

SABSA Board Meeting

November 23, 2025 / 6:30 PM / St. Anthony Community Center

Attending: James Smith, Andrew Kagol, Brittany Erickson, Fred Bainbridge, Jen Northwick, Kim Morelli, Rachele Cameron, Kevin Coppinger, Ryan Sypherd, Nick Schwartz

Agenda

Call to Order

- Welcome and opening remarks - Fred
- Report out from directors meeting on Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00PM
Rule changes - Bat sensors are allowed. Ejection policy updates - you are now escorted off the property.

Tournament dates

10u and 12u state July 11th and 12th

14u and 16u state July 25th and 26th

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Last Meeting Follow-up

- Review minutes from last meeting: [SABSA - Meeting Agenda 2025 - October 26](#)
 - Motion to approve: Ryan motions, James seconds, all approved

Old Business

Updates:

- Treasurer's update:
 - Review and approve budget for 2026
 - [SABSA Budget and Accounting.xlsx](#)
 - Make the equipment \$1K instead of \$3K
 - Doubled the national tourney budget to \$4K
 - Motion to approve: Brittany motions, Jen seconds, all approved
 - Discussion on Nationals budgeting and the idea of increasing the SABSA contribution for each team to \$1,000
 - Any further discussion needed about prioritizing Silver Point field?
 - Update on vendor search and quote for new bases at Silver Point.

- 2026 numbers forecast - based on 2025 registration, players on a year-round team removed
 - HS: 4
 - 14U: 11
 - 12U: 19 (may have to ask some 10U players to move up)
 - 10U: 25
 - 8U: 33
 - Plan for 2026 is to have both coach-pitch and kid-pitch teams
 - 6U: 3
- Tournament discussion:
 - Nick confirmed 8U will play Centennial Lakes tourney
 - Ryan and Fred will start registering for tourneys. Planning for Mounds View, Woodbury, and White Bear Lake
 - Decision to register for tourneys. We need teams for this, but not rosters. Fred or Ryan can pay with credit card or with check and will be reimbursed.
- 2026 season discussion:
 - Pitching Clinics led by Stella
 - Gyms reserved for Dec 14th and 21st noon-4pm for pitching. Lower gym. Private lessons first 2 hours; then bigger clinics; varsity players aren't needed for this.
 - Note that Dec. 21st is Softball Team bagging groceries at SAV Cub for FL fundraiser.
 - Send out invites and signup as soon as details are figured out.
 - Fred will work with Jen on this
 - 2026 Jan and Feb Clinics - registration open at: <https://saboosters.sportngin.com/register/form/796349974>
 - Scheduled Jan January 11th, 25th, Feb 8th and Feb 22nd from 12-3pm for off-season clinics.
 - Staff/coordinator -
 - Do we want to hire someone or potentially partner with Minnesota Fastpitch Academy (MFA)?
 - Players could go to MFA on a Sunday. Good coaching at a softball facility
 - MFA is a lot smaller facility than SAV gyms. May not get the kids coming in who are just trying out softball.
 - Looking to outsource due to volunteer constraints
 - Hitting progressions are different at MFA than the boosters progressions/techniques
 - Could consider having diff age groups on different Sundays

- Could consider having hitting clinics at MFA and fielding clinics by booster at SAV gyms
- Fred will make a determination with MFA by Wed. 11/ 26. If it doesn't work out, then will do the gyms
- Suggestion for getting catching coaches and pitching coaches for the season.
- Specific pitching and catching clinics? Not during the winter clinics. No resource for this.
- Signups and initial mailings
 - Sending info to Wilshire Park and SAMS to include in their family newsletters
 - Will send email to families of all players from last year
 - Website has been updated
- Registration for the season will open on Jan 1.
- Evaluations - March 8th, 12-4pm.
 - Lane confirmed at October meeting that baseball will shift their schedule so softball can have the space from 12-4

Equipment :

