

SABSA Board Meeting

January 18, 2026 / 6:30 PM / City Hall

Attending: Brittany Erickson, Fred Bainbridge, Jen Northwick, James Smith, Nick Schwartz, Kevin Coppinger, Kim Morelli, Rachelle Cameron, Jeff Ostrom

Agenda

Call to Order

- Welcome and opening remarks - Fred

2026 QUALIFIER AND STATE DATES

10U and 12U Qualifiers June 26-28

10U and 12U State July 11-12

14U and HS Qualifier July 18-19 14U and HS State July 25-26

[Slide deck from meeting](#)

1 upcoming 2026 Summer Fastpitch meetings for Tri County:

- Monday, March 30, 7:00pm at Highview Middle School, cafeteria.
- Fred will attend this
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Last Meeting Follow-up

- Review minutes from last meeting: [SABSA - Meeting Agenda 2025 - December 14](#)
 - Motion to approve: James motions, Jenifer seconds. All in favor.

Old Business

Updates:

- Treasurer's update:
 - 2026 budget approved at Nov. 23 meeting
 - [SABSA Budget and Accounting.xlsx](#)
 - Equipment is \$1K instead of \$3K
 - Doubled the national tourney budget to \$4K (\$1K for 4 teams)
 - Spent money on the gym for the December pitching clinics with Stella K. This charge will hit the books in 2026.
 - Check requests for summer tournaments and gym time.

- December month and year end numbers, all of boosters guy. 2025 budget we planned a \$4k loss, but had \$782 profit. \$26,953 in the account total for last year.
 - All tourneys we've registered for have been paid.
 - Paid city/school for use of SAVHS gyms for clinic on Jan. 11
 - Invoice on the tractor
 - ACTION: Jen will send Kim a blank invoice template
- 2026 Summer registration numbers vs. forecast - based on 2025 registration, players on a year-round team removed
 - Opened on Jan. 1, closes Feb. 6 for fastpitch and April 17 for 6U & 8U
 - 24 total registrations as of 1/18/26
 - HS: 0/4
 - 14U: 1/11–1 parent from MPLS reached out to see if they could play.
 - Player from MPLS has been invited
 - 12U: 6/19 (may have to ask some 10U players to move up)
 - Some players are planning on playing only HS ball
 - Bring uniforms to next open clinic for kids to try on
 - 10U: 8/25
 - 8U: 9/33
 - Plan for 2026 is to have both coach-pitch and kid-pitch teams
 - Do we want to encourage older/experienced 8U players to play 10U and have a 10U C team?
 - 6U: 0/3
 - Contact at St. Charles for announcements/communications?
 - 2 12U teams and 2 10U teams. One 12U team will be a C team, and one 10U team will be an A team.
 - Players register for 8U and come to evaluations if they want to play up to 10U
 - Opportunity to get the message out to 8U players—add this to eval communications. Plan to send this communication to all players.
- Tournament discussion:
 - Two tournaments for each 10U, 12U, and 14U team so far. Planning to register as many teams as we can for White Bear Lake tourney
 - May be additional opportunities for additional tourneys at a discount this summer
 - 10U Blue:
 - Panther Classic - Spring Lake Park | May 9
 - Woodbury Wild Pitch - Woodbury | May 15-17
 - 3rd tourney TBD
 - Will play a 4th tourney: Moundview One Day | May 2nd (Jeff O paid for this one)

- 10U White:
 - Woodbury Wild Pitch - Woodbury | May 15-17
 - Soderville Summer Slam - Ham Lake | June 12 -14
 - 3rd tourney TBD
 - 12U Blue:
 - Woodbury Wild Pitch - Woodbury | May 15-17
 - Cardinal Classic - Coon Rapids | May 29-31
 - 3rd tourney TBD
 - 12U White:
 - Woodbury Wild Pitch - Woodbury | May 15-17
 - Rock the Ponds - Prior Lake | June 12-14
 - 3rd tourney TBD
 - 14U:
 - Soderville Summer Slam - Ham Lake | June 12-14
 - Shoreview Stampede - Shoreview | June 19-21
 - 3rd tourney TBD
- 2026 season discussion:
 - 2026 Jan and Feb Clinics
 - Debrief on January 11th clinic
 - 35 players registered for January 11
 - Plan to send email to possible coaches to help with Feb. 22 clinic–target new/newer coaches to learn hitting and fielding progressions
 - Do they get any instruction prior to the clinic?
 - Coaches should come to learn
 - Go over catching and hitting progressions in the clinics
 - We need all the coaches at all the levels need to be committed to the hitting progressions
 - Updated distribution list
 - Clinic on Feb. 22 starts at 1:00
 - Pitch and catching gym time 12-1 in lower gym
 - Google sheet for sign ups
 - ACTION: Jen to send out information and sign ups for pitching and catching time
 - MFA clinics are coming up on January 25 and February 8
 - The max number of players for MFA is 55-60 players

