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MBSA Newsletter



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### **Dates to Remember:**

#### **JANUARY DATES**

- January 12th—**Last Day to Register**
- January 16th and 23rd—Boys Winter Workout—MIS, 9:00 a.m.—12
- January 30th—Girls Mandatory Winter Practice—MIS—see times in newsletter
- January 30th—Manager and Coach Clinic—LWE Fieldhouse, 8:00 a.m.—12

#### **FEBRUARY DATES**

- February 2nd—MBSA Board Meeting—OAKS 7:00 p.m.
- February 3rd—Managers Pre-Draft Mandatory Meeting—TBA
- February 13th and 20th—Girls BLAST Tryouts—MIS, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- February 16th—Draft Night—**MANAGERS ONLY**—MES, time TBA
- February 27th and March 6th—Boys COYOTE Tryouts—MIS, 9:00 a.m.—12

#### **Topics in this Issue:**

- 2010 Spring Registration—**LAST DAY JANUARY 12**
- Sponsorship Update
- Coaching Clinic Opportunity
- Mandatory Girls Softball Practice
- BLAST Tryouts
- COYOTE Tryouts

# **2010 SPRING REGISTRATION**

Online Registration for the 2010 Mokena Baseball Softball Association season will remain open through January 12, 2010. Anyone registering after this date will be placed on a waitlist. Players will be sorted on that waitlist by registration date and time. Players will be removed from the waitlist and added to a division on a first come, first served basis as openings are available. A \$20.00 late fee will be imposed on all waitlisted registration.

**IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO—REGISTER TODAY!!**

## **INTERESTED IN SPONSORSHIP OF THE MBSA?**

If so, please visit our website at [www.mbsa.org](http://www.mbsa.org) and click on link to the 2010 Sponsorship Agreement. MBSA relies on our sponsors to help fund our program. We hope that the great sponsors from last year will sponsor us again this year. If you are affiliated with a local business and would like to sponsor, or would like more information, please contact Sponsorship Coordinator Dan Schaaf at [sponsorship@mbsa.org](mailto:sponsorship@mbsa.org).

Levels of sponsorship include a Preferred Sponsorship for \$1,000; Basic Sponsorship for \$300.00, a Vinyl Banner for \$150, or a donation of your choice to the organization.

**DON'T FORGET TO**  
**MOKENA**  
**BASEBALL / SOFTBALL**  
**ASSOCIATION**

**REGISTER FOR THE  
2010 MBSA SEASON.  
DO IT TODAY!!  
REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE IS  
JANUARY 12.**

### **Lincoln Way East Annual Baseball Coaches Clinic**

Lincoln-Way East High School is once again hosting a free coaches clinic to all area baseball coaches. This is a great, hands-on clinic that will not only provide coaching tips for the experienced coach, but for the first time coach as well. Each time you attend one of these clinics, you will walk away learning something new to try. Individuals are split into small groups which rotate from station to station getting tips on how to improve throwing and fielding techniques. Dress comfortably and bring your glove with you. A pen and notepad for taking notes will be helpful as well. Although the clinic is directed as baseball, softball coaches can attend and pick up pointers as well. All managers and coaches are urged to attend.



Where: LWE Field House  
When: January 30th  
Time: 8:00 a.m.—noon

## **BLAST TRYOUTS** **FEBRUARY 13 AND 20, 2010**

The Mokena BLAST All Stars are a great venue for girls who want to play a more competitive game. It allows in-house players to keep playing after the regular season ends, but does not commit to full-time travel softball. If you have any questions regarding the Mokena BLAST or would be interested in managing a team, contact [girlsmetro@mbsa.org](mailto:girlsmetro@mbsa.org).

Tryouts for the BLAST will be held on February 13th and 20th for the 10u, 12u and 14u teams. It is not required to be at both tryouts, but it is encouraged. Most girls have not done much playing since last year and may be a little "rusty". The overall higher evaluation score will be used from both weeks. Please arrive 15 minutes early for check in.

10u—9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.  
12u—11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
14u—1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

These tryouts will be held at Mokena Intermediate School, 11331 West 19th Street, Mokena.

8u tryouts will be held May. Times and locations for tryouts will be announced at a later date.



# **BOYS WINTER WORKOUT**

Join MBSA managers, coaches, and players for a winter workout. Bring out your bat and glove and get a head start on the season!!

This event will be open to boys from Pinto 7 through Mustang (ages 7 through 12)

When: January 16th and January 23rd  
Where: Mokena Intermediate School—South Gym  
Time: 9:00 a.m. to noon

There is no cost for the workout, but please email [treasurer@mbsa.org](mailto:treasurer@mbsa.org) to register.

## **9U COYOTE Tryouts**

The Mokena Coyotes All Stars is a great venue for boys who want to play a more competitive game. It allows in-house players to keep playing after the regular season ends, but does not commit to full-time travel baseball.

The 9U COYOTES will be holding tryouts at Mokena Intermediate School on the following dates and times:

**Saturday, February 27th—10:00 a.m.—noon**  
**Saturday, March 6th—10:00 a.m.—noon**

Bring a bat, your glove, and gym shoes to the tryouts. NO SPIKES will be allowed in the gymnasium. Please plan on arriving a few minutes early.

If you have any questions regarding the Mokena COYOTES All Stars or would be interested in managing a team, contact [boysmetro@mbsa.org](mailto:boysmetro@mbsa.org).

More information is available on the COYOTE website at <http://www.leaguelineup.com/mbsaboyscoyotebaseball>.

## **FIELD MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2010 SEASON**

The MBSA is looking for volunteers to work with and assist the MBSA Field Maintenance Coordinator throughout the 2010 Season.

Work includes checking equipment boxes and replenishing chalk, checking base plugs and condition of bases and other duties as needed.

Contact Bob Swafford at [fieldmaintenance@mbsa.org](mailto:fieldmaintenance@mbsa.org) for more information.

# **Calling All Girls!!**

There will be a **Girls Softball Mandatory Winter Practice** on Saturday, January 30th.

Where: Mokena Intermediate School  
11331 195th Street, Mokena

Time: Shetland and Pinto—9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Mustang and Older—12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.