

WABL BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LEAGUES



WELCOME TO THE 2015 SEASON

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HAPPY NEW YEAR WABL FANS!

What a year WABL had in 2014! There were many exciting reasons to be a WABL fan. First and foremost, WABL's Softball Program continues to grow and we are very excited about it! In 2014, we added a team in the coach pitch division for the first time and it was a huge success! A big thank you to Jim Williams, our Vice President of Softball, for his hard work the last few years to grow the program and help put WABL softball back on the map. Jim will no longer be the Vice President of Softball – his time and energy in building the program are much appreciated. He will surely be missed.

In 2014, WABL's T-Ball Program was again a huge success, not only for WABL, but for the over 150 boys and girls who participated. Thank you to T-Ball Commissioner Steve Milkovich, along with all of the coaches and parents who helped make T-Ball so successful. T-Ball fills up fast, so make sure you sign up early.

Also in 2014, The WABL Americans fielded teams in the 10U, 11U and 12U age groups. The WABL Americans tournament teams competed in tournaments in Barberton, Copley, Doylestown and Euclid. Congratulations to all of the teams on a successful year. The Tournament Team Program has been a success for us, and we are committed to this program. We will continue to work hard to make the necessary improvements and provide our boys with this great opportunity. Final tryouts for the 2015 teams will be in March.

WABL hosted its "Night at the Races" fundraiser in March and it was a huge success, raising over \$10,000 for field improvements and new equipment. The date for the 2015 Night at the Races is May 2, 2015, at St. Sebastian's Zwislser Hall. In only its third year, the WABL Night at the Races is quickly becoming a great tradition - we hope to see you there!

The 2014 season was capped off with an outstanding Day of Champs celebration. Congratulations to all of the teams that played that day. Also, congratulations to our Spirit of WABL winners. And finally, thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this event possible.

The WABL Board and I are eager to start the 2015 season. I personally want to let all of you know that WABL appreciates everyone's time and effort that contribute to a successful season. Our WABL Board members are a team of fantastic and hard working people who make sure the business side of WABL runs smoothly, but we need more help to grow our Board and create more committees. The primary areas they oversee include: finances, sponsors, baseball and softball operations, fields, administration, umpires, uniforms, rules, publications, public relations, equipment, insurance, and fundraisers. If you are interested in helping, we'd be more than happy to have you. Just contact us via our website at www.wabl.org, call a Board member, or just simply check the "WABL Board" box on this year's registration form.

The 2015 calendar of events has changed slightly from last year, so please check it out so that you are aware of our events throughout our 2015 season. WABL Day with the Akron RubberDucks has been an enjoyable event that provides those who attend a chance to see the RubberDucks play and hang out with our WABL players and their families. We are very excited to continue that tradition again in 2015! We provide three tickets for each player in the League, and there are special events provided for our players - the biggest of which is a parade around Canal Park prior to the game. This year, we will again combine our baseball, softball and T-ball teams for this exciting day at Canal Park! There is also the annual golf outing/scramble featuring 18 holes of golf with lots of fun, food and prizes.

I want to give two BIG HIGH FIVES: First to The Akron Police Department. All of the officers who are along the Day of Champs parade route donate their time to WABL to make the parade happen! And second to The Black Keys! Sales from the WABL/Black Keys t-shirts raised over \$40,000! Thank you Pat and Dan!

Lastly, I appreciate any feedback (even if it isn't always positive) to help us better our League for the future. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please feel free to call or email me or any other Board member. You can find all of the WABL news that you need, including photos, schedules, standings, rosters and much more, by visiting www.wabl.org, and don't forget to "LIKE" us on Facebook by visiting our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WestAkronBaseball.

Sincerely,
Mike Dies, WABL President
mikedies@wabl.org



THANK YOU SPONSORS!

We want to thank all of the sponsors, coaches, parents, grandparents and friends who make WABL possible.

