



2018

# Provincial Umpires' Committee

AGM Reports & Resources

October 19/20, 2018

Regina, SK





## **Provincial Umpire Committee Meeting**

**Agenda  
October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Regina**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
- 4. Minutes from October 20, 2017**
- 5. Business Arising from the Minutes**
  - a. Program Contribution**
  - b. Registration Lists**
  - c. Provincial Championship Expense Forms**
- 6. Executive Committee Reports**
  - a. Committees**
    - i. Education**
      - 1. Ejection Procedure Video**
    - ii. Operations and Communications**
    - iii. High Performance**
    - iv. Evaluation and Mentorship**
    - v. Umpire of the Week**
  - b. Supervisor**
  - c. Assistant Supervisor**
  - d. Past Supervisor**
  - e. Baseball Canada Report**
- 7. New Business**
  - a. Discipline – Suspension Guidelines**
  - b. 2019 National Clinic**
  - c. Policy and Procedure Manual – Revisions**
    - i. Election Clarification**
    - ii. Appeals Process**
- 8. Election for Provincial Supervisor – Rocky Nickel CEO**
- 9. Next Meeting**
- 10. Adjourn**

**2017 Baseball Saskatchewan  
Umpire Committee Meeting  
October 20, 2017**

Present:

Committee - Rocky Nickel, Trevor Drury, Scott Mills, Elemer Jerkovits

Zone Directors – Kevin Culy, Chris Shore, Bruce Walker, Murray Bucis, Gary Dodds, Matt Schule, Brad Biermann, Adrian Bourgeois

Observer – Aaron Szivolt, Travis Wourms, Phil McGee

Call to order 5:10 PM

Approval of Agenda Walker/Bucsis APPROVED

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes October 22, 2016 Jerkovits/Shore APPROVED

Business from Minutes

1. Nothing arising.

Executive Committee Reports:

1. Executive Committee Members  
Officers Elected – Trevor, Brent  
Appointed – Aaron Media and Communication, Elemer – Grassroots, Scott – Education, Rocky - High Performance.  
Future Committee proposals  
Education/Training  
High Performance  
Operations and Communication  
Evaluation and Mentorship
2. Officers
3. Baseball Canada Report – not much transpired in past 12 months. Fall Convention in November, 2017

New Business

1. Program Contribution – many contributions submitted. Not 100% submitted.  
Low number – 15 or so  
High number – 135  
Average – 35  
Need to get 100% uptake of senior members. Discussion on challenges

2. Rule Change – Presented by Murray Bucsis. Proposal to have slide rule at home plate to mirror MLB rule. Trevor indicated that of all ejection reports submitted in 2017, 0 Ejection Reports were ejections for collision at home plate.
3. Registration Lists – not a high priority by the office. New registration makes it more time-consuming for office staff. Suggestion to have some grant money to hire someone to do the inputting of names, mailing addresses, etc. Suggestion to have Zone Directors take whatever means to get it on an electronic list.
4. National Clinic 2018 – May long weekend in Saskatoon suggested as being the best option.
5. Policy and Procedure Manual Revisions.  
Timing of Election of Supervisor and Assistant.  
Committees – make up and selection/appointment.  
Appointments/selections need to be put into it.  
No process on how the manual can be changed.
6. Baseball Saskatchewan Strategic Planning  
Last session was held in December, 2016.  
Advertising, promotion ideas have been developed or in the process of being developed.
7. Social Media policy developed  
Facebook is prime media outlet  
Discussion on using other media: Instagram? Twitter?  
Discussion occurred on who should have ability to post
8. Caravan  
Five Saskatchewan umpires attended in early October, 2017: Chris Shore , Kevin Mandzuk, Damon Giesbrecht, Adrian Bourgeois, Huck Craig  
Clinicians clinics must be held annually in each Province. Suggested to have one in February, 2018 as we did not have one in 2017.
9. Provincial Championship Invoice Forms – new for 2018  
One form to be completed by UIC for the tournament  
One form to be completed by umpires who worked in the tournament.
10. Skillshark Evaluation Application  
Presentation by Phil McGee about SkillShark.net – online evaluation tool for all evaluators and supervisors.

