

DCBA

BATTER UP!



Leadoff Issue

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Grades 1-6

What league is my son in?

Leagues are based on the current grade your son is in.

How are teams selected?

1st grade teams are divided randomly.

2nd-6th grade teams are divided as evenly as possible

The DCBA does not "STACK" teams. In addition, we do everything we possibly can to keep teams equal in ability and numbers.

What team am I on?

Your coach will contact you by May 8

When are practices?

Your coach will determine practice times and days.

When are playoffs?

Grades 1-6 playoffs will take place the week of July 31 - August 4

DCBA COACHING OBJECTIVES

To have fun and help the players develop a love for the game.

Introduce, demonstrate and help develop the skills necessary to be successful at their level and to prepare your child for next season.

Learn about the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship.

Give positive reinforcement based on effort rather than results.

Current Grade	1st Grade	2nd & 3rd	4 th	5 th & 6 th
Pre-Season All-League Practice	June 5th All League Practice	None	April 22, 2017 10 am - 11:30 am DCHS West Gym	April 22, 2017 11:30 am - 1 pm DCHS West Gym
Regular Season Practices	Determined by team coach	Determined by team coach	Determined by team coach	Determined by team coach
Regular Season Game Nights (all leagues may have an occasional Friday or	Wednesday evenings	Tuesday and Wednesday evenings	Thursday evenings	Monday and Wednesday evenings
Regular Season Game Times and Locations	6:00 pm Peterson Park	5:30, 6:45, 8:00pm Spring Lake Park	6:00, 7:30 pm Spring Lake Park	5:30, 6:45, 8:00pm Spring Lake Park

Parent Expectations

We all want to see our children succeed on the ball diamond, the following suggestions will help make this summer an enjoyable experience for you and your son.

1. Please try to get your child to practice and games on time. This can be difficult at times and impossible at other times, but it's really hard to conduct practice or get ready for a game when players continually show up late. If you know your child will be late or won't be able to make it to a practice or game, please let your coach know in advance if possible.
2. Help out with team volunteer opportunities. We have a number of items that require parent help.
3. Get involved in playing baseball with your child. This may be helping out with at practice or playing catch in the yard on days we don't practice. Kids love it when their parents get involved. Repetition is also crucial for skill improvement. There simply isn't enough organized practice time for the kids. They need to work on the skills

they learn at practice at home also.

4. Please encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game and practice. Please cheer for your child during games, but try to keep from yelling instructions to them. Remember this is their opportunity to enjoy playing in the game. Much of the fun is lost if their Mom or Dad is always yelling instructions.
5. Please let your coach know if you have a problem with something that is happening. Same holds true if your child isn't happy about something. Your coach wants to know if there is a problem right away. With these age groups, very small things can cause a

Player Expectations

Please help your son to follow these simple expectations.

1. Have fun and always give your best effort.
2. Show respect for the coaches, parents, and other players on the team.
3. Spend time outside of practice playing baseball.

WHO DO I CALL??? CONCERNS? QUESTIONS?

In order to best serve the players and parents, the DCBA asks that you follow the chain of command if a concern or question arises during the season. By following this order your questions and concerns will be dealt with in a timely fashion.

1. First talk with your coach.
2. If your coach can not provide the answers you need, contact

www.dcsaints.com
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Changes coming to the Dassel-Cokato Youth Baseball this summer.

This year the DCBA is offering the opportunity for 5th and 6th graders to travel. We will still play the in house schedule as normal (Monday & Wednesdays) but for the kids interested in playing more baseball, we will be creating a 12 person tournament team. This team will play in a minimum of 4 tournaments and a chance at a state tournament berth. You **MUST** attend school at Dassel-Cokato and **MUST** remain playing in the in house league. This is not meant to be another option, but another opportunity for serious baseball players to play more baseball at a higher level.

12U AA players will be made up of 11 and 12 year olds. Eligible players must be at least 11 years of age by 5/1/17 OR in 5th or 6th grade: AND not older than 12 years of age as of 5/1/17. The top 12 players by evaluations will be placed on this team.

Evaluations will be Saturday April 22nd in the West Gym of the High School from 11:30 am-1 pm. You must attend evaluations if you are trying out for the travel team **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Teams will be made by May 1st.

We will also be doing evaluations for the in house teams at this time.

Because of the limited number of roster spots on this team, it will require a serious commitment out of the players. We ask that if you know you will be unavailable for any part of the travel schedule please don't tie up a roster spot.

The travel season schedule will be as follows:

- May 19-21 Brooklyn Park Guaranteed 3 games
- June 9-11 Willmar Guaranteed 3 games
- June 23-25 Waite Park Guaranteed 3 games
- July 7-9 Dassel-Cokato Tournament TBD

There will be the opportunity to qualify for 1 of 3 state tournaments depending on tournament success:

- MSF July 21-23
- MBT July 21-23
- Gopher State July 14-16

Cost for travel baseball is \$250.00 per player. This will cover:

- In House Fee
- Uniform Costs
- Coaching
- Tournament Fees

Current Grade	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
League	Crow River League	BABE RUTH LEAGUE	BABE RUTH LEAGUE or VFW	VFW League
Eligibility	Current 7th graders	Current 8th graders	Players will be a combination of 15 and 16 years old	A player must not turn 17 before June 1, 2017
Regular Season Practices	Determined by team coach	Determined by team coach	Determined by team coach	Determined by team coach
Regular Season Game Dates	Tuesdays and Thursdays	Tuesdays and Thursdays	TBD	Various Evenings and Saturdays
Regular Season Game Locations	Legion Park or DC High School Fields	Legion Park, DCHS "Mick Hoiem" Field, Saints Field	Legion Park, DCHS "Mick Hoiem" Field, Saints Field	Legion Park, DCHS "Mick Hoiem" Field, Saints Field
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MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING GRADES 7-10 WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE END OF THE SCHOOL SEASONS.

Frequently asked questions Grades 7-10

How are the teams chosen?

7th Grade: Will depend on league norms and number of teams we register. Divided equally by ability and numbers.

8th Grade: (Babe Ruth) Team roster size is 12 -15 players. DCBA representatives and team coaches will divide players into teams.

9th Grade (Babe Ruth or VFW): Team roster size is 12 -15 players. DCBA representatives and team coaches will divide players into teams.

10th Grade (VFW League): The VFW roster is first filled with 10th graders. Any open roster positions will be filled with 9th grade or Babe Ruth players.

Who is the coach?

Candidates for coaching positions will be evaluated by the DCBA youth committee. This committee will then assign a head coach and assistant coaches for each team. Coaches will be given a job description explaining the DCBA's expectations for that league and guidelines on practices and playing time.

DCBA OBJECTIVES

VFW— There is an obvious transition in focus as an athlete moves into the 9th/10th grade. Here, the primary focus is on competition with a secondary focus on participation. Playing time may not always be equal at this point in the DCBA. VFW players tend to have more time conflicts. The VFW coach will not penalize players for missing practices due to other sports clinics and camps.

8th Grade: The focus at this level is to reinforce the fundamentals of the game, but also to extend them to the next level. As the season progresses, the focus will begin to shift more and more toward competition. Players at this level will be asked to play several positions to better round their skills and abilities. Players will play no less than 2 innings (per game) in the field during league play, however during the playoffs playing time will be coach's discretion.

7th Grade: The primary focus at this level will be to focus instruction on the fundamentals of the game of baseball, while tying into the boys previous experiences with youth baseball. Players will play no less than 3 innings (per game) in the field during league play. All players will bat during league play. During the playoff, coach's discretion will be used for playing time. All boys will be given the opportunity to participate and test their skills in games.