



P.O. Box 753  
Churchville, VA 24421

Dear Community,

On behalf of the Churchville Diamond Club Babe Ruth League (CDCBRL), I am writing to answer questions and to address some misunderstandings. The Churchville board members have no desire to be involved with the antics that have caused confusion, but with this letter we hope that this information will shed light on your questions on why the areas left West Augusta Baseball and Softball League.

Your commitment to our community and dedication is truly appreciated and recognized. After hearing the facts we hope that everyone can make an informed decision and see through the muddy waters and make the best decision for your children.

Question	CDCBRL Response
How is CDCBRL planning on running things? When playing other leagues are we going by rule book? If yes, do the other areas agree?	<p>CDCBRL plans on keeping the format of play similar to what the kids and coaches are familiar with, so it will be a seamless transition. However, there will be more transparency on being able to access bylaws and finances at meetings or when requested.</p> <p>We have decided to have a Director of Baseball Operations and a Director of Softball Operations to ensure equal and fair representation of both sports within this league.</p> <p>CDCBRL had a successful 2024 Fall season playing other areas. CDCBRL played Baseball by Babe Ruth rules with Softball following Softball Nation and we followed NEA's local rules. From the conversations that's been had, we have plans to do the same thing for the 2025 Spring season.</p>
What fields are available?	CDC has followed the Augusta County

	<p>School Board policy to secure the facilities at Churchville Elementary School and North River Elementary. The field at NRE is being reworked to be a playable field for softball and baseball.</p> <p>This board has worked with our school board rep to bring an idea that started in 1998 to life. We have the approval to add another field that will benefit the children by being able to host more camps and practices to enhance their skills.</p> <p>Craigsville Athletics will play their home games and practices on their fields.</p> <p>Highland County will play their home games and practices on their fields.</p>
What rules will be followed, will you continue to use Babe Ruth rules, as we have in the past under WA? (Run limits, pitch counts, 9/10 year old pitchers)	<p>In the past, a rule was implemented to force the younger child of the division to pitch 1 inning whether they felt confident or not.</p> <p>This league was against that, and we still believe that. We will continue to operate as we did in the Fall of 2024 and that is by the rule books of the perspective charters.</p>
Will concessions be available and will parents be expected to run concessions for games?	<p>As the charter, that question is focused on the individual league. CDCBRL has no intention of making Craigsville, Highland, or any other potential leagues a requirement on how they run their concessions.</p> <p>In regard to the Churchville program the plan is to have the concessions open. In the fall parents worked games that their children did not play in and that was to ensure they were able to watch their child play and still do their part in contributing to the community. We can't make this happen without all of you.</p>
When we play allstars, how does having 2 charters work? Will WA or CDC be made to sit out of allstars?	<p>Our answer coincides with WABSL: Both charters can have all-star teams. The players must have played at least half of the</p>

	<p>scheduled games and then they are eligible to play (Babe Ruth rules). Players who played for WA can only play all stars for WA and same with CDC.</p>
<p>Is there equipment, balls, catcher gear, etc needed since most of what was used was CDC supplies, has West Augusta obtained their own supplies for the kids to play?</p>	<p>Since the division, there were several items not returned to CDC from previous board members.</p> <p>Financially, CDC is not well off as WABSL and sponsorships can help increase the number of supplies and gear for the league to use.</p> <p>Sponsors can check our website for the levels of sponsorship available.</p>
<p>Who comprises the Churchville Diamond Club board?</p>	<p>President: Josh Strickler  Vice President: Pickle Nuckols  Secretary: Brandi Vincent  Treasurer: Tiffany Britt  Director of Baseball: Brad Long  Director of Field Maintenance: Bubba Conner  Director of Fundraising: Caitlin Horn  Director of Concessions: Andrea Mullens  Director of Support Services: Jessica Kisamore  Director of Event Logistics: OPEN</p>
<p>Does my child have to sign up with the same organization he/she played for last year or a certain charter (CDC or WA)?</p>	<p>You, the parent/guardian, have the right to sign the child up to play for the charter that you choose is the best fit for you and your child. Meet both boards and make the best informed decision.</p>
<p>Does CDC have umpires available?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>How will rules be handled when playing outside of the CDC area, whose rules will we play by?</p>	<p>We have already done this; it happened in the Fall of 2024 and things went well.</p>
<p>What has CDC done to try to bring everyone back together and help do what's right for our</p>	<p>WWA, CDC, and the assistant commissioners from District 4 did meet at the Ruritans</p>

