

ANOKA RAMSEY



ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

2025 TRAVELING
PLAYER / PARENT
MEETING



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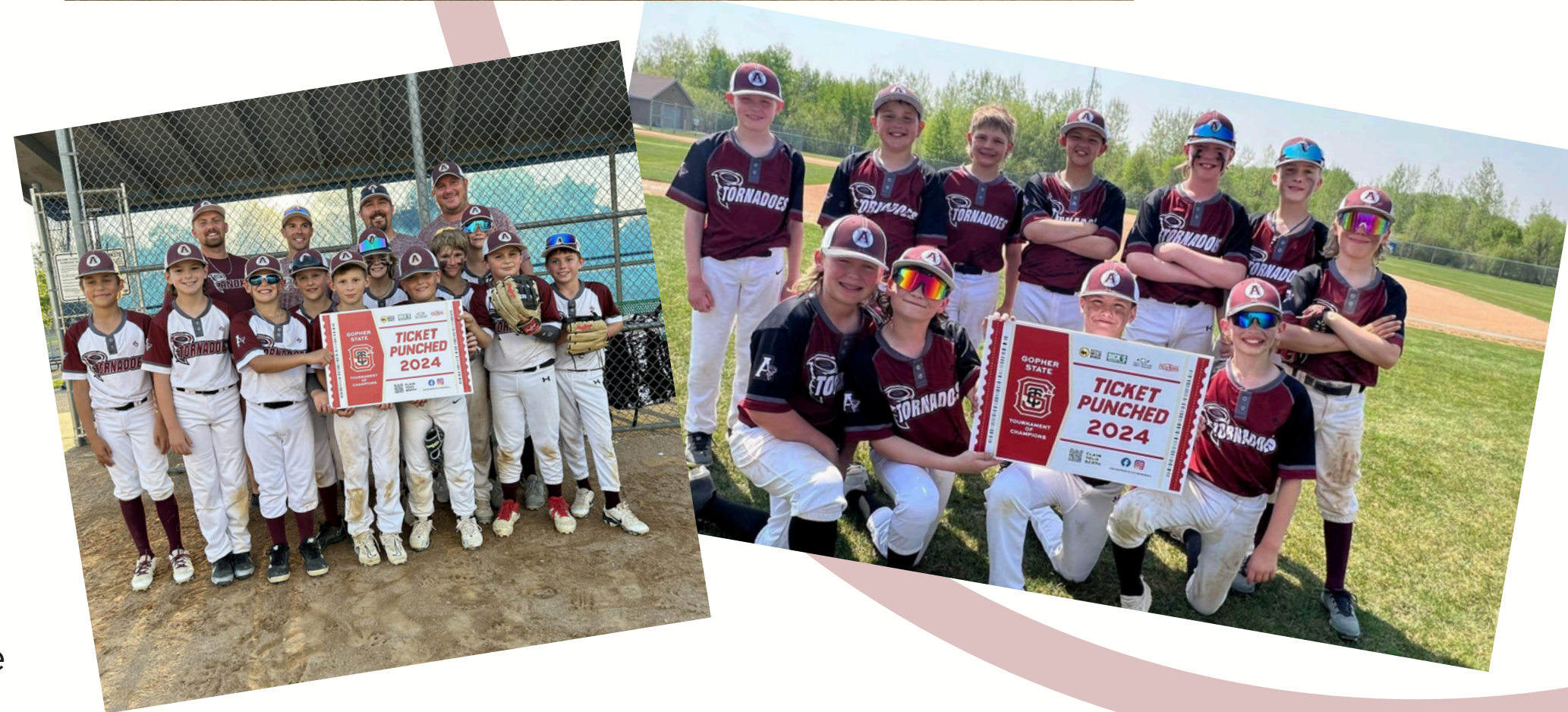
2025 Teams

① 13 Traveling Teams (9U- 14U)

(9AA, 9AAA, 10AA, 11A, 11AA, 11UAAA 12A, 12UAA 13A, 13AAA, 14A, 14AA, 14AAA)

ARAA Baseball Program Goals

- ① Develop baseball skills and knowledge of the game
- ① Teach life lessons, develop young leaders, create friendships
- ① Effort & Attitude; as players, you represent Anoka
- ① Be competitive and win games
- ① Have fun while learning and playing the game



2025 Traveling Jerseys

- Player uniform consists of:
- Home Jersey (White)
 - Away Jersey (Maroon)
 - Baseball Pants (Grey)
 - Grey Belt
 - Hat
 - Practice Shirt
 - Hoodie
 - Maroon Socks (Not included)
 - **Extra baseball hats are available for purchase tonight**



