



WELCOME TO THE 2019 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 2018! OUR 61ST YEAR

There were many exciting reasons to be a WABL fan. First and foremost, WABL's T-Ball Program continues to grow and we are very excited about it! In 2018, WABL T-Ball had a total of 14 teams & 175 players! WABL softball also continues to grow each year. Our softball ladies play in the Community Softball League (CSL) made up of teams from Copley, Highland and Revere. In 2018, the American League & Junior League RubberDucks brought home championship trophies for WABL! Way to go WABL softball!

WABL's Baseball Program also continues to stay strong. In a time where true community based recreational baseball leagues are going away, WABL continues to grow and stay strong. WABL is very lucky to continue to have almost 700 players!

WABL hosted its "Night at the Races" fundraiser in May and it was a huge success, raising over \$12,000 for field improvements and new equipment. The date for the 2019 Night at the Races is May 4th. In only its sixth year, the WABL Night at the Races is quickly becoming a great tradition – we hope to see you there!

The 2018 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.

In 2017, WABL showed its commitment to our families that we will provide a positive, character learning sports experience for our players. WABL signed a three year contract with the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) and will be providing workshops for our coaches and parents. In the first two years, we saw an immediate impact on the fields. We look forward to continue to work with the PCA in future years.

The WABL Board and I are eager to start the 2019 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 hardworking 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 2019 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 2019 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 2019! 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, 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 Cathy Erisey: Cathy spent 3 seasons as WABL's VP of Administration and did a fantastic job. And second to all of WABL's coaches. Your time spent for the players of WABL is appreciated.

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 follow us on our social media accounts – Twitter, Instagram & Facebook.

Sincerely,
Mike Dies, WABL President, mikedies@gmail.com



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 2018 sponsors. Please patronize these businesses that have so generously supported WABL. If you are interested in sponsoring a team for the 2018 season, please contact

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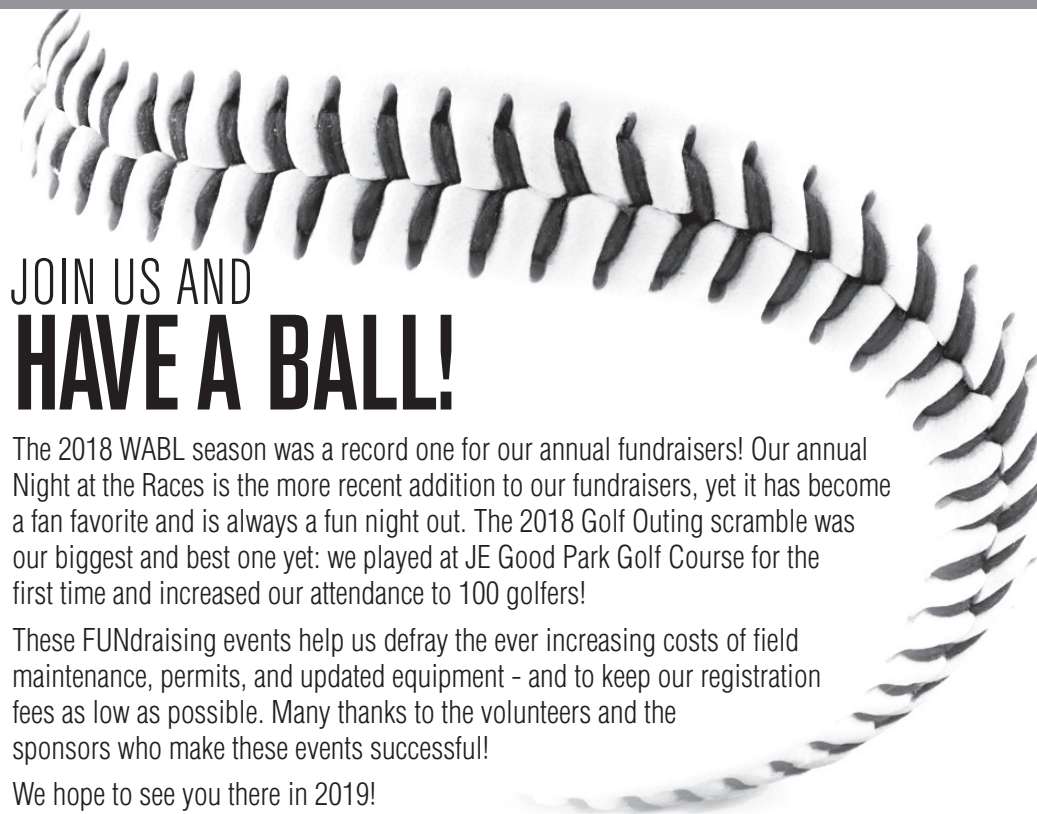
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JOIN US AND HAVE A BALL!