Inside you will find a list of all of the 2014 sponsors. Please patronize these businesses that have so generously supported WABL. If you are interested in sponsoring a team for the 2015 season, please contact

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WABL FUNDRAISERS

THANK YOU to the participants and to the sponsors of WABL's 2014 fundraisers: Our 3rd Annual Night at the Races, and our 14th Annual Golf Scramble. Both were greatly successful, and it is your help and participation in these events which allow WABL to keep our registration costs down (we have not raised our fees in 13 years!).

These FUNdraising events help WABL to defray some of the ever-increasing costs, such as field maintenance, usage permits, and new equipment. We hope that these important off-field events continue to grow, so we are working to make them better each year for our fans. Please come and join the fun!

Our Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015. It's a great evening of dinner, drinks, horse racing, and prizes. This is the newer of our fundraising events, but it's quickly becoming a favorite WABL activity! The 15th Annual Golf Scramble Outing will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015; registration includes golf, food, beverages, door prizes, and a good time. So let your kids work on their baseball swings this spring while you tune up your golf swing and we'll play a round together in June!

Details for both events are included in the enclosed WABL 2015 calendar, as well as at www.wabl.org, and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/westakronbaseball.

Thanks again and hope to see you there!



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT AT THE RACES



WHAT: WABL Night at the Races
WHEN: Saturday, May 2, 2015
WHERE: St. Sebastian, Zwisler Hall
COST: \$50 includes a horse, two dinners and drinks.
 (\$20 for just a dinner)

SATURDAY
MAY
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For more information, contact Mike Dies by email at mikedies@wabl.org or by phone at (330) 867-4332.

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- AND ALL THOSE WE FORGOT TO MENTION BUT GREATLY APPRECIATE**

JOIN US FOR OUR 15TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

WE ARE ALREADY PLANNING THE 15TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER, SO SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, JUNE 20 – on your calendar. Come join us for a great day of golf, food, and fun – the WABL outing is a great golf scramble for a great cause.

Please refer to WABL.org for registration forms and sponsor information.

Registration fee includes golf, dinner, beverages – and fun!



SAVE THE DATE | SATURDAY
 1:00 pm check-in, | **JUNE**
 2:00 pm shotgun start | **20**

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO **ARTISTS INCORPORATED**
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VICE PRESIDENT OF BOYS BASEBALL REPORT

West Akron never ceases to amaze me. It has a small town feel while being a part of a large city. The 2014 season gave WABL and the West Akron community an opportunity to come together and make good things happen. Early in the season we cooked a baseball style lunch for the hard working volunteers at Forest Lodge Park. After that success, we made a bigger commitment to participate in Akron's Neighbors Day. Games were scheduled all day at Perkins/Litchfield and WABL provided a bounce house and an inflatable slide. Kids of all ages spent the day watching and playing baseball and bouncing and sliding. The weather wasn't great, but it was a lot of fun nonetheless. There would have been a dunk tank too - but the delivery truck got stuck in the field and we had to send it back. While coaches gave a sigh of relief, you could tell the kids were disappointed that they didn't have the opportunity to dunk their coaches! The dunk tank made a triumphant return on the Day of Champs though, and the line to dunk coaches never seemed to dissipate! All of these activities are just small examples of our plans for expanded community outreach - and we'd like you to join in the excitement! New Board members are always welcome; meetings are generally the third Tuesday of the month at the Northwest Recreation Center, or you can contact us through our website at www.wabl.org. Your support and participation are much appreciated, and you help to make WABL a strong community force in West Akron. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Jamie Daniels
WABL Vice President of Baseball

H-LEAGUE REPORT

The 2014 H-League season was a season of transition with five new coaches and one less team. Despite all of the changes, the season was a success. With a lot of young players in the league, the level of play increased noticeably throughout the year.

