



WELCOME TO THE 2016 SEASON

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IF YOU KNOW OF ANY CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5 AND 18 WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING T-BALL, SOFTBALL OR BASEBALL, PLEASE HAVE THEM CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION AT OUR MAILING ADDRESS OR AT www.WABL.org

WHAT A YEAR WABL HAD IN 2015!

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 2015, we added teams at the coach pitch level and in the American League – bringing WABL softball to a total of 8 teams, the most in many years! WABL softball plays in the Community Softball League (CSL) made up of teams from Copley, Highland, Revere and Wadsworth. In 2015, WABL softball brought home regular season championships in all leagues – American, National and Junior. In addition, our softball teams won the tournament championships in the American and Junior Leagues and finished as runner up in the National League! Way to go WABL softball!

In 2015, 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 quickly, so make sure you sign up early.

WABL hosted its "Night at the Races" fundraiser in May and it was a huge success, raising over \$12,000 for field improvements and new equipment. The date for the 2016 Night at the Races is May 7th at St Sebastian's Zwisler Hall. In only its fourth year, the WABL Night at the Races is quickly becoming a great tradition – we hope to see you there! (And yes, the Swenson's truck will be back!).

The 2015 season was capped off with an outstanding Day of Champions celebration. Congratulations to all of the teams who 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.

We have some big changes to look forward to in 2016. First, our G-League boys will be playing games in the CBL starting this season! This is a great opportunity for these boys. Our softball girls and F-League boys have been competing with the CBL/CSL for many years and have really enjoyed it. We are thrilled to have our G-League joining this season!

Also new for this season – we are excited to announce a partnership with the Shaw JCC. WABL and the JCC have teamed up to renovate the field at their facility. WABL's I-League boys and girls will be playing games on this field starting in 2016.

The WABL Board and I are eager to start the 2016 season. I personally want to let all of you know that WABL appreciates everyone's time and effort that contributes 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 2016 calendar of events has changed slightly from last year, so please check it out so that you are aware of when events we have planned take place throughout our 2016 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 2016! 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! Please also watch for the annual golf outing/scramble on June 11, featuring 18 holes of golf with lots of fun, food and prizes. This has become a great WABL tradition and is truly a FUNdraiser!

Finally, I want to give two BIG "High 5's" ... 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 Carol Weber ... thank you for all that you did for WABL over the last four years as VP of Administration for WABL. Nobody (except you and Jim) knows how difficult that job can be. Thank you very much for the time and dedication that you put into it!

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. Remember, 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



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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 2015 sponsors. Please patronize these businesses that have so generously supported WABL. If you are interested in sponsoring a team for the 2016 season, please contact

