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This BASEBALL SASK HANDBOOK, revised and updated from time to time, the BASEBALL SASK PLAYOFF MANUAL as prepared annually, together constitute the "**Document of Rules and Regulations**" produced and circulated as required by Article 17.01 or the Saskatchewan Baseball Association Constitution and Bylaws.

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



2015 was very successful and our overall registration numbers were up once again. This is the direct result of a team effort at both the Provincial and local level.

We very much appreciate all the hard work and dedication of all Provincial Championship host sites. We host 23 Championships annually and it takes hundreds of volunteers to make them as successful as they are. All of our tournaments, qualifiers, and provincial championships would not be able to have the successes without your work and efforts.

2016 will see us host the Baseball Canada 21U Junior Nationals for the second straight year in Regina, Baseball Canada 13U Western Regionals in Saskatoon and the Western Canada 21U Junior Westerns in Weyburn. We look forward to watching great baseball at each of these Championships.

We are implementing a few changes in 2016. The main ones involve the new classification of our Division Categories and Provincial Championship team selections. Our new categories are AAA (no change), AA Tier 1 (Old "AA"), AA Tier 2 (Old "AA Tier II"), AA Tier 3 (Old "A"), and AA Tier 4 (Old A2"). We will also implement AA Tier 5 in Senior should the number of teams require it. In regards to Provincial Championships, Mosquito and Junior will remain the same; however, in Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Senior, we will be changing from population based teams to competition based team formation. This means that the Division Supervisor will rank all of these teams and slot them in the Provincial Championship Category in which they feel they belong. This will create more meaningful games.

I would like to thank the Baseball Sask executive and board for everything they do, as well as to Mike, Greg and Nolan for all their hard work and dedication to growing the game of baseball in Saskatchewan. And congratulations to Greg for being awarded the 2015 Baseball Canada Lionel Ruhr Coach of the Year!

Good luck to all of our players, coaches and umpires in 2016. This truly is #SummersPerfectGame !

Terry Butler  
Baseball Sask President

## **BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER OF BASEBALL SASK**

1. Health and Accident Insurance plan for SBA members.
2. Liability Insurance for SBA members.
3. An umbrella organization that is recognized by the Provincial Government, Sask Sport, Western Canada Baseball Association and Baseball Canada.
4. Access to development programs for players.
5. Access to NCCP Coaching Clinics.
6. Access to National Umpire Clinics
7. Baseball resource material and other inventory that is carried by the Provincial Office.
8. Annual Awards that pay recognition to players, coaches, umpires and volunteers.
9. Opportunity for grant money for baseball projects.
10. The opportunity to compete in a recognized provincial championship, with the possibility of advancing and competing at a regional and/or national final.
11. Opportunity to host a Provincial, Western or Baseball Canada Championship. Bid to Host forms available from SBA Office.
12. Access to Athlete Assistance grants.
13. Travel Assistance if representing Baseball Sask at an Inter-provincial competition.
14. Consistency throughout Saskatchewan in the interpretation of rules governing the game.
15. The SBA holds Annual General Meetings at which time members may voice their opinions and help set the direction of baseball in Saskatchewan. Resolutions to be presented at AGM from members throughout the province should be submitted the Regina SBA Office by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
16. A central office to assist in the administration of provincial programs, a contact for the baseball scene around and outside the province.
17. Access to Online Registration System.

### **Harassment Committee**

The Saskatchewan Baseball Association is committed to providing a sport and work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. The SBA encourages the reporting of all incidents of harassment. To that end, the SBA has set up a Harassment Committee to serve in a neutral, unbiased capacity and to receive complaints, assist in informal resolution of complaints and investigate formal written complaints. Please do not hesitate to call either Committee Officer listed below:

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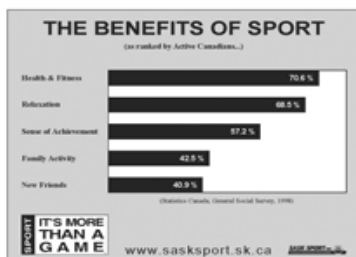
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*All Championship playoff programming shall be under the jurisdiction of the SBA Provincial Division Supervisor.*

Responsibilities of Provincial Supervisors:

1. Ensure that an SBA Rep is at each tournament.
2. Approve the Provincial Championship draw.
3. Communicate playoff procedures and policy.
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## *UMPIRE INFORMATION & FEES*

1. All leagues are encouraged to ensure their umpires are registered.
2. Only SBA registered umpires are to be used for Zone Playoff and Provincial Championship games. For league play, SBA registered umpires are to be used whenever possible.
3. Umpire fees for SBA playoff games only:

If possible, for all semi-finals and final games of Provincial Senior, Junior, Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, and Mosquito age categories, three umpires will be used. Host sites should note that they will be responsible for the extra umpire cost for these games.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior AAA &amp; AA Tier 1</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 umpires totaling \$60 each</li> <li>3 umpires totaling \$60 each (Semi-Final &amp; Final)</li> </ul> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pee Wee</li> </ul>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 umpires totaling \$35 each</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mosquito</li> </ul>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 umpires totaling \$30 each</li> </ul>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twilite</li> </ul>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 umpires totaling \$40 each</li> </ul>  |

The host committee shall pay before or immediately following the game or tournament all umpire fees. The host is responsible for umpire mileage (\$0.35 / KM) and per diem (\$35.00 / day or satisfactory rates arranged with the host). Local umpires do not qualify for mileage; however, they do qualify for per diem. A one-way travel subsidy has been implemented for umpires traveling. Umpires are entitled to a travel subsidy, one-way only: 100-199 km \$15 each; 200-299 km \$30 each.

4. Handling procedures for ejections:

Where a player, coach, manager, or team official is ejected from a game during an SBA playoff these guidelines shall be followed:

- a) Make notes of the incident immediately. Complete and submit ejection report immediately following the game.
- b) Contact the Baseball Sask Division Supervisor in person or by phone and relate the incident to him within 24 hours. Where the provincial supervisor cannot be reached the umpire shall contact the Baseball Sask Playoff Committee Chairman.
- c) An ejection report of the incident shall be sent to the Baseball Sask Commissioner, Umpire Supervisor, and Division Supervisor, and SBA office within 48 hours within the completion of the game or tournament.

Where a player, coach and manager or team official is ejected from a game in post SBA play the above steps shall again be followed. Failure for an umpire to follow proper procedures is not a sufficient reason to nullify a player's actions.

The total number of umpires required in a championship shall be a minimum of the number of games played in a day.

# GUIDE FOR ADMINISTRATORS

## 1. MEMBERSHIP

### Categories of Membership

- 1.01 There are three categories of membership in the Association, as provided for in the Bylaws of the Association:
- (a) Active Member;
  - (b) Affiliate Member; or
  - (c) Honourary Member.

### Application for Membership

- 1.02 A member in any category may be a player, coach, league (represented by a league official or member of an executive of a League), or a team (represented by an official or member of an executive of a team), bat boys or girls, umpires, scorekeepers, tournament administrators and anyone else involved in the game of baseball in the Province of Saskatchewan.
- 1.03 Anyone qualified to be a member as hereinbefore described may apply for membership in the Association as either an Active or Affiliate Member, but not both.
- 1.04 An umpire may only apply to be an Active Member.
- 1.05 An Honourary Member is appointed by the Association.
- 1.06 Application for membership as an Active or as an Affiliate Member in the Association must be submitted to the Association Office in the prescribed form **on or before May 15<sup>th</sup>**, except in the case of membership in Junior and Senior categories which must be submitted **on or before June 19<sup>th</sup>**, all in any given year.
- 1.07 The Association (by the Board of Governors) may accept or decline any application for membership in the Association, in any class for any reason (which may include but are not limited to considering and relying upon what it, in its sole discretion, considers to be the best interests of Baseball in the Province of Saskatchewan).
- 1.08 At the Annual General Meeting of the Association, the members shall be asked to approve by ordinary resolution the decision of the Board of Governors with respect to applications for membership
- 1.09 Upon acceptance by the Association of any application to be either an Active or an Affiliate Member, and payment of the prescribed fees, the member shall be so designated.

### Membership Fees

- 1.10 The Association shall fix, on an annual basis, the fee to be paid by each member according to each category of membership.
- 1.11 Upon acceptance as an Active or an Affiliate member, and upon payment of the prescribed fee for the applicable category of membership, the member shall be deemed to be in good standing and entitled to the benefits (or subject to the limitations) of membership according to the category of membership, and subject to the Rules and guidelines (including discipline) of the Association and contained in this Handbook, the Playoff Manual and any Supplements issued and the Bylaws in effect from time to time.

## **Elite Programs, Coaching and Development Programs, Provincial Championship and Post Provincial Championship Programs and Other Programs of the Association**

- 1.12 Eligibility for all programs of the Association is determined by category of membership.
- 1.13 All Active and Affiliate Members in good standing are eligible for participation and appointment to a Team in the Association Elite Programs, upon being so selected, paying the required fee (which may be set according to category of membership) and upon otherwise being qualified
- 1.14 All Active and Affiliate Members in good standing are eligible for participation in coaching and development programs upon paying the required fee (which may be set according to category of membership) and upon otherwise being qualified
- 1.15 All Active Members in good standing only (and therefore excluding Affiliate Members) are eligible for participation in Provincial Championships (including Zone Playoffs leading to Provincial Championships) and Post Provincial Championship Programs and any other Association Programs as may exist from time to time but subject to the rules for eligibility and participation contained in this Handbook, the Playoff manual and the Bylaws then in effect.
- 1.16 All Active Members in good standing must be residents of Saskatchewan on or before June 1, in any given year, in order to be eligible for the Association's Provincial Championships (including Zone Playoffs leading to Provincial Championships) and Post Provincial Championship Programs.

## **2. HARASSMENT POLICY**

Baseball Sask is committed to providing a sport and work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. The SBA encourages the reporting of all incidents of harassment. To that end, the SBA has set up a Harassment Committee to serve in a neutral, unbiased capacity and to receive complaints, assist in informal resolution of complaints and investigate formal written complaints. Please do not hesitate to call the Regina Office at 780-9237 for the name and phone number of a Harassment Committee member.

## **3. PROTESTS**

- 3.01 A decision based upon umpiring judgment shall offer no basis for protest.
- 3.02 A league or tournament committee (other than for provincial playoffs) may establish its own rules to provide for discipline of members by ejection or suspension. This does not supersede the authority of the Commissioner to review the conduct of members at any time. League and tournament committees are encouraged to forward details of all disciplinary actions taken by that league or tournament committee to the Baseball Sask Commissioner.
- 3.03 In circumstances where a member has a "history" of ejections (regardless of the reasons or the period of time involved), the Commissioner may also investigate the conduct of the member generally and may discipline the member according to the SBA guidelines.

## **4. SUMMARY OF DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES**

The following commentary is a summary only, and does not take the place of the specific provisions in the Association Constitution and Bylaws, and policies of the Association established from time to time.

- 4.01 Conduct of members of the Association shall be measured by "sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, respect for authority and property" and shall be consistent with the best interests of baseball.
- 4.02 The Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner appointed by the Association, are authorized and shall be responsible for "interpretation, investigation and rulings on matters which pertain to the Rules of Play" governing Baseball and the conduct of the members of the Association.
- 4.03 The Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner may discipline any member (individually or as a member of a team) of the Association, as he considers suitable in all the circumstances, including reprimand, suspension and the imposition of conditions as necessary to ensure appropriate conduct.