Other business

Next meeting – Conference call January, 2018. Date to be Finalized

Adjournment – 8:32



## Umpire Annual General Meeting

October 20th, 2018

Regina

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. AGM Voting Procedures
  - for election of zone directors / Assistant Supervisor
  - For resolutions
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Adoption of the 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes
6. Committee Reports
  - a) Supervisor
  - b) Past Supervisor
  - c) Assistant Supervisor
  - d) Executive Committee
    - i) Education
    - ii) Communications and Operations
    - iii) High Performance
    - iv) Evaluation and Mentorship
      - 1) Umpire of the Week
  - e) Zone Director Reports
7. 2018 Resolutions
8. 2017 Elections – Chaired by Rocky Nickel CEO
  - Zone Directors
9. New Business
10. Other
11. Adjourn

Baseball Saskatchewan Umpire's Division

Annual General Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2017 - Saskatoon

1. Call to order 9:08 AM
2. Roll Call - Trevor Drury, Rocky Nickel, Kevin Culy, Gary Dodds, Matt Schule, Scott Mills, Bruce Walker, Chris Shore, Elemer Jerkovits, Murray Bucsis, Adrian Bourgeois, Aaron Roberts, Justin Anderson, Logan Nugent, Blake Thille, Phil McGee
3. Voting procedures discussed. Committee members only will vote on Executive position. All members will vote on Zone Directors.
4. Agenda. Motion to adopt Nickel/Mills APPROVED
5. Minutes from 2016 AGM. Motion to adopt Walker/Jerkovits APPROVED
6. Reports
  - a. Provincial Supervisor – circulated for information.
  - b. Executive Committee – verbal by Committee Members. Go forward basis members of the Executive Committee will have different members and different roles.
  - c. Zone Directors  
Motion to accept reports as circulated. Shore/Roberts APPROVED
  - d. Baseball Canada – Fall Convention coming up November 3-5, 2017 in Hamilton. Saskatchewan representatives involved in Grassroots and Education Committees of Baseball Canada Umpire Committees.
7. Resolutions for manual in the future
  - a. Flexibility in establishing committees needs to be written into the manual.
  - b. Methodology of making changes needs to be defined.
  - c. Umpire Committees need to be clarified/updated.
  - d. Appointments need to be clarified.
  - e. Voting structure needs to be clarified.
8. Assistant Supervisor and Zone Directors  
Scott Mills – nominated by Schule/Culy. Accepted by Scott.
  - Zone 1 - Kevin Culy. Motion Mills/Roberts - accepted by Kevin.
  - Zone 2 - Chris Shore appointed by Regina Baseball Umpires Association.
  - Zone 3 - Bruce Walker. Motion Mills/Jerkovits - accepted by Bruce.
  - Zone 4 - Murray Bucsis. Motion Shore/Roberts - accepted by Murray.
  - Zone 5 - Doug Jackson. Motion Dodds/Thille – accepted by Doug.
  - Zone 6 - Matt Schule. Appointed by Saskatoon Umpires Association
  - Zone 7 - Phil McGee. Motion Thille/Culy – Declined. Position is vacant.
  - Zone 8 - Adrian Bourgeois. Motion Mills/Walker - accepted by Adrian.
 Motion to accept nomination committee report. Nickel/Drury APPROVED
9. New Business
  - Rule Books at clinics?
  - Comment to give to Level 2 and higher umpires
  - Comment that Level 1 umpires need them
10. Adjournment. Mills
11. Next meeting – Regina, 2018. Date to be announced

**Supervisor of Umpires**

**2018 Annual Report**

With the exception of those who work fall ball, most of us have said “Play ball!” for the final time in 2018. Moving into the off-season we can look back to what I believe was a very successful summer in Saskatchewan!

