CORN BELT LEAGUE

COLLEGIATE SUMMER BASEBALL

Team Philosophy
2027

The Corn Belt League exists to provide collegiate baseball players with a high-quality summer baseball experience while helping them continue to develop as athletes, teammates, leaders and members of their communities.

We believe summer baseball should be about more than simply playing games. Our goal is to create an environment where players can compete at a high level, receive meaningful opportunities to develop, build relationships, gain valuable life and work experiences, and represent themselves and their colleges with pride.

The CBL is designed to provide an organized summer baseball experience while maintaining a strong family and community atmosphere.

Our philosophy is built around five key principles:

Development. Competition. Opportunity. Community. Character.

THE CBL EXPERIENCE

We believe a successful summer is measured by more than wins and losses.

Our goal is for players to return to their college programs with:

- More baseball experience.
- Greater confidence.
- Improved skills.
- New relationships.
- Leadership experience.
- A stronger understanding of teamwork and accountability.
- Valuable work and community experiences.
- Memories and relationships that extend beyond the summer.

The Corn Belt League is committed to creating a summer environment where **baseball is the foundation, but the experience goes beyond the field.**

We want players, coaches, families, college programs and community partners to see the CBL as a league that develops not only better baseball players, but better teammates, leaders and members of the community.



Recruiting

Head Coaches are required to recruit 5-8 core players for their team. We recommend coaches recruit 4-5 position players and 4-5 pitchers. The team will be comprised of 20-25 players; the composition of the team is as follows:

- Pitchers—9-12
- Catchers—2-3
- Infielders—4-5
- First Base—2-3
- Outfielders—4-5

Pitching

The pitching rotation and programs is listed below:

- The number of innings a pitcher throws over the course of the summer will vary based on pitch counts, workload, and effectiveness.
- Teams typically need 3-4 starting pitchers along with 5-7 relief pitchers. This rotation allows pitchers the necessary time to train, recover, and maintain quality arm care during the summer.
- Starter and reliever roles may vary throughout the season depending on team needs and each individual pitcher's performance and effectiveness.

Playing Time

Playing time and reps will be given in the following fashion:

Position Players

- We consider the first month of games as a trial period where we ask for all of your athletes to have an equal opportunity to showcase their skills. After that, the players who present the best opportunity to win ball games will be played, but with room for bench players to get in as well.
- We ask that every position player to be guaranteed a minimum of 30 plate appearances. This ensures a quality experience, ample opportunity to prove ones' self, and sustains the moral of the team.

Pitchers

- Deep consideration for deciding starts will be given to those who naturally have success starting games.
- Pitching roles and innings may shift throughout the season based on team needs and individual development.
- Both starters and relievers will be given chances to contribute, while maintaining proper workload management.

Playing Time-Continued

Coaches

- Coaches are asked to have a relaxed but direct approach to coaching where athletes can compete while continuing to learn and develop.
- Coaches are expected to empower athletes with constructive feedback.
- While coaches will have the drive to win, their primary focus will remain on providing a quality experience for all players.
- Coaches will be sure to address behavioral expectations and will handle any issues with fairness and sensitivity.

Team Goals

Coaches

- Recruit a respectful group of players who will represent the Corn Belt League and their colleges in a respectable matter.
- Continue to expand on the growth and bond of our teams within the community and the Corn Belt Collegiate Summer League.
- Provide a great family atmosphere that promotes quality baseball to be on display for fans and future players.
- Play a consistent and quality brand of baseball throughout the regular and postseason of play.

Players

- Give 100% in all activities, whether it is during competition, camps or community service events.
- Always conduct yourself in a respectable manner while at the ballpark, within the community, and any other place where the CBL Brand is recognized.
- Be a coachable athlete and have the drive to win at all times.

Team Philosophy

Success is peace of mind, which is the direct result of knowing you did your best to become the best you are capable of being.

John Wooden