- 4.04 The Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner may delegate this "power to discipline" to Divisional Supervisors, or Governors or to such other persons as he sees fit in the circumstances (including conduct of other members during Zone Playoffs and Provincial Championships).
- 4.05 When a member is ejected from a Baseball game, a written report of that ejection shall be filed with the Association Office.
- 4.06 The Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner may investigate any ejection, as they consider necessary.
- 4.07 Members should be guided by the following general policies on ejections:
- a) Umpires will describe an ejection as either "unremarkable" or "subject to review"
  - b) "Subject to review" indicates the conduct of the member or members was, in the opinion of the umpire, outside of the normal or expected play of the game;
  - c) "Subject to review" following an ejection, may include
    - i) excessive verbal abuse of anyone following ejection
    - ii) failure to leave the playing area, within a reasonable time following ejection
    - iii) obstructing the play of the game or generally causing a nuisance or disturbance of the play of the game;
    - iv) physical contact with any umpire before, at the time of, or after an ejection;
    - v) any circumstances where there is appearance of a deliberate attempt to injure any member or spectator.
- 4.08 In the course of a provincial playoff play, in any one-year, if a member is ejected twice, then that member will be forthwith suspended for the balance of that playoff series, pending a discipline investigation of that member's conduct by the Commissioner as contemplated under these guidelines.
- 4.09 Notice of Discipline may be given by any means, including facsimile, letter, telephone, email or other manner that will reasonably bring notice to the subject member or members of the Discipline.
- 4.10 A member of the Association under suspension shall not be allowed to participate in any game, any practice and any other event until such time as the suspension is served.
- 4.11 Any member of the Association who is disciplined by the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner may appeal all or any part of that discipline order to the Board of Governors of the Association.
- 4.12 An appeal shall be in writing and must be filed within 48 hours of Notice of Discipline to the member, of the discipline order, together with an Appeal deposit of \$100.00.
- 4.13 Upon the filing of an Appeal, the President shall appoint an impartial hearing committee and fix a date for the hearing of the member's appeal as soon as reasonably possible.
- 4.14 The Appeal Committee may:
- a) consider the discipline order of the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner
  - b) any other information that it considers necessary and appropriate in the circumstances,
  - c) may dismiss the appeal, or
  - d) allow the appeal in whole or in part; or
  - e) make such order as it deems just and reasonable in all of the circumstances.
- 4.15 The Appeal Committee shall further order the Appeal deposit of \$100 to be paid over to the Association (if the Appeal is dismissed) or refunded to the Appellant (if the Appeal is allowed, in whole or in part).
- The decision of the Appeal Committee on any Appeal shall be final.
- 4.16 That each coach / manager shall be responsible for the conduct of fans for their respective teams, and in the event of unsatisfactory fan conduct, the umpire may request the coach to control and stop that conduct or take such other steps as may be reasonably taken (including requesting the assistance of the person responsible for the ball park), failing which the umpire may order the game forfeited.



## 5. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

Reference may be made to the current Playoff Manual for model tie breaking procedures for use in league and tournament play.

A copy is also available by contacting the Baseball Sask office at 780-9237.

## 6. MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Baseball teams and associations registered with the Saskatchewan Baseball Association have access to grant money from the Saskatchewan Lotteries through the Membership Assistance Program (MAP).

The purpose of MAP is to provide financial assistance to Provincial Sport Governing Bodies so that they may allocate funds directly to their members, whether they be clubs, teams, leagues or other affiliates.

### 6.01 To be eligible for MAP funds, communities, clubs or leagues must meet the following criteria:

- i) Be an SBA member in good standing.
- ii) Complete a MAP Spending Plan for each project. If you apply for more than one project, please advise to the priority of your applications.
- iii) Submit MAP application forms to the SBA, 1870 Lorne Street, Regina S4P 2L7 by July 1st of the current year.
- iv) Provide a minimum of 40% self-help.
- v) Must use **Rawlings** baseballs for all Zone and Provincial Playoffs. Contact Mike Ramage at [mike@saskbaseball.ca](mailto:mike@saskbaseball.ca) for recommended baseball for each Division.

### 6.02 Types of eligible projects include:

- Hosting Zone Provincial Playoffs
- Hosting a Provincial Championship
- Player Development Camps or Clinics (SBA Sanctioned only)
- Coaching and Umpire clinics (SBA Sanctioned only)
- League Expansion or Establishment of New Teams
- Winter Baseball Program
- Target Group Initiatives
- Special Baseball Events (conferences, annual meetings, etc.)
- League or team operating costs
- Provincial Playoff Team Registration
- Community Development Clinic (SBA Sanctioned only)

6.03 MAP Committee will review all applications and they will be reviewed on a priority basis.

6.04 All applications are based on available funding.

6.05 Diamond or Facility rental, umpire costs, equipment purchases, publicity or promotion of your event, honorariums for instructors and uniforms are all considered eligible projects under the above mentioned categories.

6.06 Ineligible expenses include capital or maintenance on facilities, wages, cash prizes of social events.

6.07 All approved spending plans must have their projects completed by the end of the season and have the proper follow-up report forms, complete with receipts verifying expenditures for the project in question,

submitted to the SBA office by September 10. Failure to submit the necessary follow-up reports by the deadline will result in the forfeiture of the approved grant.

For further information, please contact the Baseball Sask office at 780-9237.

## 7. INSURANCE COVERAGE

- 7.01 All registered members of the Association are covered by a policy of insurance for injury and for liability, within specified limits. Membership in the Association is mandatory in order to be eligible for insurance benefits.
- 7.02 The policy of insurance is renewed on an annual basis, and therefore specific coverage may change from time to time. The coverage is not unlimited. It is intended to protect members against loss or damage in defined circumstances.
- 7.03 Members who wish to obtain specific details of the existing coverage and members who may be entitled to compensation should contact the Association office for further information.
- 7.04 It is important that claims for coverage be made promptly.
- 7.05 Baseball Sask does not provide OUT OF COUNTRY insurance. You need to purchase your own.

# GENERAL REGULATIONS

## 8. CODE OF CONDUCT

**THIS SECTION IS SUPPLEMENTARY TO BUT NOT RESTRICTED TO AND DOES NOT LIMIT THE PROVISIONS OF THE BASEBALL CANADA RULEBOOK.**

- 8.01 All members, including players, coaches, umpires and team personnel shall abide by the rules and regulations associated with all baseball events, both on and off the field.
- 8.02 The Coaching Staff shall be responsible for team conduct and shall be accountable for all behaviors not in keeping with the trust placed in them by the Saskatchewan Baseball Association, parents and baseball fans.
- 8.03 All members, including players, coaches, umpires and team personnel shall be expected to conduct themselves in a reasonable and acceptable manner.
- 8.04 Unacceptable or unsportsmanlike behavior, in the opinion of an on field Umpire or an SBA Rep, shall provide sufficient grounds for expulsion of a member from a Tournament.
- 8.05 Unacceptable or unsportsmanlike conduct of a member may include, but not be limited to:
  - a) swearing or abusive language
  - b) use of language which in any way refers to or reflects on opposing players, umpires or fans
  - c) any attempt by word or sign to incite a demonstration by fans
  - d) unnecessary physical contact with any player, coach, umpire or fan
  - e) throwing bats, helmets, equipment, etc.
  - f) willful damage to property: property damage costs shall be assessed to the player(s), coach(es), umpire(s) and/or team personnel and proper restitution made. If the team cannot/will not identify the persons involved the local law authority may be asked to intervene
  - g) committing an act considered an offense under the law.
  - h) a breach of the Association's Drug and Alcohol Policy.

## 9. BASEBALL SASK DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

The following is a brief outline of the "Policy of the Saskatchewan Baseball Association, on the Use of Banned Substances and Banned Practices, and on the Use of Alcohol and Non-Prescription Drugs by Players, Coaches and Members of the Association".

**9.01 The purpose of this Policy is to establish guidelines for members of Baseball Sask, and to provide a consistent and effective response:**

1. to the use of Banned Substances and Banned Practices
2. to the use of Alcohol
3. to the use of non-prescription drugs
4. to protect those who commit themselves to sport based on the principles of fair play
5. to protect Players, Coaches and others involved in the Sport of Baseball from risk of harm or injury to themselves or others and the reputation of the game.

**9.02 The offensive conduct contemplated by this policy includes all members of the Saskatchewan Baseball Association:**

1. practicing
2. preparing for, or playing in a game, and for a reasonable time after the conclusion of the game
3. attending a tournament, league championship, zone playoff, provincial, intra-provincial and exhibition play
4. attending a selection camp for any elite or representative team
5. and any other circumstances where the person involved is, by reasonable assessment, associated with the game of baseball and the Saskatchewan Baseball Association.

**9.03 Banned Substances & Practices:**

Baseball Sask specifically adopts and agrees to be bound by the policies and procedures as set out in the "Canadian Policy on Doping in Sport" and "Canadian Doping Control Regulations" as established and amended, by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport.

**9.04 Alcohol & Non-Prescription Drug Use:**

The consumption of alcohol is governed by provincial and federal laws. The consumption of non-prescription drugs (possession, distribution, and transportation) is governed by federal legislation.

A member who exhibits excessive or inappropriate behavior arising from or in conjunction with the consumption of alcohol or the unlawful consumption of non-prescription drugs may be subject to discipline where such conduct is "Improper, unbecoming, unsportsmanlike or contrary to the reputation and interests of the game of baseball or the SBA".

## **10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

Following is a brief outline of the "Saskatchewan Baseball Association Conflict of Interest Policy".

The policy, in its entirety, is available by contacting the Baseball Sask office at 780-9237.

All employees and volunteers of Baseball Sask are expected to arrange their private affairs in a manner that will prevent conflicts of interest from arising or appearing to arise. They should not place themselves in a position where they are under obligation to any person who might benefit from special consideration or favour on their part or seek in any way to gain special treatment from them. Equally, employees and volunteers should not have a pecuniary or other interest that could conflict or appear to conflict in any manner with the discharge of their duties and responsibilities.

# 11. SAFETY REGULATIONS

## 11.01 Limitations

This section is supplementary to and does not limit the provisions, guidelines and recommendations of Baseball Canada.

## 11.02 Warnings!

Because serious injury may result from failure to comply with the safety regulations as per the Baseball Canada Rulebook, warnings may not be issued. On field violation of the safety rules may result in disciplinary action by the umpire.

## 11.03 Batting Helmets

All players must wear protective headgear with 2 earflaps when batting, running the bases or while in the "on deck" circle. All batboys and batgirls must wear protective headgear while on the playing field. Cracked, damaged or altered headgear will be removed. Chin straps on batting helmets are to be mandatory for Pee Wee category and lower." Baseball Canada Rule 1.16.

## 11.04 Cleats

- a) steel cleats may be worn in Bantam and higher divisions
- b) in the Mosquito and Pee Wee divisions shoes with metal cleats or "spikes" are prohibited. Rubber molded cleats on running shoes are permitted.

## 11.05 Catchers' Equipment

- a) all persons (coach, parent, player, fan, etc.) receiving warm up throws (in a crouched position) from any pitcher must wear a protective mask.
- b) this rule applies regardless of where the warm up is - bull pen, sideline, adjacent field, etc.
- c) penalty for violation shall be at the discretion of the umpire and may include:
  - i) a warning
  - ii) immediate ejection from the game and ballpark
- d) Mosquito division must wear a one (1) piece catchers helmet

## 11.06 Bats

Mosquito Division: Bats shall not be more than 32 inches in length, not more than 2 ¼ inches in diameter at its thickest part, and may be taped to a distance not more than 16 inches from the handle.

Pee Wee Division: Bats constructed of aluminum, fibreglass, or magnesium with a maximum diameter barrel of 2-5/8 inches will be allowed. The bats may have a maximum length to weight differential of -10.

Bantam AA Tier 2, 3 and 4: Players are restricted to a bat that has a -3 differential (will not have a weight to length difference of greater than 3 ounces) and a maximum 2 5/8 inch barrel.

Bantam AAA & AA Tier 1, Midget, Junior and Senior Divisions: These are wood bat formats.

## 12. GENERAL PLAYING RULES

Following is a brief outline of the recommended playing rules. The Provincial Playoff Rules will be published annually in the Baseball Sask Playoff Manual and will be distributed in June to all teams entering the playoffs.

### 12.01 Length of Games:

Mosquito	6 innings	Junior	7 innings
Pee Wee AAA, AA Tier 1	7 innings	Senior AAA	9 innings
Pee Wee AA Tier 2, Tier 3, Tier 4	6 innings	Senior AA Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, Tier 4, Tier 5	7 innings
Bantam	7 innings	Twilite	6 innings
Midget	7 innings		

### 12.02 Minor Divisions Pitching Regulations:

- The following rules are set out to ensure the safety of the pitchers arms.
- Coaches are reminded that this should be their first priority!

**Mosquito:** Will be using a PITCH COUNT (See Chart below)

**Pee Wee:** Will be using a PITCH COUNT (See Chart below)

**Bantam:** Will be using a PITCH COUNT (See Chart below)

**Midget:** Will be using a PITCH COUNT (See Chart below)

### Pitch Count Rules

- Any player on the team is eligible to pitch, and there are no restrictions to the number of pitchers a manager may use in a game.
- Pitchers shall be permitted to have 2 appearances in the same calendar day. If a pitcher requires a rest following 1<sup>st</sup> appearance, they cannot return in the same calendar day.
- Pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first 2 days combined does not exceed:
 

Mosquito:25	Pee Wee:30	Bantam Boys/Girls:35	Midget:40
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  - If pitcher's day 1 + day 2 exceeds figure above for their division, they require at least 1 days rest.
  - Pitcher cannot pitch 4 consecutive days. One (1) days rest is needed.
- Pitchers and managers shall follow the following guidelines:

Mosquito (No Curveballs)	Pee Wee (No Curveballs before May 31)	Bantam Boys/Girls	Midget	Rest Required
1-25	1-30	1-35	1-40	None
26-40	31-45	36-50	41-55	1 day
41-55	46-60	51-65	56-70	2 days
56-65	61-75	66-80	71-85	3 days
66-75	76-85	81-95	86-105	4 days
75	85	95	105	Maximum

- The official scorekeeper will calculate the total pitches thrown for that calendar day and determine the required rest starting the next calendar day. Athletes must not exceed the maximum pitch count total for that day.

