



WELCOME TO THE 2017 SEASON

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IF YOU KNOW OF ANY CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5 AND 18 WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING T-BALL, SOFTBALL OR BASEBALL, PLEASE HAVE THEM CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION AT OUR MAILING ADDRESS OR AT www.WABL.org

WOW! WHAT A YEAR WABL HAD IN 2016!

There were many exciting reasons to be a WABL fan. First and foremost, WABL's Softball Program continues to grow and we are very excited about it! In 2016, we added teams at the coach pitch level and in National League – bringing WABL softball to a total of 9 teams, the most in many years! WABL softball plays in the Community Softball League (CSL) made up of teams from Copley, Highland, Revere and Wadsworth. In 2016, WABL softball brought home regular season championships in National & Junior Leagues. In addition, our softball teams won the tournament championship and runner up in National League! Way to go WABL softball!

In 2016, WABL's T-Ball Program was again a huge success, not only for WABL, but for the over 175 boys and girls who participated. This was our biggest year for T-Ball in six years! Thank you to T-Ball Commissioner Jeff Matthews, along with all of the coaches and parents who helped make T-Ball so successful. T-Ball fills up quickly, so make sure you sign up early.

WABL hosted its "Night at the Races" fundraiser in May and it was a huge success, raising over \$11,000 for field improvements and new equipment. The date for the 2017 Night at the Races is May 6th at St Sebastian's Zwisler Hall. In only its fifth year, the WABL Night at the Races is quickly becoming a great tradition – we hope to see you there! (And yes, the Swenson's truck will be back!)

The 2016 season was capped off with an outstanding Day of Champions celebration. Congratulations to all of the teams who played that day. Also, congratulations to our Spirit of WABL winners, and finally, thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this event possible.

We have a huge year planned in 2017. This will be WABL's 60th year! We are very excited about this. There are some big plans in store that we will be announcing shortly. Look for a new uniform logo, a new "brand" logo and many other events as we celebrate this great milestone!

The WABL Board and I are eager to start the 2017 season. I personally want to let all of you know that WABL appreciates everyone's time and effort that contribute to a successful season. Our WABL board members are a team of fantastic and hard working people who make sure the business side of WABL runs smoothly, but we need more help to grow our board and create more committees. The primary areas they oversee include: finances, sponsors, baseball and softball operations, fields, administration, umpires, uniforms, rules, publications, public relations, equipment, insurance, and fundraisers. If you are interested in helping, we'd be more than happy to have you. Just contact us via our website at www.wabl.org, call a board member, or just simply check the "WABL Board" box on this year's registration form.

The 2017 calendar of events has changed slightly from last year, so please check it out so that you are aware of when events we have planned take place throughout our 2017 season. WABL Day with the Akron RubberDucks has been an enjoyable event that provides those who attend a chance to see the RubberDucks play and hang out with our WABL players and their families. We are very excited to continue this tradition again in 2017! We provide three tickets for each player in the League, and there are special events provided for our players - the biggest of which is a parade around Canal Park prior to the game. This year, we will again combine our baseball, softball and t-ball teams for this exciting day at Canal Park! Please also watch for the annual golf outing/scramble on June 10, featuring 18 holes of golf with lots of fun, food and prizes. This has become a great WABL tradition and is truly a FUNdraiser!

Finally, I want to give two BIG "High 5s" ... first to The Akron Police Department: All of the officers who are along the Day of Champs parade route donate their time to WABL to make the parade happen! And second to our coaches! Nobody understands the amount of time and energy that it takes to coach our children. Thank you very much for the time and dedication that you put into it!

Lastly, I appreciate any feedback (even if it isn't always positive) to help us better our league for the future. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please feel free to call or email me or any other board member. Remember, you can find all of the WABL news that you need, including photos, schedules, standings, rosters and much more by visiting www.wabl.org ... and don't forget to "LIKE" us on Facebook by visiting our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WestAkronBaseball.

Sincerely,
Mike Dies, WABL President, mikedies@wabl.org



2016 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS
2017 REGISTRATION FORMS
2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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THANK YOU SPONSORS!

We want to thank all of the sponsors, coaches, parents, grandparents and friends who make WABL possible.

