



## GENESEE RAPIDS BASEBALL FACT SHEET

Houghton, NY 14744

**Mission Statement:** “To present to baseball players, coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of living for Jesus Christ in a needy world, through the game of baseball.”

**Core Values:** Integrity, Service, Teamwork, and Excellence

**Organization:** The Genesee Rapids baseball team is in its 8<sup>th</sup> year in the New York Collegiate Baseball League (NYCBL). This wooden bat league is composed of 12 teams throughout Western and Central New York state as well as Mansfield, PA. The Rapids team is faith based and as such is looking for players who have good character and traditional Judeo-Christian values. The level of play throughout the league is very high, consisting mainly of NCAA Division I, II, and III and NAIA players. Many players in the league have been drafted or signed with teams from Major League Baseball, including some from the Rapids.

The 2017 Rapids team made the playoffs and challenged through the final game of the Divisional Championship before losing to the eventual league champion. In 2018, we had four players selected to the NYCBL All-Star Team. During 2019, one of our pitchers was named the All-Star Pitcher of the Game. The Rapids suspended play in 2020 due to concerns associated with COVID-19.

**Schedule:** The NYCBL plays a 42-game schedule beginning in early June and finishing at the end of July. In addition to the 42-game schedule, the league conducts a playoff and coordinates an annual All-Star Game in cooperation with MLB scouts.

**Players:** Players from the U.S. and Canada are currently being recruited to play with the Genesee Rapids. All home games are played on the newly constructed Houghton Baseball Stadium at Houghton College ([www.houghton.edu](http://www.houghton.edu)). The complex features a fully artificial surface, press box, is lighted for night contests, and is pictured below.



**Players' Responsibilities:** All players pay a team fee plus room and board. The fee covers the costs of all uniforms, equipment, coach bus transportation, and work out facilities in the Kerr-Pegula Athletic Center (pictured below). Room and board includes housing with a host family and most meals during the season.



The team fee is based on:

- a. Player position
- b. Level of college play
- c. Financial need (separate application available)
- d. Team expenses

Players are responsible for their transportation to and from Houghton, NY.

For more information, contact Ralph Kerr, General Manager, at [geneserapidsbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:geneserapidsbaseball@gmail.com) or 716-969-0688. A player application form is available on our team website home page under the “Join the Rapids in 2020!” button ([www.geneserapidsbaseball.com](http://www.geneserapidsbaseball.com)).