



## ABOUT THE PROSPECT LEAGUE

The Prospect League enters its inaugural season under the Prospect League moniker, but it brings with it plenty of tradition and a long list of former players and coaches. The Prospect League is the former Central Illinois Collegiate League (CICL), one of the most recognized summer baseball leagues in the country.

The Prospect League is one of ten summer collegiate baseball leagues affiliated with the National Association of Summer Collegiate Baseball (NACSB), of which the CICL was a charter member.

In the winter of 2008 the six teams of the CICL elected to add five expansion teams to form the new 11-team Prospect League. Coming over from the CICL in the Prospect League's inaugural season are the Dubois County Bombers, Danville Dans, Springfield Sliders, Dupage Dragons, Quincy Gems, and Hannibal Cavemen. Joining them for the 2009 season are the Chillicothe Paints, North Coast Knights, Butler BlueSox, Slippery Rock Sliders, and a yet-to-be-named team from Richmond, Indiana.

The CICL was formed in 1963 as a charter member of National Collegiate Athletic Association certified summer baseball. The league maintained certification for the entire 41 years of oversight by the NCAA, which ended its program this past February 1, 2005. However, the CICL and all members of the NACSB still follow all general rules and regulations put forth by the NCAA to ensure the amateur status of its student athletes.

Team rosters of the Prospect League and all other NACSB leagues are comprised solely of players who have completed one year of college and who still have college eligibility remaining. As such, many believe that the NACSB summer leagues represent the highest level of pre-professional amateur baseball in America.