Inside you will find a list of all of the 2016 sponsors. Please patronize these businesses that have so generously supported WABL. If you are interested in sponsoring a team for the 2017 season, please contact

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PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANY OF THE OFFICERS LISTED ABOVE WITH YOUR COMMENTS, COMPLAINTS, COMPLIMENTS OR QUESTIONS.

JOIN US AND HAVE A BALL!

Our FUNdraising events help WABL to defray some of the ever-increasing costs, such as field maintenance, usage permits, and new equipment. We hope that these important off-field events continue to grow, so we are working to make them better each year for our fans. Please come and join the fun!

Thanks again and hope to see you there!

DON'T MISS A NIGHT AT THE RACES



WHAT: WABL Night at the Races

WHEN: Saturday, May 6, 2017, 6 pm-10 pm

WHERE: St. Sebastian, Zwisler Hall

COST: \$60 includes a horse, two dinners and drinks.
(\$20 for just a dinner)

SATURDAY
MAY
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For more information, contact Mike Dies by email at mikedies@wabl.org or by phone at (330) 867-4332.

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THE FIRESTONE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN OUR DAY OF CHAMPS PARADE

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THE COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES FOR ALL OF THEIR TIME AND PATIENCE

JOIN US 'FORE' OUR 17TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

WE ARE ALREADY PLANNING THE 17TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER, SO SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, JUNE 10 – on your calendar. Come join us for a great day of golf,

food, and fun – the WABL outing is a great golf scramble for a great cause.

Please refer to WABL.org for registration

forms and sponsor information.

Registration fee includes golf, dinner, beverages – and fun!



SAVE THE DATE | SATURDAY
1:00 pm check-in, JUNE
2:00 pm shotgun start | 10

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO **ARTISTS INCORPORATED** FOR THEIR DESIGN AND WORK ON OUR NEWSLETTER



VICE PRESIDENT OF BOYS BASEBALL REPORT

In the twelve years that I have been involved with WABL one thing has been constant – Paul Theran has been the coach of the G-League Phillies. Paul's love for the game of baseball and for WABL cannot be denied. There have been many years where our registration numbers were increased due to Paul's diligence in reaching out to prospective players. He would work the phones and even go pick up the registrations just to ensure that kids would get to play ball. Boys that played for Paul's teams were always taught solid, fundamental baseball and were always competitive. Paul decided that 2016 would be his last year coaching, and all he did was go out by winning the G-League championship!

2016 was also Jeff Neusser's last year as I-League Commissioner, although he will be staying with the WABL board. Jeff has been my I-League right hand man for at least ten years. I never really had to worry about anything because Jeff took the league and made it his own. You can ask any coach that has been through I-League and they will tell you that Jeff was a key part of making their time in I-League positive for parent and child alike.

Both Paul and Jeff will be sorely missed going into our 60th year, but all their work has contributed to our continued growth as an organization. Now is the time to bring in new blood and new ideas. If you are ready to become a part of this exciting 60th year, contact me through the website. Any amount of time and talent is appreciated and very rewarding. Come be a part of WABL and make our 60th year our best year yet.

Jamie Daniels
WABL Vice President of Baseball

H-LEAGUE REPORT

I would like to profusely thank all the players, coaches and parents who were involved in H-League this year. As a first time commissioner, I had an enjoyable experience and I want to thank you for the patience that you exhibited this year.

Once again, we had 8 teams in H-league for the 2016 season. New to H-League this year was a complete re-draft of all players. As we had hoped, this led to a more competitive league. Most of the teams were within a game or two of the team in front of them. This led to a much more competitive and enjoyable regular season.

On WABL's Day of Champs, the Championship Game was played between the Cubs, who were the regular season champs at 13-3-1, and the Orioles, who were making their fourth straight Championship Game appearance. The Cubs prevailed in a highly competitive game.

2016 was a great season for H-League. We had a lot of new players and it was exciting to see their growth both on and off the field. Again, I would like to thank all the players, coaches, umpires, sponsors, and parents who helped make 2016 a special season.

