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Women in Baseball

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What Can We do?

This question seems to come up all the time as people ask what can I do to help promote women's baseball. The first thing each of us can do is to raise awareness every chance we get. Let people know about any girl you know who is playing baseball. Go out and support any team you hear about that has a female player. Contact your local papers to cover such stories. Tell people about ladies you know about who are playing. We want to raise the word so much that it becomes commonplace and not an oddity to see young ladies and adult women playing baseball. Many of you just helped support a campaign to raise funds for Baseball for All to help fund tournaments and teams. Bravo to all!! Justine Siegal and her organization promote the idea everyday. Check out the daily facebook posts and twitter feeds about girls playing baseball. Most importantly do not stand by when someone says women can't play baseball and do nothing. Change never happens unless people stand up for it.

Latest News and Updates

Baseball 4 All's 10 and Under team is playing this weekend in Chino Hills. Lani Tibbetts and Charlize Rodriguez are just two of the stars. Good luck ladies.

Read about 10 yr old Anya Bergfeld and her play-

http://www.wbtw.com/story/25540073/florence-girl-takes-swing-at-playing-in-national-baseball-tournament

Here is another story about the tournament-

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Send us your stories, photos, research articles so that we can help spread the word. Dorothy Seymour Mills is still writing about this topic and pushing others to do the same. Check out her latest piece:
http://seamheads.com/2014/05/19/mlb-searches-for-talent-but-not-in-the-right-places/

It is great to see such a story on this regularly visited baseball website.

Good luck to all our ball players this new season!!

Leslie, chair of WIBC

http://centralfloridatop5.com/2014/05/13/national-girls-baseball-team-plays-against-the-boys-usssa-tournament/

Send us your photos and stories.

Kendra Sammons and Taylor Bowen are a part of the 2014 Sparks team headed to Cooperstown to play in the tournament there.

Details on Eastern Women's BB Conference. As they celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the conference.

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Baseball Articles

A mother's Day story in SB Nation.

Story about Jim Glennie and all he has done for women's baseball over the years.

Doris Sams of the AAGPBL dies at age 85.

Article that asks why can't girls play baseball—why does everyone expect them to play softball?

John Thorn's pictorial blog on women's baseball.

Poem about Little League and girl's playing baseball.

Barbara Gregorich talking baseball.

Linedrives and Lipstick Exhibit Presentations.—about an hour long.

If you have not seen the film Baseball Girls, made in 1995 here is a link.

Challenges for girls playing HS Baseball.

Girls Playing Baseball

Jordan Kelly playing for her high school team.

Audio interview with Victoria Blue's Women's team.

Briggsdale, CO has five female players on their team.

Neela Chanderdat playing for the Badgers.

10 year old all-stars.

Four girls playing for Plains high School.

St. Louis Park Junior High player making her way to Cooperstown.

Chelsea Baker is back and starting her high school baseball career. It got off to a great start.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the creation of the All American Girls Baseball League!!!!!

Jade Gortarez pitches a complete game for her high school.

Playing baseball in France.

Another story about Chelsea Baker and her outstanding pitching.

Youngster who grew up in Japan playing baseball.

Lefty pitcher Sarah Hudek.

Trying out for the high school team in Dunbar.

East Shore Annex, New Haven

SABR 44

This year's annual meeting is taking place in Houston from July 30-August 3rd. Check out all the details at www.sabr.org. There will be a panel on women's baseball on Friday August 1st at 4:30 followed immediately by our Women in Baseball committee meeting from 5:30 to 6:30. This is a great chance to meet and talk baseball with others who have similar interests. All are welcome.

Marie "Red" Mahoney from the AAGPBL and Pam Gardner, former president of business operations for the Houston Astros are among the expected speakers for the panel.
Some may go out for dinner afterwards so keep your evening open.

NBA Ref Violet Palmer once played baseball **as** the only girl on her team.

Baseball Tryouts

TEAM USA TRYOUTS

USA Baseball would like to bring your attention to the regional tryout opportunity for women's baseball players, ages 16 and older, for the 2014 USA Baseball Women's National Team that will compete in the WBSC Women's Baseball World Cup.