- The varsity softball cage was a mess at the end of the season. Add this as an item on the coaches meeting.
- Consider a clean-up event after the booster season - early August
- Tractor or 4 wheeler
 - HDC would probably be interested in supporting a tractor
 - Coach B says a 4 wheeler will work.
 - Money comes from SABSA field improvement budget.
 - Kim will ask to have the 4 wheeler transported to SAV
 - Andrew will look at the 4 wheeler to confirm
- Equipment wish list for 2026:
 - Tanner Tees
 - Heavy balls
 - What else?
 - Suggestion for a three-sided net for hitting progression
 - Cones and other agility training equipment
 - Bases and installation at Silver Point (Fred taking the lead)

Uniforms:

- Any updates from last meeting, specifically on options and cost?
 - Could consider - multiple jerseys, practice shirts--any updates on options or cost?
 - Discussion on having 2 jerseys

- Decision to keep the blue jerseys as they are and use for home games and then add a white jersey for away games
 - Keeping the blue jerseys will help keep costs down for families
- Discussion about having a gear swap
 - There is a softball gear swap page on Facebook
 - There is a bin in the lobby at City Hall
 - Plan for a gear swap on clinic day and/or evaluation day–Rachelle and Brittany to coordinate
 - Add a note on the website and on registration site
 - Bring them on evaluation day or on clinic day
 - Brittany will reach out to contact about repairs for a small fee
 - Anything that doesn't go will then be sold at Play it Again with the proceeds going to SABSA
 - Visors
 - Will look at a specialty item (similar to the pajama pants)

Fields:

- Met with City staff regarding Silver Point fields. The city is going to add dirt and rest all the base anchors and remove a damaged pitching rubber.

Coordinator roles discussion:

- Suggestions for coordinator roles
 - [Player and coach development coordinator](#) - John Grindeland
 - [Evaluations coordinator](#) - Fred
 - [Field coordinator](#) - Lane
 - [Tournament coordinator](#) - Ryan and Fred
 - [Player registration coordinator](#) - Brittney (and Jen, Sarah also said she could help)
 - [Fastpitch League Coordinator - MN Softball \(10U-14U/HS\) Fred](#)
 - [Coach and compliance coordinator](#) - Kevin Coppinger; gathers coaches eval
 - [Umpire coordinator](#) - Lane
 - [Uniform and spirit wear coordinator](#) - Kim Morelli
 - [HDC Liaison - non-voting position](#) - Cathy
 - [Fundraising coordinator](#) - Open
 - [Website coordinator](#) - Jen
 - [6U](#) Fred
 - [8U](#) Nick
- Discussion

Website discussion:

- Need new photos–Jen will reach out to coaches from last year to see if they can email photos we can use
 - Especially for 6U and 8U pages –these are really old
- Recommendation to remove the list of Minnesota Softball season dates from the landing page (<https://www.saboosters.org/softball>) and replace with a link. All agreed.
- Facebook - need new page owners (currently John Grindeland and Sarah Ksiazek)
 - Jen Northwick (primary) and Kim Morelli (secondary) will be the page owners

Motion to close: James motions, Brittany seconds, all in favor

Notes:

- December meeting date: Dec. 14, 2025 at City Hall
- St Anthony Facilities - Community Services Facilities and Sports (Reservations)
 - <https://stanthony.ce.eleyo.com/facilities/calendar>

Action Items:

- Fred will make a determination with MFA by Wed. 11/ 26. If it doesn't work out, then will do the gyms
- Jen to follow up with Sarah K on facebook page ownership
- Brittany to reach out to contact about repairs to softball pants
- Rachele and Brittany to coordinate gear swap on clinic days and/or evaluation day
- Jen to reach out to coaches from last year about getting new photos for the website
- Fred and Jen to work together to advertise Stella Kiemele pitching clinic in December

SABSA – COMMON LINKS

[SABSA - Website](#)

[SABSA - Bylaws](#)

[SABSA - Team Formation & Tiering \(Updated 2024\)](#)

[SABSA - Player & Coach Development](#)

[SABSA - Budget](#)

[USA Softball \(Main Focus By Age\)](#)

[St. Anthony High School Softball website](#)

[St. Anthony High School Softball Calendar](#)

[SABSA field schedules](#)