

WELCOME CAA BASEBALL & SOFTBALL COACHES

Thursday, April 9, 2026



**CATHOLIC ATHLETIC
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Coach Meeting Agenda

Director of Operations – Megan Jacobson

- CAA Mission
- League Overview
- Scheduling
- Score Reporting
- Player eligibility
- Spring Playoffs
- Coach Development Opportunity Cretin-Derham Hall

Coordinator of Officials – Stone Schneider

- 2026 Game Rule Changes
- Umpire Assigning
- Umpire Recruitment



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CAA Vision and Mission

Vision: The Catholic Athletic Association (CAA) creates an inclusive, welcoming and respectful atmosphere for its participants embracing acceptance of varied abilities and diversity through athletic competition.

Mission: The Catholic Athletic Association (CAA) is a non-profit organization providing opportunities for young people attending member schools. The CAA develops and administers programs that encourage the religious, social and athletic development of its participants.

Core Values:

- To promote participation in athletic activities
- To advance participants' skills
- To create camaraderie and friendship
- To promote sportsmanship and teamwork
- To encourage social interaction and leadership

•[CAA Sportsmanship Pledge](#)



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League Overview

- **Softball**
 - 30 total teams/4 leagues
- **Baseball**
 - 46 total teams/7 leagues
- **League placement** is a balance of team rated ability, geographic location and site management
- **CAA League Rules**

Baseball

General Info | Schedule | Standings | Playoffs

Announcements

- 2026 Spring CAA Baseball & Softball Schedules Now Available

The 2026 Spring CAA Baseball and Softball schedules are now live! They can be found under the **Schedule** tab on the respective baseball and softball pages.

CAA will host a virtual coaches meeting to kick off the spring season.

General Info

- 📄 [2026 CAA Baseball League Rules](#)
- 📄 [CAA SPORTSMANSHIP PLEDGE](#)
- 📄 [2026 Baseball & Softball Virtual Coaches Meeting Link_April 9 7pm](#)



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CAA Game Scheduling

Baseball & Softball – Monday, April 13

- 8-9 game schedule
- 2026 Schedules are “live” on the CAA website
- 4 -1/2 week season
- Only top teams from each league advance to the playoffs
 - Based on win/loss record
- Playoffs planned to start week of May 18, 2026

** Difference of 8 vs 9 games in your league schedule is based on the number of teams, odd number of teams in a league equals 8 games.



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CAA Game Scheduling

Home vs Away game balance

- Home and away games may not be equal
- Field resources
- Priority scheduling for double headers

CAA Website resource

- Primary resource for all games!
- Site location resource on the [CAA website](#)

Game Rescheduling

- Your first point of contact is your school Athletic Director
- Home team is responsible to monitor field conditions
- Weather related cancelation reschedule



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Score Reporting & Eligibility

Winning team is expected to report the game score to the CAA

- [Score Reporting Form](#)
- Report score within 48hrs of the game
- Score reporting is what populates league standings

Player Eligibility

- Athletes must attend the school that he/she represents
- CAA Athletes can only be rostered on one team in the same sport
- Team must play at the grade level of their oldest athlete unless approved
- Any player who plays on a ninth grade, tenth grade, junior varsity or varsity high school team shall be ineligible for CAA play.
- **PLAYOFFS**
 - No exceptions to playing down grade level for the playoffs

Rosters & Player Waiver Form

- All participants must have a signed CAA player waiver for this year
- Player Waiver Form [ONLINE](#)
- Roster finalized with the CAA by May 1, 2026

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CHAMPIONS

2025 — 2026

Coordinator of Officials/Lead Umpire Stone Schneider



2026 CAA Game Rule Changes

NEW: Eighth grade baseball has a 1 hour and 45-minute time limit. No new innings may start after the 1 hour and 45-minute time limit.

Baseball & Softball Batting Line-Up

NEW: Seventh, sixth, and fifth grade, teams must bat their entire roster. If a player arrives late, they must be added to the bottom of the batting order. If a player leaves the game early, their spot in the batting order is skipped (no out is recorded), unless the batting roster falls fewer than 8 players (automatic out each time that spot in the order comes up). At 8th grade teams may bat their entire roster but are not require to. However, the batting lineup used at the start of the game must remain the same for the entire game.



2026 CAA Game Rule Changes

Substitution Rule

NEW: At all levels, a player can be taken out of the game and replaced by a substitute player. If the original player comes back into the game later, the player must return to the same spot in the batting order they originally had. The player cannot enter in a different batting position. At all grade levels, defensive substitutions are unlimited. Courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher are allowed at any time and must be the last recorded out.

NEW: A team must have at least 8 players for the game to be official. Fewer than 8 players at the start of the game results in a forfeit. If a team starts with 8 players, the 9th spot in the batting order is an automatic out each time it comes up. This rule does not apply if a 9th player joins the lineup after the game has started.



CAA Umpire Recruitment

The **Catholic Athletic Association (CAA)** is looking for dedicated umpires to help provide the best athletic experiences for our student-athletes this coming spring.

Whether you are a seasoned official or brand new to officiating, we have a place for you!

If you're interested in learning more or are ready to sign up, please complete an online

Official's Application at **stpaulcaa.org/officials**.

AND set-up a profile on Refr Sports at **refrsports.com**

- 1) Create a profile
- 2) Set-up payment information
- 3) Under profile - select Assignor and search Catholic Athletic Association, request to be paired.



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Cretin-Derham Hall Baseball Softball Practice Invitation

Baseball Practice

- Contact Buzz Hannahan, Head Coach
- bhannahan@c-dh.org

Softball Practice:

- Carolyn Osdoba, Head Coach
- Open practices: April 21, 28, 30 3:30-5:30 p.m.



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Thank you and Good Luck!



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