USA Baseball will host three regional tryouts across the country in June to round out the 2014 Women's National Team selection process. Players selected from the regional tryouts, as well as those selected from the Women's National Team Development Program which took place earlier this year, will combine to make up the 40-woman Women's National Team Trials Roster that will compete August 18-21. From there, 20 women will be selected to represent their country in the WBSC Women's Baseball World Cup in Miyazaki, Japan, September 1-7.

Tryouts will be held at the *following dates and locations:*
June 7th – USA Baseball National Training Complex – Cary, N.C.
June 14th – Brophy College Preparatory – Phoenix, Ariz.
June 21st – The Woodlands College Park High School – Houston, Texas

During each one-day tryout, USA Baseball Women's National Team coaches and task force members will evaluate each of the athletes identifying a minimum of 20 players to be invited to the Women's National Team Trials. The tryouts will be free of charge and run from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Players will only be required to attend one regional tryout and pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Interested players must have been born Jan 1, 1998 or earlier to be considered age eligible as the Women's National Team is for players 16 years of age and older.

For further information on the Women's National Team Regional Tryouts or to turn in registration paperwork please contact the Women's National Team Director, Ashley Bratcher, at ashleybratcher@usabaesball.com

International News

Australian Women's baseball news. Emeralds Roster.
More on Australian team and its players.

Want to watch Japanese women's baseball? Check it out here.
Phoenix Cup Information found here. Osaka University comes out the winner.

News about the Women's World Cup. Sadaharu Oh to be Global Ambassador for the games.

National 15U Women's Championships in Australia.

New South Wales Women's baseball website.

Playing in South Korea

WOMEN'S Baseball Opportunity: PLAY in S. KOREA with Baseball For All

*Must be 18 and older to participate. Contact Justine at justinebaseball@gmail.com to be considered for the team roster

LG Cup International Women's Baseball Tournament Event Outline

1. Hosted by LG Electronics and LG Sports and Managed by Women's Baseball Association Korea

2. Tournament Period: 22 August 2014 (Friday) – 25 August 2014
(Monday)

3. Tournament Venue: Icheon Sports Complex (Open on August)

4. Broadcast: Opening game and Final game

5. Arrival and Departure Date: Each team is expected to arrive in Icheon on 21 August and depart on 26 August 2014. Any team may choose to come before 21 August 2014 or stay behind after tournament at their own expenses and responsibilities.

7. Player Fee: $500, plus airfare, Includes:
- 5 games subject to weather condition
- Transportation during the stay from 21 to 26 August
- One time round trip transportation between Incheon International
Airport and official hotel
- Domestic transportation between official hotel and tournament field
- Domestic transportation between hotel and nearby city (Seoul, etc)
during free time
- 5 nights of accommodation starting from 21-25 August 2014 on a twin-
sharing basis
- Breakfast and Lunch on game days
- Gala Dinner on 25 August 2014
- Team gifts for international exchange
- Jersey & Hat
- Team organization

More baseball news

Two girls from Georgia playing on their high school team. 2nd story about the two Trojans.
Chelsea Baker still in the news as her season goes along.

Other Tributes and Salutes

A salute to the ladies of the AAGPBL by the Silverhawks.

National Museum of American Jewish History includes women's baseball in its many tributes through their Chasing Dreams exhibit.

A story about former AAGPBL player Joyce McCoy.

Inspirational story about pitcher Ghaz Sailors.

News story about the AAGPBL looking back on their playing days.

Giving some girls their first chance at baseball.

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.sabr.org

Remember to send us all your stories, photos and other women's baseball news, past, present and future.

Anyone interested in writing—have some stories and chapters for a book up for grabs.

Want to write a story about your own baseball journey? We'd love to include it in a future newsletter.

Got other ideas for stories—send them along too.

Be sure to send all stories, photos, requests etc.. to lheaphy@kent.edu.

Hope to see many of you in Houston or in Albuquerque for the AAGPBL Reunion this summer.

Play ball!!!!

Leslie