The 2018 WABL season was a record one for our annual fundraisers! Our annual Night at the Races is the more recent addition to our fundraisers, yet it has become a fan favorite and is always a fun night out. The 2018 Golf Outing scramble was our biggest and best one yet: we played at JE Good Park Golf Course for the first time and increased our attendance to 100 golfers!

These FUNdraising events help us defray the ever increasing costs of field maintenance, permits, and updated equipment - and to keep our registration fees as low as possible. Many thanks to the volunteers and the sponsors who make these events successful!

We hope to see you there in 2019!

DON'T MISS A NIGHT AT THE RACES



WHAT: WABL Night at the Races
WHEN: Saturday, May 4, 2019, 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@gmail.com or by phone at (330) 867-4332.

JOIN US 'FORE' OUR 19TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

WE ARE ALREADY PLANNING THE 19TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER, SO SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, JUNE 15 – on your calendar. Come join us at Good Park Golf Course 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 | **15**

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 THE PARENTS OF ALL OF OUR PLAYERS
 THE COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES FOR ALL OF THEIR TIME AND PATIENCE

VICE PRESIDENT OF BOYS BASEBALL REPORT

How amazing is West Akron! In my first full year as VP of Baseball I was blown away by the support and dedication that our community shows to WABL. The 2018 season gave WABL and the West Akron community an opportunity to come together and make great things happen. Early in the season weather was not always on our side, but all of our coaches and kids stuck it out for the love of the game.

WABL had another great year in 2018 through the hard work and dedication of all the kids and volunteers. I want to personally thank everyone who gave their time to WABL in 2018! Through all of our events at WABL fields, community activities, and even our own day at Canal Park we were able to bring the community together and grow the league even stronger.

We now turn to the 2019 season and all of the wonderful things on the horizon. This will be our last year playing baseball at Perkins Middle School due to the new city housing project (don't worry we will have new places to play in 2020!); that means we have to make 2019 an unforgettable season! We always need more volunteers and new kids being added to the organization each year. As the league grows, it becomes even better for all involved and the City of Akron. WABL is always looking to add new volunteers, and I know that being a part of this great organization has been one of the most rewarding things I have done in my life. Volunteers can come in many ways, whether it is joining the board, coaching, or just bringing a foursome the golf outing! Any time you can dedicate helps to build our organization and to show our players we care about them.

I look forward to getting out to more games next year and meeting more of the people that make WABL so great! If you have any questions about having your child join the league or would like to learn more about volunteering, please feel free to reach out to me at any time - I am always happy to talk baseball! Thank you all again for your support in making WABL the best organization around for over 60 years!

Patrick Gill
WABL Vice President of Baseball

H-LEAGUE REPORT

The 2018 H-League season featured 9 teams – these included a total of 108 young ball players and a great mix of new and second year coaches. Each team played the other twice, along with 4 additional games against Copley. A competitive season led to an action packed playoff run, culminating in a great Championship Game. The surging White Sox, number 7 seed, gave the number 1 seed A's all they could handle; but the A's prevailed 3-1 to win the 2018 H-league championship.

