



**CHICAGO WHITE SOX**

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January 26, 1977

TO: CHICAGO WHITE SOX MINOR LEAGUE PLAYERS

Hello Gentlemen:

The baseball season isn't too far away, so we give you the following information now so you may plan for spring training:

1) SPRING TRAINING FACILITIES

Allyn Fields  
12th & Tuttle Sts.  
Sarasota, Florida

2) REPORTING DATES

Pitchers and Catchers-----March 18th  
Infielders and Outfielders-----March 21st

First workouts for pitchers and catchers will be held on March 19th.  
First workouts for infielders and outfielders will be held March 22nd.

3) HOTEL HEADQUARTERS

Sarasota Motor Hotel and  
Florasota Gardens (Hotel and Apartments)

You will be quartered at either one of these hotels.

Because of limited housing facilities (and our desire that you devote your full efforts to your baseball career), wives and families of our minor league players are not permitted in our spring training camp.

4) WHEN YOUR SPRING TRAINING PROGRAM IS COMPLETED, ALL PLAYERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TRAVEL WITH YOUR CLUB VIA TRANSPORTATION FURNISHED BY THE CLUB. YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO YOUR HOME CITY. ALL PLAYERS MUST TRAVEL TO YOUR OPENING GAME ASSIGNMENT WITH YOUR CLUB AS A GROUP.

5) NO AUTOMOBILES are permitted in our spring training camp.

6) We have again renewed our fine relationship with the following minor league clubs for 1977:

Class AAA-----Iowa (Des Moines)-----Manager Joe Sparks

Class AA-----Knoxville, Tenn.-----Manager Jim Napier

Class A-----Appleton, Wisconsin----Manager Gordon Lund

Rookie-----Sarasota, Fla.-----Manager Joe Jones

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7) LEAGUE OPERNING GAMES

Iowa Club-----American Association----April 15 (Iowa at Indianapolis)  
Knoxville Club--Southern League-----April 12 (Chattanooga at Knoxville)  
Appleton Club---Midwest League-----April 15 (Appleton vs. Quad Cities  
in Davenport, Iowa)

8) TRANSPORTATION TO OUR SPRING TRAINING CAMP

Our White Sox Office will make your air travel reservations in order for you to report to Sarasota, Florida, for spring training. Our travel agent will then mail the necessary ticket to you about one week ahead of your reporting date. Your reservation will be made from the city in which you are now residing. IF YOU HAVE A NEW ADDRESS, PLEASE LET US KNOW NOW.

9) Your 1977 contract will be mailed to you within the next two weeks unless you have previously signed for the 1977 season.

10) HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE

The Chicago White Sox have a group hospitalization insurance plan for our minor league players. You become eligible for this program at the beginning of your second season in professional baseball (May 1st). For those players not now enrolled in our plan, we will offer you the proper application form during the spring training program.

For those of you who have become married in the winter months, it is important that you advise us now so you may make proper application for coverage for your dependents, if you so desire. The plan also includes \$5,000.00 life insurance coverage. Is your beneficiary status in order?

11) PHYSICAL CONDITIONING

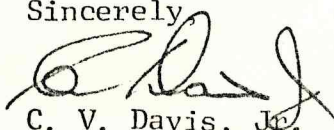
The player who reports to Sarasota in good physical condition has a head start. We hope you are beginning to condition yourself now so you will be prepared to perform with your best ability when you report to Sarasota.

If you have a weight problem, now is the time to begin to reduce. A few minutes a day with a "jump rope" will be a good start.

If you have any questions or problems which you wish to discuss with us, feel free to contact us.

We hope the 1977 season is very successful for all of us, especially you.

Sincerely



C. V. Davis, Jr.  
Farm Director and  
Director of Scouting