



- Event:** **Women's Hall of Fame Classic**
- Dates:** Friday, July 4 through Sunday, July 6, 2008
- Location:** Historic Simmons Field, the former home of the Kenosha Comets of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL), and one of the only remaining AAGPBL fields.
- The stadium is located at 78th Street and Sheridan Road in Kenosha, Wis.
- Kenosha is located on the shore of Lake Michigan, just north of the Wisconsin/Illinois border. The city is about 50 miles north of Chicago and about 32 miles south of Milwaukee.
- Overview:** The **Women's Hall of Fame Classic** will reunite members of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (AAGPBL) to rededicate the city's historic Simmons Field in a ceremony on July 4.
- The weekend also will feature a tournament of World Cup-level teams consisting of some of the nation's top female players and prospects. U.S.A. Baseball scouts will be scouting and hosting tryouts in Kenosha throughout the weekend to identify players for the 2008 women's national team.
- Admission:** \$4 for patrons 11 years and older. Children and senior citizens will be admitted free.
- Organizer:** The **Women's Hall of Fame Classic** is organized by MSBL Kenosha, a non-profit affiliate of the national Men's Senior Baseball League, and the American Women's Baseball Federation (AWBF).
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## Event overview

Dozens of women who made history playing professional baseball during the 1940s and 1950s will reunite and meet some of the most skilled female baseball players in the world during the Women's Hall of Fame Classic July 4-6 at historic Simmons Field in Kenosha, Wis.

During what is going to be a truly historic weekend, a contingent of women who played in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League -- the league made famous by the 1992 film "A League of Their Own" -- will be on hand to rededicate Simmons Field, the home of the AAGPBL Kenosha Comets from 1948 to 1951 and one of the last remaining AAGPBL fields in the country.

"The All-Americans will not be with us forever," said Jim Glennie, head scout for the USA women's baseball program and the president of the American Women's Baseball Federation (AWBF), which helped organize the weekend tournament along with MSBL Kenosha. "It is important that a bond be forged between that generation and this generation's young pioneers. There must be a commitment by the associates who will carry on the All-American's legacy to support these young players and let the youth have the same chance the AAGPBL had."

Surrounding the rededication ceremony, a women's baseball tournament will showcase some of the most elite women's baseball teams in the world. The New England Women's Red Sox, Nashua Pride, Chicago Pioneers, Washington Stars and the Aussie Hearts are scheduled to play. The New England Women's Red Sox are four-time national champions, while the Chicago Pioneers roster includes 16-year-old Sammi Kane Kraft, who played Amanda Whurlitzer in the 2005 "Bad News Bears" film and is a bonafide prospect for the USA women's national team.

USA Baseball will scout the tournament and have tryouts to identify players for the 2008 women's national team, which will compete in the Women's World Cup of Baseball Aug. 24-29 in Japan.

Former AAGPBL players are coming to Kenosha from as far away as California, Arkansas and Tennessee for the July 4 rededication ceremony, which also will give fans an opportunity to meet and interact with former players like Dolly (Brumfield) White, an infielder who played for the Kenosha Comets from 1949 to 1951.

White joined the league with the South Bend (Ind.) Blue Sox in 1948 as a 14-year-old from Mobile, Ala. She also played for the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Daisies in 1952 and 1953. When she first tried out for the league in 1946, she had never played organized baseball.

After learning AAGPBL scouts were coming to her town for tryouts, White convinced her mother to take her out of school on an April afternoon. They took her grandparents' car and drove to the tryout, which was being supervised by then-AAGPBL President Max Carey.

White recalled that Carey initially wasn't sure about taking her into the league because of her age. "Afterward, I said I was 13 but I'd soon be 14," White said. "And my mother said (to Carey), 'I don't want you to take her, I want to know what you thought!' Well then he wanted me to go to Chicago to be put on one of the teams. So Mr. Carey must've been impressed."

Her memories are still vivid of using Kenosha's electric streetcars to get to the ballpark and to do errands in Kenosha's vibrant downtown. The players lived with fans, hung out in soda

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shops, and civic groups were instrumental in supporting the teams. "It was an experience certainly," White said.

