

Partnership Announced Between Eau Claire Baseball Association, Post 53 Legion Baseball, and Momentum Baseball Academy

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Eau Claire American Legion Post 53 Baseball (ECALB), Momentum Baseball Academy, and the Eau Claire Baseball Association have reached a partnership that will begin in 2023.

The partnership, which will be further fleshed out in the coming weeks, will see the organizations pursue initiatives of mutual interest in the areas of player and coach development, community engagement, providing additional opportunities for players, and the overall growth of baseball in the Eau Claire area.

“We are very excited to be a part of this group. Pooling together of resources provides a path for baseball players from t-ball through high school, a vision we all share,” said Jay Brogelman, current President of the Eau Claire American League and member of the ECBA Board of Directors. “We are looking forward to this partnership and the opportunities it provides our players and families.”

The Eau Claire Baseball Association (ECBA) was formed in December of 2022 with the merger of Eau Claire Babe Ruth Baseball and Eau Claire American Baseball. With the addition of ECALB and Momentum Baseball Academy, the ECBA will now be able to provide the players in the Eau Claire area with every possible opportunity to excel on the diamond.

“A great opportunity to develop a path for every kid to play the great game of baseball. To partner with the three organizations that have been established the longest in Eau Claire is an honor”, said Dale Varsho, co-owner of Momentum Baseball Academy and Field Manager for the Eau Claire Express.

In the coming weeks the Eau Claire Baseball Association will have more news about this exciting new partnership with ECALB and Momentum Baseball Academy.

“This is a partnership that is long overdue. It’s no secret that Eau Claire, and the Chippewa Valley in general, is a community that loves its local baseball and its youth programs have benefited as a result”, Mark Faanes of ECALB said. “By working collectively, we can be even better. This effort is determined to provide an affordable opportunity for all skill and age levels to learn the game and develop their skills albeit for their youth baseball season, high school, college or beyond.”

ABOUT THE EAU CLAIRE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION: The Eau Claire Baseball Association (ECBA) was formed in December of 2022 with the merger of Eau Claire American Baseball and Eau Claire Babe Ruth Baseball.

Eau Claire American Baseball is a 501c3 non-profit that was founded in 1952 as a member of Little League Baseball. Under the Little League banner, the Americans were District 3 Champions 15 times including a State Championship in 1998. In 2019 the Americans switched to Cal Ripken Baseball, a subdivision of Babe Ruth Baseball for players aged 12 and under.

Eau Claire Babe Ruth (ECBR) is a 501c3 non-profit that was founded in 1956. As a member of Babe Ruth Baseball, ECBR and its travel program, the Eau Claire A’s, have consistently been one of the top programs in the state; winning 34 State Championships, 9 Ohio Valley Region Championships, and qualified for the Babe Ruth World Series 10 times.

ABOUT EAU CLAIRE AMERICAN LEGION POST 53 BASEBALL: Eau Claire American Legion Post 53 Baseball (ECALB), founded in 1930, is Eau Claire’s longest running program and provides baseball opportunities for players 16-19. ECALB has consistently been one of the top American Legion Baseball programs in the state with 45 State Tournament appearances (2nd all-time) with 5 State Championships. They also hold the record for the most State Tournament wins all time with 91 and the most top-four finishes with 36.

ABOUT MOMENTUM BASEBALL ACADEMY: Momentum Baseball Academy was formed in 2009 by Dale Varsho, Rob Fadness, and Mark Faanes. Recently celebrating it’s 10 Year Anniversary, Momentum Baseball Academy is a player development organization which strives to develop individuals to love and respect the game through private instruction, practices, camps, and team training.

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