children and not cause this divide?	Pavilion in Churchville. We were not able to come to mutual agreements that would allow the programs to merge again, but we are confident that CDC is moving the right direction.
How are stats and records being kept?	<p>We are implementing the “Team Parent” role on the teams to aid in keeping game stats.</p> <p>We will use Sports Engine to schedule and maintain stats. Sports Engine is officially partnered with Babe Ruth.</p>
Will there be a tournament at the end of the season to give these kids something to work for?	Yes, both baseball and softball tournaments will be held at the end of season. Both our baseball and softball players are equally as important, and the CDC board is united on that front.
How are you going to handle stacked teams? teams not showing up? Coaching issues?	<p>We are utilizing the USA Baseball skill matrix to get a detailed concept of the player’s skill level.</p> <p>Team’s will be limited on the number of coaches on one team to prevent the stacking of a team.</p> <p>We have implemented a Director of Baseball and a Director of Softball to yield complaints for coaches in the respective sport. Coaching issues will be addressed and reviewed according to the severity of the issue. “Issues” cover a wide range of scenarios.</p> <p>The team that did not show up would take the loss/forfeit unless it was a communication error on behalf of the scheduling personnel.</p>
How will teams be picked?	Still being reviewed and discussed among the board. Several options are on the table that ensure it’s fair and avoids stacked teams.
How will allstars be picked?	Based on the stats from regular season and coaches recommendations the players will be sent for All Star evaluations. The evaluations

	will be done using the USA Baseball skill matrix for that age group.
Scoreboards....are you going to use them?	Yes, and announce when the personnel allow it.
Does CDC plan on having high school be involved?	Our goal is to make our baseball and softball program fun for the youth, but teach fundamentals that have been proven to work.
Is CDC trying to make travel teams Out of our rec leagues?	<p>No. We are trying to build our program up and improve the skills of our local players.</p> <p>What we are doing is trying to offer better training and more opportunities for our youth for when they make that leap to the bigger fields (JV/Varsity/College).</p>
With the \$16000 being donated on a 3rd field, do you think that we benefit on a 3rd field when Buffalo gap girls field still don't have lights? And they also use Churchville fields as a practice field.	I think this was an amazing thing for the community. I believe that CDC being a non-profit organization for youth baseball and softball, the 3rd field project started in 1998 and has finally come to life in the last 6 months. This 3rd field benefits not only the Churchville Diamond Club and the players, but it benefits the elementary school.
Cdc sent a cease and desist order back in July. Why? What came of it?	<p>CDC sent a cease and desist order to WABSL and specific individuals per a lawyer's recommendation. There were things being done by the WABSL President that were legally considered defamation of character and this board did not want to take part in social media antics or the spread of misinformation.</p> <p>We have tried to and will continue to remain professional throughout this division, however that legal cease and desist is still being broken unfortunately. We hope that this will change soon and will do what is</p>

	necessary to ensure that our community has access to all the right information.
How does a board vote someone off in fall 2023 and a year later is back on when the same board voted them off?	The CDC board in Fall of 2023 is not the same board in 2024.
Were there nominations for a new president and vice president when the old ones were voted off?	<p>Yes,</p> <p>All of this was conducted on the new Facebook.</p> <p>A new Facebook page had to be created, as the login information is being withheld from the current CDC board by previous leadership. (This statement is only in the spirit of being fully transparent, as we've stated earlier.)</p>
What caused the divide?	See next question's answer.
If this is truly what is best for the kids of our community, Why couldn't the adults handle these issues outside of season? and come together for what is best for the kids???	<p>The CDC board addressed issues within its board by voting their treasurer off the board and to demote their president according to their bylaws.</p> <p>The former president did not like the decision and resigned from the board. The board accepted his resignation. The WABSL President (who also served as Director of Umpires) took that information to discuss it with others outside of the board. The WABSL President overstepped his authority and called a public virtual meeting about the issue.</p> <p>Evidence was presented at that time and proven that WABSL had no authority over CDC day to day operations.</p> <p>Additionally, there are some legal issues at hand unfortunately.</p> <p>As previously stated, we have talked to lawyers and we've chosen to separate from</p>

	<p>WABSL for a few reasons, inclusive of this. Individual All-Stars teams raised money for their season, that money was deposited into WA instead of CDC and the leftover from the season has not been given back to the families, as is required. The donor(s) have a legal right to request any unused donation money back.</p> <p>The final straw was when WABSL ignored coaches and CDC board members when they questioned about fall ball. WABSL failed to start fall ball and the area had a choice to have no program or CDC run the fall program.</p>
Did the CDC board members get put under a gag order by the CDC president?	Absolutely not, feel free to ask them when they are not away from the CDC president for their candid answer.

We are truly honored to have the support of our community and the extended Churchville Diamond Club family. Your passion for the game plays a vital role in strengthening the foundation of our community, and we are grateful for your unwavering commitment.

Once again, thank you for making such a meaningful impact on our organization and the lives of the young athletes we serve. We look forward to keeping you informed about the progress of our teams and hope to see you at one of our upcoming games.

Respectfully,



Josh Strickler  
President  
Churchville Diamond Club