This was another successful year of competitiveness, growth, and development while making new friends and memories. Thank you to all the adult volunteer coaches for their time mentoring and coaching our kids – and to the parents for their love and support of their children.

Todd Fitzwater, WABL H-League Commissioner



G-LEAGUE REPORT

I am pleased to report that 2018 was another successful season for G-League!

Our G-League teams again competed not only in WABL, but also in the CBL with teams from Highland, Copley, Revere, Norton and Chippewa. This allows 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 RubberDucks, coached by Scott Hostler, on repeating as WABL's G-League regular season champions! The RubberDucks also represented WABL in the CBL playoffs, where they finished as runner-up to a strong Doylestown team.

The A's and the RubberDucks met on WABL Day of Champions, entertaining the large crowd with an exciting championship game - with the players exhibiting solid pitching, hitting and defense. Congratulations to the A's, coached by Steve Bordenkircher, on winning the 2018 WABL G-League Day of Champions game.

Finally, I would like to thank all the coaches, parents, umpires, sponsors, players, and fans for making 2018 another successful WABL season!

Jim Weber, WABL G-League Commissioner

2018 H-LEAGUE TEAMS:

A's – Coach Rich Sparhawk
Sponsored by: Marshall Oral Facial & Implant Surgical Center
Cubs – Coach Andy Rhamy
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Indians – Coach Abe Zayed
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Sponsored by: Dermatologic Surgery Center
Orioles – Coach Tom Dietrich
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Sponsored by: The Eye Opener
Reds – Coach Crista Gibson
Sponsored by: Play It Again Sports
RubberDucks – Coach Jeff Willits
Sponsored by: Ace Mitchell Bowlers Mart
White Sox – Coach Tim Tober
Sponsored by: Tober Building Company

2018 G-LEAGUE TEAMS:

A's – Coach Steve Bordenkircher
Sponsored by: Massa Financial Group
Indians – Coach Keith Wisberger
Sponsored by: Jim Laria, Clerk of Courts
Pirates – Coach Brian Large
Sponsored by: U of A College of Applied Science and Technology
Reds – Coach Michele Jukanovic
Sponsored by: Patrick Bravo, Akron Public Schools
RubberDucks – Coach Steve Hostler
Sponsored by: Akron Breakfast Optimist Club



F-LEAGUE REPORT

The 2018 F-League season was a blast! We had four teams in F-League, all with energetic and dedicated coaches! Special thanks to managers Kevin Strub (Indians), Kevin Hohlefelder (Reds), Chris Merzweiler (Pirates), and David DiFiore (Rubber Ducks) 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 Pirates finished the season as regular season champs, and went on to represent WABL in the CBL tournament. They competed well, but came up short this year – but overall they had a terrific season. Our WABL teams all had great CBL records this year!

WABL also held its own championship game, where the Pirates defeated the Reds, who had battled their way through the Indians & Rubber 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 Baron Morris, winner of the Kurt Klein Award.

2019 looks to be another fantastic year!

Sean Yost, WABL F-League Commissioner



2018 F-LEAGUE TEAMS:

Indians – Coach Kevin Strub

Sponsored by: Tire Source

Pirates – Coach Chris Merzweiler

Sponsored by: Ryan Shaffer, Stouffer Realty

Reds – Coach Kevin Hohlefelder

Sponsored by: Logistic Conceptsr

RubberDucks – Coach Dave DiFiore

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I-LEAGUE REPORT

Another WABL season is almost upon us! I'm assuming if you're reading this, it's because baseball is important to you. It's important to me, too. I grew up playing youth baseball in rec leagues and it made an immeasurable impression on me. I hope it will do the same for your players.

I feel fortunate to have such an incredible youth rec league right in West Akron and I am privileged to serve with so many dedicated volunteers at every level. Such commitment stems from the desire to provide a top-notch rec-league experience for our area youth and I believe WABL does that. Volunteering for WABL is fun and rewarding and I encourage you to contact one of our existing volunteers if you're interested in joining the team.