Home Jersey



Away Jersey



Grey Baseball Pants



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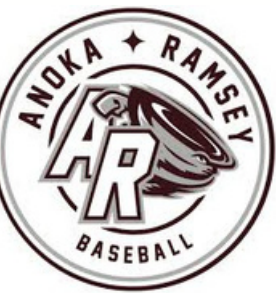
Player & Coach Hoodie



Coach Shirt



Player Shirt



What to Expect- League Practices and Games

- ④ 4-6 days per week. Mix of practice and games
Official League start date 4/15/2025 9-12U, 4/21/2025 13&14U
End Date 6/30/2025 *Regular Season
- ④ Arrive ready to play 1 hour before games
*Be aware of your away and home jersey
- ④ Travel times to games could be an hour or longer away
- ④ Severe Weather/ Rain: Regular Season games will be canceled by direction of the city.
Games/ Practice can be canceled within a hour of the event

Weekend Tournaments:

- ④ Prepare for long days beginning as early as 8am games
- ④ Be kind and and courteous at away hotels. Represent Anoka the right way.
- ④ Prepare for the weather- Bring canopies and snacks
- ④ “Play to Win” to qualify for end of season State Tournaments in July



Field Assignments

| City | Field | Team 1 | Team 2 |
|--------|-------------------|--------|----------|
| Anoka | John Ward Park #2 | 9AAA | 9AA |
| Anoka | Bonnell North | 10AA | |
| Anoka | John Ward Park #1 | 11A | |
| Ramsey | Alpine #1 | 11AA | 11AAA |
| Ramsey | Alpine #2 | 12AA | 12A |
| Ramsey | Alpine #3 | 13A | 13U Rec. |
| Ramsey | Alpine #4 | 13AAA | |
| Anoka | Enloe #1 NW | 14AA | |
| Anoka | Enloe #2 NE | 14AA | |
| Ramsey | Central Park #7 | 14A | 15A/Rec |

*If sharing a field, please be respectful of the other team while practicing.



Practice Field Assignments

Until Primary Fields Open

| City | Park | Team 1 | Team 2 |
|---|------------------|--------|--------|
| Ramsey | Rivers Bend Park | 13A | 13AAA |
| Ramsey | Titterud Park | 12A | 12AA |
| Ramsey | Bear Park | 11A | 11AA |
| Anoka | Rick Sorenson | 14AA | 14AAA |
| Anoka | John Ward #3 | 9AA | 9AAA |
| Anoka | King Park | 14A | |
| Ramsey | Riverdale Park | 10AA | 11AAA |
| * Tennis shoes only while practicing at these parks | | | |



PLEASE RAKE FIELDS AFTER USE



Field Updates

ARAA invested over \$10K in rebuilding the 4 mounds at Alpine and the mound at Bonnell North in 2023. Please take care of what we have and keep them covered along with tamping after using.

2024 ARAA and the City of Ramsey re-graded all 4 fields at Alpine and poured new dirt

In 2024 and 2025 ARAA put in new netting in the cages at Alpine. Please help take care of our fields.



Bat Standards

| AGE | MAX DIAMETER @ THICKEST PART | LENGTH | WEIGHT DIFFERENTIAL | EXAMPLE |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|---|
| 9U - 11U | 2 1/4" | Unlimited | Unlimited | |
| | 2 1/2" | Unlimited | Unlimited | |
| | 2 3/4" | Unlimited | Unlimited | |
| | 2 5/8" | Unlimited | Unlimited | |
| 12U - 13U | 2 1/4" | Unlimited | Unlimited | Unlimited |
| | 2 1/2" | 36" or less | -10 | 31-inch bat cannot weight less than 21 ounces |
| | 2 3/4" | 36" or less | -10 | |
| | 2 5/8" | 36" or less | -10 | |
| 14U - 14/15A | 2 3/4" | 36" or less | -5 | 32-inch bat cannot weight less than 27 ounces |
| 15U - 14/15A - 16U-19U | 2 5/8" | 36" or less | -3 | 32-inch bat cannot weight less than 29 ounces |

9-14 Year Olds

Big Barrel Bats (2 5/8" or 2 3/4"- 14u & Below)

- (1) Made with the USSSA or USA Mark (see image); or
- (2) Is a qualified BBCOR bat; or
- (3) Is Wood