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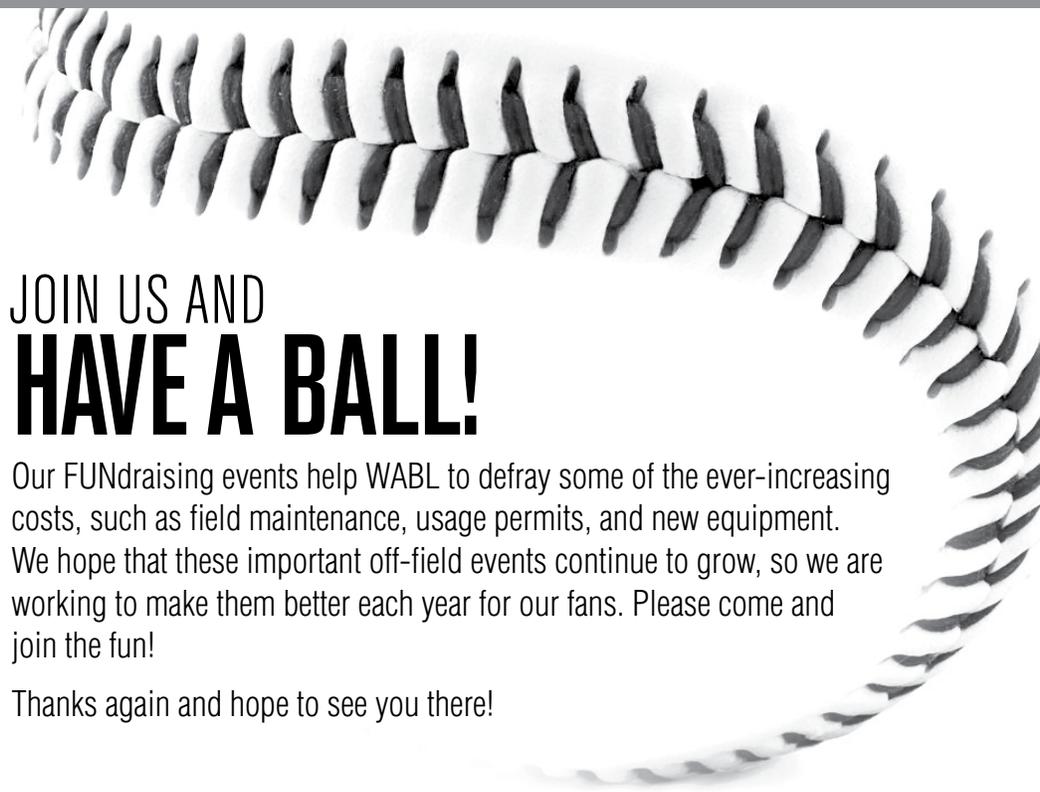
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 THE PARENTS OF ALL OF OUR PLAYERS
 THE COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES FOR ALL OF THEIR TIME AND PATIENCE



JOIN US AND HAVE A BALL!

Our 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!

Thanks again and hope to see you there!

DON'T MISS A NIGHT AT THE RACES



WHAT: WABL Night at the Races
WHEN: Saturday, May 7, 2016
WHERE: St. Sebastian, Zwisler Hall
COST: \$50 includes a horse, two dinners and drinks.
 (\$20 for just a dinner)



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

JOIN US 'FORE' OUR 16TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

WE ARE ALREADY PLANNING THE 16TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER, SO SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, JUNE 11 – 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, 2:00 pm shotgun start | **JUNE 11**

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO **ARTISTS INCORPORATED** FOR THEIR DESIGN AND WORK ON OUR NEWSLETTER



VICE PRESIDENT OF BOYS BASEBALL REPORT

I don't do it very often, but now and then I will put on my glove and take the field with the kids. Don't get me wrong - I love the instructional part of coaching. I feel that fundamentals are very important, and that coaching is the most influential piece of a player's experience with WABL. But that short time on the field reminds me again of what it's all about: playing.

I'm sure if you asked Bill Belichick, he would tell you that my skills have diminished since my heyday, and that's okay. Time has taken away some of my speed and accuracy, and I make mistakes. None of that matters because I am playing. Playing. I want the boys to see the mistakes and to understand that it is okay to make them. I want the boys to see the joy of just playing. Playing. Because isn't that supposed to be a kid's job? To play? To enjoy their youth? It doesn't last nearly long enough, especially in today's world.

That is why over the past ten years I have made it my mission to make our WABL fields a place where any kid can just play. Please join me in this mission and let the kids play.

**Sincerely,
Jamie Daniels
WABL Vice President of Baseball**

H-LEAGUE REPORT

H-League had a very positive and successful year. We had eight teams competing for the second year in a row, with almost 100 players. Seven coaches remained from 2014, which brought the league some consistency and increased competition and sportsmanship.

The H-League Orioles brought home the regular season percentage championship with a record of 15-1-1. The championship game took place on WABL's annual Day of Champions, July 11, 2015. The game featured the Orioles and the Reds for the third straight year. After a hard fought battle, the Orioles triumphed for the second year in a row.

