

THE RUNDOWN

SPRING 2026 VOL 1



Welcome to another exciting season of baseball!

It's my pleasure to kick off the 2026 baseball season and reintroduce our newsletter! We're excited to be back in the game and to bring you updates on all things baseball in our community.

As we gear up for the start of the season, let's not forget the values that we hold dear at the KBA – good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect. These ideals are what makes our league so special, and we look forward to seeing them on display this season.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of our dedicated volunteers who make this league possible. From coaches and team managers to convenors, directors, committee members, field officers, equipment and uniform managers, and many others – we couldn't do it without you. Your support and commitment are truly appreciated.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at president@kanatabaseball.com or other members of our executive. We're always here to help.

For the love of the game!
Sandi Robertson

About the Kanata Baseball Association



The Kanata Baseball Association (KBA) is a non-profit membership organization offering baseball programs for young people aged 5 to 22 in Kanata, Stittsville, Richmond, Munster, Carp, and Dunrobin.

Our House programs operate under Little League, as part of Ontario District 2 of Little League Canada, while our Rep programs run through the National Capital Ontario Baseball Association (NCOBA), an affiliate of the Ontario Baseball Association (OBA).

Managed entirely by volunteers, we rely on the passion and dedication of our community to deliver a great season. Get involved and help make a difference!

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Growing the Game for Girls at KBA!

KBA recently hosted a Free Girls Try Baseball Clinic, welcoming local girls to experience the game in a fun and supportive environment—many for the very first time. Led by Andrew Norman and featuring special guest Jenna Flannigan, an Ottawa native and former member of the Canada Women’s National Baseball Team. The clinic gave participants the chance to learn fundamental skills, build confidence, and connect with others interested in the sport. Through engaging drills and hands-on instruction, KBA continues to create meaningful opportunities for girls to get involved in baseball. The association looks forward to seeing many of these athletes back on the field this spring as part of its growing and inclusive girls program.

Pitching & Catching Clinics: Giving Back to the Game

KBA’s recent Pitching & Catching Clinics were a big success, with an overwhelmingly positive response from players and families. The program filled quickly, with 74 players participating across the Minor, Major, and Junior divisions. What made these clinics especially meaningful was the leadership of KBA alumni Tyler McDonald-Hoffmann, Callum Turcotte, and Marc Lange, who returned to help develop the next generation of players. All three grew up in the KBA program and are now giving back as coaches and Level 3 OBA umpires.



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KBA's 2026 Spring Sort-Outs

Spring is almost here, and it's time to get back on the field! Sort-outs for our 8U, Minor, Major, Junior, and Senior divisions will take place April 17-19 and April 24-26.

These sessions help us create balanced teams and ensure every player has a fun, competitive season.



Meet Your Spring Convenors!

Volunteer Appreciation

KBA is grateful for the commitment and support of our volunteers. Their dedication plays an essential role in delivering a meaningful and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Recent social media spotlights have highlighted just a few of the incredible individuals:

Curtis Lytle
Peter Tasker
Dave Barron
Kandace Fransham
Andrew Norman

Thank you for being such an important part of KBA!



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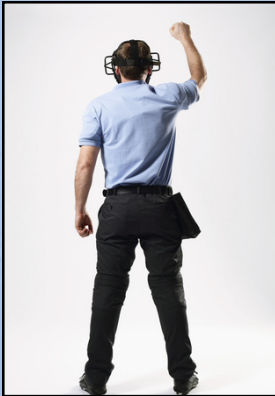
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KBA's Umpire Training is Underway!

Our April umpire training is in full swing with an incredible turnout of new umpires! A huge thank you to our returning umpires—their skill and experience make all the difference in guiding our newest officials. We can't wait to see this dedicated group on the field this season!

KBA Thanks Our Division Sponsor – Play It Again Sports Kanata

KBA is proud to recognize Play It Again Sports Kanata as a valued Division Sponsor. Their ongoing support makes a meaningful difference for our programs and every athlete who steps onto the field.

We encourage all members of the KBA community to visit their store at 488 Terry Fox Drive in Kanata for all your baseball gear and equipment needs. Supporting them is a way to support baseball right here in our community!



KBA is proud to have Kal Tire as a valued Division Sponsor!

Kal Tire is a trusted Canadian automotive service and tire retailer, offering everything from tire sales and installation to mechanical services like brakes, wheel alignments, and oil changes. Their commitment to safety, quality, and community makes them an ideal partner for KBA.

We are thrilled to have Kal Tire supporting our players and programs — thank you for helping keep our athletes safe both on and off the field!



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Scott Tokessy Memorial Gold Glove Baseball Tournament

Established in 1996 in memory of twelve-year-old Scott Tokessy, who passed away suddenly after hitting a home run, this tournament honours his sportsmanship, dedication, and love of baseball.

Over the years, it has grown into one of Ontario's premier Little League events—and is now proudly the largest Little League tournament for charity in Canada—welcoming teams from across the province, western Quebec, and northern New York.

The 2026 tournament will take place July 31 to August 2, and **donations are now open!** Last year's event raised an incredible \$30,000, bringing total contributions to CHEO's Cardiology Department to \$536,000—supporting vital equipment and life-saving research.

Many coaches and teams return year after year, helping to keep Scott's spirit alive both on and off the field.

<https://cheofoundation.donordrive.com/campaigns/Scott-Tokessy-Memorial-Gold-Glove-Baseball-Tournament>

Help Us Protect our Baseball Diamonds

We know everyone is eager to get outside, but please stay off the baseball diamonds for now to prevent damage. The City of Ottawa will be monitoring the fields to keep them in top shape.

City-issued field contracts start May 6, weather permitting, so we hope the diamonds will be ready after that date. Thanks for your patience!



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Cubs Classic Tournaments – Kicking Off Summer in Kanata!

Our Cubs Classic Tournaments are almost all sold out! From 9U to 18U, both Rep and Dedicated Select levels, these events consistently draw teams from all across Ontario, bringing incredible energy, competition, and community spirit to Kanata. It's always a highlight of our season, and we're thrilled to welcome so many players and families to our community!

Learn more here :

<https://www.kanatabaseball.com/content/oba-tournaments-overview>



Big Events on Deck at KBA!

Stay tuned—there's plenty of excitement still to come this season! From our upcoming Photo Days to KBA heading out to the Titans Games, there are lots of great moments ahead both on and off the field. We're looking forward to bringing our baseball community together, celebrating our players, and making even more unforgettable memories. Keep an eye out for details—you won't want to miss it!

Stay Connected with KBA!

Follow us on social media to stay up to date on events, announcements, and all the action throughout the season:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/kanatabaseball>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/kanatabaseball/>

Website: www.kanatabaseball.com

Don't miss a moment—join our online community and be part of everything happening at KBA!