

CAA DIAMOND SPORTS DIGEST



Baseball & Softball News

Community Updates

In June, we hosted the SCSU Camp at Lake Ann. There were over 35 players in attendance from Chanhassen and the surrounding communities. We received positive feedback from the coaches and families in attendance despite rainy conditions that caused some delays and wet/dirty uniforms. We are excited for next year already and hope to add more players!

Baseball Updates

Our Rookies and Minor teams gathered on Saturday, June 21st for our annual Jamboree. Each team had three games, and our Minors were able to play one game each in the High School softball stadium! It gave all our kids a little taste of their very own tournament weekend. We saw tons of smiles, and excitement, and great memories were made. We filled all six fields at the Rec Center for most of the day and had some of our own youth umpires out to make it even more special for the kids. A special thanks to the volunteers that spent their time making the day a bit more fun for the kids. Thanks to the coaches and families for spending their Saturday at the ball fields to help make great memories.

Travel registration for players and coaches for the 2026 season will open in the next week or so. Watch your emails for a communication on this. The 2026 season will also bring changes to the 9U program. The program will move to registering for a 9AA Travel or a 9U In-House team. The 9AA teams will begin competing in the Metro Baseball League (MBL) like our older teams and will participate in three tournaments plus an opportunity to qualify for the two state tournaments. The 9U In-House teams will compete in league games against teams from within our association as well as a few from neighboring communities.

Softball Updates

10U State Qualifier Tournament: A huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers that helped us make the most of a rain-soaked weekend during the 10U Softball State Qualifier Tournament. A Special thank you to Scott Schutter who stepped in to coordinate the event and to the field workers that went above and beyond to make the fields playable for Friday and Saturday!

Fall Ball: Registration for 8U-12U players interested in playing fall ball will open mid-July. The approach will be similar to prior years with friend-requests allowed as we form rosters. Be on the lookout for the registration email.



Board Minute

West Metro Thunder Softball Program

Starting in the fall of 2025, CAA and the Chaska Youth Softball Association are excited to bring back the West Metro Thunder 14U-16U program!

West Metro Thunder is a club-style option for girls from Chaska, Chanhassen, and surrounding areas to gain a competitive, developmental experience playing in our community with friends and H.S. teammates. It's designed to be as competitive as club options at better value with more flexibility for the multi-sport/activity athlete.

Program Includes:

- Fall/Winter 2025: 3-4 Tournaments + off-season clinics and dome ball opportunities
- Summer 2026: Big West League Play, 4-5 tournaments, Paid (Non-Parent) Coaches

The parent meeting is July 15th at 7pm. Tryouts are slated for July 22nd and/or 23rd.



Volunteer Updates

Upcoming Dibs Shifts

As a reminder, all families are required to complete 8 volunteer hours for the season that runs 8/1/24-7/31/25. Most shifts will be in 2, 4, or 8 hours increments and can be found at [2025 Baseball/Softball DIBS](#).

We have had a lot of questions about when more volunteer hours will be posted and available to claim on Dibs, as the 7/31 deadline is quickly approaching. We are still finalizing the schedules for the remaining two tournaments we are hosting, but once those are done, we will get the Dibs posted right away. We will send out a reminder email and/or post on Facebook to let you know they are out there. There will be many more shifts posted; however, we can't always control when we are able to get the Dibs posted, which is why we encourage you to pick up shifts early in the volunteer season, so you don't have a last-minute scramble. There should be plenty for everybody though! The final two hosted tournaments are the weekends of July 18-20 and July 25-27.

Volunteer Check Cashing

If your family is one that has opted not to complete volunteer hours and instead have your \$400 check cashed, watch for an email in July that will remind you that you have not or are not scheduled to complete your 8 volunteer hours and your check will be cashed in August/September.

Dibs Family Management

Are you a family with multiple athletes in the program? Or did you accidentally claim a Dibs shift under your own name (as the parent/guardian) instead of your child's name? It's OK - we will be able to capture all of these hours and make sure they get assigned to your baseball/softball athlete. The SportsEngine system is not sophisticated enough to be able to know which players are part of the same family, and since our policy is 8 hours of volunteering per family (not per athlete), CAA Diamond Sports has to track that separately, offline. Please note that no matter what Dibs says you have left to earn, the policy is 8 hours per family. It makes no difference which player your hours get allocated to, or if they get split between two players, or even if they are listed under your name. We will get them assigned behind-the-scenes to the correct family.

Dibs on Mobile App

Dibs is finally available on the SportsEngine mobile app! When logged in, go to "Account" in the bottom right-hand corner, and you should see a tile for "Dibs." From there, you can see past Dibs items that you have claimed, as well as the current season's Dibs session where you can see what is available, claim shifts, etc.

Open Roles

We are still in search of several key positions. The Player Development Coordinator helps organize training opportunities, sharing training ideas, supports coaches, and looks for small ways to improve development. The Field/Facility Lead is the go-to person for field-related feedback, helps manage general field maintenance, and partners with the Director of Field Operations/City Liaison on bigger projects. The Coordinator of Baseball Uniforms is responsible for selecting and purchasing full uniforms based on age level. If you are interested in any of these positions, please reach out to the VP of Baseball.



Dates to Remember

Baseball

- Mid July – Baseball Registration Opens
- Aug 4th – Head Coach Interviews
- Aug 8th-10th - Tryouts for 2026

Softball

- Mid July – Fall Ball Registration Opens
- Jul 21st – Week of 14U/16U Tryouts
- Sep 20th-21st – 10U/12U Tryouts

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