There were many kids who showed good sportsmanship, leadership, and positive attitudes throughout the season. The H-League Spirit of WABL Award, which embodies this passion, went to Joey Nichols this year. Thank you to the coaches, parents, players, umpires, and fans for a great season.

**Kevin Floyd
WABL H-League Commissioner**



2015 H-LEAGUE TEAMS:

A's – Coach Rob Supan
Sponsored by: Patrick Bravo, Akron School Board
Cubs – Coach Steve Milkovich
Sponsored by: The Black Keys
Indians – Coach Jason Guseman
Sponsored by: Wedge Products
Orioles – Coach Sean McFalls
Sponsored by: Jon Oldham for Judge
Phillies – Coach Mike Martin
Sponsored by: Jim Laria, Clerk-of-Courts
Pirates – Coach William Christie
Sponsored by: Judge Tom Parker
Reds – Coach Darryl Scott
Sponsored by: The NORKA Beverage Co.
RubberDucks – Coach Steve Hostler
Sponsored by: Marshall Oral, Facial and Implant Surgery Center

G-LEAGUE REPORT

I am pleased to report that 2015 was another successful season for G-League.

For the first time, all players re-entered the draft and all new teams were drafted. This greatly leveled the playing field and made for much closer and enjoyable games.

WABL will be announcing more changes to G-League for the 2016 season which will continue to help grow G-League and provide a great baseball experience for our players.

The Orioles and Indians met on WABL Day of Champions, entertaining the large crowd with an exciting championship game! Congratulations to the Indians on winning the 2015 WABL G-League Championship. Finally, congratulations to the G-League Spirit of WABL winner, Caleb Garchar.

I would like to thank all the coaches, parents, sponsors, players, and fans for making 2015 another successful WABL season!

**Jim Weber
WABL G-League Commissioner**



2015 G-LEAGUE TEAMS:

A's – Coach Jamie Daniels
Sponsored by: Amourgis and Associates
Indians – Coach Scott Allen
Sponsored by: All Packaging Services
Orioles – Coach Michael Hanlon
Sponsored by: Hanlon Brothers Farms
Phillies – Coach Paul Tharan
Sponsored by: Judge Dave Lombardi
Pirates – Coach Matt Beaven
Sponsored by: Tire Source
Reds – Coach Chris Kirven
Sponsored by: Industrial Tube & Steel
RubberDucks – Coach Jay Carpenter
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F-LEAGUE REPORT

The 2015 F-League season was a great success. We had four teams in F-League, all with energetic and dedicated coaches! Special thanks to managers Jon Erisey (Pirates), Paul Gegick (Indians), Damien Goostree (Reds), and Patrick Gill (RubberDucks) 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 Pirates finished the season as regular season champs, and earned the right to represent WABL in the CBL playoffs. The Pirates brought home the first ever CBL championship to WABL. They had a terrific season. WABL teams all had great CBL records this year!

WABL also held its own championship game at our annual Day of Champions; the Pirates defeated the Indians, who had battled their way through the Reds and RubberDucks to make it to the final game. Both teams left it all on the field and entertained the large crowd that came to watch these impressive teams. All four teams had some great highlights throughout the season, as well as in the playoffs. Many thanks to players and parents for a great season! Finally, congratulations to Ryan Maxwell, the 2015 winner of the Kurt Klein Spirit of WABL Award for F-League.

2016 looks to be another fantastic year!

