



# Big Lake Baseball Association 2026 Majors & Minors Season Guide

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We encourage you to join us at the board meetings! This is a great place for you to ask questions, bring up concerns, share ideas, or just stay informed about the association.

See our website for upcoming events and meetings.



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## 2026 BIG LAKE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION – MAJORS & MINORS CALENDAR

Important Dates and Events (*DATES, TIMES, & LOCATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE*)

Date	Event
April 6	This will be the last day to guarantee shirt size. Anyone who registers after April 6th, will have limited sizes to choose from.
April 6	Informational Meeting – BLHS Lecture Hall – 6pm
April 27	Equipment pick up for coaches
May 5	Youth Night at the Varsity Fields at 4:30 and 7pm
May 11, 12	Major/Minors Practice Begins – Opening Days!
June 8 & 9	Games Begin!
June 11 (Thursday)	<b>PICTURES</b> at BL High School (there will not be make-ups) – 5:00 to 9:00pm. Exact times will be communicated closer to this date.
TBD	Last game – “Under the Lights” game. Each team will play one game at the Big Lake 4-Plex behind Independence Elementary / across from the Fire Station.

### Communication

- We will use Email, Facebook, and Sports Engine.
- Your coach/team may choose to use another platform specific to your team if desired, but BLBA communication will come from these main platforms referenced.

### Uniforms

- BLBA provides a shirt and a hat.
- We *may* have additional shirts/hats for purchase.
- Team uniforms will be distributed by the coach before the first game.

### Equipment

- BLBA supplies the following equipment: balls, some bats, tees, bases, and catcher’s gear.
- Players are responsible to supply their own glove, batting helmet, tennis shoes, bat if desired, and a water bottle.
- Other optional gear would be rubber cleats, baseball pants, batting gloves, and baseball backpack. However, these are not required.



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## Schedules / Games

- The season schedule can be found at the end of this document.
- Practices will be held one day a week until the end of the Big Lake school year, then they will increase to two days per week with a slightly extended time.
- If coaches from both teams are agreeable to the idea of holding a game vs. practice on a practice only night, this is allowed. In this case, the players would warm up first and then have a game.
- Weather related calls will be made by the BLBA and communicated via Email and SportsEngine or communicated to coaches/team managers to communicate to their respective teams. We do not typically make-up any missed games due to weather, except the final game of the year.

## Fields

The fields we will use are Lions Park fields (off County Road 5), Lake Ridge Park (off 73), possibly the Church field (behind current City Hall off Lake St), and possibly Highline Park (off Highline Dr). There will be two teams per field for practices. Typically, one team starts in the infield and the other in the outfield. Also, *Lions Park is available on a first come, first serve basis per Big Lake Township rules, but we do assign these fields and use them as primary fields.* If there is ever an issue with the field not being available, I will work with your coach or team manager to resolve it as quickly as possible.

## Snacks and Beverages

Coaches/Team Managers will be in touch with details about your team and a schedule will be set up for each player to bring a snack and a beverage on a rotation for each **game**. Coaches will let you know if there are any allergies to be cautious of.

## Pictures

- June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Big Lake High School Gym
- **\*\*TIME TBD\*\***
- **NO MAKE UP PICTURE DAYS – THIS IS THE ONLY DATE SCHEDULED.**
- We will communicate via Email & Facebook with the schedule as soon as we have time slots confirmed from the photographer.

## Youth Night!

Brought to you by the Big Lake Baseball Boosters! (Big Lake High School JV and Varsity level)  
Come support your BLHS Baseball teams!

**May 8<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 9:00 pm at the BLHS Varsity field** (subject to change due to weather)

JV Game - 4:30pm | Varsity Game - 7pm

- Food Trucks
- Games & Activities
- Raffle
- Mascot BUZZ!

...and more



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## **Volunteering**

Six (6) hours of volunteer time is required for each family. If you have multiple players in BLBA, only one volunteer fee and six (6) hours are required. Volunteer fees are \$400 and payment can be made on our website, link below. Payments will not go through if you complete your volunteer time. If you have any issues with signing up for a shift, please reach out to the Volunteer Coordinator.

Ways to fulfill volunteer requirement:

- Coach, Assistant Coach, Team/Parent Rep (full season)
- Board Member (full term)
- Tournament volunteer – concessions or field work (6 hours)
- Any other opportunities will be posted on Dibs and communicated via Facebook and email from BLBA as they become available.

You will be able to sign up for your volunteer spot through **Dibs** on our Sports Engine Website. BLBA will send an email and post on Facebook once that is available.

