

CHICAGO WOMEN'S BASEBALL LEAGUE



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CWBL Kicks Off Second Season

The Chicago Women's Baseball League is pleased to announce that its second season is officially underway. The Comets, Riveters, Skyline and Turtle Rocks look forward to another summer of baseball in Bedford Park on Chicago's southwest side.

The CWBL is one of only a few women's baseball leagues in the country—and the world. CWBL players hail from all over the Chicagoland area, and many have been in the game since they were children, hitting baseballs on the sandlot with the neighborhood boys in countries as far away as Guatemala, Japan, Russia and Nicaragua. Now, they call Chicago home but continue to travel the globe to play in tournaments in Hong Kong, Japan, Australia, Canada and across the United States.

The league also includes its fair share of former softball players, including Comets manager Annie Snider. "It's always exciting to meet new players," she says. "There are an incredible number of talented women out there, and they really enjoy this opportunity to play actual baseball in an organized league." In addition to softball, players' resumes include soccer, basketball, water skiing, cross country and even rugby.

The CWBL will hold open practices all summer and is currently accepting players of all experience levels for this year and next. Games are played every weekend in Bedford Park, and fans are always welcome.

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