- 20 registered for Jan 25
- 24 registered for Feb 8 (*some registered players have a basketball tourney this day)
- 33 for Feb 22
- MFA wants to know what we want to focus on
 - Focus on hitting, especially for power
 - ACTION: Jen will reach out to any folks who haven't returned MFA waivers yet.
- MFA has agreed to host our winter clinics on **January 25** and **February 8** at their New Brighton facilities from **11:15 AM to 1:15 PM.**
 - **Cost per athlete:** \$20/hour (\$40 per weekend, \$80 for both weekends)
 - Sessions are 2 hours 11:15-1:15
 - Great deal
 - Scholarship money is available
 - Great opportunity to get high-quality coaching
 - Hitting, defense, throwing
 - Option to partner with the high-school team to run the winter clinics on Jan. 11 and Feb. 22
 - Fundraiser to HS booster club to help with FLA trip
 - Donation \$20 a session– to support HS Husky softball going to FLA
 - Spring youth clinic is another option
 - Still want parents to help with the clinics—especially for the coaches
 - Add this to the registration: For anyone who is interested in coaching, Ast. coaching, or helper, bench coaching
 - **Minimum requirement:** 30 athletes per weekend
 - Proposal that SABSA subsidize half the cost for each participant. Registration would be handled on our end, and we would reconcile with MFA once final numbers are confirmed.
 - **Cost Scenarios:**
 - **30 athletes per session**
 - Revenue: \$1,200
 - MFA expense: \$2,400
 - Net expenditure: \$1,200
 - **40 athletes per session**
 - Revenue: \$1,600
 - MFA expense: \$3,200
 - Net expenditure: \$1,600
 - **15 athletes per session**
 - Revenue: \$600

- MFA expense (minimum): \$2,400
 - Net expenditure: \$1,800
- Feb 22 for gear swap
 - Drop off on Feb. 22 and pick up at evaluations?
 - Spring youth clinic is another option
- Evaluations - March 8th, 12-4pm in high school gym
 - Try not to schedule the SABSA meetings on same night as HDC
 - Next SABSA meeting is same day as evaluations
 - Evals run by High School coaches
 - Name tags and numbers need to be created. Jen and Brittany can prepare this.
 - Note that this day is also daylight saving time—may want to note this in communications
 - Split by 10 and 12U last year
 - Last year
 - Structure: clinic-style pitching and catching evals. Will do the same this year.
 - Communications: we sent an email and an event on GameChanger
 - Do we need players to register for this or even sign up on a Google sheet? Or is GameChanger enough?

Equipment :

- Tractor or 4 wheeler-
 - Update on tractor/4-wheeler search
 - Money comes from SABSA field improvement budget.
 - Kim will get the 4 wheeler transported to SAV and Andrew will take a look at it
 - I think this is done. Looking for a 4 wheeler receipt.
 - Motion to approve up to \$2000 for a tractor:
 - Fred motions, Brittany seconds, all in favor
- 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
 - We have cones
 - Could still get an agility ladder
 - Rope bat
 - Fred will purchase equipment

Uniforms:

- Updates
 - Cost for 2026: \$46 for jerseys

- Update on white jerseys will be coach's choice—scrap it
- Brittany reached out to her contact about repairs for a small fee
 - How do we want to “advertise” this?
- Visors
- Will look at a specialty item (similar to the pajama pants)
- Discussion of embroidery and repair options—Evolve

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

Notes:

- Next meeting date: March 8 at 6:30 pm at City Hall
- St Anthony Facilities - Community Services Facilities and Sports (Reservations)
 - <https://stanthony.ce.eleyo.com/facilities/calendar>

Action Items:

- ~~Brittany to reach out to contact about repairs to softball pants~~
- Rachelle and Brittany to coordinate gear swap on clinic days and/or evaluation day
- ~~Fred will ask Lisa at MFA if parents want to stay is that an option for 6U or 8U. Is there some other option?~~
- Fred will coordinate evals
- Fred will coordinate the last clinic session
- Jen will send Kim a blank invoice template
- Jen will reach out to players registered for MFA clinics but who haven't returned waivers
- Jen to send email to Feb. 22 coaches/helpers regarding helping at the Feb. 22 clinics
- Jen to send out information and sign ups for pitching and catching time at Feb. 22 clinic and new times for rest of Feb. 22 clinic

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](#)