The Orioles finished the regular season on top with a 16-1 regular season record. This year's playoff season was a single elimination tournament. There were many very close games leading up to the championship game. This game put two of the top teams in the league against each other. The Orioles faced the Reds. This was the third year in a row that the Orioles made it to the Day of Champs, with the previous two years both ending in close defeat. At the end of the day, the Orioles came out on top 7-1, beating the Reds in a tough game.

At the WABL Day of Champs ceremony, Henry Sparhawk of the A's received the H-League Spirit of WABL Bill Cunningham Award. A special THANK YOU to all of the players, parents, coaches, and umpires for another successful season. We are all excited for the 2015 season and can't wait to get started.

Kevin Floyd
WABL H-League Commissioner

2014 H-LEAGUE TEAMS:

A's – Coach Rob Supan
Sponsored by: Judge Tammy O'Brien
Cubs – Coach Matt Beaven
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Indians – Coach Jason Guseman
Sponsored by: Judge Amy Corrigan-Jones
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Sponsored by: Jon Oldham for Judge
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Reds – Coach Daryl Scott
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RubberDucks – Coach Steve Hostler
Sponsored by: Dr. Ed Marshall Oral Surgery



G-LEAGUE REPORT

I am pleased to report that 2014 was another successful season for G-League. With more players signing up this year, we were able to expand G-League from six teams to eight teams! This helped us to set up a balanced schedule where all teams played each other twice. This schedule format allowed teams to schedule additional practices on off days, which was especially beneficial this season due to the record number of younger G-League players.

The Pirates and Cubs met on WABL Day of Champs to cap the playoffs, entertaining the large crowd with an exciting championship game! Congratulations to the Pirates on winning the 2014 WABL G-League Championship.

I would like to thank all the coaches, parents, sponsors, players, and fans for making 2014 another successful WABL season!

Jim Weber
WABL G-League Commissioner



2014 G-LEAGUE TEAMS:

A's – Coach Jamie Daniels
Sponsored by: All Packaging Services
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F-LEAGUE REPORT

The 2014 F-League season was a big success. We had five teams in F-League, all with energetic and dedicated coaches! Special thanks to managers Jon Erisey (Pirates), Ron Klamert (Indians), Jamie Donohue (Reds), Jim Weber (A's), and Patrick Gill (Rubber Ducks) for volunteering their time and energy. Each did a fantastic job and their contribution is much appreciated!

F-League competes in the CBL with teams from Copley, Revere, Highland and Norton. This offers a great opportunity for the kids to play against their peers from neighboring communities. The A's finished the season as regular season champs, but it was the Pirates who made it through the first round of the WABL tournament and earned the right to represent WABL in the CBL tournament. Having the No. 2 seed for the tournament was a success on the season, but the Pirates came up a bit short but represented well!

WABL also held its own championship game, where the Pirates defeated the A's, who had their 4th battle of the season to finish off as the WABL Champs. Both teams left it all on the field and entertained the crowd with a game that both players and fans alike are sure to remember. All five teams had some great highlights throughout the season and in the playoffs. Many thanks to players and parents for a great season! Finally, congratulations to Caleb Thurman from the A's, winner of the Kurt Klein Award.

2015 looks to be another fantastic year!

Sean Yost

WABL F-League Commissioner

I-LEAGUE REPORT

The 2014 WABL season once again brought many new faces to I-League and into the WABL family. Participation at this age level increased from the previous two seasons, so this is positive growth that will feed into the older leagues.

As we move into the 2015 season, we'll strive to provide the best league possible for our families: Each off-season, we review the key components to the youth baseball experience. We've tried some new rules and updated our approach to scheduling, as well as growing and organizing the Future Stars post season series for older I-League players, all contributing to a better WABL season and a better spring for our families.

One big change for our 2014 season was the addition of a coach-pitch softball team. It was well received and the interest is growing, so WABL has decided to expand the softball program to include girls at this age level. Girls age six to eight will be registered for coach-pitch softball rather than the baseball program. We're excited for this change, as it will familiarize girls with softball at an earlier age and should increase the interest level in our growing softball program.

