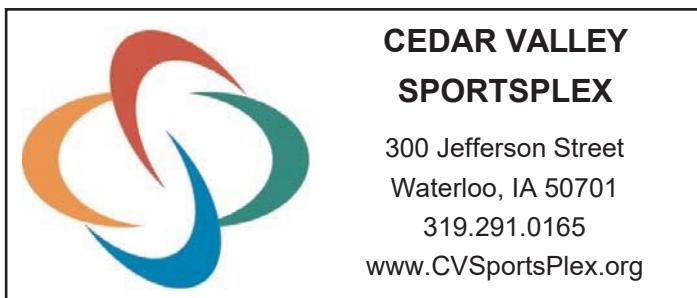


# 2026 Optimist Baseball & Softball

Online registration is available for programs on our website. You may also email completed registration forms to [alex.hildman@waterloo-ia.org](mailto:alex.hildman@waterloo-ia.org).



**Registration Begins: February 2, 2026**

## **Major League Baseball 6th-8th & Softball 5th-7th Grades** *(Grade completing)*

This program is designed for all interested players in the eligible grades. **Players not eligible if participating on High School team.** All new baseball players to this league must attend the skills assessment session. All new softball players will need to attend the skills assessment. All players participating in the skills assessment will be placed on a Major League team. All returning players to this league will rejoin their 2025 roster. Practices will begin May 4th with two scheduled practices each week until games begin. League play begins early June and will consist of approximately 12 games. Baseball games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Softball will be played on Monday and Thursday evenings. A league tournament concludes the program on July 9th-16th. Each player receives a full uniform.

### **Registration Fees/Deadlines:**

\$90 – Non SportsPlex Member

\$75 - SportsPlex Member

Registration Deadline April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### **Skills Assessment:**

ML Baseball: April 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Cedar Valley SportsPlex

ML Softball: April 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Cedar Valley SportsPlex

### **Uniform Distribution:**

Pick-up uniform at any of following times at the SportsPlex.

April 28th: 4-7pm

April 29th: 4-7pm

April 30th: 4-7pm

## **AAA Baseball 4th-5th & Softball 2nd-4th Grades** *(Grade completing)*

This program is open to all interested players in the eligible grades. All new players to this league must attend the skills assessment session. Players participating in the skills assessment will be placed on an AAA team. All returning players to this league will rejoin their 2025 roster. Practices will begin on May 4th with two scheduled practices each week until games begin. League play begins early June and will consist of approximately 10 games. Baseball will play on Tuesdays and Thursdays and softball will play on Mondays and Thursdays. A league tournament concludes the program on July 9th-16th. Each player receives a full uniform.

### **Registration Fees/Deadlines:**

\$80 – Non SportsPlex Member

\$65 - SportsPlex Member

Registration Deadline April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### **Skills Assessment:**

AAA Baseball: April 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm Cedar Valley SportsPlex

AAA Softball: April 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm Cedar Valley SportsPlex

### **Uniform Distribution:**

Pick-up uniform at any of following times at the SportsPlex.

April 28th: 4-7pm

April 29th: 4-7pm

April 30th: 4-7pm

## **AA Baseball 2nd-3rd Grades** *(Grade completing)*

This program is for all interested players in the eligible grades. Players will be divided into teams. All returning players to this league will rejoin their 2025 roster. League-wide practices will begin May 4th with two scheduled practices each week until games begin. League games begin in early June. Teams will play approximately 10 games. Games will feature pitching and catching by the players. All AA teams will play two games per week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. A league tournament concludes the program on July 7th-9th. Each player receives a full uniform.

### **Registration Fees/Deadlines:**

\$70 – Non SportsPlex Member

\$62 - SportsPlex Member

Registration Deadline April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### **Uniform Distribution:**

Pick-up uniform at any of following times at the SportsPlex.

