

# ALBANY ATHLETICS BASEBALL CLUB

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## ***12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ALBANY ATHLETICS BASEBALL FEST KICKS OFF THIS WEEKEND; SIX LOCAL & REGIONAL TEAMS WILL PLAY IN LONGEST RUNNING STAN MUSIAL SUMMER BASEBALL TOURNAMENT IN THE NORTHEAST at Central Park A, B & C Diamonds – June 24-26***

SCHENECTADY – The defending Twilight League and North Atlantic Regional champion Albany Athletics will host its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Baseball Fest at Central Park in Schenectady on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at Ewing Field, Spruill Field and the “C” Diamond. The event is the longest running Stan Musial (18 yrs and older) summer baseball invitational tournament in the northeast.

“All the teams coming to Schenectady this weekend are proven winners and will create a competitive weekend of quality baseball,” said Joe Altieri, Tournament Director and GM/Head Coach of the Athletics. “We are excited to host this event once again and help create an economic impact in the Capital District with a great weekend of baseball.”

The host Athletics, who are five-time Baseball Fest Champions since 2000, have invited one local team and four regional teams to the event including defending champion Rockland Cavaliers who defeated the Philly Bandits in the 2010 title game in extra innings. Philly has been to three tournament title games winning one of those in 2006. Also in the field are:

- Albany Thunder - Albany Twilight League
- Oriskany Blazers - Independent
- Philly Bandits - AAABA Startzel Collegiate League in Philadelphia, PA
- Rockland Cavaliers - Westchester Rockland Wood Bat League in Westchester, NY
- Sullivan Spartans – Hudson Valley Collegiate League

Each team is slated to play three round robin games with the top four teams advancing to the semifinals on Sunday morning and the winners advancing to the championship at 1 pm on the C diamond Sunday. Admission to the tournament is free and a total of 12 games will be played in a three-day period. The Athletics (15-2 overall / 11-2 Twilight) have compiled 30 wins in 39 games over the life of the tournament. Last year’s event saw 10 teams compete in 17 games at all three Central Park fields.

## 2011 Official Tournament Schedule

### Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

		<u>Time</u>	<u>Field</u>
GM #1	Albany Thunder vs Oriskany Blazers	5 pm	A
GM #2	Philly Bandits vs Sullivan Spartans	5:30 pm	B
GM #3	Albany Athletics vs Rockland Cavaliers	6 pm	C

### Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

GM #4	Albany Athletics vs Philly Bandits	Noon	C
GM #5	Oriskany Blazers vs Sullivan Spartans	Noon	A
GM #6	Rockland Cavaliers vs Albany Thunder	Noon	B
GM #7	Albany Athletics vs Sullivan Spartans	3 pm	C
GM #8	Philly Bandits vs Albany Thunder	3 pm	A
GM #9	Rockland Cavaliers vs Oriskany Blazers	3 pm	B

### Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

GM #10	SEMIFINALS #1 vs #4	10 am	C
GM #11	SEMIFINALS #2 vs #3	10 am	B
GM #12	CHAMPIONSHIP GAME	1 pm	C

\*Admission is free to all games

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