To start off, I need to thank our umpire committee. The executive committee and zone directors all volunteer countless hours to better the officiating in this province. Our program is one that is respected nationally, and that is due to the efforts of our volunteers.

2018 saw our umpire registration numbers grow for the second straight year. Our numbers grew by 123 umpires last year, and an additional 81 this year (see chart below for a breakdown by zone). Overall, we hosted 31 clinics province wide (up 5 from 2017). We hosted 28 Level 1 clinics (up 2), 12 Level 2 clinics (up 5), and our National Level Superclinic. This was a non-clinic year for Level 3’s, so they were just required to register online and write the exam.

I am encouraged as we progress through the second cycle of our grassroots curriculum. Seeing that more level 2 clinics were hosted means that more umpires are progressing through the levels and are experiencing more advanced training. We also have had an increase in umpires wanting to enter the level 3 program, which is where we have identified a need to grow our numbers.

<b>Umpire Registrations</b>			
<b>Zone</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>1</b>	111	166	<b>55</b>
<b>2</b>	66	50	<b>-16</b>
<b>3</b>	46	54	<b>8</b>
<b>4</b>	67	55	<b>-12</b>
<b>5</b>	98	91	<b>-7</b>
<b>6</b>	91	132	<b>41</b>
<b>7</b>	95	102	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	72	77	<b>5</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>81</b>

Our Level 4/5 Superclinic was hosted by Saskatoon in conjunction with the Midget Selects Tournament. Our elite umpires were in the class for one day, and evaluated the other day. Feedback of this format has been generally positive. Planning will begin soon for all clinics in 2019.

In all, we sent 9 umpires to a National Championship. It was really nice to be able to send 5 umpires to their first championship, great to have new umpires enter the mix and earn new opportunities. Evaluations of the umpires who attended a National were very positive, so I’d like to congratulate the following umpires and thank them for their hard work!

DQ 13U National Western – \*Kirk Schafer (Wilke)

Rocky Nickel (Caronport) – Lead Supervisor



DQ 13U National – \*Daryl Zimmer (Yorkton)

15U National - \*Warren Burrell (Yorkton)

18U National – Matt Schule (Saskatoon)

Baseball Canada Cup – Kevin Culy (Estevan)

Scott Mills (Saskatoon) – Supervisor

21U Women’s Invitational - \*Rob Anderson (Lloydminster) and \*Aaron Szejvold (Saskatoon)

21U Men National – Huck Craig (Moose Jaw)

Senior Men – Trevor Drury (Outlook)

\* - umpires working their first National Championship

We were also very excited to learn that Huck Craig received an invitation to umpire at T12 at the Rogers Centre in Toronto in September. Huck represented us very well, and worked the plate in the final game. T12 is a tremendous learning opportunity and a major step on the way to a possible International assignment. Congrats Huck!

It was a busy year in province as well. With the growth of the game, more teams participated in Provincial Championships – Great to see! It does leave us with some challenges – finding enough umpires to work these larger tournaments with multiple diamonds and day games on the Friday. We also had some challenges with multiple tournaments in the same zone at the same time, all drawing from the same umpire pool. We appreciate those teams who host championships, and our zone directors have worked very hard to properly staff these tournaments.

This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of having our Level 4/5 umpires participate in our Program Contribution initiative. They are to submit their program contribution activities with the expectation they earn 20 points. Different activities are weighted differently, ranging from 1 point for contributing to a committee to 8 points for instructing, evaluating, and mentoring. Not all submissions have been made at this time, but as they come in it is rewarding to see all the different ways our leaders help our program.

Our Social Media presence has continued to grow, and has been very well received! There are more followers and post engagements every month on our Facebook page. Some of the most popular posts were our National Assignment announcements and our send off posts to umpires as they left for their nationals.

