

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

CHANHASSEN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



2025 CAA Baseball Information



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(9U-11U)

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Tournaments



Tournament / Metro Teams

- In **2024** (*this past season*), Tournament/Metro teams were formed in September
 - ~265 players on 23 teams from 9-15 years old
 - 9U: 3 teams (AA, AA, AA)
 - 10U: 4 teams (A, A, AA, AAA)
 - 11U: 3 teams (A, AA, AAA)
 - 12U: 5 teams (A, A, A, AA, AAA)
 - 13U: 4 teams (A, AA, AA, AAA)
 - 14U: 3 teams (A, AA, AA)
 - 15U: 1 teams (AA)



9U Tournament Teams

- Fee: \$635 (includes in-house registration fee)
- Uniforms
 - 2 Jerseys
 - 2 Pants
 - 1 Hat
- Tournaments
 - 3 local tournaments, selected by Head Coach
 - Option to play in MBT and/or MYAS end-of-season State tournaments
- League
 - Participate in CAA 9 In-House program
- Practices
 - Typically, Wednesday evenings
 - Locations: Lake Ann, Chan Rec Center, Lions or Victoria Elementary

Victoria



10U & 11U Metro Teams

- Fee: \$595
- Uniforms
 - 2 Jerseys
 - 2 Pants
 - 1 Hat
- Tournaments
 - 3 local tournaments, selected by Head Coach
 - Option to play in MBT and/or MYAS end-of-season State tournaments
- League
 - Participate in Metro Baseball League (MBL)
 - Play local area teams, schedule determined by Head Coach (14 games total)
 - Option to play in end-of-season MBL Playoffs
- Practices
 - Typically, 1-2 practices per week
 - Locations: Lake Ann, Chan Rec Center, Victoria Lions or Victoria Elementary



12U, 13U, & 14U Metro Teams

- Fee: \$640
- Uniforms
 - 2 Jerseys
 - 2 Pants
 - 1 Hat
- Tournaments
 - 4 local tournaments, selected by Head Coach
 - Option to play in MBT and/or MYAS end-of-season State tournaments
- League
 - Participate in Metro Baseball League (MBL)
 - Play local area teams, schedule determined by Head Coach (14 games total)
 - Option to play in end-of-season MBL Playoffs
- Practices
 - Typically, 1-2 practices per week
 - Locations: Lake Ann, Bandimere Park, Diethelm, Victoria Lions & Lake Susan



12U Teams

- Typical year for National / Regional tournament
- This is OPTIONAL- each team decides what opportunity they want to attend. CAA registration fees do NOT cover the expenses for these tournaments
- In previous years, teams have traveled to Cooperstown, Myrtle Beach, Pigeon Forge, Omaha, Wisconsin Dells, Iowa, & Sioux Falls.

For the 12AAA TEAM

- Fundraising is allowed to help raise funds for allowable expenses. There are 501c rules on this, we will work with teams on procedures and documents required.

For the 12AA and 12A Teams

- Only corporate or family donations from team family members are allowed.



MBT & MYAS State Tournaments

- MBT & MYAS State tournament bids are earned in qualifying in-season tournaments
- State tournaments are typically held in mid/late July at various locations across the state
- Participation in these tournaments is **OPTIONAL**
- Registration and Gate fees for these tournaments are the responsibility of each team and are **NOT** covered by CAA registration fees or those receiving a scholarship
- 2024 fees averaged \$55 per player per tournament



2025 Season Team Composition

- Goal is to field competitive teams while maximizing the number of players on each team who can successfully compete at any given level
- Team roster sizes are generally 10-12 players and our competition levels will be determined by the depth and quality of the age group
- Partnership with other local communities have been established to help form blended teams if cuts have to be made
- Additional information regarding Teams by Age Level for the 2025 season can be found in the CAA Baseball Travel Team Selection Handbook on our website under Baseball -> Resources



2025 Season Key Dates

- Tryouts: August 9-11
- Coach Interviews: August 23rd & 24th
- Team Selection w/ HC's: Week of September 4th
- Team Announcements: September 7th
- Uniform Fittings: Late November/Early December
- Tournament Registration: December – January
- Off-Season training: February – March
- Season Begins: Late April / Early May
- State Tournaments: Mid/Late July



Tryout Details

- Tryout dates
 - Friday August 9 – Sunday August 11
 - Two required dates for tournament team tryouts for our 10U to 14U teams, one required date for our 9U teams
- Goals
 - CAA uses independent evaluators at tryout process
 - We look to field competitive teams while maximizing the number of players on each team who can successfully compete at a given level
 - Team Roster sizes are generally 10-12 players and our competition levels will be determined by the depth and quality of the age group
- Independent evaluators assess each player in all 4 skill areas outlined below:
 - Hitting - 30% weight
 - Pitching - 30% weight
 - Fielding - 30% weight
 - Speed - 10% weight
- Additional information regarding Tryouts can be found in the CAA Baseball Travel Team Selection Handbook on our website under Baseball -> Resources



Tryout Dates & Times

Friday, 8/9	
5:00 - 6:45pm	11U
6:45 - 8:45pm	12U
Saturday, 8/10	
9:00 - 11:00am	9U
11:00 - 1:00pm	10U
1:00 - 2:30pm	12U
2:30 - 4:30pm	14U
4:30 - 7:00pm	13U
Sunday, 8/11	
9:00 - 10:45am	10U
10:45 - 12:30pm	11U
12:30 - 2:45pm	13U
2:45 - 4:30pm	14U