Sean Yost
WABL F-League Commissioner



2015 F-LEAGUE TEAMS:

- Indians – Coach Paul Gegick
Sponsored by: Summit Toyota
- Pirates – Coach Jon Erisey
Sponsored by: The LeBron James Family Foundation
- Reds – Coach Damien Goostree
Sponsored by: The Cleaning Authority
- RubberDucks – Coach Patrick Gill
Sponsored by: Stouffer Realty, Ryan Shaffer

I-LEAGUE REPORT

With the help of many great coaches and volunteers, WABL's 2015 season was another success for I-League. Our players at this level are learning fundamentals of baseball while also enjoying a team atmosphere, many for the first time. Even for those who played T-Ball prior to I-League, players are still hitting pitches and counting to three outs for the first time – so this can truly be considered an Instructional league. We fielded 10 teams for 2015, and hope to grow the league for next year. We are planning to continue improvements for the upcoming 2016 season, and will do everything in our power to ensure a positive and fun experience for your young players. Field locations will change for 2016, as WABL has an agreement with Shaw JCC to renovate and help maintain their field, which we will use for I-League baseball and softball games.

As always, our volunteers and coaches are what make WABL the great community organization that we know it to be. I-League level coaches are a great mix of experienced and those new to coaching - and all of them put kids first. They are ultimately what drives our league, and we are thankful to each one for their time and efforts. I would also like to thank all of our families and players for their contribution to the overall youth baseball experience. And a special congratulations to I-League Orioles player Brady Huth – our 2015 Tom Floyd Spirit of WABL winner.

We look forward to seeing you at the fields for a great 2016 season! Please remember to watch wabl.org and to follow us on Facebook for important dates and other announcements, including our Annual Night at the Races and Golf Outing fundraisers. Many of you are not thinking about baseball in the middle of winter, but registrations start in February so that we are ready to roll for our early spring season. So please get signed up early, and be ready to PLAY BALL!

Jeff Neusser
WABL I-League Commissioner



2015 I-LEAGUE TEAMS:

- A's – Coach Joe Shuber
Sponsored by: Centerlink Technologies
- Cardinals – Coach Robert Lann
Sponsored by: Judge Jennifer Hensal
- Cubs – Coach Rich Morehouse
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- Indians – Coach John Milam
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- Orioles – Coach Todd Fitzwater
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- White Sox – Coach Jim Thomas
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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 the softball program continues to grow – fielding 8 teams in 2015! Adding coach pitch in 2014 has helped strengthen our program and allowed our players to begin playing softball at a younger age.

WABL softball plays in the Community Softball League (CSL) with teams from Bath/Richfield, Copley, Highland and Wadsworth. WABL was the class of the CBL in 2015, bringing home regular season championships in all three leagues – American, National and Junior. In addition to the regular season championships, our Junior League RubberDucks and the American League Force won the tournament championships!

I want to thank the following coaches and assistants for their time and effort this past season:

Coach Pitch: Jason Turkovich (Zips) and Brad and Lori Nemeč (RubberDucks).

American League: Aimi Zajac (Force), Danielle Luttrell (Zips) and Josh Shkolnik (RubberDucks).

National League: Joe Moxon (Force) and Renee Toth (RubberDucks).

Junior League: Brian Simon (RubberDucks)

Our coaches are very dedicated to our league and our players. We are extremely lucky to have such great coaches.

Finally, a special “thank you” also goes out to all of our softball families. It is a huge commitment and you all are a very big part of why WABL Softball is the best place to play in all of Akron!

Mike Dies, VP of Girls Softball

2015 SOFTBALL TEAMS:

Instructional League RubberDucks – Coach Brad and Lori Nemeč
Sponsored by: Play It Again Sports

Instructional League Zips – Coach Jason Turkovich
Sponsored by: Our Lady of The Elms

American League Force – Coach Aimi Zajac
Sponsored by: Swensons Drive In

American League RubberDucks – Coach Mike Dies
Sponsored by: RubberDucks

American League Zips – Coach Danielle Luttrell
Sponsored by: Judge Amy Corrigan Jones

National League Force – Coach Joe Moxon
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National League RubberDucks – Coach Mike Dies
Sponsored by: Dies Electric

Junior League RubberDucks – Coach Brian Simon
Sponsored by: The Eye Opener

UMPIRE REPORT

As our fields fill up with ball players signaling that spring is here and it's time to PLAY BALL! I am anticipating 2016 will be a season which builds on the great year that we had in 2015. We all know the importance for the parents, coaches, and umpires to be on the same page. The examples that we set now will go a long way in shaping our boys and girls – not only as competitors, but as people.

