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Dear Athletic Director/Head Baseball Coach:

The NEOBCA (Northeast Ohio Baseball Coaches Association) under the direction of the Board of Directors has elected a new Executive Board for the 2017-2018 season.

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| **President**: Luke Smrel (Kirtland) | **Vice-President**: Dennis Woods (Lake Catholic) |
| **Treasurer:** Aaron DeBord (Stow) | **Secretary:** John Bakalar (Crestwood) |
| **All-Star Game Chairman**: Bill Gamble (Jackson) | **Hall of Fame/Scholarship**: Brian Sliwinski (Retired) |
| **OHSBCA Rep**: Dan Ransom (Firelands) | **OHSBCA Rep**: Matt Weymer (Ursuline) |
| **OHSBCA Rep:** Brian Hiscox (Berkshire) |  |

Last season our District had the largest membership of the OHSBCA (144 members) and the NEOBCA exceeded the following year’s membership with 150 members. However, with 220+ schools we still hope to continue to grow both organizations in hopes of growing the game and recognizing the success of your players and programs.

For District information please visit our website under www.ohsbca.org, click Districts then Northeast. You can also subscribe to updates on Twitter [@NEOBCA.](https://twitter.com/neobca)

**NEOBCA Membership Benefits:**

1. Nominate and Participate in NEOBCA Senior All Star Game held in June date TBA ($50 per player)
2. Nominate player(s) for NEOBCA 2018 All District Team including Player of the Year, Coach of the Year, Assistant Coach of the Year and Field of the Year.
3. Nominate/Selection for NEOBCA Hall of Fame
4. Nominate/Selection for NEOBCA Scholarship Program
5. All forms and contact information can be found on http://associationdatabase.com/aws/OHSBCA/pt/sp/districts\_northeast

# Annual dues are $25.00 – Must be received by March 15, 2018

**OHSBCA Membership Benefits:**

1. Nominate and Participate in Mizuno All-Ohio Senior All-Star Series
2. Nominate Team in Coaches’ Poll
3. Nominate Player(s) for All-Ohio Poll Team
4. Nominate Player(s) for Academic All-Ohio
5. Nominate Coaches for Hall of Fame and Scholarship opportunities
6. Number of NEO Mizuno All-Ohio selections based on number of members from each district, more members the more NEO selections
7. All forms and contact information can be found on <http://www.ohsbca.org/>

# Annual dues are $30.00 – Must be received by March 15, 2018

These organizations such as the OHSBCA, NEOBCA, Lake County Coaches Association, Lorain County Coaches, [GCBCA](http://gcbca.webs.com/) (Greater Cleveland) allow programs, coaches and students to be recognized for their excellence. Join these organizations (if they apply to your location) to ensure maximizing the visibility of your program and your student-athletes. Please feel free to pass along this information and accompanying materials to the Head Baseball Coach.

Yours in Baseball,

Luke Smrdel   
NEOBCA President

**NEOBCA was well represented in 2017!**

*123 Academic All-Ohioans*

*20 Mizuno All-Ohio Series Selections*

*5 Players selected in 2017 MLB Draft*

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| **Division I** | Massillon Jackson State Champions Coach Bill Gamble |
|  | Strongsville State Runner-Up Coach Doug Cicechi |
|  | Massillon Jackson Coach Bill Gamble Poll COY & #1 Poll Team |
|  | Twinsburg Donald Jones 400th Win |
|  | Kent Roosevelt Mike Haney 200th Win |
|  | Hudson Buddy Dice 100th Win |
|  | Nordonia Drew Hoisington 100th Win |
|  | 15 players on the All-Ohio Poll Team |
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| **Division II** | Tallmadge State Champions Coach Kenny Linn |
|  | Lake Catholic Dennis Woods 700th Win |
|  | Chagrin Falls Mike Sweeney 300th Win |
|  | Southeast Dave Clegg 300th Win |
|  | Tallmadge Kenny Linn 300th Win |
|  | 9 players on the All-Ohio Poll Team |
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| **Division III** | Champion State Champions Coach Rick Yauger |
|  | 13 players on the All-Ohio Poll Team |
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| **Division IV** | 13 players on the All-Ohio Poll Team |
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| **Important Dates:** | ABCA Clinic January 4-7, 2018 Indianapolis, IN |
|  | OHSBCA State Clinic January 18-20, 2018 Columbus |
|  | NEOBCA Meeting January 19, 2018 Columbus |
|  | OHSBCA & NEOBCA Dues Deadline March 15, 2018 |
|  | NEOBCA Meeting May 20, 2018 Hudson High School |
|  | OHSBCA Mizuno All-Ohio Series June 7-8, 2018 Columbus |

**2018 NEOBCA Membership**

$25 checks payable to NEOBCA

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| **School Name:** |  | | |
| **Division:** |  | | |
| **County:** |  | | |
| **Conference:** |  | | |
| **Coaches Name:** |  | | |
| **Work Phone:** |  | | |
| **Cell Phone:** |  | | |
| **Email:** |  | | |
| **Address:** |  | | |
| **City:** |  | **Zip Code:** |  |

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**NEOBCA Mailing Address:**

**NEOBCA**

**2300 Wickley Ave**

**Stow, Ohio 44224**

***Deadline March 15th, 2018***

Meetings:

OHSBCA State Clinic 8:30-9:00am Friday January 19, 2018

Hudson High School 2:00PM Sunday May 20, 2018

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