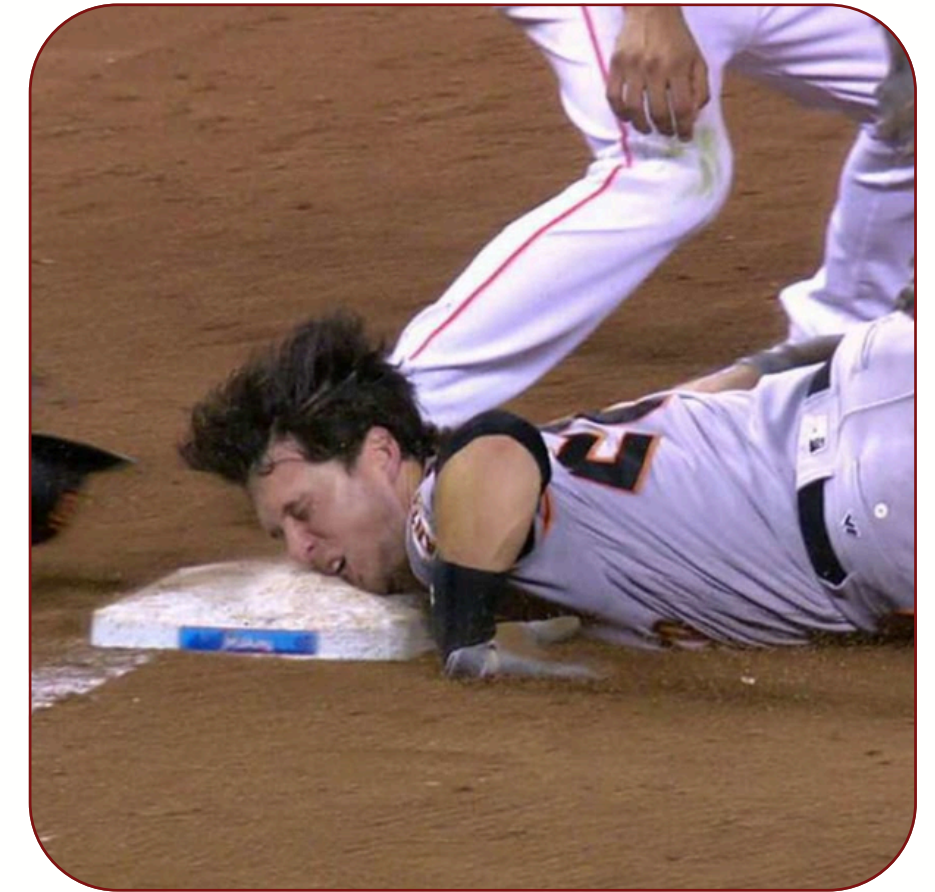
Small Barrel Bats (2-1/4" in diameter or less)

- (1) Made with the USSSA or USA Mark (see image); or
- (2) Is Wood



New Rule Updates for 2025

- MYAS/Gopher State Baseball will not be utilizing rule 1-6-2 from the NFHS Rule Book, therefore one-way electronic communication devices are not permitted from the dugout to the catcher while the team is on defense for the purposes of calling pitches.
- Head First Slides at Home Plate - Players are allowed to slide headfirst at all bases, including home plate at all ages.
- Curveballs - Curve balls are allowed at both the 12u and 13u age levels.
- Extra Innings - If a game is tied and time allows, teams are required to play extra innings for any Gopher State Baseball League game.(This was new 2024)





ARAA Sponsorship Details

Grand Slam-\$2,500+

- Company spotlight on ARAA baseball Facebook
- Company banner displayed all season in outfield fence (at all 4 fields)-Alpine Park
- Company logo (Large display) on tournament banner as sponsor (4 tournaments)
 - Company logo and web address link on the ARAA Baseball website

Home Run \$2,000

- Company spotlight on ARAA baseball Facebook
- Company banner displayed all season in outfield fence (at 3 of the 4 fields)-Alpine Park
 - Company logo (Large display) on tournament banner as sponsor (4 tournaments)
 - Company logo and web address link on the ARAA Baseball website

Triple \$1,500

- Company banner displayed all season in outfield fence (at 2 of the 4 fields)-Alpine Park
 - Company logo (Medium display) on tournament banner as sponsor (4 tournaments)
 - Company logo and web address link on the ARAA Baseball website

Double \$1,000

- Company banner displayed all season in outfield fence (at 1 of the 4 fields)-Alpine Park
 - Company logo (Small display) on tournament banner as sponsor (4 tournaments)
 - Company logo and web address link on the ARAA Baseball website

Single- \$500

- Company logo (Small display) on tournament banner as sponsor (4 tournaments)
 - Company logo and web address link on the ARAA Baseball website



Code of Conduct

- ① Everyone signed with registration
- ① Reviewed and updated for new issues
- ① Includes anyone there to watch your child
- ① Includes Social Media
- ① Will Be Enforced!