Steve Milkovich, WABL H-League Commissioner



2016 H-LEAGUE TEAMS:

A's – Coach Rob Supan
Sponsored by: Hanna, Campbell & Powell
Cubs – Coach Steve Milkovich
Sponsored by: The Black Keys
Indians – Coach Josh Singer
Sponsored by: Summit Toyota
Orioles – Coach Sean McFalls
Sponsored by: Judge Jon Oldham
Phillies – Coach Brenda Hite
Sponsored by: Patrick Bravo, Akron School Board
Pirates – Coach Will Christie
Sponsored by: C & J Motor Sports
Reds – Coach Joe Shuber
Sponsored by: Centerlink Technologies
RubberDucks – Coach Steve Hostler
Sponsored by: Prime 93

G-LEAGUE REPORT

I am pleased to report that 2016 was another successful season for G-League! For the first time, G-League teams competed not only in WABL, but also in the CBL with teams from Highland, Copley, Norton, Revere, and Chippewa. This allowed our teams to compete with the best of the neighboring communities, and I can proudly say that we held our own against them.

Congratulations to the Pirates, who were WABL's regular season champion and represented WABL in the CBL playoffs, advancing to the championship game.

The Pirates and the Phillies met on WABL Day of Champions, entertaining the large crowd with an exciting championship game. Congratulations to the Phillies on winning the 2016 WABL G-League Day of Champions game.

It was a bittersweet victory for the Phillies in that, after 30 years in WABL, Paul Tharan coached his last game. Paul not only coached, but served on the WABL Board, was G-League Commissioner, and would call every eligible player to remind them to sign up for the upcoming season. On behalf of WABL and the hundreds of players who played for him over the last 30 years, thank you Coach Paul for your dedicated service to WABL.

Finally, I would like to thank all the coaches, parents, umpires, sponsors, players, and fans for making 2016 another successful WABL season!

Jim Weber, WABL G-League Commissioner



2016 G-LEAGUE TEAMS:

Indians – Coach Dave DiFiore
Sponsored by: Summa Health Sports
Orioles – Coach Matt MacLean
Sponsored by: Akron Tractor & Equipment
Phillies – Coach Paul Tharan
Sponsored by: Dr. Edward Marshall
Pirates – Coach Chris Merzweiler
Sponsored by: Tire Source
RubberDucks – Coach Ryan Sacha
Sponsored by: Stouffer Realty, Ryan Shaffer

F-LEAGUE REPORT

The 2016 F-League season was a great success. We had four teams in F-League, all with energetic and dedicated coaches! Special thanks to managers Jay Carpenter (A's), Paul Gegick (Indians), Damien Goostree (Reds), and Patrick Gill (RubberDucks) for volunteering their time and energy. Each did a fantastic job and their contribution is much appreciated!

F-League competes in the CBL with teams from Copley, Revere, Highland and Norton. This offers a great opportunity for the kids to play against their peers from neighboring communities. The Indians finished the season as regular season champs, and went on to represent WABL in the CBL tournament. The Indians fought well, making it to the Championship game where they lost a close one. They had a terrific season. WABL teams all had great CBL records this year!

WABL also held its own championship game, where the Indians defeated the Reds, who battled their way through the A's & Ducks to make it to the championship game. Both teams left it all on the field and entertained the large crowd that came to watch these impressive teams. All four teams had some great highlights throughout the season and in the playoffs. Many thanks to players and parents for a great season! Finally, congratulations to Noah Salyers, winner of the Kurt Klein Award.

2017 looks to be another fantastic year!

Sean Yost, WABL F-League Commissioner



2016 F-LEAGUE TEAMS:

A's – Coach Jay Carpenter
Sponsored by: Firefly Music School
Indians – Coach Paul Gegick
Sponsored by: Hamad Tire Pros
Reds – Coach Damien Goostree
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RubberDucks – Coach Patrick Gill
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I-LEAGUE REPORT

WABL's 2016 season was another successful one for I-League, as we continued to grow again. While fielding 11 baseball teams, we also had 2 softball teams; this total included almost 150 kids at the coach pitch instructional level (6-8 year olds). Needless to say, we are proud to see this kind of participation in our community.

