

## **New Castle Student-Athletes Foster Community Through Baseball and Softball**

*High School and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Lead Programs to Develop Young Players*

In New Castle, baseball and softball are more than just sports—they are a community effort. High school and 8th grade students are stepping up in a big way, volunteering their time and skills to help develop the next generation of young players in the New Castle Baseball & Softball Association (NCBSA). Through leadership, mentorship, and hands-on training, these student-athletes are fostering a love for the game while making a lasting impact.

### **Interns to the NCBSA Board**

High school baseball players Rhys Herrell and Miles Brensilver have taken on important roles as interns to the NCBSA Board of Directors. Their work goes beyond the field, supporting the organization's operations in meaningful ways. From assisting with travel tryouts to managing the "Player of the Week" updates on the NCBSA website, they are making sure that players and families stay engaged and informed. Their involvement in board operations also gives them a unique perspective on how youth sports programs are run, preparing them for leadership roles in the future.



### **Little Baller Program**

Jake Levy and Leo Levin, both high school baseball players, are making a direct impact on New Castle's youngest ballplayers through the "Little Ballers" program.



This initiative recruits and trains high school athletes to lead training sessions for Little League players, giving young athletes the chance to learn from older, more experienced players. By creating a fun and supportive environment, Jake and Leo are helping to build confidence

and fundamental skills in the next wave of baseball players.

### **Mini Mitts Program**

Varsity softball player Jane Short and 8th-grade travel softball player Scarlett Brensilver are leading the charge in supporting young softball players. Through the “Mini Mitts” program, they are working with kindergarten and first-grade girls to introduce them to the sport. With patience, encouragement, and hands-on coaching, Jane and Scarlett are providing these young players with both skills and role models to look up to.



### **Building a Strong Community**

These student-led programs are about more than just baseball and softball—they’re about building a strong, supportive sports community in New Castle. Watching the interactions between the older and younger players, it’s clear that everyone involved is having fun. By giving back to their community, these high school and 8th-grade leaders ensure that baseball and softball continue developing in New Castle. Their dedication and passion are inspiring the next generation of players—and proving that the love of the game is something best shared.

