

SABSA Board Meeting

March 8, 2026 / 6:30 PM / City Hall

Attending: Brittany Erickson, Fred Bainbridge, Jen Northwick, James Smith, Kevin Coppinger, Kim Morelli, Rachele Cameron, Ryan Sypherd

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


Last Meeting Follow-up

- Review minutes from last meeting: [SABSA - Meeting Agenda 2026 - January 18](#)
 - Motion to approve: James motions, Brittany seconds. All in favor.
- Opening remarks: Sports boosters meeting report out—we don't pay for fields, maintenance, or gym time. Fred did not attend.
 - Teams for all sports are likely to start paying some fee for facility use. This is driven by compliance to the Fair Use Act compliance. It would drive the city council to require payment.
 - Most other softball and (other sports organizations) pay for fields. SASB's current agreement with the city is unique in that we are not required to pay for facility use.
 - The final decision hasn't been made by the SAV city council yet.
 - Fred will write Wendy Webster (SAV Mayor) an email about this and the impact he believes this will have on our relationship with the city and the impact on our program. This would likely impact the SABSA program in the following ways:

- Someone from Boosters would have to reconcile invoices from the city for the facility use
- Possible higher cost of entry to the program due to new fees we have to pay the city.

Old Business

Updates:

- Treasurer's update:
 -  SABSA Budget and Accounting.xlsx
 - MFA clinics
 - Check requests for summer tournaments and gym time.
 - All tournneys we've registered for have been paid.
 - Still have league fees, umps, 4 wheeler, uniforms
- 2026 Summer registration numbers
 - Opened on Jan. 1, closed on Feb. 15 for fastpitch. Will close on April 17 for 6U & 8U
 - 81 total registrations as of 3/8/26
 - 14U: 4
 - 3 players moving to MV.
 - Lesson learned: Don't make the decision to cut off 14U so early.
 - When we release players, SABSA signs, MN Softball signs, and other team signs
 - HS team is coached by the HS coach, Coach Brandenburg. It's a 16 and 18U team and the season starts far later than SABSA's season. Play starts in June
 - 12U: 18
 - Jeff O agreed to coach the top team
 - Needed to pull up 1 more 10U player (Adeline C.)
 - Needs a catcher who can handle her
 - A couple of good catchers at the lower team
 - 10 on each 12U team
 - 10Us can be pulled up to play for tournies
 - 10U: 24
 - 7 8U players attending 10U evals in order to play up (1 couldn't attend due to hockey conflict)
 - 29 total
 - Jamie Sheahan will coach 3rd 10U team
 - 8U: 26
 - Nick will take care of the 8U team formation
 - 6U: 7

- Evaluations -
 - Fred stated that evaluation process went smoothly
 - 7 8U players evaluated with 10Us
 - Team roster discussion: Team rosters read out loud by Fred, but were spoken too quickly to be captured in the meeting notes.
 - 2 12U teams: B and C levels
 - 3 10U teams. Levels not captured.
 - Motion to approve: James motions. Brittany seconds. 2 votes against the final rosters, 6 votes support the final rosters. Motion passes.

- Tournament discussion:
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 - May be additional opportunities for additional tourneys at a discount this summer
 - Will need to cancel the 14U tourney registrations
 - 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; hasn't been paid
 - White Bear
 - 12U Blue:
 - Woodbury Wild Pitch - Woodbury | May 15-17
 - Cardinal Classic - Coon Rapids | May 29-31
 - White Bear
 - 12U White:
 - Woodbury Wild Pitch - Woodbury | May 15-17
 - Rock the Ponds - Prior Lake | June 12-14
 - White Bear

- 2026 season discussion:
 - Debrief on 2026 Jan and Feb Clinics
 - Number of registered players (not as many actually attended)
 - January 11: 35 players
 - MFA clinic on Jan. 25: 31 players
 - MFA clinic on Feb. 8: 40 players—best actual turnout
 - Feb. 22: 43 players

- Basketball tourneys conflicted.
 - Note for next year: Rochester bball tourney is always around Presidents day.
 - Gear swap
 - Debrief on drop off on Feb. 22
 - Spring youth clinic is another option (Sat. 4/26/2026)

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.
- 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
 - 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
- Uniforms will arrive by mid-April

Remaining business:

- Schedules still need to be done. Ryan needs to do this.
- Template –email to the coaches. Kevin C. must do compliance and it should be sent out soon
- Jen to copy Kevin C. on the letters that need to be sent out to the coaches. Give the coach info on how to reach out to the team. Fred will find a template letter and send to Jen.

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

Notes:

- Next meeting date: Not decided. Will be at City Hall
 - HDC meeting Th. Mar. 26, 6:30 pm
- St Anthony Facilities - Community Services Facilities and Sports (Reservations)
 - <https://stanthony.ce.eleyo.com/facilities/calendar>

Action Items:

- Schedules for all teams–Ryan
- Compliance activities–Kevin C
- Communication to coaches: rosters, player contact info, and template to reach out to team–Jen and Fred
- Order uniforms–Kim

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](#)