We had a slight change of venue for our games this season, as Case field was closed during the school's renovation – so we used Essex as usual, but returned to Shaw JCC for our 2nd field. The 2016 season not only continued our recent improvements such as the "Future Stars" post-season series for players moving up to H-League, but also added a new event: an I-League picnic just prior to the start of the game season. This event, held at Hardesty Park, was intended for players, parents, and coaches to meet each other and share some baseball time. High school players from Buchtel and Firestone were on hand to conduct some baseball drills for our young players, and then each coach introduced his team before starting our picnic at the pavilion. The idea was presented by coach and board member Todd Fitzwater, and we hope that this event remains a regular part of our growing I-League traditions. Many thanks to Todd for organizing this, and also to Coach Howard Vaughn and his student athletes, as well as the Firestone HS players whose valuable volunteer time helped make this a success.

The core goals of I-League baseball include introducing young players to the game, teaching them participation in a team atmosphere, and having fun for the whole family – we want as many of these players as possible to continue with youth sports, and especially baseball and softball. As the families and friends of these players, you make the greatest impact in achieving these goals – please continue to support your children in this and encourage them to relax and have fun with WABL.

Most importantly, I would like to thank the coaches for everything that you do – your time spent with these kids can impact them invaluable, and your time and efforts are appreciated more than you will ever know. I would also like to thank the WABL board, who keeps our volunteer operation running strong and makes it easy for us to succeed. And to the WABL sponsors, we thank you sincerely for your support and your commitment to our league!

We look forward to another great season in 2017, when WABL will also be celebrating 60 years of community baseball and softball!

Jeff Neusser, WABL I-League Commissioner



2016 I-LEAGUE TEAMS:

A's – Coach Bill Dannemiller
Sponsored by: Impact Landscaping
Cubs – Coach Rich Morehouse
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Indians – Coach Ben Whitney
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Orioles – Coach Dave Plusquellic
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Phillies – Coach Abraham Zayed
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White Sox – Coach Tim Tober
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VICE PRESIDENT OF GIRLS SOFTBALL REPORT

Another great season of WABL Softball is in the books. I am proud to say that the softball program continues to grow – fielding 9 teams in 2016! It is great to see our softball players grow each year not only with softball skills, but also making friends and having fun!

WABL softball plays in the Community Softball League (CSL) with teams from Bath/Richfield, Copley, Highland & Wadsworth. In 2016, WABL again was the class of the CSL, bringing home regular season championships in National & Junior Leagues and a Tournament Championship and runner-up in National League!

I want to thank the following coaches and assistants for their time and effort this past season:

Coach Pitch: Pedro Avalos (RubberDucks) and Jason Zachardy (Falcons).

American League: Chris Spisak (Argos), Betsy Barr (Falcons) & Josh Shkolnik (RubberDucks).

National League: Aimi Zajac (Argos), Brian Simon (Falcons) & Renee Toth (RubberDucks).

Junior League: Joe Moxon (RubberDucks)

Our coaches are very dedicated to our league and our players. We are extremely lucky to have these people in our organization.

Finally, as I hand off the softball program to the new VP of Softball, (Betsy Barr), I want to thank you for your support of the softball program as we have grown over the last few years. It is a huge commitment and you all are a very big part of why WABL Softball is the best place to play in all of Akron! *"Play Softball!"*

Mike Dies, VP of Girls Softball

2016 SOFTBALL TEAMS:

Instructional League RubberDucks – Coach Pedro Avalos
Sponsored by: The Eye Opener

Instructional League Falcons – Coach Jason Zachardy
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American League RubberDucks – Coach Mike Dies
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American League Falcons – Coach Betsy Barr
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American League Argos – Coach Chris Spisak
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National League RubberDucks – Coach Mike Dies
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National League Falcons – Coach Brian Simon
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National League Argos – Coach Aimi Zajac
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Junior League RubberDucks – Coach Joe Moxon
Sponsored by: The Village of St. Edward

UMPIRE REPORT

It's really too cold to be thinking of baseball; however, it will warm up and before you know it we will be saying PLAY BALL! I am anticipating 2017 will be a season which builds on the successes we have enjoyed the previous years.

We all know how important it is for parents, coaches, and umpires to be on the same page. The examples that we set now will go a long way in shaping our boys and girls – not only as competitors, but as people.

There are three possibilities in every ball game: win, lose, and close calls by umpires. There will be calls missed by our umpires. When this happens, I am asking that you consider that it is what and how things are said that will set the tone for the remainder of the game – and also the quality of our boys' and girls' experience with WABL.