In my opinion, 2018's I-League season was a great success! We had amazing coaches working with ten teams on baseball basics, safety, and sportsmanship. Players preparing to move up to H League also participated in post-season Future Stars play. Thank you to the coaches and parents who made the season possible and more importantly, fun for the kids. Thanks, also, to Jeff Neusser, who was I-League Commissioner for eleven years prior to me and helped make my job much easier.

There is nothing quite like returning to the fields in the spring and the excitement that will unfold with it. It gets better every year. See you soon!

Brenda Hite, I-League Commissioner



2018 I-LEAGUE TEAMS:

As – Coach Josh Davis

Sponsored by: Miracle Custom Awards & Gifts

Cubs – Coach Doug Yoder

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Indians – Coach Ben Whitney

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Nationals – Coach Pedro Avalos II

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Pirates – Coach Geraldo Quinones

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Tigers – Coach Greg Stallings

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White Sox – Coach Harley Andears

Sponsored by: Judge Jennifer Hensel



VICE PRESIDENT OF GIRLS SOFTBALL REPORT

Who is ready for another season of WABL softball? It seems like it was only yesterday, but our 2018 season has gone down in the history books. WABL tried a few new things this past season, the main one being our playoff and championship games weekend held at Cascade. Despite the 100 degree weather (better than rain?) a fantastic weekend of softball was witnessed by all who attended. WABL received a lot of positive feedback for the playoff and championship weekend from the CSL coaches, parents and players, and plans on continuing this in the future.

WABL continued to participate in the CSL (Community Softball League) and played against teams from Copley, Revere and Highland. WABL dominated in the American and Junior Leagues and brought home championships! Congratulations to Coach Dave Frabotta and his American League RubberDucks and Coach Mike Dies and his Junior League RubberDucks on their CSL Championship wins!

WABL softball continues to grow and in 2018 we had 10 teams participating. Our youngest softball girls play in the Coach Pitch league (ages 6-8). Thank you to Coaches Tim Hollister, Emily DiBartolomeo, and Joe Skovira for dedicating their time to help develop our newest softball players. Our next age group of softball players is the American League (ages 9-10). Thank you to Coaches Dave Frabotta and Pedro Avalos for your hard work and dedication to teaching our players how to be great teammates and growing them as players. National League (ages 11-12) faced some strong competition in the league this year. Thank you to our coaches Amy Cullen and Betsy Barr who worked with seasoned players and new players alike to help form strong and competitive players. Our oldest group of softball players are in the Junior League (ages 13-14). Thank you to Coaches Mike Dies and Brian Simon who sent off many of our WABL players to high school with a strong foundation of softball skills and an enthusiastic love of the sport and game.

WABL softball would like to recognize all of our Spirit of WABL nominees from this past season. These players are role models to their teammates and have distinguished themselves on the field by capturing the Spirit of WABL. They demonstrate great attitude, effort and sportsmanship. These softball players play with their whole heart and are ready to help their team in any way, shape or form. Congratulations to Daphne Kindbom, Emilia Philabaun, Jane Barr, Elizabeth Eastman, Zoey Zachardy, Mia Ross, Ella Winslow and Maggie Core! And congratulations to Emilia, Zoey, Mia and Maggie for receiving the award.

Betsy Barr, VP of Girls Softball

2018 SOFTBALL TEAMS:

Coach Pitch RubberDucks – Coach Tim Hollister

Sponsored by: Dietrich Family Orthodontics

Coach Pitch Racers – Coach Emily DiBartolomeo

Sponsor: Marilyn Keith Ward 8 Council

Coach Pitch Falcons – Coach Joe Skovira

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American League RubberDucks – Coach Dave Frabotta

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American League Racers – Coach Pedro Avalos

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American League Falcons – Coach Jason Zachardy

Sponsored by: Bricco Prime

National League:RubberDucks – Coach Amy Cullen

Sponsored by: LLA Therapy

National League Racers – Coach Betsy Barr

Sponsored by: RubberDucks

Junior League RubberDucks – Coach Mike Dies

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Junior League Racers – Coach Brian Simon

Sponsor: Summa Health Orthopaedics

UMPIRE REPORT

I don't want to wish away the winter months but I can't wait to say, "PLAY BALL!"

