



WHO IS NWCBA?

The North Wake County Baseball Association is a non-profit organization that has been in operation since 1979. The goal of the NWCBA has always been to provide positive and memorable baseball experiences for young players in the Triangle area. The goal is to optimize player development through quality practice and age-appropriate competitive playing environments through both leagues and travel team opportunities.

EACH SPRING AND FALL, OVER 450 LEAGUE AND TRAVEL PLAYERS CALL NORTH WAKE BASEBALL HOME.

WHY DO THEY CHOOSE NORTH WAKE?

For League Players, it's the resources available:

- Head and Assistant Coaches with background checks and training
- Team parents that are dedicated to improving the NW experience
- League Commissioners that are knowledgeable and available
- On-line assistance with an up-to-date website
- Simple, efficient, and effective league management platform providing registration, schedule access, and communications

For Travel Teams – it's the best choice for many reasons:

- Committed support from coaching staffs that are interested in improving their knowledge and player skills
- Availability for dedicated practice time in a professionally maintained baseball field complex with 6 fields, 6 batting cages, bullpen set-ups, concessions, and restroom facilities.
- Accessibility to the team management platform used to facilitate registration, team contact information, communications, and scheduling.
- Training for individuals, groups, and teams by former HS/D1 coaches and players who are only available to NW affiliated players/teams.

HOW ARE NORTH WAKE LEAGUES STRUCTURED?

CAL RIPKEN-AFFILIATED LEAGUE PLAY

- Offered Spring and Fall of each year
- Player ages are determined on April 30 of the playing year.

Modified Coach Pitch (ages 5-6 Spring | ages 4-5 Fall)

- MCP is a developmental program that aims to teach players how to play the game and have fun doing it. Typically, there are 2-3 events each week Monday – Friday. Activities are scheduled at either 5:15 or 5:30 pm and last 60-90 minutes.

A and B Divisions – Rookie, Minor, and Major

- Depending upon the number of players and skill levels – NW Rookie, Minor, and Major Leagues are divided into A and B Divisions based on Player Evaluation Scores assigned by Independent Evaluators.
- ‘A Division’ players are more skilled, while ‘B Division’ players are newer to the game and/or less experienced.
- Independent Evaluators are generally former HS/College Coaches and Players.
- Teams compete within their Division in a Championship Playoff Tournament at the end of each season.
- ‘A Division’ Players from each league are invited to try out for their age appropriate Select Team (see more about the Select Program under Travel Program.)

Rookie League (ages 7-8 Spring | ages 5-7 Fall)

- Rookie traditionally consist of 8-13 teams split between A and B Divisions.
- Typically, there are 2-3 events each week Monday – Friday lasting 1-1/2 to 2 hours.
- This is a coach pitch competitive and instructional league. With a few exceptions, weekday events for Rookie teams will begin at 5:15 or 5:30 pm.

Minor League (ages 9-10 Spring | ages 8-9 Fall)

- Like Rookie League – the Minor League traditionally consists of 8-13 teams split between A and B Divisions.
- Typically, there are 2-3 events each week Monday – Friday lasting 1-1/2 to 2 hours.
- Activities are scheduled with a mix of 5:15/5:30 and 7:15/7:30pm assignments.
- Minor A is a player-pitch competitive and instructional league.
- Minor B begins as a competitive and instructional machine-pitch season with transition to player-pitch as the season progresses and players become more skilled.

Major League (ages 11-12 Spring | ages 10-11 Fall)

- Major is an advanced player-pitch league for players ages 10-12 depending upon the season.
- There may or may not be divisions based upon the number of players.
- Typically, there are 2-3 events each week Monday – Friday lasting 1-1/2 to 2 hours.
- Scheduled activities are a mix of 5:15/5:30 and 7:15/7:30pm assignments.

GENERAL LEAGUE CALENDAR

SPRING SEASON

- Registration
 - Mid-NOVEMBER
- Player Evaluations
 - Early FEBRUARY
- Practices Begin
 - Mid-to-Late FEBRUARY
- Games Begin
 - Mid-MARCH
- Season Ends
 - Mid-to-Late MAY

FALL SEASON

- Registration
 - Mid-JUNE
- Player Evaluations
 - Early AUGUST
- Practices Begin
 - Mid-to-Late AUGUST
- Games Begin
 - Mid-SEPTEMBER
- Season Ends
 - Mid-to-Late OCTOBER

SPRING 2024 REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 21, 2023
Information will be available at NWCBA.COM by November 15

NORTH WAKE TRAVEL PROGRAM

- North Wake offers players and their families multiple opportunities regarding travel baseball.
- Select Teams are a continuation of League Play.
- Elite Teams are strictly travel. Practices for all NW Program Teams are held at the North Wake Baseball Complex.
- Player ages are determined on April 30 of the playing year.

NORTH WAKE SELECT

- NW Select Teams provide advanced player development and give players an opportunity to compete in "local" travel tournaments. There is NO overnight travel, limited travel for games (the teams play most tournaments at the NWCBA Factory Facility in Wake Forest), and less expense than full-time travel team commitments require.
- Select Teams are hybrid travel teams. The focus is on teaching advanced skills and baseball concepts in a highly competitive environment.
- Players for these teams are selected from Independent Evaluators scores assigned at tryouts. Player performance during season games and feedback from the season's Head Coach feedback are also considered.
- Select players must have played in the corresponding Cal Ripken League Season. Teams are formed each season and compete in tournament play following their league play.
- Select Team Head Coaches are chosen and named by the NW Board of Directors.
- Select Teams representing NW are ages 7U/8U, 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, and 12U. Teams are organized based on number of players and skill levels.

NORTH WAKE ELITE TRAVEL

- North Wake is currently home to Elite Travel Baseball teams ages 9U through 14U. NW Elite Travel Team players pay a seasonal registration fee to NW as well as team expenses.
- The mission of the NW Elite Travel is to promote, organize, and provide an Elite Travel baseball program for highly skilled players who are interested in a more dedicated and competitive baseball environment.
- The goal is to prepare these players to play and compete on their high school varsity team and beyond. The program strives to develop young people into successful athletes, leaders with character and a passion for excellence, both in baseball and in life.
- Elite Travel Teams are initially organized from players attending tryouts held by Independent Evaluators and a Head Coach selected by the Board of Directors. The players are selected and invited to the team upon evaluation scores and discussion with previous coaches.
- Existing Elite Travel Teams add to or replace players who leave their roster with selected players based upon skills exhibited in tryout situations created by the coaches of the existing Elite teams.
- Elite Travel is a dedicated, family commitment. Teams may compete in surrounding states and areas further depending upon coach/parent decisions.

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IS LOCATED AT
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