For the 2015 season, we hope to expand our equipment exchange program, which especially affects our young I-League players, who tend to grow quickly out of their cleats, pants, and beginners' mitts. Look for more information on this exchange program at www.wabl.org.

The WABL experience continues to grow in a positive direction, and for that I must thank the Board members who donate their time and efforts to make this run smoothly. We are also very grateful for the coaches, who spend countless hours working to teach these kids the game of baseball in a team environment. And most importantly, thanks to all of our players and their families and friends, for it is YOU who are the very heart of our organization. Please take time to notice the coaches and sponsors from our 2014 I-League, listed in this newsletter. We appreciate all of your help, and look forward to a great 2015 season. PLAY BALL!

Jeff Neusser

WABL I-League Commissioner



2014 F-LEAGUE TEAMS:

A's – Coach Jim Weber
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Indians – Coach Ron Klamert
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RubberDucks – Coach Patrick Gill
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2014 I-LEAGUE TEAMS:

A's – Coach Sean Yost
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VICE PRESIDENT OF GIRLS SOFTBALL REPORT

Another great season of WABL Softball is in the books. I am proud to say that we were able to field six teams this season, including our very first all-girls coach pitch softball team for our six to eight year old softball players. Having a coach pitch team will help strengthen our program and allow our players to begin playing softball at a younger age. Improvements were made to Forest Lodge Field, thanks to the City of Akron and the Akron RubberDucks. Forest Lodge Field was also renamed in a dedication ceremony at the beginning of the season. Forest Lodge Field will now be recognized as "Akron RubberDucks Field at Forest Lodge."

I want to thank the following coaches for their time and effort this past season: Mary Helen Eppelsheimer (Coach Pitch), Joe Shuber and Mike Dies (American League), Tommy Bruno and Joe Moxon (National League), and Brian Simon (Junior League). Our coaches are very dedicated to our league and our players. We are extremely lucky to have such great coaches.

I would also like to thank Mike Dies and the entire WABL Board for their continued efforts in making the West Akron Baseball and Softball League the absolute best youth recreational league in Summit County.

A special "thank you" also goes out to The City of Akron, The Akron RubberDucks, The Black Keys and all of our sponsors, umpires, parents and players.

It has been a wonderful five years serving as the Softball Commissioner for WABL, and I am proud to know that the softball program is making huge strides and will continue to provide a great foundation for the future softball players in West Akron. PLAY SOFTBALL!!!

Jim Williams, VP of Girls Softball

2014 SOFTBALL TEAMS:

Instructional League RubberDucks – Coach Mary Helen Eppelsheimer
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National League Force – Coach Joe Moxon
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National League RubberDucks – Coach Tommy Bruno
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Junior League Force – Coach Brian Simon
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UMPIRE REPORT

I want to thank all of the coaches, parents and players for your patience during the season. Also, thank you to the umpires for being ready when called upon. As WABL moves in to the 2015 season, I am looking forward to building on the great season that we had in 2014. It is very important for the parents, coaches and umpires to be on the same page. The examples that we set now will go a long way in building our boys and girls - not only as competitors, but as people.

The 2015 season brings new opportunities for our organization and we look forward to training new umpires. We are especially in need of softball umpires. If you or someone you know is interested in umpiring in WABL, please contact our Vice President of Umpires, Jeff Sloan, by email at jmrd2424@yahoo.com. Boys and girls must be 14 years old to umpire.

In closing, I would like you to know that I am more than happy to discuss with both coaches and parents, the training, attitude, and ability of any of the umpires who work our games.

Thank you all so much for your support and cooperation,

Jeff Sloan
Vice President of Umpires



T-BALL REPORT

Wow T-ball fans! We had another fun year of coaching and teaching the newest members of the WABL family. Our numbers dropped slightly from the previous year, but we were still able to field 12 teams of new players. As a testament to the quality of the WABL program, our players came from all over the city of Akron. Our coaches once again deserve our full appreciation because their enthusiasm and knowledge of the game were passed on to our players. I am looking forward to having everyone back next year. If your player is moving on, I hope that we instilled in them the fundamentals and a love for the game. WABL is happy to have each and every one of you as a part of our baseball family!

