

BRANCHBURG BASEBALL CLUB

Rec Baseball League Details for Spring 2027

2027 BBC Important Dates

- January 18 – Final Day of Early Bird Registration for spring rec baseball and softball
- January 19 – Late fees will be added to all spring rec baseball and softball registrations
- Late January – Team managers will be finalized
- 1st week of February – Spring rec baseball teams will be formed.
- Mid-February – Players will be notified by team managers of spring rec baseball team assignments
- Mid-February – March practice schedule will be finalized and shared with all team managers
- March 6 – Practices will begin – Fields WOP1, WOP2, WOP7 and Challenger
- Mid-March – Team game schedules will be finalized
- March 28 – Easter - No Practices
- April 1 – Projected date for all baseball fields opening
- 1st week of April – Team uniforms delivered to managers
- Saturday April 10 – Rec baseball and softball games will begin
- Saturday May 15 – Picture Day (not yet confirmed)
- Saturday May 22 – All Star and Family Fun Day
- Monday May 31 – Memorial Day – No Games
- Friday June 4 – BBC Night at the Somerset Patriots
- Saturday June 5 – Projected Final Day of Spring Rec Baseball and Softball Season

2027 BBC Rec Baseball League Information

- Please review the information below regarding all of the rec baseball leagues which are offered by the BBC.
- The BBC will make every effort to honor the target schedules for each league indicated below. However, there are many factors involved in finalizing schedules for each league, including field availability, the number of players registered in all baseball and softball leagues and schedules for leagues from other towns that the BBC partners with. Final schedules for the season will be available in mid-March.
- Depending on the number of players registered in each grade, the BBC reserves the right to alter the structure, combine or eliminate any of the below leagues.

Rookie League

- Grades
 - Pre-K and Kindergarten
 - Players in Pre-K must be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2027.
- Game and Practice Schedules
 - 2 games are scheduled each week
 - Monday at 6pm
 - Saturday at 9am or 11 am
 - Team Practices will be scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays in March, starting the first weekend of March. Weeknight practices or team scrimmages will be scheduled in April prior to the first games played on April 10.
 - After April 10, additional team practices may be scheduled at the discretion of the team manager
- Field Locations
 - Most games for Rookie will be played at Branchburg Central Middle School fields CS5 and CS15 along with Challenger field located next to the Branchburg Township Police and Municipal building
 - Rookie games may also be played at White Oak Park fields WOP1, WOP2, WOP7, WOP18 and WOP19 or Old York School fields OY6 and OY8.
- League Rules Overview
 - Players will be taught the fundamentals of baseball in a fun atmosphere
 - Batters hit off a batting tee or from a coach pitching to each player
 - Each team will have a short pre-game practice
 - Games will be 3 to 4 innings in length
 - No scores or outs are counted
 - All players bat and play in the field every inning
 - Rosters sizes will be between 6 and 9 players
 - Coaches will be on the field instructing players during game play
- Player equipment
 - Players will need to provide their own baseball glove, baseball cleats and batting helmet. Optional - T-ball bat.
 - The BBC will provide each team a batting tee, t-ball bats, t-balls.
 - The BBC will provide each team member a full uniform consisting of a hat, t-shirt, baseball pants and socks.

AA League

- Grades
 - 1ST and 2nd
 - 2nd graders who play on the BBC 8U Gold Travel Baseball Team will be placed in the AAA league.
- Game and Practice Schedules
 - 2 games are scheduled each week
 - **New for 2027** – Wednesday at 6 or 6:30 pm
 - Saturday at 11am, 1pm or 3pm
 - Team Practices will be scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays in March, starting the first weekend of March. Weeknight practices or team scrimmages will be scheduled in April prior to the first games played on April 10.
 - After April 10, additional team practices may be scheduled at the discretion of the team manager
- Field Locations
 - Branchburg Central Middle School fields CS5 and CS15
 - White Oak Park fields WOP1, WOP2, WOP7, WOP18 and WOP19
- League Rules Overview
 - Players will continue to be taught the fundamentals of baseball in a fun atmosphere while introducing the pitcher and catcher positions.
 - Games will be 6 innings in length and held to a 1 hour, 45 minute time limit.
 - Coaches will pitch to batters for 4 innings per game. Players will pitch for 2 innings per game.
 - Coaches will be on the field to provide in game instruction to players
 - Pitching rules will be modified to provide faster game flow to keep fielders engaged
 - Outs will be counted. Scores will not be kept, but teams will be held to a 5 run maximum each inning.
 - All players will play in the field every inning. Players are not guaranteed to have an at bat every inning.
 - Rosters sizes will be between 8 and 10 players
- Player equipment
 - Players will need to provide their own baseball glove, baseball cleats, batting helmet and protective cup. Optional - USA Baseball approved bat and batting gloves.
 - The BBC will provide each team baseballs, a team bat and catcher's gear.
 - The BBC will provide each team member a full uniform consisting of a hat, t-shirt, baseball pants and socks.

