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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 2018-2019 season.

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

Last season our District had the largest membership of the OHSBCA 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 TBD 2019 ($50 per player)
2. Nominate player(s) for NEOBCA 2019 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 $30.00 – Must be received by March 15, 2019 – $10.00 late fee received after March 15th

**OHSBCA Membership Benefits:**

1. Nominate and Participate in Mizuno All-Ohio Senior All-Star Series on June 13-14, 2019
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/>

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These organizations such as the OHSBCA, NEOBCA, Lake County Coaches Association, Lorain County Coaches, [GCBCA](http://gcbca.webs.com/) (Greater Cleveland), [ABCA](https://www.abca.org/) and [NHSBCA](https://www.baseballcoaches.org/landing/index) 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 2018!**

*123 Academic All-Ohioans*

*20 Mizuno All-Ohio Series Selections*

*6 former players selected in 2018 MLB Draft*

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| **Division I** | Amherst Steele Coach Matt Rositano Poll COY & #1 Poll Team |
|  | Medina Highland State Semi-Finalist Coach Jay Grissom |
|  | Amherst Steele Evan Shawver Poll Player of the Year |
|  | Medina Coach Nick Kaplack 100th Career Win |
|  | 13 players on the All-Ohio Poll Team |
|  | Hudson Coach Chuck Schilling 2019 OHSBCA HOF Inductee |
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| **Division II** | Tallmadge State Semi-Finalist Coach Kenny Linn |
|  | Hawken Coach Aaron Brandt 200th Career Win |
|  | Field Coach Joe Peterson 100th Career Win |
|  | 14 players on the All-Ohio Poll Team |
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| **Division III** | South Range State Champions Coach Jim Hanek |
|  | Kirtland Coach Luke Smrdel Poll COY & 100th Career Win |
|  | Kirtland Mike Zeuli Poll Player of the Year |
|  | Crestwood Coach John Bakalar 100th Career Win |
|  | Loudonville Coach Brandon Grimes 100th Career Win |
|  | Rootstown Coach Keith Waesch 100th Career Win |
|  | 18 players on the All-Ohio Poll Team  |
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| **Division IV**  | Trinity State Semi-Finalist Coach Randy Rundgren |
|  | Cuyahoga Heights Coach Marc Lowther 300th Career Win |
|  | 5 players on the All-Ohio Poll Team |
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| **Important Dates:** | NEOBCA HOF Nomination Deadline December 1, 2018 |
|  | ABCA Clinic January 3-6, 2019 Dallas, TX |
|  | OHSBCA State Clinic January 17-19, 2019 Columbus |
|  | NEOBCA Meeting January 18, 2019 Columbus |
|  | OHSBCA & NEOBCA Dues Deadline March 15, 2019 |
|  | NEOBCA Meeting May 19, 2019 Hudson High School |
|  | NEOBCA All-Star Nominations & Scholarship Deadline June 1, 2019 |
|  | OHSBCA Senior Academic & HOF Nominations Deadline June 1, 2019 |
|  | OHSBCA Mizuno All-Ohio Series June 13-14, 2019 Columbus |

**2019 NEOBCA Membership**

$30 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, 2019 ($40 if after March 15th)***

**Meeting Dates**:

1. Friday, January 18, 2019 OHSBCA State Clinic 8:00-8:30AM
2. Sunday, May 19, 2019 Hudson High School 2:00PM

Checks payable to NEOBCA. W9 form available upon request.