- (6) Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day.
- (7) Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if his or her maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day.
- (8) Intentional Walks will be included in Pitch Count totals.
- (9) Required Rest shall be defined in "Days" starting at 12:01am and ending at 11:59 pm of the next calendar day.
- (10) If a game continues past 12:01am, those pitches are counted as if pitched prior to midnight. If a game is suspended, when it resumes it is defined as a different day.
- (11) A pitcher who is removed from the mound during a game shall not be permitted to return to pitch in the same game, even if the pitcher is retained in the game at another position.
- (12) The manager or coach may make a 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to the mound while the same batter is at bat in order to remove the pitcher.

**PLEASE VIEW [WWW.SASKBASEBALL.CA](http://WWW.SASKBASEBALL.CA) FOR UPDATED PITCH COUNT INFORMATION**

### 12.03 Minimum Defensive Innings Regulations

- a) Mosquito: Except for injury or illness, all players must play a minimum of 2 defensive innings in the first 4 innings of the game.
- b) Pee Wee AA Tier 1: Except for injury or illness, all players must play a minimum of 2 defensive innings in the first 5 innings in a 7 inning game. Pee Wee AA Tier 2, Tier 3, AA Tier 4: Except for injury or illness, all players must play a minimum of 2 defensive innings in the first 4 innings in a 6 inning game.
- c) Bantam AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4: Except for injury or illness, all players must play a minimum of 2 defensive innings in the first 5 innings of a game. (2015)
- d) Defensive Inning – Mosquito: when the defense has made 3 outs or upon scoring the 6<sup>th</sup> run (whichever comes first) and the team changes sides and becomes the offence.
- e) Defensive Inning – Pee Wee AA Tier 1, AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4: when the defense has made 3 outs and the team changes sides and becomes the offence.
- f) Defensive Inning – Bantam AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4: when the defense has made 3 outs and the team changes sides and becomes the offence.
- g) The Pitcher: shall only be credited with a defensive inning when he/she has faced a minimum of 4 batters or been charged with a minimum of 1 out.

### 12.04 Mercy Rules;

Mosquito: Teams shall change sides with 3 outs or upon scoring of the 6<sup>th</sup> run, whichever comes first. Only in the event of an *over the fence* home run will all runs count.

Mosquito: In the event that a team, due to the 6 run mercy rule, cannot win the game (down 10 or more runs and able only to score 6 runs) the final innings are to be played as the indicated in 13.04c). Failing to complete the game will effect tie-breaking ratios and may give an unfair advantage to a team when compiling pitchers outs.

- c) All Divisions: The game is ruled complete when a team is ahead by ten or more runs:

In 6-inning game:	4 complete innings – 3 ½ if home team ahead
In 7-inning game:	5 complete innings – 4 ½ if home team ahead
In 9-inning game:	7 complete innings – 6 ½ if home team ahead

### 12.05 Game Format:

A complete set of rules for each game format will be printed in the Annual Playoff Manual or is available by calling the Baseball Sask office 780-9237.

Mosquito:

Everybody Bats Rules

No Bunting Allowed in all Mosquito categories

AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4 – runner can

only score on contact or force play

9 Man Baseball with Re-Entry Rules

Everybody Bats with Matching Line-ups Option Rules

9 Man Baseball with Re-Entry Rules

Pee Wee AAA

Pee Wee AA Tier 1, AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4

Bantam AAA, AA Tier 1

Bantam AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4

Everybody Bats with Matching Line-ups Option Rules

Midget, Junior, Senior

9 Man Baseball Rules

## **NINE MAN BASEBALL WITH RE-ENTRY RULES**

### **Modified 9 Man Baseball for Pee Wee and Bantam Baseball**

Will be used in all playoff and championship games in the Pee Wee AAA and Bantam AAA and AA Tier 1 divisions.

#### **The Pitcher**

- a) The starting pitcher is governed by the provisions of Official Baseball Rule 3.05
- b) All Baseball Sask pitching regulations are in effect.
- c) Once a pitcher is removed from the pitchers position (by another pitcher or pinch batter/runner), he may re-enter and play in another position, but he cannot pitch or catch again in that game.
- d) If the starting pitcher is removed from the game because of a second trip in the same inning, he may re-enter the game in any position except the pitcher position.

#### **Re-Entry Regulations**

- a) Each of the 9 starting players may be withdrawn from the game and re-entered once at the discretion of the manager.
- b) A starting player may be withdrawn from the game and may re-enter only once.
- c) The starting player – when re-entered – must occupy the same batting position as he occupied when starting the game.
- d) A starting player and his substitute cannot be in the game at the same time.
- e) A substitute withdrawn from the game can never re-enter that game.
- f) A substitute may replace a substitute and the starting player may still re-enter for the substitute.
- g) Withdrawal and re-entry takes place only when a player has been removed from the game.

#### **Illegal Re-Entry**

- a) If a player re-enters illegally as a pitcher, fielder or runner, there is no penalty except that he must be removed from the game immediately when discovered.
- b) If a player re-enters illegally as a batter, such illegal re-entry is penalized according to Official Baseball Rule 6.07 Batting Out of Order.

#### **Injury or Illness Policy**

Teams are allowed to re-enter a player into the game if there is an injury or illness. When there are no more players eligible to replace the injured player, the last able player removed from the game can replace the injured/ill player. Once an injured/ill player is replaced, he/she may not come back into that game. (1998)

## **EVERYBODY BATS RULES**

### **Divisions Allowed**

Mosquito AAA, AA Tier 1, AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4  
Pee Wee AA Tier 1, AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4 A2  
Bantam AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4

### **Unlimited Substitution**

- a) unlimited DEFENSIVE only substitution and re-entry of players into DEFENSIVE only position will be allowed in the Zone Qualifier and Provincial Playoffs. (1995)
- b) does not apply to the pitcher position. If a pitcher is removed from the mound, and although retained in the game in another position, the pitcher shall not be permitted to return to pitch in the same game.
- c) all defensive substitutions shall retain their batting position

### **Mosquito Divisions Only**

- a) all players must play 2 complete defensive innings in the first 4 innings of each game except in case of injury or illness.
- b) A defensive inning in the Mosquito Division shall consist of that portion of a game within which the defense has made 3 put outs or upon the scoring of the sixth run (whichever comes first) and the team changes sides and becomes the offence. (2002)
- c) EXCEPTION: The Pitcher: Each pitcher shall only be credited with a defensive inning when he/she has faced a minimum of 4 batters or been charged with a minimum of 1 out or reach daily pitch count limit. (2011)
- d) In the event that the mandatory defensive inning rule is broken: the non-offending team must appeal to the SBA Rep within 45 minutes of the conclusion of the game.
- e) Teams determined to have violated the defensive inning rule will forfeit the game by a score of 6-0. The SBA Rep shall file a complete report of the violation with the playoff report. (2001)
- f) Matching batting line ups option is not allowed in Mosquito baseball. (2001)
- g) There is no Bunting allowed in Mosquito.
- h) For all Mosquito AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3 and AA Tier 4 a runner on third base can only score on a ball hit into play. Ex) A runner on third cannot score on an over throw, passed ball, runner getting into the hot box, etc. (2012) NOTE: This rule only takes affect once the runner at third assumes possession of that base and the pitcher steps on the rubber.

### **Pee Wee Divisions Only**

- a) all players must play 2 complete innings in the first 4 innings in each 6 inning game except in case of injury or illness. (2013)
- b) A defensive inning in the Pee Wee AA Tier 1, AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3 and AA Tier 4 Divisions shall consist of that portion of a game within which the defense has made 3 put outs and the team changes sides and becomes the offence. (2002)
- c) EXCEPTION: The Pitcher: Each pitcher shall only be credited with a defensive inning when he/she has faced a minimum of 4 batter or been charged with a minimum of 1 out or reach daily pitch count limit. (2011)
- d) In the event that the mandatory defensive inning rule is broken: the non-offending team must appeal to the SBA Rep within 45 minutes of the conclusion of the game.
- e) Teams determined to have violated the defensive inning rule will forfeit the game by a score of 6-0. The SBA Rep shall file a complete report of the violation with the playoff report. (2001)

### **Bantam Divisions Only**

- a) all players must play 2 complete innings in the first 5 innings in each 6 inning game except in case of injury or illness. (2015)
- b) A defensive inning in the Bantam AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3 and AA Tier 4 Divisions shall consist of that portion of a game within which the defense has made 3 put outs and the team changes sides and becomes the offence. (2002)
- c) EXCEPTION: The Pitcher: Each pitcher shall only be credited with a defensive inning when he/she has faced a minimum of 4 batter or been charged with a minimum of 1 out or reach daily pitch count limit. (2011)
- d) In the event that the mandatory defensive inning rule is broken: the non-offending team must appeal to the SBA Rep within 45 minutes of the conclusion of the game.
- e) Teams determined to have violated the defensive inning rule will forfeit the game by a score of 6-0. The SBA Rep shall file a complete report of the violation with the playoff report. (2001)

### **When Everybody Bats**

- a) a team's entire roster must be listed on the batting line up
- b) all batters shall bat in order listed
- c) no changes or alterations to the batting order may be made once the game has started.  
Exception: when one team is using the Matching Line Ups Option.
- d) All players bat regardless of their defensive involvement.
- e) Pinch Runners are not allowed. (2002)
- f) When an offensive player is replaced – batting or running – due to injury or illness, that player will not be permitted to return to play in that game. (2002)



## Matching Batting Line Ups Option

### Pee Wee and Bantam Divisions only

- a) Unlimited DEFENSIVE only substitution and re-entry of players into a DEFENSIVE only position will be allowed in the Zone Qualifier and Provincial Playoffs. (1995) If one team has a larger roster than the other team, the team with the larger roster may elect to bat the same number of players as the opposing team. (1995)
- b) The decision to use this option shall be announced to the opposing coaches, the umpires and the official scorekeeper 15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time. When using this option, coaches are reminded that all offensive substitutions must be announced to the plate Umpire before the player is substituted. The plate Umpire will inform the official scorekeeper of the change.
- c) A team's entire roster must appear on the line up card clearly listing "starters" (players that are batting) and non-starting or "alternate" players (1995)
- d) A starting player may be withdrawn and reenter ONCE. A starting player withdrawn from the game more than once may not re-enter offensively.
- e) The starting player when re-entering, must occupy his original batting slot. A starter and his alternate cannot be in the batting line up at the same time.
- f) An alternate withdrawn from the batting line up may not re-enter.
- g) An alternate may replace another alternate and the starting player may still re-enter into his original batting slot as long as d> above condition is met.
- h) Penalty: any player deemed ineligible for violation of the offensive substitution rules as outlined in this section, shall be declared "out" upon delivery of the first pitch. This applies when an ineligible player comes into the offensive game as either batter or runner.
- i) In the case of illness or an injury and no alternates are left, that spot in the batting lineup will be missed and you will move onto the next player in the lineup for the duration of the game. The injured/ill player shall not be permitted to return to play in that game.

### 12.06 Balk:

Mosquito: The balk rule is waived.

### 12.07 Designated Hitter:

Is allowed only in the Midget, Junior and Senior Divisions.

## 13. ZONE TRANSFERS

Please be advised that if you are looking at potentially transferring zones to play baseball on an annual basis, you will be required to fill out a Zone Transfer Request Form.

You will then be required to **SCAN & E-MAIL** that completed form to your originating Zone Governor and the Executive Director. The Executive Director will then forward to the Zone Transfer Committee.

The Zone Transfer Committee will review all requests and reply back to you whether they approve or deny the request.

All Zone Transfer Requests for Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget must be submitted no later than May 15th. ***If a Zone Transfer Request is made after this date, it must be accompanied by a \$100 NON-REFUNDABLE late Zone Transfer Request fee.***

A player must first register in their hometown baseball centre first prior to applying for a Zone Transfer.