The 2017 season brings new opportunities for our organization, and we look forward to training new umpires. We are especially in need of softball umpires. If you or someone you know is interested in umpiring baseball or softball, please contact me, Jeff Sloan, Vice President of Umpires, by email at jeffrygsloan@gmail.com. Boys and girls must be 14 years old to umpire. They, of course, will need a certain amount of training and equipment which will be provided by WABL through Jeff Sloan.

In closing, I would like you to know that I am more than happy to discuss with coaches and parents alike the training, attitude, and ability of any of the umpires who work our games. Thank you all so much for your support and cooperation, and I wish for all of you the very best in our upcoming softball and or baseball season!

Jeff Sloan, Vice President of Umpires

T-BALL REPORT

Our T-Ball program continued to thrive and grow this past year for the kids with a lot of help from numerous WABL Board Members, and great volunteer coaches and parents. Thank you to all who helped!

Our coaches for 2016 were Kevin Kindbom, Tyler Coffman, Pedro Avalos, Joel Queen, Tremain Fields, Ryan Russell, Dave Merrick, Tim Crawford, Jen Knobloch, Steve Bitecofer, Ben Hoffman, Josh Shkolnik, Abe Zayed, and Christa Gibson. As a result of the increase in player registrations, we increased the number of teams from 12 to 14! As T-Ball is the start of the WABL "career" for many kids, the increased registration is very exciting for us.

We had a great mix of new coaches and experienced coaches who kept it all organized, and I saw a lot of players, parents, and coaches enjoying the game of baseball together – and it all starts here at the age of 5 and 6 years old. Hats off to our great sponsors and thank you for your support! Spread the word about T-Ball! Let's increase to 16 teams this year!

Jeff Matthews, WABL Vice President of T-Ball

2016 T-BALL TEAMS:

A's – Coach Jen Knobloch
Sponsored by: Kristen M. Scalise, Fiscal Officer

Cubs – Coach Abe Zayed
Sponsored by: Marilyn Keith, Councilwoman Ward 8

Cardinals – Coach Steve Bitecofer
Sponsored by: Dies Electric

Indians – Coach Josh Shkolnik
Sponsored by: Summit Toyota

Indians – Coach Joel Queen
Sponsored by: Akron Coffee Roasters

Mets – Coach Kevin Kindbom
Sponsored by: Akron Breakfast Optimist Club

Orioles – Coach Tyler Coffman
Sponsored by: The Cleaning Authority

Phillies – Coach Ben Hoffman
Sponsored by: Pavona's Pizza Joint

Pirates – Coach Pedro Avalos
Sponsored by: Summa Sports Health

Reds – Coach Tim Crawford
Sponsored by: Tim Crawford Insurance

RubberDucks – Coach Dave Merrick
Sponsored by: Jeff Fusco, Akron City Council-at-Large

RubberDucks – Coach Tremain Fields
Sponsored by: Judge Christine Croce

Tigers – Coach Ryan Russell
Sponsored by: The NORKA Beverage Co.

White Sox – Coach Crista Gibson
Sponsored by: Play It Again Sports



VICE PRESIDENT OF TOURNAMENTS REPORT

The goal of the "Americans" tournament program has always been to provide a way for players to enjoy a high level of competition throughout the spring, while still spending the majority of the season in a "rec league" atmosphere doing what they love ... playing ball with their friends!

For the 2016 season, it was decided that we would concentrate solely on our players who are 9-10, in an effort to build a strong base for WABL that would carry over in a well rounded skill set for the future.

There was a competitive try-out before the season, where players were evaluated by myself, the Americans coach, and a few high school level coaches. The team was limited to 12 players to ensure playing time. The volunteer coach and selected players had focused practices every Sunday throughout the season, and competed in a few scheduled games as well as tournaments.

The tournaments available in the area have become more and more fierce throughout the years due to the ever growing number of "elite" travel teams that enter them. Although our Americans teams always play well, the records aren't as important to us as the growth of the individual players as a whole. I set a high standard for what I wanted the players to learn this year, and the players, parents and coaches more than lived up to it.

I want to thank Steve Milkovich and his assistants (all volunteers) for not only dedicating their time, but also conveying sportsmanship and fostering a sense of competitiveness and love for the game to our WABL players. Thanks as well to our sponsors who gave generously to our tournament program.