The 2019 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. Of course, any new umpire will need a certain amount of training and equipment which will be provided by WABL through me.

When attending a game, please remember that the young umpires are learning and that they are not multi-year veterans; there will be close calls and some that you feel are incorrect. 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. 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.

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 baseball and or softball season!

Jeff Sloan, Vice President of Umpires

T-BALL REPORT

Wow – what a great year it was for West Akron Baseball's T-Ball Program!! It was another great season with 168 players from the west side and beyond. The word about WABL T-Ball just keeps spreading as players and parents find it to be a great experience, and a great way to learn the game of baseball!

Our coaches this year were: Abe Zayed, Ben Hoffman, Dan Meeks, Dan Smith, Eric Barbour, Eric Papp, Fred Bonds, George Lee, Greg Enright, Joel Queen, John Conner, Joy Hazly, Matt Brode, and Sekai Thornburg. Great job, Coaches! You guys made our season a success! We had a great mix of first-time coaches and veteran coaches who all worked together to make their games fun. Special thanks to Ben Hoffman – 3rd year coach, and Joel Queen – 4th year coach! And thank you to our sponsors for your support this year, and every year! Let's have a great 2019 season!!

Jeff Matthews, WABL Vice President of T-Ball

2018 T-BALL, M-W TEAMS

Indians – Coach Eric Barbour

Sponsored by: Play it Again Sports

Orioles – Coach George Lee

Sponsored by: Lehner Screw Machine

Pirates – Coach Ben Hoffman

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White Sox – Coach Fred Bonds

Sponsored by: Dermatologic Surgery Center

RubberDucks – Coach Sekai Thornburg

Sponsored by: Akron Breakfast Optimist Club

Cubs – Coach Abe Zayad

Sponsored by: Your Pizza Shop

Cards – Coach Dan Meeks

Sponsored by: Tober Building Co.

2018 T-BALL, T-TH TEAMS

Indians – Coach Joel Queen

Sponsored by: Summa Health Orthopedic Institute

Orioles – Coach Eric Papp

Sponsored by: Judge Christine Croce

Pirates – Coach Dan Smith

Sponsored by: U of A College of Applied Science & Technology

Reds – Coach Matt Brode

Sponsored by: Weed Pullers Inc.

White Sox – Coach Greg Enright

Sponsored by: Jeff Fusco Akron City Council At Large

RubberDucks – Coach Joy Hazly

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VICE PRESIDENT OF TOURNAMENTS REPORT

In 2017 WABL decided to turn what used to be the "Americans" tournament team program into a program for the masses. We called it the "Americans" clinic program.

During the first year the clinics were limited to H-league players. The clinics are designed to give ALL players who were interested, a chance to refine their fundamental skills in a clinic type atmosphere most Sunday afternoons, at no extra cost to their families.

The goal of the clinics are, to help individual players improve their play and inherently their teams would improve as well - thus making H-league more competitive all around. We averaged around 15 players a week. And for those who continually gave it their all, the progress showed!

In 2018 we expanded the program to G-league players as well. We built on what we started and brought some of the H and G league coaches on board as well. These clinics provide a comfort level to the athletes, as well as providing a continuity of skills being taught throughout the league during the season. This program is a huge success and is something that we look forward to continuing in 2019.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff of the Firestone Falcons baseball team for sending us their uniformed players to help in the clinics. Their continued support will be much appreciated.

And don't forget...the more you practice, the better you play!

Sean McFalls
VP – Post Season and Tournament

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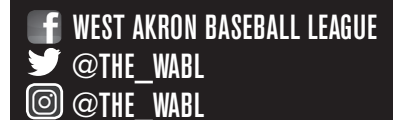
As many of you may have noticed, we launched our Twitter and Instagram accounts last season.