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*DIVISIONAL CHART*  
*MINOR DIVISIONS*

Divisional Differences	Rally Cap	Mosquito	Pee Wee	Bantam	Midget
Innings	6	6	AAA, AAT1-7 AAT2, AAT3, AAT4 - 6	7	7
Base Distance	60'	60'	70'	80'	90'
Home Run Fence Minimum		Lines 180' Centre 200'	Lines 200' Centre 225'	Lines 225' Centre 260'	Lines 300'
Home Run Fence Maximum		Lines 225' Centre 250'	Lines 225' Centre 270'	Lines 240' Centre 300'	
Home Run Fence: Recommended	Lines 200' Centre 225'	Lines 200' Centre 225'	Lines 225' Centre 260'	Lines 240' Centre 280'	Lines 320' Centre 400'+
Home Plate to Backstop Minimum	25'	25'	35'	40'	60'
Home Plate to Backstop Maximum	40'	40'	45'	50'	
Pitching Distance	By Machine 40' - 42'	44'	48'	54'	60"6"
Pitching Limit Per Game	By Machine	Pitch Count	Pitch Count	Pitch Count	Pitch Count
Pitching Limit Per Day	By Machine	Pitch Count	Pitch Count	Pitch Count	Pitch Count
Pitching Limit Per Week	By Machine	Pitch Count	Pitch Count	Pitch Count	Pitch Count
Bat Limitations - Maximums	32" long 2-1/4" diam taped 16"	32" long 2-1/4" diam taped 16"	No more than -10 2-5/8" diam	<u>AAA/AAT1</u> Wood Bat  <u>AAT2, AAT3,</u> <u>AAT4</u> - 3 bat rule 2-5/8" diam	Wood bat All Midget 2-5/8" diam
Footwear Cleats/Spikes	Rubber Sole only	Rubber Sole only	Rubber Sole only	Steel spikes allowed	Steel spikes allowed

## *DIVISIONAL CHART*

### *ADULT DIVISIONS*

Divisional Differences	Junior	Senior	Twilite
Innings	7	7	6
Base Distance	90'	90'	90'
Home Run Fence Minimum	Lines 300'	Lines 300'	Lines 300'
Home Run Fence: Recommended	Lines 320' Centre 400'+	Lines 320' Centre 400'+	Lines 320' Centre 400'+
Home Plate to Backstop Minimum	60'	60'	60'
Pitching Distance	60'6"	60'6"	60'6"
Bat Limitations – Maximums	Wood Bat 2-5/8"diam	Wood Bat 2-5/8"diam	2-5/8"diam
Footwear Cleats/Spikes	Steel spikes Allowed	Steel spikes allowed	Steel spikes allowed

## ZONE PLAYOFF DATES

Zone Playoffs must be played on the weekend two (2) weeks prior to Provincials at the LATEST or earlier if agreed upon between all teams involved.

July 1-3, 2016 <b>At the Latest</b>  <i>Subject to Zone Governor Approval</i>	Mosquito (All Categories) Pee Wee AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4 Bantam AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4
July 8-10, 2016 <b>At the Latest</b>  <i>Subject to Zone Governor Approval</i>	Pee Wee AA Tier 1 Midget (All Categories)
July 15-17, 2016 <b>At the Latest</b>  <i>Subject to Zone Governor Approval</i>	Pee Wee AAA Bantam AAA, AA Tier 1 Junior AAA Senior AAA, AA Tier 1
<i>Subject to Zone Governor Approval</i>	Senior AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4, AA Tier 5 TBD by Senior Supervisor

## PROVINCIAL PLAYOFF DATES

July 15-17, 2016	Mosquito (All Categories) Pee Wee AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4 Bantam AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4
July 22-24, 2016	Pee Wee AA Tier 1 Midget (All Categories)
July 29 - 31, 2016	Pee Wee AAA Junior AAA Senior AAA, AA Tier 1
July 30 - August 1, 2016 Note: Saturday to Monday	Bantam AAA, AA Tier 1 Due to Sask Summer Games
August 12-14, 2016	Senior AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4, AA Tier 5



## *WESTERN CANADA CHAMPIONSHIP DATES*

Pee Wee AAA Regional (13U)	August 12-14, 2016	Saskatoon, SK
Pee Wee AA (13U)	August 12-14, 2016	St. Albert, AB
Pee Wee Girls (14U)	August 12-14, 2016	Dauphin, MB
Bantam AAA (15U)	August 12-14, 2016	Spruce Grove, AB
Bantam AA (15U)	August 12-14, 2016	St. Albert, AB
Midget AAA (18U)	August 12-14, 2016	Sherwood Park, AB
Midget AA (18U)	August 12-14, 2016	St. Albert, AB
Junior (21U)	August 12-14, 2016	Weyburn, SK
Senior AA (Open)	August 19-21, 2016	Cold Lake, AB



## *NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES*

Baseball Canada Cup (17U)	August 3-8, 2016	Fort McMurray, AB
Pee Wee AAA Regional (13U)	August 12-14, 2016	Saskatoon, SK
Pee Wee Nationals (13U)	August 25-29, 2016	London, ON
Bantam AAA (15U)	August 25-29, 2016	Summerside, PEI
Bantam Girls (16U)	August 18-22, 2016	Vaughan, ON
Midget AAA (18U)	August 18-22, 2016	Sherbrooke, QC
Junior AAA (21U)	August 18-22, 2016	Regina, SK
Senior AAA (Open)	August 25-29, 2016	Fredericton, NB
Senior Women (Open)	August 25-29, 2016	Red Deer, AB

# 2016 PROVINCIAL DIVISIONAL CHART

Divisional Differences													
Provincial Supervisor	Jean MacDonald	Jean MacDonald	Jean MacDonal	Bob Bessel	Jack Cameron	Brian Trollope	Charlie Meacher	Brian Trollope	Ross Lynd				
Phone	949-7433	949-7433	949-7433	343-5957	662-3300	783-2089	692-3387	783-2089	752-2304				
Players Year Of Birth	2008 or Later	2005-06-07	2003-2004	2001-2002	1998-99-00	1995-96-97	Open	Age 35 At Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>					
Provincial Championships	No	All Categories	All Categories	All Categories	All Categories	All Categories	AAA	All Categories	Yes				
Western Canada Championships	No	No	AAA AA Tier 1	AAA AA Tier 1	AAA AA Tier 1	AAA AA Tier 1	AAA	AAA AA Tier 1	No				
National Championships	No	No	AAA National AAA Regional	AAA Boys Girls	AAA	AAA	AAA	AAA	No				
Provincial Playoff Team Registration Fee Due Before:	N/A	\$200 June 5	\$225 June 5	\$225 June 5	\$200 June 5	\$250 June 5	\$250 June 19	\$250 Bond June 19	\$235 June 19				
Membership Fee Per Player Due Before:	\$15 May 15	\$20 May 15	\$20 May 15	\$20 May 15	\$20 May 15	\$20 May 15	\$20 June 19	\$20 June 19	N/A				
Membership Fee Per Coach Due Before:	\$15 May 15	\$20 May 15	\$20 May 15	\$20 May 15	\$20 May 15	\$20 May 15	\$20 June 19	\$20 June 19	N/A				
Membership Fee All others Due Before:	\$15 May 15	\$20 May 15	\$20 May 15	\$20 May 15	\$20 May 15	\$20 May 15	\$20 June 19	\$20 June 19	N/A				

**NOTE: There will be a \$10/member admin fee if not registered online through RAMP**

# THE PLAYOFFS

The SBA provincial playoffs are played in accord with the rules and regulations set out in this handbook. The SBA handbook takes priority over the Baseball Canada Rulebook. All baseball rules and regulations not covered by the SBA handbook will be played in accordance with the most recent Baseball Canada rulebook.

## 14. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 14.01 A player, in order to be eligible to participate in a Zone Playoff leading to, and a Provincial Championship, and a Post Provincial Championship Program must be:
- (a) an Active Member; and
  - (b) a Canadian citizens or landed immigrant; and
  - (c) a Saskatchewan resident as of June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current playoff year.
- 14.02 For SBA purposes the principal residence for all midget age category and younger players shall be:
- a) the address of the player's parents as of January 1 of the current calendar year;
  - b) the address of the player's custodial parent (or in the case of a joint parenting arrangement, then the address of the primary custodial parent) as of January 1 of the current calendar year
  - c) legal guardian (in which case there must be a Court order or other lawful proof of guardianship) as of January 1 of the current calendar year
- 14.03 An "address of convenience" is not permitted.
- 14.04 The Zone Governor for each of Provincial Zones 2 and 6, in consultation with the Provincial Supervisor for all midget age category and younger players shall fix the geographic boundaries and number of sub-zones within the larger Provincial Zones (to reflect the number of player registrations as well as historic team representation within sub-zones) as soon as reasonably possible and in any event not later than the deadline for registration of Provincial Team Rosters.
- 14.05 Notwithstanding the foregoing, all Zone Governors may authorize where a player may play within their respective Zone. Factors that will be considered include, but are not limited to the following:**
- i) **Effect on the team from the original centre he/she is leaving;**
  - ii) **Effect on the team to the centre he/she is going to;**
  - iii) **Effect on any other centre the player is bypassing in the transfer;**
  - iv) **Any other circumstances considered significant by the Zone Governor or Provincial Supervisor.**
- 14.06 Teams within all Provincial Zones may be required to qualify by way of a Zone playoff, in order to advance to a Provincial Championship, dependant on the number of teams registering a Provincial Team Roster and the circumstances of the draw set for a particular Provincial Championship in any given year.
- 14.07 Players registering on a provincial roster must play in the zone of their principal residence. This applies to all categories except the Junior, Senior and Twilight Division.
- 14.08 **Players may only compete in one division or category at one time, and can be on only one Provincial Roster - SBA or Affiliate – at one time.** If a player's team is eliminated in provincial play, these players may only be picked up by a team in an equal or higher category (exception: 14.16 Midget & Junior).
- 14.09 In certain circumstances a player may be allowed to move up an age division for SBA playoffs or to play outside of the Zone of that player's residence as herein contemplated. Application to do so will be made through the Zone Governor of the player's residence and the Governor of the intended zone of play as herein before determined.
- 14.10 The Governors in consultation with the Division Supervisor will rule on the matter. If permission is granted, a signed letter of consent from the parent(s) must be filed with the SBA prior to **May 30<sup>th</sup>** of the current year.



- 14.11 Players that receive permission to move up an age division will not be eligible to be a pickup in the younger age division.
- 14.12 An allowance for a player to play "out of his Provincial Zone of residence" either upon the application of the player or upon the initiative of a Zone Governor or Provincial Supervisor must be based on unique circumstances of the player and the Zones affected, and will not be granted unless such unique situation can be reasonably demonstrated to all concerned. A Zone Transfer Application must be made to the Zone Transfer Committee no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 14.13 Players that move up a category must remain in that category or higher for SBA playoffs and post provincial play.
- 14.14 Players receiving permission to change zones will remain with that zone for the remainder of the season (and for the purposes of Provincial and Post Provincial Play).
- 14.15 Sask First players are exempted from 14.13.
- 14.16 Midget & Junior Divisions: Players in the Midget and Junior Divisions may also register with a team in the Senior Division. That Senior team must be from the players zone of principal residence.
- 14.17 Junior Division: Junior players are open to sign on any active team provincial roster by the provincial registration date.
- 14.18 Senior Division: Senior players are open to sign on any active team provincial roster by the provincial registration date.

## 15. TEAM ROSTER ELIGIBILITY

- 15.01 Team roster information will not automatically be provided to any team.
- 15.02 Any team may request any other teams player roster or information about any player registered on a Team Roster, or otherwise registered with the Association from the SBA Office, after the Team Roster Registration deadline as set out in the handbook.
- 15.03 Any team wishing to examine another team's Roster in advance of the Provincial Zone Playoff or Provincial Championship for the purposes of examining player eligibility, is obliged to obtain that Roster on its own initiative.
- 15.04 Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget Team rosters for provincial playoffs and the assessed fee are to be submitted by **June 5<sup>th</sup>**. Rosters sent in after June 5th will be accepted until June 9th but will be assessed an additional \$150.00 late fee per team.
- 15.05 Senior and Junior rosters will be accepted until **June 19th**. No extensions will be allowed under this rule. Where a league does not exist the team roster must be verified by a team official.
- 15.06 No teams are allowed to register after the late registration deadline (2016)
- 15.07 Team roster limitations are established as a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 18 players. There is no limit to number of coaches as long as they are certified. (2015)
- 15.08 Only those players and coaches as listed on the provincial playoff roster are eligible for play in the zone and provincial playoffs. These eligible players and coaches only are allowed on the playing field, in the dugout and in all warm up areas.
- 15.09 Forfeitures: Withdrawing from an SBA Provincial Zone Playoff, Provincial Championship or a Home and Home Series will result in a fine to the offending team. Details and fines will be in the current SBA Playoff Manual

# 16. REGULATIONS FOR FORMING PLAYOFF TEAMS WITHIN ZONES

- 16.01 All questions, concerns, comments and problems must be directed to your zone governor.
- 16.02 For the SBA playoff program, teams will be divided into different categories to facilitate participation at a more reasonably equal calibre of play.