The 2017 Americans program will be focused once again on our 9-10 year olds who will not reach the age of 11 before May 1st. We hope that we can further expand the program in the future as numbers allow. Tryouts will be announced and further information will be forthcoming.

Sean McFalls
VP – Post Season and Tournament

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2017 WABL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REGISTRATION ENDS
**WEDNESDAY
 MARCH 1**

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
FEBRUARY			
February 11 Sat.	Walk-In Sign Ups/Equipment Exchange Drop off	9:30 am - Noon	Northwest Family Recreation Center
February 15 Wed.	Walk-In Sign Ups/Equipment Exchange Drop off	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Northwest Family Recreation Center
February 25 Sat.	Walk-In Sign Ups/Equipment Exchange Drop off	9:30 am - Noon	Northwest Family Recreation Center
MARCH			
March 1 Wed.	Mail-In Deadline		
March 18 Sat.	Boys & Girls Tryouts/Draft Refer to wabl.org for specific times for each age bracket	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Firestone High School – ACT Gym
March 25 Sat.	Mandatory Managers Meeting	9:00 am - Noon	Northwest Family Recreation Center
APRIL			
April 8 Sat.	Practice Starts		
MAY			
May 6 Sat.	Boys and Girls Games Start		
May 6 Sat.	WABL Night at the Races	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	St. Sebastian, Zwisler Hall
May 8 Mon.	T-Ball Registration Deadline		
May 20 Sat.	WABL Picture Day (Baseball and Softball)	TBA	TBA
JUNE			
June 7 Wed.	T-Ball Coaches Meeting; Rosters Set	6:00 pm	Northwest Family Recreation Center
June 10 Sat.	Annual WABL Golf Outing	1:00 pm check in; 2:00 pm shotgun start	Mayfair Country Club
June 12 Mon.	T-Ball Practice Starts		
June 18 Sun.	WABL Day with the Akron RubberDucks	Parade: 1:00 pm Game: 2:05 pm	Canal Park
June 26 Mon.	T-Ball Picture Day, Mon./Wed.		
June 27 Tues.	T-Ball Picture Day, Tues./Thurs.		
JULY			
July 3 Mon.	No Games		
July 4 Tues.	Independence Day - No Games		
July 8 Sat.	2017 Day of Champs Celebration	Parade: 11:30 am - Games: 1:00 pm	
July 10 Mon.	T-Ball Games Start, Mon./Wed.		
July 11 Tues.	T-Ball Games Start, Tues./Thurs.		
AUGUST			
Aug 2 Wed.	T-Ball Games End, Mon./Wed.		
Aug 3 Thurs.	T-Ball Games End, Tues./Thurs.		





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Please consider bringing in your used and outgrown gear when you come to register for the 2017 season – and don't hesitate to see what's available!

We'll have donation tubs for this equipment at our open registration events, both for drop off and pick up; you may also email equipment@wabl.org or text/call 330-310-9363 to arrange to donate or take equipment. We require only that the donated equipment goes to registered WABL players.

We'll collect your used gear and pass it on to younger WABL players in need. Your used gear not only goes to a good cause, but it stays within the WABL family and helps others in our own baseball community!

HELLO WABL FANS – and parents of GROWING players! Each year you are probably seeing your young player outgrow some of their equipment: bats, cleats, gloves. These things are often still in good shape, and you need to find a place to donate it. Well, WABL would love to take it off your hands and to keep it within our organization! We'll collect your used gear and pass it on to younger WABL players in need. Your used gear not only goes to a good cause, but it stays within the WABL family and helps others in our own baseball community!

EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE

2016 SPIRIT OF WABL AWARD WINNERS



- I-League (Softball), Spirit of WABL Award
- Amara Avalos
- American League, Dick Mapes Award
- Flora "Smalls" Tubaugh
- National League, Jim Daley Award
- Audrey York
- Junior League, Dick Gross Award
- Sophie Anderson
- I-League (Baseball), Tom Floyd Award
- Winston Huber
- H-League, Bill Cunningham Award
- Blake Harris
- G-League, Fred Maligno Award
- Logan Knapp
- F-League, Kurt Klein Award
- Noah Salyers