We've enjoyed the many photo submissions we've received via wablpics@gmail.com! Please help us keep up the momentum on social media by following, liking, sharing our posts and using #WABL.

Our goal is to use our accounts to engage as many new local families as possible. Also, to take advantage of many non local sponsors, that may be out there, that will recognize our WABL community by helping from afar. If you would like to contribute to our posts, please send your photos to wablpics@gmail.com and include your handle (i.e. @the_WABL) and any info we may share regarding your submission.

We are looking forward to sharing all the moments, big and small, of our 2019 season, so please don't hesitate to email us!

Thank you,
Pedro A. Avalos II, Social Media Coordinator



2019 WABL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
FEBRUARY			
February 9 Sat.	Walk-In Sign Ups/Equipment Exchange Drop off	9:30 am - Noon	Northwest Family Recreation Center
February 20 Wed.	Walk-In Sign Ups/Equipment Exchange Drop off	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Northwest Family Recreation Center
February 23 Sat.	Walk-In Sign Ups/Equipment Exchange Drop off	9:30 am - Noon	Northwest Family Recreation Center
MARCH			
March 1 Fri.	Mail-In Deadline		
March 16 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 23 Sat.	Mandatory Managers Meeting	9:00 am - Noon	Northwest Family Recreation Center
APRIL			
April 1 Sat.	Practice Starts		
April 27 Sat.	I-League Players Clinic/Welcome Picnic	10:00 am	Hardesty Park Field & Pavilion
MAY			
May 1 Wed.	T-Ball Registration Deadline		
May 4 Sat.	Boys and Girls Games Start		
May 4 Sat.	WABL Night at the Races	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	St. Sebastian, Zwisler Hall
May 18 Sat.	WABL Picture Day (Baseball and Softball)	TBA	Byrider Hall
May 25-27	Memorial Day Weekend - No Games		
JUNE			
June 5 Wed.	T-Ball Coaches Meeting; Rosters Set	6:00 pm	Northwest Family Recreation Center
June 10 Mon.	T-Ball Practice Starts		
June 15 Sat.	Annual WABL Golf Outing	1:00 pm check in; 2:00 pm shotgun start	Good Park Golf Course
June TBA	WABL Day with the Akron Racers	TBA	Firestone Stadium
June 23 Sun.	WABL Day with the Akron Rubberducks	Parade: 1:00 pm Game: 2:05 pm	Canal Park
June 24 Mon.	T-Ball Picture Day, Mon./Wed.		
June 25 Tues.	T-Ball Picture Day, Tues./Thurs.		
JULY			
July 4 Thurs.	Independence Day - No Games		
July 8 Mon.	T-Ball Games Start, Mon./Wed.		
July 9 Tues.	T-Ball Games Start, Tues./Thurs.		
July 13 Sat.	2019 Day of Champs Celebration	Parade: 11:30 am - Games: 1:00 pm	
July 17 Wed.	H- and G-League All-Star Games	7:30 pm	Cascade 1 and 3
July 31 Wed.	T-Ball Games End, Mon./Wed.		
AUGUST			
Aug 1 Thurs.	T-Ball Games End, Tues./Thurs.		



EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE

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!

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.

Please consider bringing in your used and outgrown gear when you come to register for the 2018 season – and don't hesitate to see what's available!

Jeff Neusser
WABL Board



2018 SPIRIT OF WABL AWARD WINNERS

Coach Pitch Softball
Emilia Philabaun

American League, Dick Mapes Award
Zoey Zachardy

National League, Jim Daley Award
Mia Ross

Junior League, Dick Gross Award
Maggie Core

F-League, Kurt Klien Award
Baron Morris

G-League, Fred Maliggio Award
Brenden Ellis

H-League, Bill Cunningham Award
Zach Varner

I-League, Tom Floyd Award
Carter Moss

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