**16.03 Residence:**

In addition to the provisions described in Section 14 "Player Eligibility", the following additional provisions shall apply:

- (a) An urban player is defined as any player who lives within the corporate limits of any city, town, village or hamlet. Rural players must use the legal land description of the home quarter. (P.O. box numbers and sites are not acceptable).
- (b) If a player moves with parent or guardians, new residency for purpose of baseball must be established prior to January 1 of the current calendar year.
- (c) A player's home residence shall be determined by drawing a straight line from his/her place of residence to the nearest baseball centre within zone boundaries. Should the nearest centre not having a team in the players age category, the home residence shall be determined by drawing a straight line to the next nearest centre from the player's residence within zone boundaries.
- (d) Players will be allowed a 15 mile tolerance in terms of selecting their nearest baseball centre.
- (e) The Saskatchewan Grid Road Map will be used by the SBA in determining a players' primary residence.
- (f) Teams must list their player's nearest baseball centre, R.M. number and location of home quarter on the Provincial Team Roster form.
- (g) In terms of potential residence discrepancies, changes may be approved at the discretion of the Zone Governor.
- (h) In cases where there is no baseball in a community and the nearest baseball centre is distant, a player may apply for permission to play "out of Zone" as hereinbefore provided for.

Examples Of The 15 Mile Tolerance:

- 1. This is an example of the 15 mile tolerance that allows a player on this farm to select Baseball Centre X, Y or Z as his baseball centre.



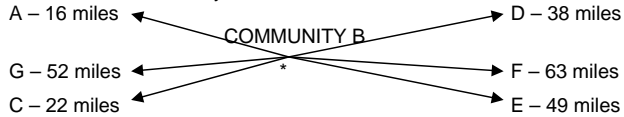
- 2. This is an example of a player living in Community Y that does not have a baseball team in his age division. In this example the player would only be allowed to choose option X or Z.



- 3. **FOR MOSQUITO ONLY:** When a player decides to play on a team other than the team which is his nearest baseball centre (using the 15 mile tolerance to make that choice as in the example above), that player will have to "pick up" the population of each baseball centre he would have been eligible to play for in his age division.

- 4. **FOR MOSQUITO ONLY:** A player living in community B decides to play in community F. Communities A & C are within the 15 mile tolerance. Communities D, E & G have teams the player is eligible for. He

chooses to bypass them, now he must add the populations of both communities D & E before he is eligible to play on the chosen team in community F.



In the examples, the distance is measured from the edge of the home quarter or the edge of the community.

#### 16.04 Baseball Centre

A baseball centre is a city, town, village or hamlet that has a baseball team that plays in the players age division in the current season and has a minimum of 11 players registered in that Division. The Zone Governor shall determine if a community is a Baseball Centre

#### 16.05 Classification for All Provincial Playoffs (2016)

- a) Categorization of Baseball Centres: the current Statistics Canada numbers will be used to determine population.

##### Mosquito Division

AAA Category - Population of 50,001 & over

AA Tier 1 Category - Population of 6,501 to 50,000

AA Tier 2 – Available for centres only after forming a AAA Team first in a particular Division (2015)

AA Tier 3 Category - Population of 2,501 to 6,500

AA Tier 4 Category - Population of under 2,500

##### Junior Division

AAA – Open

##### Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget, Senior Only

All Categories

– Based on Provincial Supervisor Ranking

- b) ***In Mosquito, all AAA category centres may register AA Tier 1 or AA Tier 2 teams if they have a team registered to play in the AAA competition. AAA category centres may also register AA Tier 3 category teams if they have teams registered to play in both AAA and AA Tier 1 or Tier 2 competitions.***
- c) ***In Mosquito,*** a Team may register AA Tier 2 for provincial competition only if they have registered a AAA team, from that Community in that same Division first. These communities may also register AA Tier 3 teams only if they have registered in both the provincial AAA and AA Tier 1 or AA Tier 2 competitions.
- d) ***In Mosquito,*** Baseball centres in the AA Tier 1 category may form AA Tier 3 category teams if they have registered a team in the provincial AA Tier 1 competition.
- e) ***In Mosquito,*** Baseball centres in the AA Tier 3 category may form AA Tier 4 category teams if they have registered a team in the provincial AA Tier 3 competition.

- f) Where a player has no baseball in their classification in their community, then:
- i) If the population of your chosen baseball centre is higher than the population of what would have been the player's baseball centre, the player and the team he plays on will be categorized according to the population of the chosen baseball centre.
  - ii) If the population of your chosen baseball centre is lower than the population of what would have been the player's baseball centre, the player and the team he plays on will be categorized according to the population what would have been the player's baseball centre.
  - iii) If the chosen baseball centre will not accept a player on a team in his age category, the player may apply to the Zone Governor for permission to play for a team in a different centre upon such terms and conditions regarding categorization as the Governor and Playoff Committee consider appropriate.

#### 16.06 Combining Centres in Mosquito Division

There are a series of results that apply in terms of a baseball centre moving up categories for zone playoffs as a result of combining centres.

The player's centre population must be included with the originating centre.

Here is a list of the various scenarios that result from combining teams.

- a) Baseball centres classified as being other than AAA category may combine for provincial playoffs, provided that they shall be re-classified and moved to a higher category.
- b) Of the baseball centres that combine, the baseball centre in the highest category shall be designated the originating centre.
- c) For each baseball centre that combines with the originating centre, the originating centre must move up one category; and
- d) The number of baseball centres that may combine is limited to the number which will result in the originating centre being reclassified as AAA category.
- e) An exemption to the reclassification is that AA Tier 1, AA Tier 3 or AA Tier 4 category baseball centre may combine with one AA Tier 4 category baseball centre without being reclassified if the total population of the two baseball centres which combine does not exceed the population limit of the category.
- f) AAA centres may not combine.
- g) Under no circumstances may more than 4 baseball centres combine.

Examples:

Register as:	If you have made this combination:
AAA	1 – AA Tier 1 centre + 2 – AA Tier 4 centres 2 – AA Tier 1 centres 2 – AA Tier 3 centres + 2 – AA Tier 4 centres 3 – AA Tier 3 centres 1 – AA Tier 1 centre + 1 – AA Tier 3 centre + 1 AA Tier 4 centre  2 – AA Tier 4 centres + 1 – AA Tier 3 centre 1 – AA Tier 1 centre + 1 – AA Tier 3 centre
AA Tier 1	1 – AA Tier 1 centre + 1 – AA Tier 4 centre 2 – AA Tier 3 centres + 1 AA Tier 4 centre 4 – AA Tier 4 centres 1 AA Tier 3 centre + 2 AA Tier 4 centres 2 – AA Tier 3 centres
AA Tier 3	1- AA Tier 3 center + 1- AA Tier 4 centre 3- AA Tier 4 centres
AA Tier 4	2 – AA Tier 4 centres

## 16.07 Playoff Formats

- Teams withdrawing from playoffs must do so to the Executive Director of the SBA in Regina and must provide a minimum of 14 days notice of their intent to withdraw from the dates stated for Zone Playoffs in the SBA Handbook.
- Failure to pay the fine by the organization will result in teams/organization being considered members Not in Good Standing and future registration with Baseball Sask will not be accepted until any/all fines are paid in full.

### The preferred format for All Senior Categories is as follows:

- The preferred format is an 8-Team Championship
- The Division Supervisor may approve more or less teams entering the provincial championship.
- The Regina SBA office will approve all rosters.

### Provincial final draws will be made as follows:

- i) Host will inform Division Supervisor of diamond availability and coaches meeting location
  - ii) Division Supervisor will approach host with a proposed draw
  - iii) Division Supervisor places teams in pools and sends draw to Baseball Sask office for review
  - iv) After review, Division Supervisor approves final draft of draw.
  - v) Upon approval, the Baseball Sask office distributes copy of the draw to all teams including host as well as the Umpire Supervisor and Umpire Zone Director
  - vi) The times adjusted to reflect that a team will not be required to play three games back to back without an hour break prior to the third game and semi final and final games will schedule an hour break between games unless otherwise agreed to by both teams. (1997)
  - vii) To ensure fairness to both teams entering the Gold Medal Game of the Championship, every effort is to be made to schedule semi final games simultaneously. (2003)
  - viii) Games being scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays cannot have the first draw of the day scheduled any later than 9:00 AM.
  - ix) Opening Ceremonies need to be scheduled for the first day of the Championship or not at all.
- The Mercy rule will be used in all provincial playoff and championship games.
  - No games shall be left as a tie. Extra innings shall be played to determine a winner.

## 17. SENIOR GUIDELINES

### Eligibility

- Eligibility in SBA provincial playoffs is based on membership guidelines.
- Senior players' names must be submitted to the Association Office for membership **on or before June 19<sup>th</sup>** of any given year.
- **Only those individuals duly registered by the deadline with the SBA (And upon payment of the required fees) will be eligible to participate in all playoff programs.**
- Only Canadian citizens or landed immigrants are eligible for SBA competition. Non-Saskatchewan residents must have established a Saskatchewan residence by June 1st of the current playoff year to be eligible for playoffs.
- **An address of convenience is not permitted.**

## **Team Roster Eligibility**

- Teams are limited to a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 18 players. There is no limit on coaches as long as they are certified and cannot be players if roster already has the maximum of 18 players.
- Coaching staff must be certified to the minimum requirements for the division and category. See NCCP Coaching Requirement Chart for details.
- All senior teams entering provincial playoffs must submit the team registration fee and a \$250 performance bond to be refunded once a team has fulfilled its playoff obligations.
- Senior is an open competition. Players are open to sign on any active Senior Provincial Roster and do not require a Zone Transfer (2010)
- The Top 5 teams from the previous year's Standings in the Qu'Appelle Valley Baseball League (QVBL) and Saskatoon Senior Baseball League (SSBL) must enter either AAA or AA Tier 1 (2014).
- Players from the QVBL and SSBL are not eligible to be on a roster of any rural team entered in either AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4. (2015)
- WMBL position players appearing in 10 WMBL games or pitchers throwing 15 innings or more will not be eligible for Senior Provincials in the AA Tier 1, AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3 or AA Tier 4 categories. (2014)
- No medical substitutions are allowed in the Senior Divisions

## **Senior Classification**

For categorization of Baseball centers by population, the current Statistics Canada totals will be used.

### **Senior**

Senior (All Categories) Open (2016)

## **Roster Information**

- Team roster information WILL NOT automatically be provided to any team. A team wishing to examine another team's roster for the purpose of player eligibility is obligated to obtain that roster on its own initiative.
- Any team may request any other team's roster or information on a player registered with the SBA from the SBA Office in Regina after the registration deadline.

## **Challenging Eligibility:**

- The issue of eligibility shall be referred in writing to the division supervisor
- No question of eligibility of a player may be raised by any person within 72 hours preceding the commencement of a qualifier or championship playoff or during play of the playoff or championship. The "72 hours" shall be calculated from 8:00 AM of the first day of competition of the championship.
- The Division Supervisor may make inquiries as may be reasonably necessary in the circumstances and shall rule on the player's eligibility.
- That ruling shall be communicated to the player and the person raising the question as soon as reasonably possible by letter, fax, e-mail, telephone or in person as is appropriate in the circumstances.
- Any person wishing to appeal the ruling of the Division Supervisor on eligibility, shall do so in writing, by letter, fax, or e-mail to the SBA Office in Regina with a copy forwarded to the Division Supervisor and the Playoff Committee Chairman.

- Any appeal must be made within 24 hours after receiving notice of the ruling by the Division Supervisor.
- The appeal shall be heard and ruled on by the playoff committee Chair or such other member of the Playoff committee so designated.
- The ruling of the playoff Committee chair or designee shall be final and shall be made prior to the first game of a playoff or championship.
- The Playoff Committee Chair or Designee may:
  - 1) Consider the ruling of the supervisor
  - 2) Request any or all information deemed necessary and appropriate
  - 3) Dismiss the appeal
  - 4) Allow the appeal in whole or in part
  - 5) Make such ruling as he or she deems just and reasonable
- The Playoff Committee will determine by November 30<sup>th</sup> of the previous year the team that will represent Saskatchewan at the following years National Championship.

# Baseball Sask Hall of Fame & Museum



The Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame was organized in 1983. The first members were inducted in 1985. There have been induction events each year since. In 1984, a Saskatchewan Baseball review was published. To date there have been 11 books produced with plans to print one each year. The Board of Directors is composed of representatives from various areas of the province who meet regularly.