I continued my work with the Co-Commissioners of Baseball Sask in tracking all sanctions reported this year. See the chart below for a comparison of 2017 and 2018 sanctions. More Yellow Cards were issued this year, and there were less ejections with no yellow cards. There were some very troubling incidents, but we are very pleased with how Baseball Sask supports it’s officials.

<b>Baseball Sask Sanctions</b>			
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Yellow Cards	50	75	25
Ejections (No Yellow Card)	66	50	-16
Ejections (Following Yellow Card)	7	21	14

I'm continuing my work on the Baseball Canada Instructor Development Committee under Lead Ron Shewchuck. Tasks this year include an intake of new potential senior course conductors into the advancement process, and creation of an additional module on scheduling National Championships.

It's time for me to make way for a new supervisor. I have enjoyed my time, but its time for someone else to take the reins. I will not be seeking re-election, and Scott Mills will do a fine job replacing me. One of my goals has been for us to get new people involved in leadership, and to build leadership capacity in our membership. I am pleased that we have been able to this. I will be staying on as past supervisor, and look forward to continue working in our committee structure.

With this, I must acknowledge our current past supervisor, Rocky Nickel. He has either been the supervisor or past supervisor for the better part of 2 decades, and was involved in this committee before that. His leadership, knowledge, honesty, and his always looking out for the best interest of umpires has always been of great benefit to baseball in this province. I thank you Rocky for your many years of dedication and hard work!

Yours in Baseball,



Trevor Drury  
 Supervisor of Umpires  
 Baseball Sask

This year was not an overly busy one for my portfolio. My responsibilities this year was collecting the contribution point submissions and on appeals for reinstatement.

By the September 30 deadline I had received 15 submissions of contribution points for the past season (2018) and 3 of these submissions were from level 3 umpires. Points ranged from 25 – 78 points. There were several level 4 umpires that did not submit their contribution points by the September 30 deadline with no contact as to why or asking for an extension. One umpire asked for an extension due to personal reasons which was granted. As an executive we need to decide on whether we need to make this program a policy and add it to the operations manual or continue to use it as a guideline. From collecting data the past 2 seasons a point total of 25 points is easily achievable in a season so that is definitely a good starting point for discussion about an acceptable amount of points if we decide to make this an official policy. I feel that this should be an important part of our national program in Saskatchewan and we should consider adding this as policy for all level 4 umpires.

There were 2 submissions for reinstatement sent to me this year. Both applications were from experienced umpires who left the program for several years and returned in the last 2 years. Both of these appeals were approved and these 2 umpires will be able to register as level 3 umpires next season. The idea of allowing an umpire a once in a lifetime appeal for reinstatement is a great idea but there need to be some changes to how this is handled. First of all, we need to add this process to our Operations Manual. The procedure for applying for reinstatement, the \$50 fee and how to pay it, the information required for the appeal, etc. The description in the manual is very vague and needs to be clarified. I also recommend that the executive committees create a standard form for this process that should be placed on the website for umpires to access. The form should have the criteria and guidelines for the appeal on it. This way we can standardize the process for all who apply for reinstatement. The final thing is how do we keep records of these appeals. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, what is the best way that we can keep track of the umpires who have appealed and whether they were successful or not. I would open that for discussion by the executive.

I look forward to next season and will enjoy the off season.

