

North Dufferin Baseball season ready to start

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The diamonds are almost ready now that warmer weather has finally arrived.

The North Dufferin Baseball League season gets underway on May 7, just two weeks away.

At a recent meeting, the League membership approved the 2016 schedule.

Senior teams will have a 26 game schedule for the 14 competing squads.

The Junior division will have an 18 game schedule.

New additions to the Junior division includes a team from New Lowell and the Mansfield Junior Cubs who will call the Mansfield diamond their home venue this season.

Midland is also returning to the League after taking a year off.

The Ivy Rangers are the only returning team from last season.

In the Senior Division, new comers include the Alliston Athletics who have competed at the Junior level for the past three seasons.

As their squad got a little older, they decided to move the team up to the senior division to keep competing. Other teams entered in the Senior division included the Aurora Jays, Barrie Angels, Bolton Dodgers, Clearview Orioles, Creemore Barons, Creemore Braves, Ivy Leafs, Lisle Astros, Mansfield Cubs, Midland Indians, returning champion New Lowell Knights, Nobleton Cornhuskers, and the Orangeville Giants.

The Angus Black Sox folded this year and are taking a one-year leave of absence.

There are two tournaments scheduled for this year.

The Lisle Astros will host their annual tournament on the Victoria Day weekend. New Lowell will host a tournament on the Civic Holiday weekend in August.

The annual League All-Star game will be held on July 9, and hosted by Lisle by the Astros.

A complete season game schedule is now available on the League's website at www.ndbl.ca and is update regularly throughout the season with scores and team standings.