## ***Sale Items***

Books on baseball as well as several souvenirs are available such as caps, badges, pins, t-shirts, key chains, pennants, sweatshirts and induction banquet cassettes. For information contact:

Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame  
Box 1388  
Battleford, SK  
S0M 0E0  
(306) 446-1983 (Phone)  
(306) 446-0509 (Fax)

## ***Museum***

The museum has an outstanding display of baseball memorabilia. The collection includes artifacts, photos, papers and many interesting items that have been donated. Hours of operation are:

May to September  
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Monday – Saturday

## ***Memberships***

Do you want to become a member of the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame? There are 3 types of membership available – Regular, Student/Senior, and Life. You can also make a donation to the Hall of Fame as well. To get more information on memberships and donations contact the Hall of Fame at (306) 446-1983.



# 2016 BASEBALL SASK NCCP REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVINCIALS

Division & Category	Respect in Sport	Initiation Online Module	Initiation Coach Clinic	Skills Analysis Clinic	Teaching & Learning Clinic	Planning Clinic	Making Ethical Decisions Online	Online Portfolio Evaluation	Practice Evaluation	Strategies Clinic	Pitching & Catching Clinic	Game Evaluation
<b>ALL MATCHES</b> Head Coach	X	X	X									
Assistant Coaches	X	X										
<b>Pee Wee AAA</b> Head Coach	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Assistant Coaches	X	X	X	X	X	X						
<b>Pee Wee AA Tier 1</b> Head Coach	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Assistant Coaches	X	X	X	X	X	X						
<b>Pee Wee AA Tier 2, Tier 3, Tier 4</b> Head Coach	X	X	X									
Assistant Coaches	X	X										
<b>Pee Wee O/Hls (All Coaches)</b>	X	X										
<b>Bantam AAA</b> Head Coach	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Assistant Coaches	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	
<b>Bantam AA Tier 1</b> Head Coach	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Assistant Coaches	X	X	X	X	X	X						
<b>Bantam AA Tier 2, Tier 3, Tier 4</b> Head Coach	X	X	X									
Assistant Coaches	X	X										
<b>Midget AAA</b> Head Coach	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Assistant Coaches	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	
<b>Midget AA Tier 1</b> Head Coach	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Assistant Coaches	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	
<b>Midget AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3</b> Head Coach	X	X	X									
Assistant Coaches	X	X										
<b>Midget AA</b> Head Coach	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Assistant Coaches	X	X	X	X	X	X						
<b>Senior (All Coaches)</b> (One Coach)	X	X										

Trained INITIATION COACH	Trained REGIONAL COACH	Certified PROVINCIAL COACH
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## 2016 BASEBALL CANADA CHAMPIONSHIP NCCP REQUIREMENTS

<b>Division &amp; Category</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
<i>Pee-Wee Regionals</i>	<b>1 Coach is Certified Regional Other Coaches are Trained Regional</b>
<i>Bantam Boys and Girls</i>	<b>1 Coach is Certified Provincial Other Coaches are Trained Provincial</b>
<i>Midget</i>	<b>1 Coach is Certified Provincial Other Coaches are Trained Provincial</b>
<i>Junior</i>	<b>1 Coach is Certified Provincial Other Coaches are Trained Provincial</b>
<i>Senior Men</i>	<b>All Coaches are Trained Regional or Level 1 Certified + 2 Technical in Old NCCP</b>
<i>*Canada Cup</i>	<b>For 2015 Season All Coaches are Trained Comp-Dev. (*)</b>  <b>For 2016 Season All Coaches are Comp-Dev. Certified (**)</b>
<i>*Canada Games</i>	<b>All Coaches are Competition – Development Certified</b>

\* A Province can identify the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> assistant coaches as 'Development Coaches'. These coaches can only be a 'Development Coach' for one year. A 'Development Coach' must be a certified Provincial Coach. If the Coach was to return for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year to the Canada Cup, they would need to fully meet the requirements of Comp-Dev Certified.





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# BASEBALL SASK PROGRAMS

## NATIONAL COACHING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (NCCP)

Baseball Sask has changed the method in which the NCCP Level 1 and Level 2 coaching clinics are to be conducted. Baseball Canada has phased out the NCCP Level 1 and 2 Baseball Technical Course. The NCCP Initiation Baseball Coach has replaced this course. This course will involve two steps - an on-line portion and a clinic facilitated by one of our Baseball Sask Instructors.

### On-Line

The on-line portion will require coaches to log on to the website - <http://nccp.baseball.ca/>. The website features all of the information from the Level 1 Baseball Technical manual along with videos demonstrating drills and skills that will maximize practice time while allowing our athletes to have fun and develop baseball fundamentals. Once they have completed reading and reviewing the material there is an on-line exam that coaches will complete. This exam reviews the material that was learned. After the exam is completed coaches will be classified as "in-training Initiation Coach" and they will be given notice to where an Initiation Baseball Coach Clinic will be held in the province. The online portion costs \$37.45 to access.

### Initiation Coach Clinic

This clinic will be approximately 4-5 hours in length. Coaches must do the on-line portion before attending this clinic. This clinic will be less instructor directed but rather more interactive as coaches will demonstrate their knowledge learned during the on-line portion of the program. Once coaches have completed this course they will have the status as "trained Initiation Baseball Coach". The Initiation Coaching Clinic will cost participants \$30 to attend. Associations wishing to host a clinic should contact Greg Brons at 975-0828 to book their clinic.

Coaches who have taken the previous Level 1 Baseball Technical Course will not have to re-take the new Initiation Course. However, coaches are encouraged to visit the website as this site is an excellent source for all levels of baseball coaches.

### Hosting Information

1. Must provide access to gymnasium or suitable facility for physical activity.
2. Underwrite any costs for the facility.
3. Advertise the clinic locally.
4. Appoint a local chairman that will communicate/assist Baseball Sask instructor(s) with the running of the clinic.

### Initiation Baseball Coaching Course

- Coaches must take the on-line module first before attending this course <http://nccp.baseball.ca>
- Once participants have completed the on-line module of the course, a list of clinics across the province will be posted. Participants must take the clinic in order to receive their full Initiation Baseball Coach level.
- Communities wishing to host a coaching clinic should contact the office in Regina @ 780-9222
- Clinic length – 3-4 hours
- Host community cost - \$500 for up to 20 participants and an additional \$15 will be added for every participant over 20. Host community is not responsible for instructor fees. Baseball Sask will invoice host communities.
- If the host community wishes to charge each participant it is Baseball Sask and Baseball Canada Policy to not charge over \$30 per participant.
- Host communities that are affiliate members will be assessed an additional 50% surcharge.

### Other Modules (Absolutes, Teaching & Learning, Planning, Pitching/Catching, Strategies)

- Communities wishing to host Modules should contact the office in Regina @ 780-9222.
- Individual Module length – 3-4 hour course
- Host community cost - \$500 for up to 20 participants and an additional \$15 will be charged for each participant over 20. Host community is not responsible for instructor fees.
- A coach's registration fee is the option of the host community, however, maximum charge is \$50/Coach
- Affiliate members will be charged an additional 50% surcharge to attend/host clinics.

## 19. SASKATCHEWAN FIRST PROGRAMS

The Saskatchewan First Programs were developed with the purpose of providing financial assistance to sport bodies to develop a high performance sport program that will significantly improve performance levels and standings of Saskatchewan athletes and teams at the Jeux Canada Games.

### Midget Selects Team

Baseball Sask will once again send the top 20 first and second year midget players to the Baseball Canada Cup/Canada Summer Games in Fort McMurray, AB August 3-8. All eligible players who are interested in furthering their baseball careers collegiate or professionally are encouraged to attend one of the ID camps. Check [www.saskbaseball.ca](http://www.saskbaseball.ca) for times and locations for the camps.

### 16-Year old Developmental Team

Baseball Sask will also form a 16-year-old Developmental Team. The goal of this team is to prepare players for next year's Baseball Canada Cup and also the next Canada Games Team. Players selected for this team will be evaluated at the above Midget Selects Camps.

### Bantam Selects Tournament

The annual Bantam Selects Tournament will be held in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Summer Games in Estevan.

## 20. GIRLS BASEBALL PROGRAM

### Bantam (16U)

The Bantam Girls Teams will compete at the Baseball Canada Championship. The Bantam Girls division has been changed to 16 and under and if a coach steps up to coordinate a team they will compete in the 2015 Baseball Canada Bantam Girls Championship from August 18-22 in Vaughan, ON. Check the website [www.saskbaseball.ca](http://www.saskbaseball.ca) for tryout camp dates. It is important for girls who are interested in this program to attend a tryout camp near them in order to be identified.

To be eligible to participate in the Girls Program, all players must be registered with paid fees on a Baseball Sask membership registration form by the May 15th deadline. There will be no zone boundary rules to follow in forming the teams, meaning the team can be formed from players from across the province. There is also the chance that there will be more than one team registered and there may be a Provincial Championship to determine representative Nationals.

Teams attending the Girls Championships will receive a travel grant from Saskatchewan Baseball that will help cover some of the travel expenses. This travel grant will be similar to the grant that other club teams receive who are attending a Western or National Championship representing Baseball Sask. The Coach/Manager will be responsible for all planning (i.e. tryouts, travel, accommodations, meals, etc.).

### Pee Wee (14U)

The Pee Wee Girls team will compete in the Western Canada Championship. This will take place in Dauphin, MB August 12-14.

For more information on Girls Baseball travel grants contact Mike Ramage at the Baseball Sask Office at 780-9237 or e-mail him at [mike@saskbaseball.ca](mailto:mike@saskbaseball.ca).

## 21. ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The SBA believes in the pursuit of excellence. Through the Saskatchewan Athlete Assistance Program, SBA will be able to provide financial assistance to eligible baseball athletes.

The Saskatchewan Athlete Assistance Program will provide financial assistance to qualifying elite athletes to assist with their training and competitive costs while attending a Post-Secondary institution. To be eligible you must have been a paid SBA member in this calendar year and you must have been a member of a past Western Canada Games Team, Baseball Canada Cup Team or a Canada Games Team.

Athlete applications are evaluated by Saskatchewan Baseball Association. Those that meet or exceed elite athlete criteria are then ranked. Grant levels are based on a formula designed by the Coaching and Player Development Committee. Deadline to apply is October 31<sup>st</sup>.

***NOTE: It is the athletes' responsibility to verify with potential college programs that Athlete Assistance will not jeopardize any scholarship opportunities.***

Application forms and more information is available from the SBA office, 1870 Lorne Street, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 2L7 Telephone: 780-9237.

## 22. GRASS ROOTS CLINICS

There are several camps and clinics that take place throughout the province on a yearly basis. These clinics can be held in spring, summer, fall, and winter. These clinics are aimed at players and can be designed for different age groups and abilities. It is encouraged that coaches from within the community attend the clinics to assist and learn from the Baseball Sask instructors. It is recommended that the player to coach ratio is suitable for a positive learning atmosphere. Also, players should be grouped by age and skill level.

Baseball Sask makes funding available to communities to assist in the running of a clinic through our MAP Grant Program.

If you would like to host a clinic in your community please contact

*Nolan Bracken*

*Baseball Sask*

*780-9222*

[\*nolan@saskbaseball.ca\*](mailto:nolan@saskbaseball.ca)

Be sure to check our website – [www.saskbaseball.ca](http://www.saskbaseball.ca) for updates on camps and clinics held in your area.

## 23. ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

The SBA presents the following annual awards:

1. Player of the Year.
2. Minor Player of the Year
3. Team of the Year - Minor (Mosquito to Midget)  
- Senior (Junior and up)
4. Manager of the Year
5. Official of the Year
6. Lou Slotsve Junior Official of the Year
7. Builder of the Year
8. Patron of the Year
9. Joe McDonald Special Award of Merit
10. Grass Roots Coach of the Year
11. Lifetime Achievement Award

All SBA members are invited to submit nominations. Forms and criteria dates are available upon request from the SBA office. The awards are presented in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting. Please forward nominations by e-mail no later than September 25th:

Baseball Sask  
1870 Lorne Street  
Regina, SK S4P 2L7  
*mike@saskbaseball.ca*

## 24. ANDY ZWACK BURSARY

A bursary fund has been established by the Saskatchewan Baseball Association To provide financial assistance to a Saskatchewan resident toward personal development in the area of coaching, playing or officiating in baseball. Interest from this fund will be used annually for the Andy Zwack Bursary. Grants will be made available to approved applicants.

Interested applicants should provide a written proposal on their particular project and forward it to:

Andy Zwack Bursary Fund  
c/o Baseball Sask Association  
1870 Lorne Street  
Regina, SK S4P 2L7

Application Deadline - October 31<sup>st</sup>.



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## 25. DISPUTE RESOLUTION POLICY

The Bylaws of the Saskatchewan Baseball Association (the “SBA” or the “Association”) provide that the Commissioner for Baseball (the “Commissioner”) and the Board of Governors (the “Board”), have the power and authority to discipline for just cause, members of the Association for misconduct being:

“and conduct, behavior or action which is a willful breach of the Bylaws, Resolutions, policies, regulations or directives of the SBA, or is improper, unbecoming, sportsmanlike or contrary to the reputation and interests of the game of baseball or the SBA”.