Yours in Baseball

Scott Mills

## **High Performance Pools**

### **Pool A - Major**

Name		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
Shaun	Bzdel					Bantam		Bantam			Cup		U-13 W				
Brent	Chadwick	Senior							Cup								
Huck	Craig								Midget		Junior		Junior		Senior		Junior/T12
Kevin	Culy	Bantam		Pee-Wee		Midget		Midget	Cup					Junior		Cup	
Trevor	Drury	Can Games		Cup		World			Junior/T12		T12	World		World		Senior	
Elmer	Jerkovits	Senior	Senior	Cup		Can Games	World	Senior			T12	Senior/T12	World		Junior/World		
Scott	Mills	Midget	Cup	Junior		Senior			Senior					Senior	Junior	Can Games/T12	
Scott	Mostoway										PeeWee	Midget	Junior				
Rocky	Nickel	World	Cup	Junior		Junior						Cup					
Aaron	Roberts								Senior		T12	Senior		World			
Matt	Schule										PeeWee	Bantam	Cup		Midget		
Chris	Shore								Bantam		Bantam	Bantam		Midget			
Bob	Sonder	PeeWee			PeeWee	Bantam				Midget		Cup		Sr. Women			
Bruce	Walker	PeeWee		Midget				Midget		Cup		Junior		U-13 W			
Braden	Lonsberry	Can Games															
Philip	McGee										Pee Wee	Bantam	Bantam				

### Pool B – Minor

Name		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Bradley	Biermann				Pee Wee		PW W	PW N
Gary	Dodds	PeeWee					PW W	
Trevor	Elliott					PW W		
Mike	Tardiff							
Travis	Wourms	Pee Wee					PW N	Midget
Daryl	Zimmer						21U Women	PW N
Kirk	Schaffer							PW W
Warren	Burrell							Bantam
Rob	Anderson						21U Womens	
Tyson	Blomquist							
Riley	Csener							
Clayton	Obst							

### Level 3

Name		City		Name		City
Justin	Anderson	Saskatoon		Ryan	McKenna	Regina
Shaune	Beatty	Yorkton		Heath	Muggli	Saskatoon
Adrian	Bougeois	Melfort		Micheal	Schaan	Saskatoon
Nathan	Brown	Saskatoon		Grady	Slade	Moose Jaw
Murray	Bucsis	Melville		Craig	Smith	Yorkton
Peter	Champagne	Melville		Ray	Smith	Lloydminster
Bert	Gartner	Macklin		Aaron	Szejvolt	Saskatoon
Devin	Gerwing	Saskatoon		Blake	Thille	Saskatoon
Damon	Giesbrecht	Lumsden		John	Vanderhulst	Esterhazy
Bobby	Mark	Dalmeny				

### Communications and Operations Report:

A goal after our AGM last year was to increase our social media presence. Reflecting back on the year I feel that we have been successful in achieving just that.

At the time of our AGM last year the Baseball Sask Umpire Division Facebook page had 99 Likes and 103 followers. The page had little traffic and engagement and this was partly due to it being in its infancy thanks to the initiative of Aaron Roberts, Trevor Drury and Scott Mills.

As of September 25 our page has:

- 206 likes (108% increase year over year)
- 217 followers (110% increase year over year).

What's interesting is that our followers are not limited to Saskatchewan umpires, but also umpires from other provincial associations in Canada country and even worldwide. Though it would be nice to have all of members following us, the reality is that it will never happen.

Additionally a Twitter account under the handle @SaskUmpires was launched in mid April. As of September 25, 2018 we have 61 followers.

The social media communication plan had 3 objectives:

- 1) Notify umpires of clinics, events and deadlines,
- 2) Celebrate umpires of Saskatchewan,
- 3) Promote the development of umpires.

It is felt we attained this by posting regular pictures of umpires, continuing with our second year of national umpire biographies, posting names of all the umpires selected to work provincial and western baseball championships, as well as having "send off" posts dedicated to our umpires as they left for the various national championships.

The reception of these posts has been extremely positive, with many people contacting us to say they really enjoyed them, and that they would look forward to seeing them. These congratulations were not only from the umpires themselves, but also from umpires across the country wishing their respective association would do the same thing. A big thank you goes out to all our umpires who took the time to submit their biography and picture, and for having a great sense of humor and playing along.

