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Cape Cod Baseball League Guide

A free field guide from the people who actually live here.

On a warm Tuesday evening in July, a few hundred people settle into bleachers and lawn chairs at a well-worn ballpark on Cape Cod. A teenager with a radar gun stands near the backstop, face down in a notebook. A family from Ohio shares a bag of popcorn behind home plate. On the mound, a 20-year-old from a Big 12 school winds up — and throws 97 miles per hour.

Admission: free.

This is the Cape Cod Baseball League, and it is one of the most quietly remarkable experiences in American summer sports.

What the Cape Cod Baseball League Actually Is

The Cape Cod Baseball League (CCBL) is the most prestigious collegiate summer baseball league in the United States. Every summer, the top amateur players in the country come to Cape Cod to play under wooden bats, live with local host families, and sharpen the skills that will carry them toward professional careers.

More than 60 percent of current MLB players are Cape Cod Baseball League alumni. The league has been producing major-league talent since 1885. Players do not get paid. Games run from mid-June through early August. Every game is free to attend.

The 10 Teams

East Division

- **Chatham Anglers — Veterans Field, Chatham** — reliably excellent atmosphere; arrive early
- **Harwich Mariners — Whitehouse Field, Harwich** — loyal fans, relaxed evening
- **Brewster Whitecaps — Stony Brook Elementary School Field, Brewster** — intimate venue
- **Orleans Firebirds — Eldredge Park, Orleans** — welcoming for families
- **Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox — Red Wilson Field, Dennis** — most successful recent franchise

West Division

- **Bourne Braves — Doran Park, Bourne** — scenic, open setting
 - **Falmouth Commodores — Guv Fuller Field, Falmouth** — best consistently electric atmosphere
 - **Cotuit Kettleers — Lowell Park, Cotuit** — most decorated franchise in CCBL history
 - **Sandwich Aces — Sandwich High School Field, Sandwich** — newer franchise (2023)
 - **Hyannis Harbor Hawks — McKeon Park, Barnstable (Hyannis)** — most centrally located
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Game Day: The Practical Guide

Arrive: 30 minutes before first pitch at minimum.

What to bring: - A lawn chair or blanket - A light layer — evenings on the Cape cool down fast - Cash for the donation bucket and concessions - A camera with a decent zoom

For kids: After most games, players make themselves available near the dugouts for autographs. Bring a baseball and a Sharpie.

A Note on the Donation Bucket

Admission is free, but it is not free to run a Cape Cod Baseball League franchise. A suggested donation of a few dollars per person is entirely appropriate. The teams genuinely depend on that generosity.

The official CCBL schedule lives at **capecodbaseball.org**.

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