April 28th: 4-7pm

April 29th: 4-7pm

April 30th: 4-7pm

Parent's/Guardian's Name	Email				
Address	City		Zip		
Phone: Home	Cell		Work		
CVSP is committed to inclusion. Does your child require any modifications to help him/her be successful? _____					
Participant's Name (Last, First)	M/F	Birth Date	Current Grade	Program #	Program Name
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					TOTAL \$ _____
<b>Method of Payment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover					
<b>*FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b> Amount: _____ Date Received: _____ Staff Initials: _____					
Card Number _____ Exp. Date (Month/Year) _____ CVV _____					

**Important Information**

The City of Waterloo, Waterloo Leisure Services and the Cedar Valley SportsPlex are committed to conducting its recreation programs and activities in the safest manner possible and holds the safety of the participants in the highest possible regard. Participants and parents/guardians registering their child/ward in recreation programs must recognize however, that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in recreation activities. The Waterloo Leisure Services & Cedar Valley SportsPlex continually strive to reduce risks and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to protect participants' safety.

**Warning of Risk:** Recreation activities are intended to challenge and engage the physical mental and emotional resources of each participant. Despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury when participating in any recreational activity/program. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers can be foreseen. Depending on the particular activity, participants must understand that certain risks, dangers and injuries due to inclement weather, slipping, falling, poor skill level or conditioning, carelessness, horseplay, unsportsmanlike conduct, premises defects, inadequate or defective equipment, inadequate supervision, instruction or officiating, and all other circumstances inherent to indoor and outdoor recreation activities/programs exist. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for Waterloo Leisure Services and the Cedar Valley SportsPlex to guarantee absolute safety.

**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in the identified program(s), you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability, waiving and releasing any and all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain arising out of or as a result of the activities of this program (including transportation services/vehicle operation, when provided). As a participant in the program, I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, including death, damages or loss regardless of severity which my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims my minor child/ward or I may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in the program against Waterloo Leisure Services and Cedar Valley SportsPlex, including officers, officials, agents, volunteers, independent contractors, instructors, servants and employees.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend Waterloo Leisure Services and Cedar Valley SportsPlex staff to secure from any licensed hospital, physician, and/or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary for my minor child's/ward's immediate care and I agree that I will be responsible for payment of any and all medical services rendered.

**PHOTO POLICY:** The Waterloo Leisure Services and Cedar Valley SportsPlex may video tape or take photographs of participants enrolled in Waterloo Leisure Services and Cedar Valley SportsPlex activities, classes, or programs or may take photographs. These photographs and/or video tapes are for use in future program magazines, brochures, promotional literature, websites, or for use on cable television.

**REFUND POLICY:** Refunds are issued in full if a class is full or cancelled by the Sports Department. Refunds for personal reasons must be submitted in writing. Approved refunds prior to the start date will be assessed a \$5 administration fee. Refunds may not be issued after team assignments have been made. Refunds approved after the first meeting will be charged a \$10 administrative fee. The Waterloo Leisure Services Department reserves the right to deny a request for a refund. If your request has been denied, you will be contacted by a staff member from the Leisure Services Department. All refunds will be issued within three weeks.

If registering online, via phone or email, my facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature. I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning of risk, waiver and release of all claims and assumption of risk, permission to secure treatment and photo/video authorization.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Participant (Under 18)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Parent, Guardian or Participant (Under 18)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### CARPOOL REQUEST FORM

Our carpool policy consists of no more than two families. In order for the carpool to be recognized, this form must be completed by both parties and filed in our office prior to the registration deadline. Carpools not signed by both families will not be honored. Carpools will not be recognized if a child appears on more than one request form. Siblings are automatically placed on the same team if in the same league.

League: (Circle One):      ML Baseball      ML Softball      AAA Baseball      AAA Softball      AA Baseball

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Volunteer Opportunity

The City of Waterloo and the Cedar Valley Sportsplex offers a wide variety of youth sports activities. With the number of participants in each sport rising, it becomes difficult to find coaches for each team. In order to do so, it is often necessary to recruit parents of participants or other individuals in the community to coach. Our goal is to have volunteers who have significant experience in playing or coaching a particular sport, but that is not always possible with limited numbers. Volunteers are an instrumental factor in helping our programs and teams run efficiently. If you can help out or know of someone suitable please call Alex Hildman at 319-291-0165 or email at [alex.hildman@waterloo-ia.org](mailto:alex.hildman@waterloo-ia.org).

Some of the benefits to the City of Waterloo and the Cedar Valley Sportsplex utilizing volunteer coaches are:

- Saving on staff costs and keep program costs from rising
- Each team benefits in having at least one coach
- More coaches per team allow each player to receive more individual attention and skill development