In addition to the stories told about the AAGPBL, there's no doubt classic stories about Simmons Field will linger throughout the weekend as its former players and tenants reminisce on its history.

Simmons Field was built as it stands today with its classic old-time grandstand in 1930 for the Simmons Bedding Company's baseball team. In addition to being the home ballpark of the Kenosha Comets, it has since been the playing grounds for various amateur baseball teams, Warren Spahn, Satchel Paige, the minor league Kenosha Twins and chart-topping pop group 'N Sync.

These days, a local group is working to ensure Simmons Field will build on its history. In 2007 the Kenosha Simmons Baseball Organization (KSBO), a non-profit group interested in raising awareness of the ballpark, began leasing the stadium. While MSBL Kenosha also has been a major proponent of KSBO and the ballpark's restoration, the groups already have undertaken multiple refurbishing projects that included rebuilding the field's once-treacherous infield areas.

"Simmons is a rare gem and one of only a few old-time community ballparks with real history," said Tom Carlson, a member of the KSBO and MSBL boards. "Restoring Simmons Field is about the future."

The Women's Hall of Fame Tournament will provide fans an unparalleled opportunity to talk with AAGPBL players and watch World Cup level baseball. Additionally, fans will get a taste of the ballparks old-time feel by purchasing concessions and perusing the products and exhibits offered at various vendor booths.

"Unlike a trip to Wrigley Field or Miller Park, this is an up-close experience," Carlson said. "They will get to hear the crack of a bat and view the key play at home."

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The American Women's Baseball Federation (AWBF) is a non-profit organization founded to help women's baseball teams throughout the country network and compete in organized tournaments. AWBF is responsible for identifying elite talent for the USA women's national baseball team. For more information, go to [www.awbf.org](http://www.awbf.org).

*(For more information about the Women's Hall of Fame Classic, including Web links, tournament team profiles and Hi-res photos, go to [www.msblkenosha.com](http://www.msblkenosha.com).)*

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## Schedule of events

*(Times and matchups  
subject to change)*

### Thursday, July 3

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. USA Baseball Women's National Team tryouts at Simmons Field (located at 78th Street / Sheridan Road in Kenosha)

### Friday, July 4

8 a.m. Washington Stars vs. Chicago Pioneers at Carthage College (located at 2001 Alford Park Drive in Kenosha)

Aussie Hearts vs. New England Women's Red Sox at Simmons Field

11 a.m. AAGPBL Simmons Field rededication ceremony begins  
Recognition of AAGPBL alumni  
Band concert

12: 30 p.m. National Anthem & ceremonial first pitch

12:35 p.m. Chicago Pioneers vs. Nashua Pride at Simmons Field

3:30 p.m. New England Women's Red Sox vs. Washington Stars at Simmons Field

6:30 p.m. Nashua Pride vs. Aussie Hearts at Simmons Field

### Saturday, July 5

8 a.m. New England Women's Red Sox vs. Nashua Pride at Carthage College  
Washington Stars at Aussie Hearts at Simmons Field

11 a.m. Aussie Hearts vs. Chicago Pioneers at Simmons Field

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. USA Baseball Women's invitational assessments continue at Carthage College

2 p.m. Nashua Pride vs. Washington Stars at Simmons Field

5 p.m. Chicago Pioneers vs. New England Women's Red Sox at Simmons Field

### Sunday, July 6

8 a.m. Bronze Medal Game at Simmons Field

11 a.m. Gold Medal Game at Simmons Field

2 p.m. Trophy presentation



## About the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League

With World War II pulling more young men into the armed forces and minor league baseball teams collapsing, chewing gum mogul and Chicago Cubs owner Philip K. Wrigley was determined not to let Major League Baseball fall.

That was the genesis of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, the league made famous by the 1992 film "A League of Their Own," starring Tom Hanks, Geena Davis, Madonna, Rosie O'Donnell and directed by Penny Marshall.

