are assigned, this position also ensures the parks and fields are ready to play during the season, hire chalkers for the fields, and supply all storage boxes with the

equipment needed to maintain the fields during the season. In addition, they oversee coordinating the training and scheduling of the umpires.

As you can see, this dream team makes a lot of things happen to ensure our seasons run smoothly!



Dates to Remember

By CAA Diamond Sports 01/26/2025, 10:00am CST

Baseball

- Began Dec 1st Through Apr 15th - 5,000 Swings Program Begins (Registration Open)
- Starting Feb 2nd - Dome Time
- Mar 22nd – Registration Closes 5-8 Program
- Mar 25th – Registration Closes 9U In-House & 10U-15U Community League
- 5-8 Parent Meeting (TBD)
- 9U In-House & 10U-15U Community League Parent Meeting (TBD)
- Aug 8th-10th - Tryouts for 2026

Softball

- Began Dec 1st Through Apr 15th - 5,000 Swings Program Begins (Registration Open)
- Starting Feb 2nd - Dome Time
- Feb 19th and 25th - Uniform Fitting
- Feb 24th – Registration Closes
- Mar 6th – Parent Meeting

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To get started, we invite you to sign up for a free athlete evaluation through the website at etsperformance.com/getstarted. Plus, as part of the CAA community, you'll receive an exclusive 10% discount on your membership—just remember to mention that you're with the CAA when you sign up. Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your child's athletic development and ensure they're ready to excel when the next season rolls around. Take advantage of ETS Performance's proven methods and dedicated coaching to maximize potential. For more information, visit the website or contact ETS Performance directly at westmetro@etsperformance.com



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