



# WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL SHOWCASE

## SHOWCASE FORMAT & INFORMATION

The Wisconsin High School Baseball Showcase is open to all baseball players with graduation dates of 2011. There will be no tryouts for the 2010 Showcase. Please be sure to register early to make sure you secure a spot. The Showcase will fill to capacity well before summer and a waiting list will be put together for late-entries. Demand for participating in this event far exceeds capacity, so please register timely. **Registration opens on February 1, 2010.**

### **“New” Eligibility Process**

No tryouts will be held for the Showcase based on the rising costs of renting school facilities, paying for custodians, and insurance costs. All players in the junior class are eligible to register for the Showcase. Since there is limited space available, the team rosters will be filled on a first come- first served basis. The purpose of the Showcase is to give all athletes this opportunity, and therefore we cannot make the price unaffordable, and this would likely happen if we continued the tryout process.

### **Player Registration Process**

Players may register online and pay via credit card or download a registration form from our web site and mail to our office with a check in the full amount of the showcase. No registration will be accepted without full payment. Once the Showcase is full, players will be placed on a waiting list. If a player drops out of the showcase, the next available player on the waiting list will be offered the opportunity to enroll.

### **General Showcase Information**

Showtime Sports has developed the Wisconsin High School Baseball Showcase to provide high school baseball players with equal opportunity to participate in an exposure based event. The proposal for the event was submitted to the WIAA and the WBCA for review.

- Proposal Reviewed by WIAA Staff and is in Compliance with WIAA Rules of Eligibility, December, 2005
- Endorsed by the Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association Executive Board of Directors, December, 2009

### **Purpose / Objective of Showcase**

1. Provide a venue where Wisconsin high school baseball players (juniors only) who are serious about playing college baseball have the opportunity to showcase themselves and compete against other top prospects from Wisconsin.
2. Provide a venue where athletes are exposed to dozens of collegiate and professional scouts.
3. Provide an exciting atmosphere where Wisconsin's best talent can compete with each other in an organized format.
4. Obtain the endorsement of the Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association to help Showtime Sports promote the event and assist in the promotion of the event to make sure all interested and deserving players are able to participate.
5. Maintain equal opportunity for all athletes to participate and be in Compliance with WIAA Rules of Eligibility.
6. Make the Showcase as affordable as possible for all to attend.
7. Provide the college coaches and pro scouts in attendance with meaningful skill testing results for all players participating in the Showcase.

### **Showcase Format**

#### Game Like Exposure Format

The Showcase will provide the players selected two game like environments to showcase their playing

skills. These game situations and structure will be played on fields adjacent to one another allowing all scouts and coaches the opportunity to see everyone play. Umpires will be provided during these scrimmages.

### Skill Evaluation

Players will be tested in their primary position and on the mound if they are a pitcher. Skill testing will take place on the diamond during pre-game infield. The first day will have a mandatory format to include the following:

- **Outfielders** will all throw from deep right field (no cut off man) and take two throws to second base and one throw to third base during their first round. During the second round each outfielder throw two balls to home. Each player receives a total of five throws.
- **Infielders** will all throw from shortstop (excluding 1st baseman). Each player will throw three balls the first round and rotate. Each player will throw two balls during the second round for a total of five throws.
- **Catchers** will each throw five balls to second base (glove to glove timing) throwing three balls the first round and two the second round.
- **Pitchers** will be evaluated during game competition. Each team will have approximately seven pitchers. Every pitcher will throw one inning during their team's first game (a couple may throw two). All pitchers will have the opportunity to throw again during their second game.
- **60 Yard Dash** - All players will be timed in the 60 yard dash during the first day of the combine.

### **Pro Scout & Collegiate Coach Representation**

Showtime Sports has worked with over 100 different collegiate coaches and professional scouts during the last 13 years. Last year we had over 55 coaches & scouts in attendance. We will invite these organizations and schools again along with many others. Showtime Sports can not guarantee attendance by any scout or collegiate coach. Our goal is the get as many collegiate coaches and professional scouts to attend the event as possible. Currently, the Illinois tournament held at Stevenson High School draws approximately 100 coaches and scouts per year. We are again collaborating with the director of that tournament to expand our contacts and hope to continue drawing a good representation from the Midwest.

### **Showcase Coaches**

Showtime Sports will select high school coaches to work the showcase. We believe it is important for high school coaches be involved with the event and believe that it will solidify the relationship between the Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association and Showtime Sports.

### **College & Professional Scouts**

- **Check-In**  
Please report to the Showcase Tent located at Nash Park. We would request that you supply our staff with a business card upon arrival so we can accurately track which schools and organizations attend.
- **Yearbooks - \$25**  
Yearbooks will include player profiles to include name, address, school, primary and secondary positions, academic information, team rosters, game and workout schedule. These will be available at the event and can be purchased at the Showcase Tent. If a coach or scout can not attend the event, you may purchase a yearbook after the event for \$50. These will be available only while supplies last.
- **Programs - \$5**  
The program will include team rosters, game and workout schedule. These are for purchase for \$5.00 at the Showcase Tent.