With its birth in 1943 as a non-profit organization, Wrigley provided financial support and declared four medium-sized cities near the league's Chicago headquarters would have teams. Thus the Kenosha (Wis.) Comets, the Racine (Wis.) Belles, the Rockford (Ill.) Peaches and the South Bend (Ind.) Blue Sox became the league's first teams.

With a network of scouts and Wrigley's sports connections, the league organized try-outs in dozens of cities, which attracted hundreds of women from all over the United States and Canada. Then, 280 women were invited to the final try-outs in May 1943 at Chicago's Wrigley Field. There, 60 players were chosen as the first women to play professional baseball.

Teams would consist of 15 players, a manager, business manager and a woman chaperone. Salaries ranged from \$45 to \$85 a week for the players, some of whom were as young as 15 years old. Also, femininity was a priority as Wrigley required women to attend evening charm school classes, where the players learned etiquette, personal hygiene, mannerisms and dress code.

The players' uniforms consisted of a one-piece, short-skirted flared tunic fashioned after the figure skating, field hockey and tennis costumes of the era. Satin shorts, knee-high baseball socks and a baseball hat completed the uniform. Each city had a different colored uniform, and a distinct patch decorated the front of each team's uniform.

The rules, meanwhile, were a combination of the rules of softball and baseball in an effort to make the games more exciting and competitive. Initially, pitchers threw under-handed, but the AAGPBL also incorporated men's base-running rules and a nine-person lineup.

League play officially began on May 30, 1943 with South Bend playing in Rockford and Kenosha playing in Racine. The teams played a 108-game regular season schedule between mid-May and early September. The teams then competed in a series of playoff games to determine the league champion. To conclude the 1943 season, the Racine Belles beat the Kenosha Comets in a five-game series for the league's first championship.

Encouraged by the strong reception -- attendance for the 1943 season was measured at 176,612 fans -- the AAGPBL laid plans for expansion in 1944. That season, the Milwaukee Chicks and the Minneapolis Millerettes joined the league, and a second spring training was in May in Peru, Ill.

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## About the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League

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The Milwaukee Chicks won the league championship in 1944, but the new teams drew significantly less attention from media and from fans compared to their smaller counterparts. After the season, Wrigley sold the league to Chicago advertising executive, Arthur Meyerhoff, who quickly re-organized the league. Under his leadership, each club was given a voice in the rules and direction of the league.

When the 1945 season began, Meyerhoff had begun heavy promotion of the league and the players' eager support of the war effort also garnered positive attention from fans and media. The Milwaukee Chicks kept their name and moved to Grand Rapids, Mich., while the Minneapolis Millerettes went to Fort Wayne, Ind., and became the Daisies. Charm school also was discontinued. By the end of the season, attendance reached 450,313.

By the 1948 season, the league had changed its rules to allow overhand pitching. The Peoria (Ill.) Redwings, the Muskegon (Mich.) Lassies, the Springfield (Ill.) Sallies and the Chicago Colleens had joined the league, though the Springfield and Chicago franchises lasted just one season before becoming training teams. Also, a four-team minor league was established in Chicago as the Chicago Girls Baseball League. The 1948 season marked the AAGPBL's peak, drawing about 910,000 fans.

After the 1950 season, team directors purchased the AAGBBL from Meyerhoff to operate their teams independently. Publicity and scouting soon suffered, however, and the decentralization of the league led its decline.

Revenues fell and by 1952, only six teams remained in the league, including two of the original four franchises. The Racine Belles disbanded after the 1950 season and the Kenosha Comets folded after the 1951 campaign. Eventually, the league shut down after the 1954 season with only five teams remaining in Fort Wayne, South Bend, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Rockford.

During its 11 seasons, the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League gave more than 600 women the opportunity to play professional baseball. The league produced gifted players like Dorothy "Dottie" Schroeder -- a standout for the South Bend Blue Sox, Kenosha Comets, Fort Wayne Daisies and the Kalamazoo Lassies -- who holds all-time records for most games played (1,249) and most RBIs (431). There was Olive Little, a Rockford Peaches pitcher who won 21 games in the league's first year, pitched the league's first no-hitter and had a lifetime ERA of 2.23. And there was Edie Perlick, the steady left fielder for the Racine Belles who batted .240 over eight seasons, while stealing 481 bases.

