

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

CHANHASSEN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

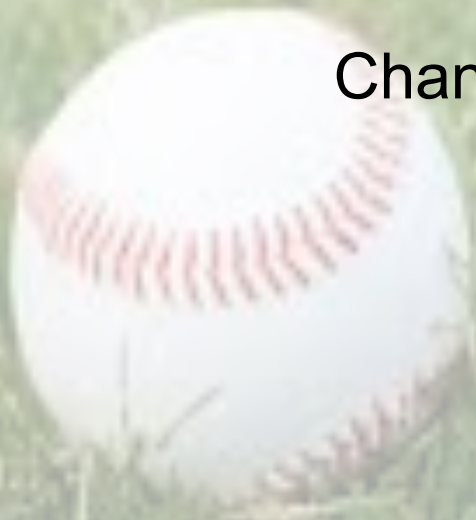


2025 CAA Baseball Information Meeting

March 4, 2025

Chanhasen High School Forum

Zoom Meeting



Agenda

- Welcome / Board Introductions
- Volunteering
- Community Program Overview / Key Dates
- Coaching and Player Safety
- Code of Conduct (Parents, Coaches, Players)
- Umpires
- Chan Challenge
- Dugout Club
- Questions



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Volunteering

We are a **Volunteer**-run organization—without **Volunteers**, there is no program!

- Each family must submit a \$400 check to cover the volunteer fee
 - **Check must be submitted before players will receive their uniforms**
 - Checks will be collected by the Team's Coach and/or Team Manager
 - Each family must provide 8 volunteer hours
 - If you have players in baseball and softball programs, only 1 volunteer check is required. Volunteer hours from either program count towards your 8 hours
 - Checks will be destroyed at the end of the season (October) if volunteer hours are completed (we prefer you complete the hours over having to cash your check)
 - **Rookie (5/6) families are exempt**—unless family also has older players.
- Volunteer opportunities are posted on the CAA website
 - Use the Dibs link to find active volunteer offerings
 - Only hours recorded through the site or volunteer coordinator will qualify
 - Chan Challenge and the 11A State tournaments are great opportunities
 - Board Members and Key Volunteer positions are also great ways to meet your volunteer hours!



Board Members/Key Volunteers

Join us in continuing to make a difference in our community and the lives of our student athletes!!

- Shape CAA for future athletes
- Develop marketing and fundraising strategies
- Build relationships with local community businesses
- Partner with City officials for local field improvements
- Develop programs to grow our student athletes, on and off the field
- Create philosophies and coaching programs for our volunteer parents to make baseball and softball a great experience
- Serve as ambassadors of CAA mission within the community

Speak with a Board member to learn more



Key Volunteers

Please contact any Board member if you are interested in volunteering.

- **Megan Dunham/Emily Bemis** – Coordinators: Field Scheduling; Umpire in Charge; Field Prep
- **Michelle Little** – Coordinator, BB Uniforms
- **Glen Schoenberg** – Coordinator, Baseball Equipment
- **Jill Perkins** – Coordinator, Team Pictures
- **Lynn Peterson** - Community Baseball Administrator
- *Vacant Position* – 5-8 Baseball Administrator
- *Vacant Position* – Player Development Coordinator
- *Vacant Position* – Field/Facility Lead
- *Vacant Position* – Concessions Coordinator



5-8 In-House Baseball Overview

- Ryan Herdrich, Director
- Mission: To develop players and fuel their passion for the game
- Nights of the Week
 - 5-6 Rookies (Monday and Wednesday)
 - 7-8 Minors (Tuesday and Thursday)
- Team selection
 - 5-6 friend requests accepted
 - 7-8 draft process



5-8 In-House Baseball Overview

- Equipment
 - Player provides helmet, gloves, shoes
 - **Updated: Any Diameter (2 ¼” thru 2 ¾”)**
unlimited weight differential with a USA or USSSA stamp.
 - Cup for Catchers
- CAA provides pants, jerseys, hats



5-8 Key Dates

- **3/22** Registration Closes
- **4/8** Minors (7/8u) Draft
- **TBD** League Coaches Clinic
- **TBD** Uniform Day
- **5/19** Season Opens
- **6/21** Jamboree
- **7/25** Season Concludes



We Need Coaches

- Coaches make this program possible
- Each team needs 3-4 coaches
- Fulfills volunteer hours for Minors
- Developing coaching resources for success
- Register on [Baseball Registration Page](#)



Constantly Working to Improve

- **Recent Changes**

- Minors (7/8u) is now coach pitch
- Combined Jamboree for all 5-8 Players
- Moving season back a few weeks
- Season will extend into July



Programs options after the 7-8 Minors Age Group

- **9 In-House** – Local player-development program for 9-year-olds.
- **9U Travel/Tournament** – Traditional MBL travel and tournament team, similar to ages 10-15.
- **10+ Community League** – This program plays games against other area Community teams. Practice and games are conducted during the week, with an end of season weekend tournament.
- **10+ Travel** – Teams midweek games in the Metro Baseball League and participate in 3-4 weekend tournaments—plus, State Tournaments if they qualify.