The process of discipline and the process for appeal of any order or decision arising from discipline by the Commissioner is as set out in the official Handbook of the Association. The process of discipline and the process for appeal of any order or decision arising from discipline by the Board of Governors is as set out in the Bylaws of the Association.

In addition, the Association as a member organization of SaskSport may be bound from time to time by the Rules, Regulations, Policies and Bylaws of SaskSport.

This Dispute Resolution Policy is intended to address certain matters not identified, contemplated or otherwise provided for in the Handbook or the Bylaws of the Association, and where not in conflict with the Rules, Regulations, Policies and Bylaws of SaskSport, including but not limited to:

1. Any matters relating to the selection of any member as a player, coach, manager or team official in any capacity, to a team whose membership is drawn from throughout the Province of Saskatchewan and funded in whole or in part by the Association (including any team designated as Sask First, Select, or other provincial representative team not otherwise formed at a club, league or zone level);
2. Any matters relating to permanent or part time or casual employment of any person by the Association (whether as a paid position or as a volunteer or by any combination thereof and whether a member of the Association not otherwise specifically provided for, but not including the circumstances leading to, the decision to and the terms of the termination of any employee;
3. Any matters relating to the relationship of members to each other not otherwise provided for in the Bylaws, the Handbook, any official policy of the Association (including but not limited to the Drug and Alcohol Policy of the Association); and
4. Any other circumstances were the Commissioner for Baseball or the Board of Governors, upon application by any member or person reasonably affected by this Dispute Resolution Policy, and notwithstanding any other existing policy or process, may deem that this Policy shall apply. If any application is so made to the Commissioner or to the Board of Governors (or to both) and is granted or is rejected by either the Commissioner or the Board then depending on whichever should first occur, this Policy shall or shall not apply.

### 1. Dispute Resolution Bodies

Two bodies will be appointed to resolve disputes, to which this Policy applies.

#### 1.1 Investigation Committee

- 1) The investigation committee is established consisting of a chairperson and such other persons as the chairperson may appoint.
- 2) The Board shall appoint the chairperson of the investigation committee.
- 3) The chairperson may appoint members to the committee from time to time for the purpose of that appointee serving as investigator of a specific complaint.
- 4) Members of the hearing committee and members of the Board are not eligible to be a member of the investigation committee.

## 1.2 Hearing Committee

- 1) The President of this Association (the “President”), upon receipt of a report from the investigation committee which recommends that a hearing be conducted, shall appoint a hearing committee consisting of one or three persons.
- 2) Members of the investigation committee and members of the Board are not eligible to be appointed as a member of the hearing committee.
- 3) If the President considers it appropriate to do so, he or she may appoint to the hearing committee a person nominated by each party to the dispute.

## 2. Referral and review of complaints

- 2.1 A complaint to investigate the application of the Policy must be made to the President promptly and within the time guidelines set by policy of the Board.
- 2.2 The President may extend the time for submission of a complaint notwithstanding the expiration of the time set by Board guidelines.
- 2.3 The President shall refer complaints to the Chairperson of the Investigation Committee.
- 2.4 The chairperson of the investigation committee may require that a complaint be stated in writing.
- 2.5 If the chairperson of the investigation committee is satisfied that the complaint is not valid or does not raise an issue appropriate under this Policy, the chairperson shall advise the complainant and thereafter shall take no further action (under the terms of this policy) in relation to that complaint.
- 2.6 Where the chairperson has not dismissed a complaint pursuant to 3.5, the chairperson shall appoint one or more members of the investigation committee as investigator of the complaint or incident.
- 2.7 The chairperson may appoint himself or herself as the investigator or as one of the investigators.

## 3. Investigation

- 3.1 The investigator shall:
  - 1) Review the complaint or the request
  - 2) Make such inquiries as necessary to determine the circumstances of the complaint or incident, which may include:
    - a) sending a copy of summary of the complaint to those named in the complaint, those making the complaint or to any witnesses with a request that they respond in writing to the allegations by a date set by the investigator;
    - b) communicating with or interviewing persons involved in the incident or whose conduct is the subject of the complaint; and
    - c) communicating with or interviewing other persons who may have relevant information.
  - 3) Extend the investigation to include any other incident that comes to the attention of the investigator in the course of the investigation.
  - 4) When practical to do so, encourage the parties to resolve the dispute directly.
  - 5) With the agreement of the parties, arrange mediation of the dispute.
- 3.2 On completion of the investigation, the investigator shall make a written report to the President recommending:
  - 1) That the President appoint a hearing committee to hear and resolve the dispute or to hear the charges, as the case may be; or
  - 2) That no further action be taken with respect to the matter investigated because:

- a) the matter has been resolved between the parties,
- b) no further action is warranted on the facts of the case.

- 3.3 The matters set out in a written report may relate to any matter disclosed during the investigation.
- 3.4 A report signed by a majority of the investigation committee is a decision of investigators

#### **4. Interim suspension of member**

- 4.1 In cases of alleged serious misconduct or if there is a risk of physical or emotional harm to other persons, the investigator may submit written reasons to the President recommending that, pending the outcome of an investigation, a player, team, coach, official, parent/guardian or spectator under investigation:
  - 1) be suspended from participation or
  - 2) be allowed to continue participation subject to conditions or restrictions, (notwithstanding any other provision in the Bylaws or mandated authority to discipline the member of the Association in any other official or officer including but not limited to his Commissioner for baseball).
- 4.2 Upon receiving the written recommendations of the investigator, the President shall:
  - 1) If satisfied that continued participation is inappropriate in the circumstances, may order suspension of involvement in organization activities or impose other less restrictive conditions pending the recommendations of the hearing committee.
  - 2) If satisfied that continued participation is appropriate in the circumstances, decline the recommendation of the investigator.
- 4.3 An order of suspension or the imposition of conditions on a member, pending the recommendations of the hearing committee, shall:
  - 1) terminate 30 days after the date of the suspension or imposition of conditions, unless renewed or revised by the President upon a further written recommendation by the investigator.
  - 2) be superseded by the recommendations of the hearing committee

#### **5. Acting upon the Investigator's report**

- 5.1 If the investigation committee recommends no further action on a complaint, the President shall provide a copy of the investigation committee's reasons for that recommendation to the person or person(s):
  - 1) whose conduct is the subject of the complaint
  - 2) who initiated the complaint
- 5.2 If the investigation committee is of the opinion that a hearing committee should be appointed, the President shall appoint a hearing committee.
- 5.3 The President shall report a decision not to appoint a hearing committee to the next meeting of the Board.

#### **6. Hearings**

- 6.1 The hearing committee shall conduct a fair hearing of dispute reported in the investigation committee's report.
- 6.2 At the request of the hearing committee, the President shall communicate the time and place of the hearing and any other pertinent information to the parties.

## 7. Hearing Procedure

- 7.1 In disputes of a nature that the hearing committee considers to be minor, the hearing may be conducted in writing. The parties shall be:
- (a) informed that a hearing committee has been established;
  - (b) informed of the dispute to be heard;
  - (c) provided with a copies of the dispute resolution policy;
  - (d) invited, within a time specified by the committee, to make written submissions of any information or arguments relevant to the deliberations of the committee;
  - (e) informed of the findings of the hearing committee;
- 7.2 If the hearing committee does not consider the dispute to be minor, the parties shall have a right to be heard in person:
- 1) At least 3 days before the date of the hearing the parties shall be:
    - (a) informed that a hearing committee has been established;
    - (b) informed of the dispute to be heard;
    - (c) provided with a copy of the dispute resolution policy.
  - 2) The hearing committee shall hear the dispute and shall rule on the issues in dispute.
  - 3) Parties may be represented by legal counsel at their own expense.
  - 4) There is to be full right:
    - a) to examine, cross-examine and re-examine all witnesses
    - b) to present evidence in defence and reply.
  - 5) Where a party fails to attend the hearing, the hearing committee may proceed in his or her absence.
  - 6) If, during the course of a hearing, the evidence shows that the accused may be guilty of misconduct different from or in addition to any issue specified to be heard, the hearing committee shall adjourn the hearing for any period that the committee considers sufficient to give the accused an opportunity to prepare a response, unless the respondent consents to continue the hearing.
  - 7) The hearing committee may accept any evidence that it considers appropriate and is not bound by rules of law concerning evidence.
  - 8) The hearing committee may accept a record of a criminal conviction or the written reasons for a decision imposing discipline by any other organization as evidence of the conduct giving rise to the conviction or discipline.
  - 9) On its own initiative or at the request of any party, the hearing committee may restrict the public from the hearing. The hearing committee shall exclude the public if the committee is of the opinion that an open hearing will unduly violate the privacy of any person.
  - 10) The deliberations of the hearing committee shall be conducted in private, and no person who is not a member of the committee shall be present.
- 7.3 The hearing committee shall give written reasons for its decisions and for any discipline imposed. Copies shall be provided to the parties and to the Board.

## 8. Disciplinary Powers

- 8.1 The hearing committee may specifically, and in addition to any other decision make one or more of the following orders, in writing:
- 1) An order that the person(s) be suspended from the Association for a specified period
  - 2) An order that the person(s) be suspended pending the satisfaction and completion of any conditions specified in the order
  - 3) An order that the respondent may continue to participate only under conditions specified in the order
  - 4) An order reprimanding the respondent
  - 5) Any other order that the hearing committee considers just.
- 8.2 In making an order the hearing committee shall take into consideration:
- 1) The age, experience and maturity of the person(s)

- 2) The nature of the matters complained of;
- 3) Any information which, in the opinion of the committee is reliable and relevant to the determination of an appropriate order, including;
  - a) previous misconduct of the respondent, regardless of whether or not that misconduct was the subject of discipline
  - b) the character of the respondent

**9. Deference to Other Authorities**

- 9.1 Where the President, chairperson of the investigation committee or the chairperson of the hearing committee believes that the person(s) whose conduct is being investigated may be guilty of a criminal offence, that person may refer the matter to an appropriate authority.

**10. Time for Completion**

- 10.1 The investigation, hearing and decision of the hearing committee shall be completed as soon as practical in the circumstances of the complaint.
- 10.2 The Board may set time guidelines for any matters that the Board considers appropriate, including the time for complaints to be made to the President, and the time for completion of steps in the hearing process.
- 10.3 In deciding an appeal from a decision of the hearing committee, the Board may consider the failure to comply with time guidelines.

**11. Appeal to the Board**

- 11.1 A person(s) may appeal the decision or any order of the investigation committee or the hearing committee to the Board by serving a written notice of appeal within seven (7) days of receipt of the decision or order.
- 11.2 The written notice shall state the grounds of appeal.
- 11.3 The President shall not participate in the hearing of an appeal.
- 11.4 No Board member shall participate in the hearing of an appeal if:
  - 1) The Board member has a conflict of interest or is biased
  - 2) If there is any reasonable basis on which it may appear that the Board member may have a conflict of interest or may be biased.
- 11.5 The participation by a Board member in any step of the investigation process prior to the hearing of the appeal shall be deemed to create the appearance of a bias.
- 11.6 The participation by a Board member in any step of the investigation or hearing process prior to the hearing of the appeal shall be deemed to create the appearance of a bias.
- 11.7 If all Board members are unable to participate in the hearing, the Board shall appoint a committee of not more than three persons to hear the appeal.
- 11.8 On hearing an appeal the Board or the appointed committee may:
  - 1) Dismiss the appeal
  - 2) Allow the appeal and in so doing:
    - a) Order a new hearing;
    - b) Vary the order of the hearing committee;
    - c) Substitute its new decision for that of the hearing Committee, or provide for such other remedy as it may see fit in the circumstances.

There is no further appeal from the decision of the Board.

## **12. Effect of Suspension**

- 12.1 When a person(s) is suspended from the organization pursuant to this policy, that person(s) is not eligible to serve any function within the organization or attend any organization activities.

## **13. Conflict of Interest or Bias**

- 13.1 In the event that any member of either the investigation committee or the hearing committee, other than one nominated by the parties, has a conflict of interest or is biased, that person shall declare the conflict or bias and the President shall appoint a replacement.
- 13.2 In the event of a conflict of interest on the part of a Board member, that member shall not participate in the decision of the Board.