Steve Milkovich, WABL Vice President of T-Ball

2014 T-BALL TEAMS:

A's – Coach Pierre Ferrer
Sponsored by: Able Regulatory Consultants

Braves – Coach Jeremy Lile
Sponsored by: Judge Jennifer Hensal

Cardinals – Steve Milkovich and Susan Forgach
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Sponsored by: Judge Beth Whitmore

Indians – Coach Sam Bohmer
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Marlins – Coach Tim Crawford
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Orioles – Coach Michael Brilmyer
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Phillies – Coach Jeff Matthews
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Summit County Fiscal Officer

Reds – Coach Mike Hoover
Sponsored by: Judge Christine Croce

RubberDucks – Coach Mike Dies
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Tigers – Coach Jennifer Liming
Sponsored by: Judge Alison McCarty

White Sox – Coach Ryan Russell
Sponsored by: Eckard Baldwin Funeral Home



VICE PRESIDENT OF TOURNAMENTS REPORT

The WABL Tournament Team program saw more successes in 2014. We fielded three teams for the 2014 season: 10U (Coach Sean McFalls), 11U (Coach Kevin Floyd), and 12U (Coach Jon Erisey). In addition to our traditional participation at Copley and Doylestown, we added tournaments in Tallmadge, Barberton, and Massillon this season. Our teams represented the West Akron Baseball League well against some very good teams, including travel teams from all over the greater Akron-Canton area.

Coach Sean McFalls' 10U team opened the tournament season at the Tallmadge Early Bird Tournament where they posted a respectable 2-2 mark. The 10U Americans went on to post a 2-1 record at the Holly Hills Tournament, and a 3-1-1 finish at Doylestown, where they made it to the Final Four. Including other outside games, the 10U team posted a 8-4-1 record; an excellent showing by a great group of ball players.

The 11U team (Coach Kevin Floyd) had a tough road this season. Unexpected changes to brackets had our 11U group playing in the 12U division in nearly every tournament. The kids played well anyway, posting six wins and advancing to the Final Four at Copley before being rained out.

Our 12U Americans (Coach Jon Erisey) played in three tournaments, including the Barberton Krska Memorial, Copley, and Doylestown. They finished in the season with five tournament game wins, two Final Four appearances at Barberton and Doylestown, and lost a heartbreaker in the Championship game at Doylestown.

We also fielded an independent team of F-League players to participate in the Doylestown tournament, coached by Jon Erisey. That group also made the Championship game. While WABL didn't field a 14U team last season, it was good to see these Americans alumni still enjoying success and having fun playing baseball.

Tryouts for the 2015 Americans teams will be held in March. We encourage any of the kids who may be interested in playing to come to the tryouts and learn more about the program.

We cannot thank our sponsors enough. We are grateful to VanDevere Chevrolet (fourth year), Prime 93 (second year), and Summa Sports Medicine (first year), for their sponsorship. Their generous contributions and ongoing support have made it possible for us to continue to provide our players with the opportunity to learn and have fun playing the game at the tournaments.

