

# ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ!

## 2026 USPBL Reading Program Information

The USPBL is a developmental professional baseball league for Major League Baseball entering its eleventh season this summer at Jimmy John's Field in Historic Downtown Utica. The USPBL powered by Mortgage Matchup is comprised of four teams that all play at Jimmy John's Field the Utica Unicorns, the Eastside Diamond Hoppers, the Westside Woolly Mammoths, and the Birmingham Bloomfield Beavers!

### What is the USPBL Reading Program?

This is an incentive driven program designed to encourage students to read more. The objective for each student is to "hit a home run" by meeting certain goals and requirements during the month of March. Educators will work with students to set the requirements and goals according to their reading level.



### Why Participate?

The USPBL Reading Program is a fun way to encourage reading development in students. Every student that "hits a home run" receives a free ticket to attend a 2026 baseball game at Jimmy John's Field, where they will be honored on the field with all of the students who completed the reading program. In addition, educators receive a free ticket for assisting with the program, and family members of students are offered discounted ticket options.

### Exciting for 2026!

Feel apart of the actoin an experience our pre game on the field! When coming to a USPBL game you will be able to go onto the field for a pre game parade around the warning track. Also dont forget to get your Reading Program badge at our kids club as well!





### HOW TO SIGN UP!

1. Register your school online when enrollment opens on January 1st!
2. Set reading requirements based on your school's reading program.
3. Track students progress during National Reading Month.
4. Distribute ticket instructions and enjoy using your complimentary ticket!

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### Fun Facts about the USPBL

68,000+ students across Southeastern Michigan participated in our Reading Program in 2025!

- 70-game season

- 52 players signed by Major League Organizations

- Multiple plays featured on ESPN's Top 10 Plays

- All game broadcasted on the USPBL Network

- USPBL Dance Crew performs at all games

- JJ, the Field General, our resident bat dog, is at all games and is the ultimate star of the show!

- Approximately 1,000 groups have held outings at the ballpark

- Over 1,000 charities and non-profits have leveraged the ballpark to raise funds for the causes

### Questions?

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