9 In-House Player-Pitch – Overview

- Age: Players cannot be 10 years old before 05/01/24
- Teams: Both in-house and tournament-team players
 - League and coaches will select teams, with goal of balance
 - Head Coach and one Asst Coach may request to coach together
- Equipment:
 - *Player* provides own bat, helmet, and cleats (no metal cleats)
 - Protective cups are **highly recommended**; required for a player playing catcher.
 - CAA provides pants, jerseys, and hats
- Volunteering: Checks and hours are required



9 In-House Player-Pitch – Calendar

- April 21 or 28: Practices likely start (subject to volunteers and weather)
- May 5: Games likely start this week (12-16 games total)
- Late June: End of Season Tournament (season will conclude before July 4th, weather permitting)
- Practices: Typically on Mondays
- Games: Typically on Tuesdays and Thursdays



10-15 Community – Overview

- League: 10-15 program is part of Southwest Metro Community League with teams from Chaska, Shakopee, Edina, Eden Prairie, and Carver
- Teams: Include solely community league players
- Equipment:
 - *Player* must provide own bat, helmet, and cleats
(*Note: Only 14/15 players may wear metal cleats*)
 - Protective cups are **strongly recommended**; required for a player playing catcher
 - See bat rules on the CAA website
 - CAA provides pants, jerseys, and hats
- Volunteering: Checks and hours are required



10-15 Community – Calendar

- April 7: Team rosters finalized
- ~ Week of April 12: League Scheduling Meeting (Zoom)
 - Game schedules released shortly after
- Week of May 5: Games begin (12-14 games)
 - Games and practices are held throughout the week
- July 11-13: Year-end tournaments
 - Eden Prairie (10/11)
 - Edina (12/13 and 14/15)



Ages 9-15 – Key Dates

- March 25: Registrations due!
- Week of April 21 or 28: Practices Start
- Week of May 5: Games start
- Late June: 9-year-old In-House League Playoffs
- July 11 -13: Year-end tournament for Community Teams
 - Eden Prairie for 10/11
 - Edina for 12/13 and 14/15

Picture Day: (Likely) First week of May



16-18 Community – Overview

- League: Community league includes teams from Eden Prairie, Edina, Chaska, Minnetonka, and Shakopee
 - Program for players not playing Legion baseball
- Teams: Rosters of 13-16 players
- Equipment:
 - *Player* must provide own bat (BBCOR bat required), helmet, and cleats
 - Protective cups are strongly recommended; required for a player playing catcher.
 - CAA provides pants, jerseys, and hats



16-18 Community – Calendar

- Practices & Games: Begin in early May
 - Earlier this year (again)!
 - Mostly during week; limited potential for weekend games (usually driven by field needs)
- Playoffs: Likely late-June



Coaching

- Coach registration for all ages is now open through the CAA website
- Coaching candidates must complete:
 - Background check (valid for 2 years)
 - Concussion training (valid for 3 years)
 - Email to Safety Officer (caasafetybbsb@gmail.com)
 - <https://nfhslearn.com/>
 - Abuse Awareness for Adults training (valid for 2 years)
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 - [Abuse Awareness for Adults](#)
- 4 staff members can receive volunteer credit—it will be the head coach's discretion if they would like 3 coaches and a team manager or 4 coaches.
- Head coaches will be contacted prior to team selection process



Player Safety Resources

- CAA is proud to partner with TCO
- TCO offers sports performance, sports chiropractic services, physical therapy, and nutrition solutions in ~40 locations across the Twin Cities
(<https://tcomn.com/>)
- TCO provide athletic trainers to support the Chanhassen-hosted tournaments



Policies, Procedures, and Codes of Conduct

All documents can be found on the CAA website under [Resources](#)

- Code of conducts:

- [Coaches](#)
- [Parents](#)
- [Players](#)

- Policies:

- [Discipline Policy](#)
- [Social Media Policy](#)
- [Uniform Policy](#)

- Procedures:

- [Incident Report Form](#) - CAA Baseball:Resources:Safety
 - Report Concussions, and other incidents that resulted in a visit to a Doctor, and any Behavior Conduct Issue, players, coaches, fans, umps. We all represent Chanhassen.



Umpires

- Umpire registration will open soon
 - CAA umpires are used for local community / in-house games
- Must be 13+ on May 1, 2025
- Current and former players are encouraged to register
- CAA to provide training and equipment
- Umpires are in high demand and short supply
 - Please respect and encourage our youth umpires



Chan Challenge

The Chan Challenge is one of the top-rated tournaments in the state!

- 2025 is the 15th Annual Chanhassen Challenge
 - Teams compete in 9AA, 10A, and 11A divisions
- Scheduled for May 30 - June 1 at Lake Ann fields
- Need volunteers in order to make this happen
- Great opportunity to retire volunteer hours
- Check out DIBs page for volunteer opportunities



Dugout Club

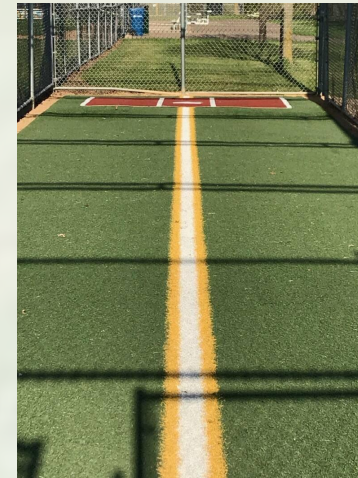
- <https://www.dugout-club.org/> Follow on Twitter @club_dugout

Support and improve baseball and softball facilities within the Chanhasen High School boundaries and to provide safe, playable fields and practice facilities that instill confidence and pride in participants and our communities.

New Dugouts (Diethelm & Lake Susan)



Bandimere Batting Cage



Lake Susan Lights



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Questions