Coaches Agreement

- ① Act and speak as a positive role model
- ① Strive to work equally with all players
- ① Utilize practice plans
- ① Playing time and positions in the field
- ① Think of each player as a 3-5 year project
- ① Prepare kids for next level of play

Parent Expectations

- ① Baseball is fun. Keep it fun with your words and actions.
- ① Do not criticize umpires or confront opponents. Bad calls are part of the game. Be an example to the kids.
- ① Be part of the solution, not part of the problem.
- ① Remember these are kids and the coaches are volunteers.
- ① Limit in-game cheering to encouragement. Do not shout instruction. Coaches coach; parents parent.
- ① Represent our community and organization with class.

Player Expectations

- ① Be a great teammate.
- ① Listen. Learn. Do.
- ① 100% effort, 100% of the time.
- ① Recover quickly from adversity. Keep a positive attitude
- ① Take care of the fields and dugouts.
- ① Represent our community and organization with class.





Key Dates

- ① April – Projected Field open date- April 15th
 - Anoka and Ramsey will release the fields when they are prepped and ready.
- ① May – League games and tournaments begin
 - Coaches will be building out your season schedule within the next 10 days.
- ① April 24th- Youth night at Castle Field, 6:00 PM
- ① Picture day at Alpine - Monday 5/19 & Tuesday 5/20
- ① GSTC, MBT, MSF Tournaments all in July

ARAA Ran Tournaments

- ① Mid Summer Classic
6/21-6/22/2025
9u ages, 12AA, and 13AA. (Central Park and Alpine)
- ① Gopher State Tournament
7/25-7/27/2025
13A (Central Park and Alpine)
- ① All Star Tournament
8/2/2025
13's (Alpine Park)
- ① ARAA House Tournament
7/11-7/13/2025 (Central Park Only)



Miscellaneous/ Recommendations

- ① Gamechanger App- Use for communication
- ① Some Tournaments use Tourney Machine for their brackets
- ① Have a team picture person and team events planner
- ① Team FB page for all parents to share photos from the season



Volunteer Requirements

- ① 4 hours per player
- ① 8 hours max per family
- ① Sign up through DIBS
- ① Examples of Volunteer availability
 - Tournament participation
 - Turning Fields
 - Putting batting cage nets up
 - Concessions



Team Slush Funds



Team Fund Tracker

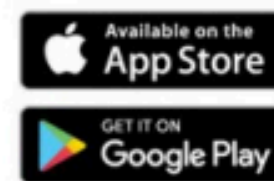
Simplifying Financial Management for Youth Sports Teams.
Manage your team's finances with ease using Team Fund Tracker, designed specifically for youth sports groups. This app helps coaches, parents, and team members stay informed on all financial costs of the team.

Key Features:

- Real-Time Financial Tracking: Stay updated on team expenses and income.
- Organized Expense Categories: Easily categorize costs like equipment, uniforms, travel, and tournament fees.
- Income Monitoring: Track donations, fundraising events, and sponsorships seamlessly.
- Transparent Contributions: Parents and members can view their contributions directly in the app.

Privacy & Security: We prioritize your privacy. Team Fund Tracker complies with data protection regulations to ensure your information is secure.

For questions please contact:
Samantha@teamfundtracker.com



Upcoming ARAA Baseball Clinics



BASEBALL CLINIC

4/26/25

FREE Clinic
Suggested
Donation

\$25

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade 9:00 am - 11:00 am

3rd grade - 6th Grade 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

About This Clinic

The Youth Baseball Clinic is a FREE event for ARAA House and Traveling baseball players in Kindergarten through 6th grade offering a fun and educational experience while supporting a great cause. This clinic will serve as a fundraiser for the ARAA Grant-in-Aid and Bereavement Funds. Led by dedicated high school baseball players, participants will rotate through stations focused on hitting, fielding, and pitching with grade-specific groups to ensure a tailored experience. Join us for skill-building and community support!

Location: Legacy Christian Academy: 3037 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304

Registration Information Parents, Guardians, or Supervisors should bring baseball players inside. A waiver will be at the check-in desk.

RSVP appreciated but not necessary. RSVP by texting, calling, or emailing the contact information below.

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612-799-8917 or jenniska@gmail.com

Spring Pitching Camp with Erik
Lovdahl- Starting in April- TBD
@Alpine Fields





QUESTIONS?





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Good luck this season!!

AR Baseball board meetings are the second Sunday of each month, 6 or 7pm at a local location.
Please share your thoughts and ideas. Be part of the process!