Recognized by the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1988, the league represents one of the most unique pieces of our American baseball and sports history.

*(Information courtesy of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. For more information, go to [www.aagpbl.org](http://www.aagpbl.org))*

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**About the  
American  
Women's  
Baseball  
Federation  
and  
the USA Women's  
Baseball National  
Program**

**The American Women's Baseball Federation (AWBF)** is a non-profit organization formed to organize and promote baseball for women. The AWBF was founded to help women's baseball teams throughout the country network and compete in organized tournaments.

Since 1992, AWBF has organized 17 regional and national tournaments. With international partner Women's Baseball Association of Japan (WBAJ), it organized the first four Women's World Series events. National teams have met in Canada (2001), the United States (2002), Australia (2003) and Japan (2004) to play for international bragging rights.

The AWBF keeps a database of players interested in trying out for the USA Baseball Women's National Team. Interested players are directed to USA Baseball, which has tryouts and selects a national team each year.

**USA Baseball** is the national governing body for amateur baseball in the United States. USA Baseball selected its first women's national team to compete in the 2004 Women's World Cup of Baseball in Edmonton. An 18-player team was chosen after open tryouts across the nation, and the squad went on to capture the gold medal in the first-ever International Baseball Federation sanctioned Women's World Cup in Edmonton, Canada. Team USA won its second Gold Medal at the 2006 Women's World Cup in Taiwan.

The third Women's World Cup of Baseball will be in Japan Aug. 24-29. Coaches from the USA Baseball women's national team will be in Kenosha, Wis., July 4-6, to assess players to invite to the USA Baseball Women's Final Trials in Compton, Calif., Aug. 15-20.

Jim Glennie is the President of the American Women's Baseball Federation and the Director of Player Identification for the USA Baseball Women's National Program.

*(For more information, go to [www.awbf.org](http://www.awbf.org) or [www.usabaseball.com](http://www.usabaseball.com).)*





## Simmons Field history

With the Simmons Bedding Company headquartered in Kenosha and the factory's baseball team in need of a field, Simmons Field opened in Kenosha in 1920 with a seating capacity of 7,000. It was the perfect venue for the Simmons Bedmakers and the city's flourishing baseball rivalries.

The 1919 Chicago White Sox -- the team later known as the Black Sox -- even made plans to hook up against the Simmons team during the summer of 1920. But a mysterious fire destroyed the wood grandstand in its inaugural season, and rumors persist to this day that supporters of the Nash Motor Company team started the Simmons fire.

The concrete grandstand was built as it stands today in 1930. By that time, however, the city's baseball teams had begun to decline despite a Midwest League championship for the Bedmakers in 1924.

In 1947, the Simmons Company sold the ball field and the city rededicated the field to the Kenosha Comets the next year. The Comets, of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, had played in Kenosha at Lakefront Stadium since the league was founded in 1943. The team played at Simmons Field from 1948 until their final season in 1951. The AAGPBL folded three seasons later.

Throughout the ensuing decades, Simmons Field was used by little leagues, amateur leagues and for exhibition games. Warren Spahn, Bob Feller and Satchel Paige pitched there. The Kenosha Pirates, a local semi-pro team, also played at Simmons Field during this era. But the stadium fell into disrepair without a major tenant.

Then in 1984, Kenosha native and former minor league pitcher Bob Lee transformed the old venue when he purchased the Minnesota Twins Single-A Midwest League affiliate and moved the team into Simmons Field. The move meant about \$350,000 worth of improvements to the historic field, including a new clubhouse, new in-ground dugouts, a new wood outfield fence, a new electronic scoreboard, concession facilities and aluminum bleachers along both baselines. Of these improvements only the clubhouse building, the concession buildings and the aluminum bleachers along the third base line remain today.