The reason we require volunteer hours from our younger families at the tournaments for the older kids is because the revenue gained from the tournaments helps support our overall program at all levels.

Although we encourage and even expect parent's help during practices and games, parent helpers are still required to fulfill volunteer hours if they don't hold an official role. Only one head coach, two approved assistant coaches, and one approved parent/team rep per team will be eligible to use this as the volunteer requirement.

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Any questions regarding volunteering can be directed to Stephanie Mericle at [volunteercoordinator@biglakebaseball.com](mailto:volunteercoordinator@biglakebaseball.com).



# Season Schedule – Minors

<b>Minors (Pre-K &amp; Kindergarten) <i>Times and Location subject to change</i></b>			
Tuesday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 – 9:00	YOUTH NIGHT! High School fields off Glenwood Ave.	
Monday, May 11	6:30 - 7:30	Practice	Field to be communicated by your coach
Monday, May 18	6:30 - 7:30	Practice	Field to be communicated by your coach
Monday, May 25	6:30 - 7:30	Practice	Field to be communicated by your coach
Monday, June 1	6:30 - 7:30	Practice	Field to be communicated by your coach
Wednesday, June 3	6:30 - 7:45	Practice	Field to be communicated by your coach
Monday, June 8	6:30 - 7:45	Practice	Field to be communicated by your coach
Wednesday, June 10	6:30 - 7:45	Practice	Field to be communicated by your coach
<b>Thursday, June 11</b>	<b>4:30-8:00</b>	<b>Pictures</b>	<b>Big Lake High School</b>
Monday, June 15	6:30 - 7:45	Practice/Game	Field to be communicated by your coach
Wednesday, June 17	6:30 - 7:45	Practice/Game	Field to be communicated by your coach
Monday, June 22	6:30 - 7:45	Practice/Game	Field to be communicated by your coach
Wednesday, June 24	6:30 - 7:45	Practice/Game	Field to be communicated by your coach
<b><i>Break the week of June 28 – July 5</i></b>			
Monday, July 6	6:30 - 7:45	Practice/Game	Field to be communicated by your coach
Wednesday, July 8	6:30 - 7:45	Practice/Game	Field to be communicated by your coach
Monday, July 13	6:30 - 7:45	Practice/Game	Field to be communicated by your coach
Wednesday, July 15	6:30 - 7:45	Practice/Game	“Under the lights” at the 4-plex (across from BL Fire Station of 43) (Last Game)
<i>TBD</i>	<i>6:30 - 7:45</i>	<i>Make-up Game for Utl</i>	<b><i>Make-up for- Under the lights at the 4-plex</i></b>



## Season Schedule – Majors

<b>Majors (1st &amp; 2nd Grade) Times and Location subject to change</b>			
Tuesday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 – 9:00	YOUTH NIGHT! High School fields off Glenwood Ave.	
Tuesday, May 12	6:30 - 7:30	Practice	Field to be communicated by your coach
Tuesday, May 19	6:30 - 7:30	Practice	Field to be communicated by your coach
Tuesday, May 26	6:30 - 7:30	Practice	Field to be communicated by your coach
Tuesday, June 2	6:30 - 8:00	Practice	Field to be communicated by your coach
Thursday, June 4	6:30 - 8:00	Practice/Game	Field to be communicated by your coach
Tuesday, June 9	6:30 - 8:00	Practice/Game	Field to be communicated by your coach
<b>Thursday, June 11</b>	<b>4:30-8:00</b>	<b>Pictures</b>	<b>Big Lake High School</b>
Tuesday, June 15	6:30 - 8:00	Practice/Game	Field to be communicated by your coach
Thursday, June 18	6:30 - 8:00	Practice/Game	Field to be communicated by your coach
Tuesday, June 23	6:30 - 8:00	Practice/Game	Field to be communicated by your coach
Thursday, June 25	6:30 - 8:00	Practice/Game	Field to be communicated by your coach
<b><i>Break the week of June 28 – July 5</i></b>			
Tuesday, July 7	6:30 - 8:00	Practice/Game	Field to be communicated by your coach
Thursday, July 9	6:30 - 8:00	Practice/Game	Field to be communicated by your coach
Tuesday, July 14	6:30 - 8:00	Practice/Game	“Under the lights” at the 4-plex (across from BL Fire Station of 43) (Last Game)
<i>TBD</i>	6:30 - 8:00	<i>Make-up Game For Utl</i>	<b><i>Make-up for only - Under the lights at the 4-plex</i></b>