## **14. Records and Use of Decisions**

- 1.1 The organization shall maintain a record of all decisions of hearing committees and of all decisions of the Board on appeal.
- 1.2 The hearing committee and Board may consider the decisions of previous hearing committees and Boards, but are not bound by the precedent.
- 1.3 Decisions of a hearing committee and decisions of the Board on appeal are matters of public interest and shall be publicly available without disclosing the names of the individuals involved. Names of persons disciplined may be disclosed to the extent necessary to give effect to any sanction imposed.
- 1.4 If the committee or Board decides that making the decision publicly available will unduly violate the privacy of any person, the committee or Board may direct that the decision or part of the decision should be kept confidential.
- 1.5 Decisions resulting in termination of membership or in a suspension of membership rights for one year or longer shall be reported to the Dispute Management Office of Sask Sport Inc. who may provide information from the decisions to its membership, including the names of persons who have been the subject of the discipline.

## **15. Expulsion from the Association**

- 15.1A member may be expelled from the Association upon a resolution of two thirds of the members voting in favour of expulsion, at a duly constituted meeting of the members.
- 15.2In such event, the processes as set out in this policy shall apply (where not otherwise in conflict) mutatis mutandis.
- 15.3There is no right of appeal from resolution expelling a member from the Association.

# *2015 Annual Award Recipients*

Each year, Saskatchewan Baseball Association recognizes individuals and teams that have made exceptional contributions and have represented their Association and Saskatchewan wonderfully. At the Annual Awards Banquet, awards were presented to the following:

Player of the Year	Carson Perkins
Minor Player of the Year	Brody Alexandre
Minor Team of the Year	Assiniboia Midget Aces
Senior Team of the Year	Yorkton E&S Yankees
Manager of the Year	Dale Berner
Grass Roots Coach of the Year	Troy Casper
Lou Slotsve Junior Official of the Year	Ian Stewart
Senior Official of the Year	Bill Wyatt
Builder of the Year	John Casavant
Joe McDonald Special Award of Merit	Rod Palanuik
Patron of the Year	Subway® Franchisees of Sask
Umpire Lifetime Achievement	Bob Burns



*Congratulations to all award winners as well as all of those who were nominated.*

*If you would like to nominate someone for the 2016 Baseball Season simply contact the SBA Office in Regina after the season has finished.*



# Rally Cap Program



Baseball Sask and Baseball Canada are excited to announce the launch of the **RALLY CAP PROGRAM** for all active members of Baseball Sask.

The Rally Cap program is an entry level program designed to introduce children to the game of baseball, keeping them active and engaged, while learning the skills of the game in a fun, safe and informative atmosphere.

Rally Cap, while designed for the kids, is also a tremendous teaching tool for coaches just entering the game. A complete set of practice plans, along with drills and skill development ideas are built into this program.

The Rally Cap name comes not only the time tested baseball saying, but also from the progression component that will see each child afforded the opportunity to test their progress at least 3 times a season. Where actual baseball hats (Rally Cap) are awarded based on the level of accomplishment, much like martial arts belts are awarded.

Associations interested in offering this program are encouraged to visit the Baseball Canada site at [www.baseball.ca](http://www.baseball.ca) for details.

Rally Cap orders are now being accepted by printing off the following order form and sending it, along with payment to the Baseball Sask office. The hats are \$3.25 each and each color comes in a minimum of 12.

Contact [nolan@saskbaseball.ca](mailto:nolan@saskbaseball.ca) or (306) 780-9222 for further details such as brochures, DVD's or Manuals.

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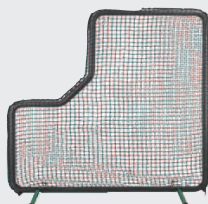
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# WINTERBALL PROGRAM



Baseball Sask is looking to partner with elementary schools for our exciting *Winterball* program. *Winterball* is an exciting, fun way for children to be exposed to the game of baseball.

*Winterball* is a school-based baseball curriculum for students between the Grades of K - 6. This program is completely turn-key in approach and can be administered to P.E. classes immediately. We are currently looking for schools throughout the province that are interested in offering *Winterball* to their students.

By partnering with the Baseball Sask and adding *Winterball* to your curriculum, we are prepared to offer you an entire set of *Winterball* equipment as well as Instructor Manuals! The *Winterball* package has a retail value of well over \$400 dollars and contains equipment that can be used for a variety of activities.

If you are interested in adding this fun, developmental program to your school or class please take a moment to review the information below and click the 'apply now' button on this page.

Don't delay. There is a limited number of kits that we can give out. Apply today!

## The Concept

*WinterBall* is a program designed to attract new participants to the sport of baseball. This program is targeted primarily at elementary schools throughout Canada with possible application to community centers, local recreation departments, and boys and girls clubs across the province.

The main focus of the program is to introduce the basic fundamental skills of the game, in a fun, non-competitive manner, providing a positive learning experience for all participants.

*WinterBall* is designed for students in Grades K – 6 (ages 6-12) as an introductory program that will progress through nine different lesson plans containing different activities. To ensure students are being taught skills at an appropriate skill and ability level, there are a set of lessons for grades K - 4 as well as another set for students in grades 5 and 6.

*WinterBall* is designed to fit easily with the current curriculum outlined by the Ministry of Education, ensuring the activities being taught are outcome (expectations) based and measurable. The program is designed to be completely turn-key including: complete lesson plans with warm-up activities, games to introduce skill techniques, cool down activities, teaching tips, diagrams, and a glossary of terms. The teacher's manual includes gender-neutral terminology and is designed to fit within the guidelines of the education system.

The program has components included to educate teachers, students and parents about the value of creating a positive sporting experience for children and the importance of sport in the community.

Sporting activities of any kind, including recreational pursuits, require movement skills that are almost universally the same. With this in mind, Baseball Sask has adopted a program developed through Baseball Canada that will allow these movement skills to be presented to youngsters in a school program using baseball equipment, terminology and games.

The goal of this program is to introduce baseball in a recreational non-competitive environment where youngsters have fun and attain success by performing skills. Once a student realizes that, he/she is able to perform the fundamentals of baseball, we believe that there will be interest in playing the game within a local organized baseball association.

### **Why WinterBall?**

With reduced government spending on education, and a decrease in class planning time for teachers, schools are forced to look for programs that are turn-key in their delivery system and are new and exciting for students. It is important that the program builds life skills and provides added benefit to both students and society. Baseball is a sport with no economic barriers and may be enjoyed for many generations regardless of social status. The sport of baseball is easily adaptable to almost any setting, including indoors, and can meet all of the requirements of the educational system. By introducing baseball to a mass audience in a controlled setting there will be maximum exposure gained in a minimum amount of time.

### **Goals and Objectives!**

To promote an active healthy lifestyle and encourage children to participate in sport.

To introduce baseball skills through an exciting and fun program.

To increase participation in the sport of baseball locally, provincially and eventually nationally.

To teach the fundamentals of the game in a non-competitive environment that will provide children with the fun sport experience inclusive to all, regardless of sex or physical ability.

To provide equal access to both male and female students.

**If your school would like to book a WinterBall Clinic  
contact Nolan Bracken at [nolan@saskbaseball.ca](mailto:nolan@saskbaseball.ca).**

# *RBI PROGRAM - Reaching Baseball Ideals*



## Baseball Canada Approved RBI Programs

### What is the RBI Program ?

RBI is introduced by Baseball Canada to:

- Ensure that local baseball associations apply core common criteria to ensure that consistent good practice is in place
- To empower parents when choosing a local baseball association for their children.
- To ensure that RBI Accredited Associations are recognized through a common approach to branding.
- To provide a focus around which all baseball associations in Canada can come together to support good practice in working with children and young people.
- To promote and reward registration/membership within Baseball Canada, baseball's national federation of sport, as well as within the Provincial Baseball Associations.

RBI accreditation is awarded to local baseball associations that comply with minimum operating standards in four areas:

- **Development Programs**
- **Membership with Baseball Canada**
- **Coaches Training**
- **Accessibility**

### How can I become RBI approved?

An Association can become Baseball Canada RBI Approved Association by meeting these following criteria:

- The Association is a member in good standing with the Provincial Baseball Association (as recognized by Baseball Canada) and with Baseball Canada through the registration of all players, coaches and umpires participating in the local Association.
- The Association is fully utilizing the Rally Cap program as the main Initiation program for kids between 5 and 8
- The Association is providing support to its coaches by driving them to the Baseball Canada NCCP Programs ensuring that all Rep level coaches are properly certified as per Baseball Canada requirements and that all house league/community programs have at least one coach per team who have completed the Initiation Coach level at minimum
- The Association is providing access to all programs to boys and girls at any age
- The Association is in support and using the Baseball Canada pitch counts for the Mosquito and Pee-Wee divisions

### ***How much does it cost to become an RBI Approved Association?***

Applying to become a RBI Baseball Canada Association is free. There is no other fee attached to this program.

### **Why should my Association become a RBI Approved Association?**

Here are some of the benefits we are offering all of our RBI Approved Associations:

- Get 1 free NCCP On-line Module access code when you purchase 10 access codes
- Your Association will be provided permission to utilize the RBI designation and logo at registration, on all printed material as well as on your Association website for that season and a mention on Baseball Canada website
- Your association will be listed on the Baseball Canada and provincial Baseball websites as an RBI Approved Association
- You will receive 10% of any purchase at the Baseball Canada Club House Shop on all Association orders
- Your Association will receive one free dozen of Rally Caps per 100 ordered
- The Association with the greatest percentage of membership increase as of June 15th will get a full Baseball Canada day clinic for free in July (value of \$2000) including drinks, snacks, coaching, hats, t-shirts and more
- Baseball Canada will promote the list of RBI Approved Associations to Provincial Sport Offices as well as the local/municipal park and recreation department

### **How can my association apply for accreditation through the RBI Program?**

In order to become a RBI Approved association, simply send an email to [nolan@saskbaseball.ca](mailto:nolan@saskbaseball.ca) addressing all the criteria mentioned above. Baseball Canada will contact you to approve your Association or to ask additional questions.

### **RBI Program's Approved to Date:**

- Baseball Regina
- Melville Minor Baseball
- Preeceville Minor Baseball
- Saskatoon Minor Baseball
- Weyburn Minor Baseball
- Yorkton Minor Baseball
- Humboldt Minor Baseball
- White Butte Minor Baseball
- Swift Current Minor Baseball
- Meadow Lake Minor Ball
- Carnduff Minor Ball

# MY FIRST PITCH



My First Pitch is a program targeted at the development of pitchers entering the 11U division where pitching is introduced for first time. All players entering this division are exposed to mini-cam on pitching.

To request additional information or hard copies of program material contact Nolan Bracken at [nolan@saskbaseball.ca](mailto:nolan@saskbaseball.ca).

## **Coaches Manual**

- Teaching young pitchers the stretch position vs full wind-up
- Gripping the baseball
- Set up on the mound
- Beginning momentum towards home plate
- Stride
- Landing front foot
- Releasing the baseball
- Follow through
- Coaching Points
- Compare the youth pitcher and the professional

## **Drills to emphasize Good Pitching Mechanics for youth**

- Lift and thrust drill
- Knee drill
- Rock and fire drill
- 3 "x" drill
- Hit the hat drill
- Japanese pitching drill or 18 strikes
- Run and gun

## **Appendixes**

- Physical literacy warm-up: Age 7 and 8
- Physical literacy warm-up: Age 9 and 10
- Physical literacy warm-up: Age 11 and up

# CHALLENGER BASEBALL



What is Challenger Baseball?

Well, it is probably the most rewarding organized baseball activity you will find out there. Challenger Baseball is the program that allows children with cognitive or physical disabilities the opportunity to enjoy all the benefits of playing baseball, in an environment that caters to their very special needs. Our philosophy is very simple: “play, just for fun!!” You can’t beat it.

The “game” is played in a safe, recreational environment, where no score is kept. Able-bodied “Buddies” are assigned (one on one) to each participant. These Buddies are “mentors” to the Challenger players, and assist with their involvement in the game. Pushing wheelchairs around the basepath, assisting players in how to hold the bat and swing, or providing protection for the Challenger player from a batted ball, are just a few of the ways the Buddies offer a better experience for the participants in Challenger Baseball.

Each participant is treated like every other player in the conventional baseball program. All players are on a team, and are outfitted in uniforms and use the same equipment. A team picture is a must for Challenger Baseball, as it is in the other divisions ... team party to finish the season ... a team trophy ... they are all part of the Challenger Baseball “experience” for every child that plays...

Last but not least, the smiles are plentiful and free!! The joy on the face of each participant in Challenger Baseball, makes you realize just how much fun they are having. No more all star pressures!! No more playing time issues!! Everyone just has fun ... kind of what baseball is supposed to be all about.

If you would like to learn more about Challenger Baseball, or how to start Challenger Baseball in your community, check out our website: [www.baseball.ca/challenger](http://www.baseball.ca/challenger) or contact the Provincial Challenger Baseball Coordinator, Porter Nabis, at [ptnabis@hotmail.com](mailto:ptnabis@hotmail.com).





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