The Kenosha Twins called Simmons Field their home for nine years, winning two Midwest League championships and producing more than a dozen major leaguers, including four players on the Minnesota Twins 1991 World Championship team. That World Championship team included American League Rookie of the Year Chuck Knoblauch and long-time Kenosha resident and current University of Wisconsin-Parkside head baseball coach Jarvis Brown, who played for the Kenosha Twins in 1987 and 1988. Current Carthage College head baseball coach Augie Schmidt also played at Simmons for the Twins in 1986, before retiring from professional baseball.

In July of 1991, Chicago Cubs legend Rick Sutcliffe pitched nine innings in an injury rehab start for the Peoria Chiefs against the Twins at Simmons Field. A crowd of 4,387 attended that game, producing the largest crowd of the Bob Lee-era at Simmons. However, a decline in overall attendance and higher standards for minor league baseball facilities forced Lee to sell the team after the 1991 season. New ownership moved the team to Fort Wayne, Ind., after the 1992 season.

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The Kenosha Kings, a local semi-pro team, also took up residence at Simmons Field in 1984. The Kings currently compete in the Wisconsin State League and won the league's championship in 2006. The Kings are in their 25th consecutive season at the stadium, the longest run of any team during the history of the ballpark.

During the 1990s, Simmons Field was home to amateur teams comprised of high school and college talents, as well as the Kings. The locally-run Kenosha Chiefs semi-pro team also were the stadium's primary tenant in 1993, and the Kenosha Kroakers, of the Northwoods League, called Simmons home from 1994 to 1999.

In June 1998, Green Bay Packers players also appeared at Simmons Field for a charity softball game that also drew thousands of fans. And in August 1999, chart-topping pop group 'N Sync also played a charity softball game at Simmons in front of roughly 2,800 screaming fans.

In 2000, AAGPBL players returned to Simmons Field for a reunion and dozens of the former players dedicated a plaque to commemorate the AAGPBL's time in Kenosha.

Simmons Field was home to professional baseball once more in 2003 when the Dubois County (Ind.) Dragons of the independent Frontier League moved and became the Kenosha Mammoths. However, the Mammoths failed to attract large crowds and the team moved again after one season in Kenosha.

In 2007, ownership of Simmons Field was transferred from the Kenosha Parks Department to the Kenosha Unified School District. The district has since leased the field to the Kenosha Simmons Baseball Organization (KSBO), a non-profit group working to upgrade and restore the stadium. Initial improvements included a rebuilt infield, which was completed last fall, and a new electronic scoreboard behind left field.

Today, Simmons Field continues to be used by various high school, recreational and amateur baseball teams, including MSBL Kenosha, the Kenosha Kings and Kenosha American Legion Post 21.

Despite its changes through the years, Simmons Field retains its classic feel. The historic grandstand behind home plate looks much like it did during the days of the AAGPBL and still evokes memories of the women's baseball greats who played in front of it. Indeed, Simmons Field is believed to be the last remaining field in its original configuration from the days of the AAGPBL.

Take a seat in the genuine wood box seats, listen to a train running on the tracks adjacent to right field, and you will feel yourself in an unmistakable old-time baseball atmosphere.

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## Accommodations

### **Best Western Executive Inn**

7220 122nd Ave. (I-94 & Highway 50), Kenosha  
(262) 857-7699

### **Best Western Harborside Inn & Conference Center**

5125 Sixth Ave., Downtown Kenosha  
(262) 658-3281 / (800) 937-8376

### **Comfort Suites**

7206 122nd Ave. (I-94 & Highway 50), Kenosha  
(262) 857-3450

### **Radisson Hotel & Conference Center**

11800 108th St. (I-94 & Highway 165), Pleasant Prairie  
(262) 857-3377 / (800) 333-3333

### **Country Inn & Suites**

7011 122nd Ave. (I-94 & Highway 50), Kenosha  
(262) 857-3680 / (800) 456-4000

### **Days Inn**

12121 75th St. (I-94 & Highway 50), Bristol  
(262) 857-2311 / (800) DAYS INN

### **Super 8 Motel**

7601 118th Ave. (I-94 & Highway 50), Pleasant Prairie  
(262) 857-7963 / (800) 800-8000.