AAA League

- Grades
 - 3rd
 - 2nd graders who play on the BBC 8U Gold Travel Baseball team
 - 3rd graders on the 9U Gold Travel Baseball team - After early bird registration closes, the BBC will review registration numbers across 3rd, 4th and 5th grades and make a determination whether the 3rd graders who play on the 9U Gold Travel Baseball team will be placed in AAA or American League.
- Game and Practice Schedules
 - 2 games are scheduled each week
 - Tuesday at 6 or 6:30 pm
 - Saturday at 11am, 1pm or 3pm
 - Games will be played with neighboring towns. It may be necessary to play games at different times and days of the week based on the schedules used by the other baseball clubs.
 - Team Practices will be scheduled in March, starting the first weekend of March. Weeknight practices or team scrimmages will be scheduled in April prior to the first games played on April 10.
 - After April 10, additional team practices may be scheduled at the discretion of the team manager
- Field Locations
 - White Oak Park fields WOP1, WOP2, WOP7
 - Branchburg Central Middle School fields CS5 and CS15
- League Rules Overview
 - Games are played using regular baseball rules with some modifications on a 46/60 sized field.
 - One umpire will be assigned per game
 - Players pitch all innings. Coaches are no longer on the field providing in game instruction.
 - Scores are recorded and team records are tracked
 - After the end of the regular season, playoffs are held and a league championship team is played
- Player equipment
 - Players will need to provide their own baseball glove, baseball cleats, batting helmet and protective cup. Optional - USA Baseball approved bat, batting gloves, catcher's gear for players who play the position.
 - The BBC will provide each team baseballs, a team bat and catcher's gear.
 - The BBC will provide each team member a full uniform consisting of a hat, t-shirt, baseball pants and socks.

American League

- Grades
 - 3rd graders on the 9U Gold Travel Baseball team - After early bird registration closes, the BBC will review registration numbers across 3rd, 4th and 5th grades and make a determination whether the 3rd graders who play on the 9U Gold Travel Baseball team will be placed in AAA or American League.
 - All 4th graders will play in American League.
 - 5th graders
 - If you play on an 11U travel baseball team, you will be placed into National league
 - If you do not play travel baseball - After early bird registration closes, the BBC will review registration numbers across 5th, 6th and 7th grades and make a determination regarding whether these players will be placed into American or National League.
- Game and Practice Schedules
 - **New for 2027** – Monday and Wednesday at 6 or 6:30 pm
 - Games will be played with neighboring towns. It may be necessary to play games at different times and days of the week based on the schedules used by the other baseball clubs. This may make it necessary to play periodic games on Saturdays.
 - Team Practices will be scheduled in March, starting the first weekend of March. Weeknight practices or team scrimmages will be scheduled in April prior to the first games played on April 10.
 - After April 10, additional team practices may be scheduled at the discretion of the team manager
- Field Locations
 - White Oak Park fields WOP1, WOP2, WOP7
 - Branchburg Central Middle School fields CS5 and CS15
- League Rules Overview
 - Games are played using regular baseball rules with some modifications on a 46/60 sized field.
 - More advanced baseball skills and rules are introduced which are designed to prepare players for playing at the next level
 - One umpire will be assigned per game
 - Scores are recorded and team records are tracked
 - After the end of the regular season, playoffs are held and a league championship team is played
- Player equipment
 - Players will need to provide their own baseball glove, baseball cleats, batting helmet and protective cup and USA Baseball approved bat. Optional - batting gloves, catcher's gear for players who play the position.
 - The BBC will provide each team baseballs and catcher's gear.
 - The BBC will provide each team member a full uniform consisting of a hat, t-shirt, baseball pants and socks.

National League

- Grades
 - 5th graders
 - All 5th graders who play 11U travel baseball will be placed into National League
 - If you do not play travel baseball - After early bird registration closes, the BBC will review registration numbers across 5th, 6th and 7th grades and make a determination regarding whether these players will be placed into American or National League.
 - All 6th and 7th graders
- Game and Practice Schedules
 - Tuesday and Thursday at 6 or 6:30 pm
 - Games will be played with neighboring towns. It may be necessary to play games at different times and days of the week based on the schedules used by the other baseball clubs. This may make it necessary to play periodic games on Saturdays.
 - Team Practices will be scheduled in March, starting the first weekend of March. Weeknight practices or team scrimmages will be scheduled in April prior to the first games played on April 10.
 - After April 10, additional team practices may be scheduled at the discretion of the team manager
- Field Locations
 - White Oak Park fields WOP1, WOP2, WOP7 - **New for 2027**
- League Rules Overview
 - Games are played using regular baseball rules on a 50/70 sized field.
 - Two umpires will be assigned per game
 - Scores are recorded and team records are tracked
 - After the end of the regular season, playoffs are held and a league championship team is played
- Player equipment
 - Players will need to provide their own baseball glove, baseball cleats, batting helmet and protective cup and USA Baseball approved bat. Optional - batting gloves, catcher's gear for players who play the position.
 - The BBC will provide each team baseballs and catcher's gear.
 - The BBC will provide each team member a full uniform consisting of a hat, t-shirt, baseball pants and socks.

Pony League

- Grades
 - All 8th and 9th graders
- Game and Practice Schedules
 - Tuesday or Wednesday 7pm
 - Saturday mornings or early afternoon
 - Games will be played with neighboring towns. It may be necessary to play games at different times and days of the week based on the schedules used by the other baseball clubs.
 - Team Practices will be scheduled in March, starting the first weekend of March. Weeknight practices or team scrimmages will be scheduled in April prior to the first games played on April 10.
 - After April 10, additional team practices may be scheduled at the discretion of the team manager
- Field Locations
 - White Oak Park fields WOP3, WOP4, WOP9, WOP17
- League Rules Overview
 - Games are played using regular baseball rules on a standard sized baseball field.
 - Modifications are made for players who also participate on middle school and high school freshman teams.
 - Two umpires will be assigned per game
 - Scores are recorded and team records are tracked
 - After the end of the regular season, playoffs are held and a league championship team is played
- Player equipment
 - Players will need to provide their own equipment.
 - The BBC will provide each team with baseballs.
 - The BBC will provide each team member a full uniform consisting of a hat, t-shirt, and socks. Baseball pants need to be provided by the player.