

CLEVELAND



BASEBALL FEDERATION

Spring 2017

Cleveland Baseball Federation

It seems like time is flying by very quickly, as we are already into spring, but that's ok with us! Why? It means we are that much closer to baseball and softball starting! As we await the warmer weather, we are gearing up for another great year. We have welcomed some new faces to our family and we are preparing for our annual fundraiser. Of course, none of this is possible without the support of you. We are always so thankful for the support you show, whether it's monetary or with your time. It's all appreciated. We hope to see a lot of you around the ball fields this summer and are looking forward to another successful year.

2017 Outlook

With the 2017 season right around the corner, CBF is looking forward to getting things started. From T-Ball through high school baseball and Fast Pitch softball, CBF is preparing to serve nearly 200 teams and 3,000 youth in the City of Cleveland this summer. That's 200 sets of catcher's gear, 400 bats, 1,000 batting helmets, 3,000 shirts and caps and 4,800 baseballs and softballs CBF provides, completely free of charge!

Also, this summer CBF is excited to continue our Youth Skills Development Camp. A new and exciting feature will be the addition of softball. This free of charge camp will be open to any 13-18-year-old baseball and softball player who is looking to further develop their game with quality instruction from local high school and college coaches and players. For more information, please go to our website at cbfkids.org.

CBF's RBI All-Star teams will be traveling to Detroit, Michigan this summer for the 2017 RBI East Regional Tournament, July 13-16. Our teams will compete against teams from Cincinnati, Detroit and Indianapolis for a chance to go to the RBI World Series. This year's RBI World Series will be held in Cincinnati, OH from July 31 - August 11.

*“Never let the fear of
striking out get in
your way.”*

- Babe Ruth

Welcome New Board Members

We'd like to welcome two new gentlemen to the Board this year:

Rob Marchant

Rob Marchant is a partner with the law firm Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP and in the corporate and securities practice group. He is married with two kids and is an avid Cleveland Indians baseball fan. He has been involved in baseball (hot stove and city leagues) as a manager and assistant coach for the past 7 years.

Greg Gibbons

Greg was born and raised in the Cleveland, OH area. He played baseball and graduated from Ohio Northern University. He is a CPA and working as tax manager for Deloitte Tax LLP, a public accounting firm. His focus is in client service with an emphasis on business tax.

Greg and his wife Mara recently moved to Lakewood, OH after spending a year traveling the country together.

Another New Face in our Line Up

Olivia Wulhoop has joined our staff as Softball Coordinator. Olivia will oversee all the aspects of the Girls Softball division. Olivia graduated from Cleveland State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Sport Management. Not only did she play softball throughout high school and college but she is also an alumnus of CBF, having played her senior year in high school. Olivia is currently the Assistant Pitching Coach at Oberlin College. She brings a lot of experience and excitement of the game and we are thrilled to have her with us.

Let's Be Social



*We are all
champions when we
rally together.*



Save the Date



Mark your calendars for a fun filled night at Progressive Field. Not only will you get an exciting game with our home town champions, but you'll get the satisfaction of knowing you've provided baseball and softball to over 2,300 kids in our area. With all the exciting auction items and friendships made, we all walk away winners. Get your tickets early, as this event sells out each year and we want you there. You can get your tickets at www.cbfkids.org/2017-cbf-benefit.

We Love Your Help

If you can't make it to our annual fundraiser but would like to contribute to the kids, please make your donation by clicking the link below, or you can send in your donation to our office at 17820 Shaw Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44107. No amount is too small and all donations help. We sincerely appreciate your support.

www.cbfkids.org/donate