There are three certainties in every ball game: win, lose, and questionable calls by umpires. There will be calls missed by our umpires. When this happens, I am asking that you consider that it is what and how things are said that will set the tone for the remainder of the game – and also the quality of our boys' and girls' experience with WABL.

The 2016 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 baseball or softball, please contact our Vice President of Umpires, Jeff Sloan, by email at jeffrygsloan@gmail.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 coaches and parents alike the training, attitude, and ability of any of the umpires who work our games.

Thank you all so much for your support and cooperation, and I wish for all of you the very best in our upcoming softball and/or baseball season!

Jeff Sloan, Vice President of Umpires

T-BALL REPORT

It was another exciting year for WABL and our T-Ball league! We have continued to see strong enrollment numbers for T-Ball. This is due to our great parent participation and our coaches' ability to show patience and a love of the game. The players find enjoyment in playing and develop an appreciation of the game. Success and growth in our T-Ball program will allow WABL a continued expansion both in softball and baseball.

Our 2015 coaches did a phenomenal job with this league. Some were first year coaches and a few didn't even have a child on a team – they just enjoyed coaching at this level. Thanks again to Joel Queen, Katie Beal, William Christie, Joshua Shkolnik, Amanda Bohmer, Kevin Kindbom, Adam Smith, Jeff Matthews, Abraham Zayed, Mike Dies, Jason Zachardy and Aimi Zajac. This was my last year as VP of T-Ball, and I want to thank you for the opportunity to work with your players. Jeff Matthews will be taking over my position and I know we will see continued success.

Steve Milkovich, WABL Vice President of T-Ball

2015 T-BALL TEAMS:

A's – Coach Joel Queen
Sponsored by: Jeff Fusco, Akron City Council at Large

Cubs – Coach Katie Beal
Sponsored by: Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise

Dodgers – William Christie
Sponsored by: Judge Jennifer Hensal

Giants – Coach Joshua Shkolnik
Sponsored by: Akron Breakfast Optimist Club

Indians – Coach Sam Bohmer
Sponsored by: Judge Christine Croce

Marlins – Coach Kevin Kindbom
Sponsored by: The NORKA Beverage Co.

Orioles – Coach Adam Smith
Sponsored by: Play It Again Sports

Phillies – Coach Jeff Matthews
Sponsored by: Marilyn Keith, Councilwoman Ward 8

Reds – Coach Abraham Zayed
Sponsored by: Judge Dave Lombardi

RubberDucks – Coach Mike Dies
Sponsored by: Amer's West Hill Marathon

Tigers – Coach Jason Zachardy
Sponsored by: The Cleaning Authority

White Sox – Coach Aimi Zajac
Sponsored by: Ohio Gasket & Shim

VICE PRESIDENT OF TOURNAMENTS REPORT

For the 2015 season, WABL fielded three tournament "Americans" teams that covered H-, G- and F-League age groups. The goal of this tournament program is to provide a higher level of intercommunity competition for WABL players throughout the spring, while still spending the majority of the season in a "recreational league" atmosphere doing what they love ... playing ball with their friends!

There was a competitive try-out before the season; members of the WABL board (including high school level coaches), along with the three "Americans" coaches, evaluated the players and assembled the teams. Although a large number of boys tried out, the teams were limited to 11 or 12 players each. The volunteer coaches and their selected players practiced every Sunday throughout the WABL season, and each team competed in 3 to 4 area tournaments.

The tournaments available in the area have become more and more fierce through the years due to the ever-growing number of "elite" travel teams participating. Although our Americans teams played well, the records weren't as important to us as the growth of the individual players as a whole. I set a high standard for what I wanted the players to learn this year; the players, parents, and coaches exceeded these standards and shared an enriched baseball experience.

