

# 2017 Minor League Baseball

## Important Dates

<b>Saturday, April 1</b>	<b>registration deadline w/o late fee</b>
<b>Monday, May 8</b>	<b>Practice 6:00-7:30pm FLES</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 10</b>	<b>Practice 6:00-7:30 FLES</b>
<b>Monday, May 15</b>	<b>Practice 6:00-7:30 FLES</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 17</b>	<b>Practice 6:00-7:30 FLES</b>
<b>Friday, May 19</b>	<b>draft day coaches only TBD</b>
<b>Monday, May 22</b>	<b>Practice 6:00-7:30 FLES</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 24</b>	<b>Practice 6:00-7:30 FLES</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 31</b>	<b>Games begin – Cardinal Softball Fields</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 6</b>	<b>Morning Practice 10:00-12:00 FLES</b>
<b>Friday, July 14</b>	<b>League Tournament – Winnebago Athletic Complex</b>
<b>Saturday, July 15</b>	<b>League Tournament – Winnebago Athletic Complex</b>
<b>Picture night – TBD</b>	

The Minor League program is geared for all kids in Fairmont to learn and develop the fundamental skills of baseball. Teams will be set up so that they are equal in talent to each other. All kids will be coached on the skills for each position, however, not all kids will get to play every position during the games. The rules for Minor League baseball state that; all kids bat in the batting order and must play at least two innings of defense for each game.

Practices will be held from 10:00-12:00am every Tuesday and Thursday during the regular season. Practices will be run by coaches to be determined. This works best for the kids, maintaining consistency in the skills that are being taught. Parents that volunteer to help coach one of the teams will be in charge of managing the team for the games. Parents should feel free to attend the morning practices at any time.

The schedule, including location and opponents, will be determined later in mid-late May. The dates have been set for the season already. Draft day will be held on Friday, May 19. Teams will be posted on the website immediately after the draft. The end of the season tournament will be held in Fairmont this year at the Winnebago Athletic Complex and Cardinal Softball Park on July 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. When we host games during the regular season we play at the Winnebago Athletic Complex on Monday nights and the Cardinal Softball Park on Wednesday nights. All game times are scheduled at 6:30pm. There may be slight changes to start times due to field availability for some towns. When we play out of town, parents will need to volunteer to drive players to the game site. All parents do not have to drive to every game. We can take turns if you can't make it to a certain game. Communication is the key to your kids enjoying this experience.

There will be a \$100 registration fee for participating on the league teams. Registration forms can be found online at [fairmontsports.com](http://fairmontsports.com) with a deadline of April 1. There will be a \$25 late fee applied for any registration after this period. This fee will cover the cost of the equipment that we use and the cost of our team shirts and hats, which the kids will get to keep. If this fee presents a hardship for a family there are scholarships available from the "Angels in the Outfield" program. Contact any board member if you would like to be a part of this program. If you have comments or suggestions on how to improve what we are doing we encourage you to get involved in your Fairmont Baseball Association.