Augie Micozzi
VP – Post Season and Tournament Programs

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2015 WABL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
FEBRUARY			
February 14 Sat.	Walk-In Sign Ups/Equipment Exchange Drop off	10:00 am - Noon	Northwest Family Recreation Center
February 18 Wed.	Walk-In Sign Ups/Equipment Exchange Drop off	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Northwest Family Recreation Center
February 28 Sat.	Walk-In Sign Ups/Equipment Exchange Drop off	10:00 am - Noon	Northwest Family Recreation Center
MARCH			
March 2 Mon.	Mail-In Deadline		
March 15 Sun.	Tournament Team Tryouts	TBA	TBA
March 21 Sat.	Boys & Girls Tryouts/Draft Refer to wabl.org for specific times for each age bracket	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Litchfield Middle School at Perkins
March 22 Sun.	Tournament Team Practice	TBA	Firestone High School
March 28 Sat.	Mandatory Managers Meeting	9:00 am - Noon	Balch Street Community Center
March 28 Sat.	Equipment Exchange Pick Up	10:00 am - Noon	Northwest Family Recreation Center
March 29 Sun.	Equipment Pick Up	TBA	Northwest Family Recreation Center
APRIL			
April 4 Sat.	Practice Starts		
MAY			
May 2 Sat.	Boys and Girls Games Start		
May 2 Sat.	WABL Night at the Races	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	St. Sebastian, Zwisler Hall
May 9 Sat.	WABL Picture Day	TBA	St. Sebastian, Byrider Hall
May 11 Mon.	T-Ball Registration Deadline		
May 30 Sat.	Neighbors Day Celebration		Litchfield Middle School at Perkins
JUNE			
June 9 Tues.	T-Ball Coaches Meeting; Rosters Set	6:00 pm	Balch Street Community Center
June 15 Mon.	T-Ball Practice Starts		
June 20 Sat.	Annual WABL Golf Outing	1:00 pm check in; 2:00 pm shotgun start	TBA
June 28 Sun.	WABL Day with the Akron RubberDucks	Parade: 1:00 pm Game: 2:05 pm	Canal Park
JULY			
July 4 Sat.	Independence Day - No Games		
July 6 Mon.	T-Ball Picture Day, Mon./Wed.		
July 7 Tues.	T-Ball Picture Day, Tues./Thurs.		
July 11 Sat.	2015 Day of Champs Celebration	Parade: 11:30 am - Games: 1:00 pm	
July 13 Mon.	T-Ball Games Start, Mon./Wed.		
July 14 Tues.	T-Ball Games Start, Tues./Thurs.		
July 15 Wed.	H & G League All-Star Games	7:00 pm	Cascade
July 22 Wed.	Rain date - H & G League All-Star Game	7:00 pm	Cascade
AUGUST			
Aug 5 Wed.	T-Ball Games End, Mon./Wed.		
Aug 6 Thurs.	T-Ball Games End, Tues./Thurs.		





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2014 SPIRIT OF WABL AWARD WINNERS



- I-League (Softball), Spirit of WABL Award
 Jane Barr
- American League, Dick Mapes Award
 Lauren Toth
- National League, Jim Daley Award
 Grace Carpenter
- Junior League, Dick Gross Award
 Leila Simms
- I-League (Baseball), Tom Floyd Award
 AZ Patterson
- H-League, Bill Cunningham Award
 Henry Sparhawk
- G-League, Fred Maligno Award
 Lorenzo Roberts
- F-League, Kurt Klein Award
 Caleb Thurman

HELLO WABL FANS – and parents of GROWING players!

Each year you are probably seeing your young player outgrow some of their equipment: bats, cleats, gloves. This stuff is often still in good shape, and you need to find a place to donate it. Well, WABL would love to take it off your hands and keep it within our organization. We'll collect your used gear and pass it on to younger WABL players in need. Your used gear not only goes to a good cause, but it stays within the WABL family and helps others in our own baseball community! We'll have donation tubs for this equipment at our open registration events, both for drop off and pick up. You may also email league@wabl.org or text/call 330-310-9363 to arrange to donate or take equipment. We ask only that the donated equipment goes to registered WABL players.

Because this program is new, the response has been smaller than we'd like. We're hoping for a better response this year, and we know it will help those players who are growing into new sizes. Please consider bringing in your used and outgrown gear when you come to register for the 2015 season - and please don't hesitate to ask us about available equipment. Thank you!

**Jeff Neusser
 WABL Board**



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