Age Group	Start Birthdate	End Birthdate	Typical Grade Fall 2024
9U Tournament	5/1/2015	8/31/2016	3rd
10U Metro	5/1/2014	8/31/2015	4th
11U Metro	5/1/2013	8/31/2014	5th
12U Metro	5/1/2012	8/31/2013	6th
13U Metro	5/1/2011	8/31/2012	7th
14U Metro	5/1/2010	8/31/2011	8th



Tryout Logistics

Age	Mound	Bases
9-10	46'	60'
11	46'	65'
12-13	52'	75'
14+	60'6"	90'

- Volunteers
 - We need your help to run a successful tryout
 - See website to get volunteer hours in for the 2025 season
- Parents
 - \$400 volunteer check is **required** to be submitted at drop off
 - Drop off and Pick up only
 - No watching from the sidelines or parking lots
- Players will tryout for next season teams
 - Must use the bat required for the upcoming season
 - Pitching & Base lengths will also be for the upcoming season
- Equipment - players must bring:
 - Bat, Helmet, Glove, Cleats, Batting Gloves & Water
 - Do not wear any Club baseball or team level specific attire



Bat Requirements

- based on MBL requirements as of 8/1/2023
 - <https://www.mbl.bz/pages/rules-home-mbl>
 - WOOD BATS ALLOWED AT ALL AGES

	<u>Barrel Size</u>	<u>Weight Differential</u>	<u>Stamp</u>
9-11U	2 1/4 - 2 3/4	unlimited	USSSA or USA
12-13U	2 1/4	unlimited	USSSA or USA
12-13U	2 1/2 - 2 3/4	-10	USSSA or USA
14U	2 3/4 or less	-5	USSSA or USA
14/15A	2 3/4 or less	-5	USSSA or USA
15	2 5/8 or less	-3	BBCOR



Team & Coach Selection

- Score Composition
 - 11U to 14U - Based on an equal weighting of their tryout scores and their prior year CAA travel coach evaluation
 - 9U to 10U - Based on tryout scores only
- Prior Season Coach Evaluations
 - Evaluations from at least 3 coaches is required, coaches do not rank their child
 - Coaches evaluate players in 9 separate categories and the average coaches score is used
- Team Selection
 - The top 8 players are based on Score Composition are locked in for each level
 - The next ~ 4 to 8 players are pooled in based on the next best scores
 - The coaches, with guidance from the Player Agents, pick the teams
- Coach Selection
 - Selected by Travel Directors after being interviewed by CAA board
 - Selected after the locked players have been identified
 - Head coaches select Assistant Coaches



Register to be a Baseball Coach!

- Head Coach, Assistant Coaches and Team Manager registration is now open on CAA website.
- Coaching candidates must complete:
 - Background check (valid for 2 years)
 - Concussion training (valid for 3 years)
 - Abuse Awareness for Adults training (valid for 2 years)
- Prospective Head coaches will be interviewed
 - August 19th and 21st
- Head coaches will be contacted prior the team selection process.
- Each team will have a **maximum of 4 staff** members to receive volunteer credit.



Volunteering

- We are an all volunteer-run association.
- Each family is asked to volunteer for 8 hours.
 - (Coach pitch (5/6) families are exempt unless they have older players in the program).
- Each family is required to submit one \$400 check.
 - Volunteer check will cover all family members participating in Baseball or Softball for the coming season.
- Check must be submitted at Tryouts
 - No exceptions - **all coaches too**
- Volunteer opportunities are posted on the CAA website.
 - Only hours recorded through the site or volunteer coordinator will qualify.
 - Volunteer hours must be complete by July 31st



Board Members / Key Volunteers

Join us in continuing to make a difference in our community and the lives of our student athletes!!

- Shape CAA for future athletes
- Serve as ambassadors of CAA within our community
- Assist with marketing and fundraising strategies
- Build relationships with local community businesses
- Partner with City officials for local field improvements
- Develop programs that grow our student athletes, both on and off the field
- Create philosophies and coaching programs for our volunteer parents to make baseball and softball a great experience



Key Volunteers

Parent Volunteers are the key to the success of our program! Here are a few of our key volunteers, please contact any board member if you are interested in volunteering.

- **Megan Dunham/Emily Bemis** – Scheduling Coordinator
- **Megan Dunham/Emily Bemis** – Field Prep Coordinator
- **Megan Dunham/Emily Bemis** – Umpire in Charge
- **Michelle Little** – BB Uniform Coordinator
- **Glen Schoenberg** – Baseball Equipment Coordinator
- **Joe Downey/Tim Graft** - Golf Tournament Coordinator
- **Jill Perkins** – Team Picture Coordinator

Those interested in any Key Volunteer positions, supporting Key Volunteers or open Board positions, please submit an application found on our website under Baseball Registrations - [Diamond Sports Leadership Team Application](#)

Questions, reach out to any current board member



Diamond Sports Golf Fundraiser

September 23rd at Deer Run Golf Club

Start time: 11:00am

\$160/player includes lunch, dinner, and golf

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places

Raffle and silent auction

Funds raised go towards:

New Team Equipment

New field equipment and storage

Updated Lake Ann Dugouts

Player Scholarships

Registration is on CAA website

[2025 Diamond Sports Golf Tournament](#)



Policies, Procedures, and Codes of Conduct

All documents can be found on the CAA website under [Resources](#)

- Code of conducts:

- [Coaches](#)
- [Parents](#)
- [Players](#)

- Policies:

- [Discipline Policy](#)
- [Social Media Policy](#)
- [Uniform Policy](#)

- Procedures:

- [Incident Report Form](#) - CAA Baseball:Resources:Safety
 - Report Concussions, and other incidents that resulted in a visit to a Doctor, and any Behavior Conduct Issue, players, coaches, fans, umps. We all represent Chanhassen.

