

Mokena Baseball/Softball Association

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Calendar

August

5-BLAST Try
Outs (see page 3
for details)

7-MBSA Board
Meeting 7:30 @
VFW on Wolf

12-BLAST Try
Outs (see page 3
for details)

20-Fall Ball
Teams Form

Congratulations to the 2012 Division Champions!!

Girls Pinto: Wolverines – Coach Chris Abrahamsen

Girls Mustang: Wolverines – Coach John Borgia

Girls Bronco: Wolverines – Coach Dan Flynn

Girls Pony: Notre Dame – Coach Rob Swaim

Boys Pinto1: White Sox – Coach Kevin McWilliams

Boys Pinto2: Cardinals – Coach Mike Klappauf

Boys Mustang: White Sox – Coach Chris Hecht

Boys Bronco: Twins – Coach Joe O’Connell

Boys Pony: Red Sox – Coach Bob Roseland



Joliet Slammer Tickets

Buy any Slammers voucher for \$5 and exchange it at the ticket sales window at Silver Cross Stadium for a \$10 box seat. These vouchers are good for any home game (excluding playoffs). Parking is always free.

That's a 50% savings. Contact Joe Wassel for your vouchers at jkmba1984@att.net or 708-609 1728.

Help support Mokena Baseball/Softball by supporting the Joliet Slammers.





LITTLE CAESARS FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Our Little Caesars Pizza & Crazy Bread Kit fundraiser was a tremendous success for MBSA! MBSA received a \$500 award from Little Caesars for the most sales nationwide for the month of May.

Thank you to all those who participated!

Extra kits were ordered by MBSA for additional cash & carry sale and are being stored in the Berkots' freezer on Wolf Road. Kits have been discounted for quick sale: Pizza-\$12, Crazy Bread-\$10, and Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough-\$7 (when you buy a kit).

Pizza and Crazy Bread kits will be sold at the Mokena Farmers Market once the weather cools down. In the meantime if you would like to purchase kits, please contact Teri at 708/473-0814 or Teri.Erickson@comcast.net to make arrangements.



"If anyone wants to know why three kids in one family made it to the big leagues they just had to know how we helped each other and how much we practiced back then. We did it every minute we could."

Joe DiMaggio

FALL BALL Registration Is Open

Not ready for your baseball or softball season to end?

Then sign up for Fall Ball. Fall Ball gives players the opportunity to play ball at the age level they will be next school year. Fall Ball teams play against other towns. Registration is now opened and the number of teams is based on demand - first come basis. To register go to MBSA.org and click the Registration tab at the top of the web page.

Teams will form around August 20th and games will start after Labor Day. For more details and to register, go to www.mbsa.org.



Mokena **BLAST**

2012 was Mokena BLAST's first year as a full time travel team.

The Blast 12U Team was led by Jason Morris and brought home the title of Sandwich Indian Tournament Champions.

The Blast 14U Team was led by Randy Carollo and brought

home the titles of Sandwich Indian Tournament Champions, I80 League Tournament-2nd Place, and Wisconsin Dells Summer Slugfest -2nd Place.

For more information about Mokena BLAST go to www.mokenablast.org.

TRY OUTS

- 8/5 at Hecht 2**
- 10U: 9AM-11AM
- 12U: 11AM-1PM
- 14U: 1PM-3PM
- 8/12 at Hecht 2**
- 10U: 9AM-11AM
- 12U: 11AM-1PM
- 14U: 1PM-3PM



A true champion is someone who wants to make a difference, who never gives up, and who gives everything they have no matter what the circumstances are. A true champion works hard and never loses sight of their dreams.

Winter Clinics

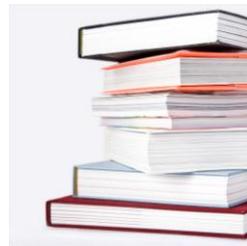
MBSA Spring Season registration starts in October. Remember to sign up early to be eligible for the free baseball and softball clinics. Mokena BLAZE facilitates the baseball clinics and Mokena BLAST

facilitates the softball clinics. Starting this winter, MBSA will offer pitching sessions to all softball players that had a pitching rating for the 2012 season. These sessions will start in October and continue

until the start of the spring season. More details will be provided in the fall. Please watch for MBSA Newsletters and email blasts for more information on the clinics.

2012 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to Sloan McDermott from LW East and Ray Michuda from LW North, the winners of the 2012 MBSA Scholarship awards! Both Sloan and Ray were chosen from several applicants for their winning essay entry and received \$500 scholarships toward their college education.





The point of the game is not how well the individual does but whether the team wins. That is the beautiful part of the game, the blending of personalities, the mutual sacrifices for group success. Even when you've played the game of your life, it's the feeling of teamwork that you'll remember. You'll forget the plays, the hits, and the scores, but you'll never forget your teammates.

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PARENTS REMINDED TO “PLAY NICE”

Despite positive intentions, many of us parents, if we are honest with ourselves, are not at our best at children's sports events. We yell out instructions, coach the coaches, lobby for more playing time and unknowingly put a lot of pressure on our kids to perform. Sure, we hate to see them fail and we can barely tolerate an unfair call, but kids want to spend time with their friends and have fun playing ball. Parents do a great disservice to their kids and everyone else at the game when they lose control and get confrontational with coaches and umpires. A raging parent can take the fun out of the game much faster than a bad call or lost game. Please remember that our umpires are often teenagers who, despite being well trained and passing a very tough qualifying exam, are still human and can make mistakes. MBSA aggressively enforces a “no tolerance” policy with respect to inappropriate behavior towards an umpire. Only a manager has the authority to approach an umpire and it shall be done so in a respectful manner. Umpires have the authority to eject from the game anyone who does not adhere to our Code of Conduct. Please read the Code of Conduct and review it with your kids and players, and remember to set a good example for our kids at the games.

OPEN **MBSA** Board Positions

Are you interested in making a difference in your community?

MBSA has the following open positions.

- Girls Pony
- Boys Pinto 2
- Girls Fall Ball
- Web
- Field Maintenance

If you are interested in becoming part of the MBSA Team, please join us at the August Board Meeting – August 7th 7:30 at the VFW on Wolf.

