

# CAA DIAMOND SPORTS DIGEST



## **Season Update**

The 2025 season is off to a great start! Thank you to everyone who came to our Youth Night on May 12th! We were able to recognize the 5,000 swings finishers, enjoy some time with the players, and watch some ball. It was a fantastic joint event that had a wonderful turnout! We'd love to see some of your pictures from the event! If you have any you'd like to share, send them to [diamondsports-comms@chanstorm.com](mailto:diamondsports-comms@chanstorm.com).

## **Baseball Highlights**

The season is underway for most of our teams. The travel teams kicked off the season with practices, and they have started their MBL seasons as well. Many of our travel teams have had their first tournaments with several teams securing their state bids! Congrats to those teams! The SW Metro baseball teams have already had some games and have been practicing hard. Most of our In-House teams have started practices and are excited to get going with games soon. We are looking forward to a great season for all the teams!

## **Softball Highlights**

The season is now up and running for all programs from K/1/2 through 12U! We continue to see great participation and growth in our K/1/2 and 8U programs and seven strong teams at 10U and 12U! Thanks to all coaches, team managers and volunteers that have gotten the season off to a great start!

Follow us on Instagram @CAA.Softball as we continue to celebrate the 2025 season!

We will be re-introducing the West Metro Thunder 14+ Program!

- Starting this Fall, we will be offering a joint program with Chaska Youth Softball Association to give more 14U+ players a chance to stay involved.
- We will be forming teams in July to compete during the Fall 2025 and Summer 2026 seasons.

## Fall Ball Preview:

- No tryouts.
- "Friend requests" will be accepted.
- The season runs from 8/23 to 9/28 with the Fall State Tournament the last weekend in September.



## **Board Minute**

### Parent Code of Conduct & Weather

As we continue into the season, we wanted to remind everyone about the parent code of conduct that everyone signed when you registered your player. The entire Code of Conducts for Parents, Players, and Coaches can be found on our website [HERE](#). A quick summary/reminder for everyone:

1. Prioritize children's enjoyment and well-being over winning.
2. Be a positive role model showing respect to everyone involved.
3. Encourage skill development and growth of our young athletes.
4. Respect coaches, umpires, and opponents.
5. Maintain a drug and alcohol-free, supportive environment for all participants.

Weather in Minnesota can be unpredictable. If the Chanhassen or Victoria fields are closed due to weather, an email will be sent to those impacted no later than 4pm. If the weather changes after that time, cancellations or changes will be made by the coaching staff of each team, and they will communicate directly with their teams. Away games follow the same guidelines, and coaches will reach out depending on where the game is held.



## **Baseball Apparel Store**

Our Storm Baseball apparel store is OPEN! The season is just around the corner, so be sure to order your gear soon.

Orders are processed every two weeks, and you can expect your apparel to arrive about 4–6 weeks after ordering. You'll have the option to pick up your order at EdgeTek in Chanhasen or pay a flat rate for home delivery.

Store link: <https://chanythbaseball24.itemorder.com/shop/home/>



## **Volunteers**

### **Dibs**

Calling all volunteers! As a reminder, all families are required to complete 8 volunteer hours for the season that runs 8/1/24-7/31/25. Most shifts will be in 2, 4, or 8 hours increments and can be found at **2025 Baseball/Softball DIBS**.

We have had a lot of questions about when more volunteer hours will be posted and available to claim on Dibs. First, thank you for being proactive in getting your hours in! Second, know that most of our volunteer opportunities occur at our hosted tournaments. Some of the hours have already been posted, but we are working hard behind the scenes to get the tournaments organized so we know what's needed for volunteers. What we don't want to do is post available shifts that we won't end up needing or that aren't in the right time/place. As soon as we can, we will get shifts posted on Dibs. We will send out a reminder email and/or post on Facebook to let you know they are out there. There are many opportunities to get your hours! Thank you for your patience.

### **Open Positions & Opportunities**

There are still several open positions that will help our players have an even better season. Please check out the openings and see where you can help out! All positions would fulfill the annual volunteer requirement. Please send an email

to [caadiamondsports@gmail.com](mailto:caadiamondsports@gmail.com) if you have questions or are interested in any of these positions.

### **Director of Volunteers**

The current Director of Volunteers has one year left in her term and is looking for an organized, responsible, dedicated replacement to shadow her for the 2024-2025 volunteer season and take over the role officially in October 2025. This role is perfect for somebody who wants to be involved with the CAA Diamond Sports Board of Directors but isn't a baseball or softball expert (although you can be!) and prefers administrative work to on-field volunteering. This role involves managing the Dibs module on SportsEngine, collecting volunteer checks, tracking credit fulfillment *by family* in a spreadsheet, sending out volunteer communications, and attending monthly Board meetings. If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing, please reach out to Amanda McGibbon for more information at [caabbsbvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:caabbsbvolunteers@gmail.com).

### **Player Development Coordinator - Baseball**

- Help organize training opportunities – Assist with planning pre-season and in-season development sessions.
- Share training ideas – Work with board members and coaches to explore simple ways to help kids improve.
- Support coaches – Help make sure coaches have access to resources to make their job easier.
- Look for small ways to improve development – Finding practical ways to help players and coaches.

### **Director Softball Hosted Tournaments**

- Serves as Tournament Director for hosted softball tournaments
  - Typically 10U or 12U State Qualifier in late June
  - Typically 10U or 12U State bracket in mid-July
- Coordinates with CAA Tournament and Concessions Director
- Plans and manages volunteers and resources
- Works with MN Softball on event planning and setup

### **Director Softball K/1/2-8U Programs**

- Coordinate the K/1/2 program which includes setting up teams and game schedules.
- Manages and coordinates the 8U program

## **Field/Facility Lead**

- Provide and manage solutions for parent or coach feedback on field issues that come up during the season.
- Manage any general field maintenance issues throughout the season, partnering with City Parks Department, the Dugout Club and CAA volunteers (via DIBs sessions)
- Partner with Director of Field Operations / City Liaison on large capital projects and any field maintenance needs
- Accountable for leading Field Day activities (spring setup/fall take down)

## **Coordinator Concessions**

Will be responsible for purchase and set-up of concessions during tournaments and other events as determined.



## **Dates to Remember**

### **Baseball**

- May 30<sup>th</sup> – Jun 1<sup>st</sup> – Chan Challenge Tournament
- June 16<sup>th</sup> – Baseball/Softball Clinic Hosted by St Cloud State
- Early July – 2026 Travel Registration Opens
- July 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – 11A MBT State Tournament
- July 25-27 – 9AA Gopher State Tournament
- Aug 8th-10th - Tryouts for 2026

### **Softball**

- Mid July – Registration Opens for Fall Ball
- June 16<sup>th</sup> – Baseball/Softball Clinic Hosted by St Cloud State
- July 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> – West Metro Thunder 14+ Tentative Tryouts
- Jun 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> – 8U State Tournament, 10U/12U State Qualifier
- Jul 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> – 10U/12U State Tournament
- Jul 21<sup>st</sup> – Week of 14U/16U Tryouts
- Sep 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – 10U/12U Tryouts

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