### **Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites**

7887 94th Ave. (1 mile east of I-94 on Highway 50),  
Pleasant Prairie  
(262) 942-6000 / (800) HOLIDAY

### **Value Inn**

7221 122nd Ave. (I-94 & Highway 50), Kenosha  
(262) 857-2622

### **La Quinta Inn**

7540 118th Ave. (I-94 & Highway 50), Pleasant Prairie  
(262) 857-7911 / (877) 229-6668



## Other things to do in Kenosha

*(from the Kenosha Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau)*

### **Star Spangled Spectacular** (262) 653-4005, [www.kenoshaevents.com](http://www.kenoshaevents.com)

Kenosha's Fourth of July festivities will be at HarborPark, located at 56th Street and First Avenue, and Wolfenbuttel Park, located at 58th Street and Third Ave. Festival starts at 7 p.m. Friday with music, food and more, and fireworks launched over Lake Michigan at dark.

### **Kenosha Civic Veteran's Parade** (262) 657-6618, [www.kenoshaparade.com](http://www.kenoshaparade.com)

Kenosha's annual parade begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 6. Parade route starts at the intersection of 22nd Avenue and 60th Street and heads east to Library Park to Third Avenue.

### **Bristol Renaissance Faire** (847) 395-7773, [www.RenFair.com](http://www.RenFair.com)

Located just west of I-94 at the Illinois-Wisconsin border (12550 120th Ave., Bristol), Open Saturday and Sunday only, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Annual festival invites a romp through Elizabethan England among 1,200 costumed performers including knights, jesters, wenches and rogues. Over 180 shoppes, 16 open-air stages.

### **Civil War Museum** (262) 653-4141, [www.thecivilwarmuseum.org](http://www.thecivilwarmuseum.org)

Located at 5400 First Ave., Kenosha. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Learn about the history, the people and the stories of the Upper Midwest before, during and after the Civil War.

### **Dinosaur Discovery Museum** (262) 653-4450, [www.dinosaurdiscoverymuseum.org](http://www.dinosaurdiscoverymuseum.org)

Located at 5608 10th Ave., Kenosha. Open noon to 5 p.m. Discover the link between dinosaurs and modern day birds. See dramatic life-size dinosaur replica casts, bones and fossils, interactive exhibits and a real working on-site paleontology lab.

### **Jelly Belly Center** (866) 868-7522, [www.jellybelly.com](http://www.jellybelly.com)

Located at 10100 Jelly Belly Lane, Pleasant Prairie. Store is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with tours until 4 p.m. Learn the secrets of making Jelly Belly jelly beans on a free, guided tour aboard an indoor train.

### **Kenosha History Center** (262) 654-5770, [www.kenoshahistorycenter.org](http://www.kenoshahistorycenter.org)

Located at 220-51st Place, Kenosha. Open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Museum on Kenosha's harbor features changing Kenosha automobile exhibits, the adjacent Southport Light Station, and mementos.

### **Kenosha Public Museum** (262) 653-4140, [www.kenoshapublicmuseum.org](http://www.kenoshapublicmuseum.org)

Located at 5500 First Ave., Kenosha. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Natural history, fine and decorative arts museum.

### **Prime Outlets at Pleasant Prairie** (877) GO-OUTLETS, [www.primeoutlets.com](http://www.primeoutlets.com)

Located at I-94 and Hwy. 165, Exit 347, Pleasant Prairie. Open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday. Outdoor outlet shopping center with more than 90 brand-name stores.



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MSBL Kenosha's inaugural season featured four teams with more than 60 players ranging in age from 18 to 51. The teams played games each Sunday between late May and August at Carthage College and ended the season with a weekend set of playoffs in early September. That same weekend, fans and businesses collected 645.5 pounds of food and cash for a shelter.

In 2007, MSBL Kenosha began calling Simmons Field its home ballpark. And for 2008 MSBL Kenosha has continued expanding, comprised this year of 10 teams, while launching MABL Kenosha for players between the ages of 18 and 24 years old.

A love for the game of baseball and a desire to give back to the community continue to serve as the backbone for MSBL Kenosha.

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