I want to thank my fellow coaches - especially Darryl Scott and Jon Erisey - for not only dedicating their time, but also conveying sportsmanship and fostering a sense of competitiveness and love for the game to our WABL players. Thanks as well to our sponsors who all gave generously to our program.

The 2016 Americans program will be focused solely on our 9-10 year olds. We hope that we can further expand the program in the future as numbers allow. Try-outs will be announced and further information will be forthcoming.

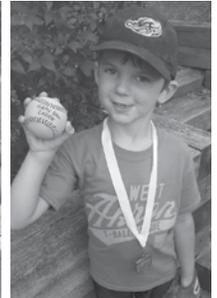
Sean McFalls
VP – Post Season and Tournament

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2016 WABL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
FEBRUARY			
February 13 Sat.	Walk-In Sign Ups/Equipment Exchange Drop off	10:00 am - Noon	Northwest Family Recreation Center
February 17 Wed.	Walk-In Sign Ups/Equipment Exchange Drop off	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Northwest Family Recreation Center
February 27 Sat.	Walk-In Sign Ups/Equipment Exchange Drop off	10:00 am - Noon	Northwest Family Recreation Center
MARCH			
March 1 Tues.	Mail-In Deadline		
March 19 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 26 Sat.	Mandatory Managers Meeting	9:00 am - Noon	Balch Street Community Center
APRIL			
April 2 Sat.	Practice Starts		
MAY			
May 7 Sat.	Boys and Girls Games Start		
May 7 Sat.	WABL Night at the Races	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	St. Sebastian, Zwisler Hall
May 9 Mon.	T-Ball Registration Deadline		
May 14 Sat.	All-American Parade	10:00 am	Downtown Akron
May 21 Sat.	WABL Picture Day (Baseball and Softball)	TBA	TBA
JUNE			
June 7 Tues.	T-Ball Coaches Meeting; Rosters Set	6:00 pm	Balch Street Community Center
June 11 Sat.	Annual WABL Golf Outing	1:00 pm check in; 2:00 pm shotgun start	Mayfair Country Club
June 13 Mon.	T-Ball Practice Starts		
June 26 Sun.	WABL Day with the Akron RubberDucks	Parade: 1:00 pm Game: 2:05 pm	Canal Park
June 27 Mon.	T-Ball Picture Day, Mon./Wed.		
June 28 Tues.	T-Ball Picture Day, Tues./Thurs.		
JULY			
July 4 Mon.	Independence Day - No Games		
July 9 Sat.	2016 Day of Champs Celebration	Parade: 11:30 am - Games: 1:00 pm	
July 11 Mon.	T-Ball Games Start, Mon./Wed.		
July 12 Tues.	T-Ball Games Start, Tues./Thurs.		
AUGUST			
Aug 3 Wed.	T-Ball Games End, Mon./Wed.		
Aug 4 Thurs.	T-Ball Games End, Tues./Thurs.		





WEST AKRON BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LEAGUE (WABL)
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2015 SPIRIT OF WABL AWARD WINNERS

I-League (Softball), Spirit of WABL Award
 Ellie York

American League, Dick Mapes Award
 Ella Julien

National League, Jim Daley Award
 Maggie Core

Junior League, Dick Gross Award
 Mary Rohrer

I-League (Baseball), Tom Floyd Award
 Brady Huth

H-League, Bill Cunningham Award
 Joey Nichols

G-League, Fred Maligno Award
 Caleb Garchar

F-League, Kurt Klein Award
 Ryan Maxwell



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. These things are 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 to 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 equipment@wabl.org or text/call 330-310-9363 to arrange to donate or take equipment. We require only that the donated equipment goes to registered WABL players.

Please consider bringing in your used and outgrown gear when you come to register for the 2016 season – and don't hesitate to see what's available!

**Jeff Neusser
 WABL Board**



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