Aside from copying and pasting the Baseball Canada rule interpretations for the 2018 season, there was an effort to avoid posting rule related questions. This was done to avoid having debate in the comment section that could confuse umpires if the wrong rule interpretation was given. There are many other places online where rule knowledge is their specialty, so it was felt that it was better to avoid asking rule related content.

Another way that it is felt that we are leading a charge in social media is that after we started posting names of our provincial and national championship umpires it was noticed that other provinces were starting to do the same thing, as well as the Baseball Canada Umpire Facebook & Twitter accounts as well. Now we know that nobody likes a copycat, but in this instance we feel that mimicry should be regarded as form a flattery.

Though we increased our social media presence there has been some concerns from members that we need to increase our overall communications to them. There have been some members who have expressed that they do not have social media and feel that they are being excluded. A goal for our communication standards over the next year should be to develop some kind of communications plan and consider regular email updates. This could be in the form of a newsletter, or simple text email. This should be something discussed at the board level, as it will require the effort of multiple people to contribute. It should also be noted that if people have stuff that they wish to contribute, they are free to submit it and will have it posted if it meets the BaseballSask social media guidelines.

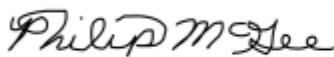
Additional forms of communication were the use of the BaseballSask website where our clinic information and policies and procedures information can be found.

**Operations:**

There have been no updates made to the operations manual this year. In reviewing the manual there are areas that could be updated and more clearly defined. Over the next year a goal of the executive and board should be review it just to make sure we are keeping our policies and procedures relevant to our organization today. This review does not have to be exhaustive, but should formally reviewing every couple of years as good practice.

I would like to thank the executive and board for allowing me to be part of the organization over the past year. I have enjoyed being a member at large, and being your operations and communications lead. I look forward to continuing to be part of this group and celebrating in the achievements of Saskatchewan umpires.

Sincerely,



**Philip McGee**  
**Baseball Sask Umpire Division - Operations & Communications Lead**

I would like to thank all Zone Umpire Directors who submitted their selections for “Umpire of the Week” on time. The success of this program is a result of the zone directors’ work by submitting their selection on time.

Michael Bassett from Zone 6 was selected for Baseball Canada’s “Umpire of the Week”.

I continue to believe that the “Umpire of the Week” is an excellent program and should continue to recognize the young umpires in the province. Seeing the happy and proud faces of young umpires selected as “Umpire of the Week” makes this program worthwhile.

Yours in Umpiring,  
Murray Bucsis  
Zone 4 Umpire Director

2018 BASEBALL SASK UMPIRES AGM

## EDUCATION LEAD REPORT

The 2018 clinic season was a busy one this year with 40 clinics across the province. Clinics ran from April 7<sup>th</sup> to May 12<sup>th</sup> with requests starting in January. All clinics were also advertised on our Facebook page thanks to Phil and the communications portfolio. The request process is in need of some revamping as the current process is time consuming for all parties involved. Request forms often came back incomplete or illegible. Several steps in this process could be streamlined with the use of google forms. I propose for the 2019 clinic season we use google forms for clinic requests.

The current process involves the following steps:

- Host downloads form to fill in
- Host scans and sends document to education lead
- Education lead enters data into a spreadsheet
- Education lead forwards request document to Baseball Sask so clinic material can be sent out
- Education lead assigns Clinician

Using a google form can streamline this process and enhance the clinic request process. The first step in this process can be streamlined as an online form with a link on the Baseball Sask website. The host is required to fill in the necessary information on this form; and when submitted the education lead and Baseball Sask will be notified via email of the new request. The host will also receive an automatic email confirming the request and information regarding hosting a clinic. From this point we can continue the normal process of assigning and supplying clinic materials for clinics. It also give us the opportunity to ask for approximant attendance.

For more information please see the follow reports submitted

- 2018 Baseball Sask clinic list
- 2018 Clinician List
- 2018 Superclinic Survey Results

Sincerely,

Aaron Roberts



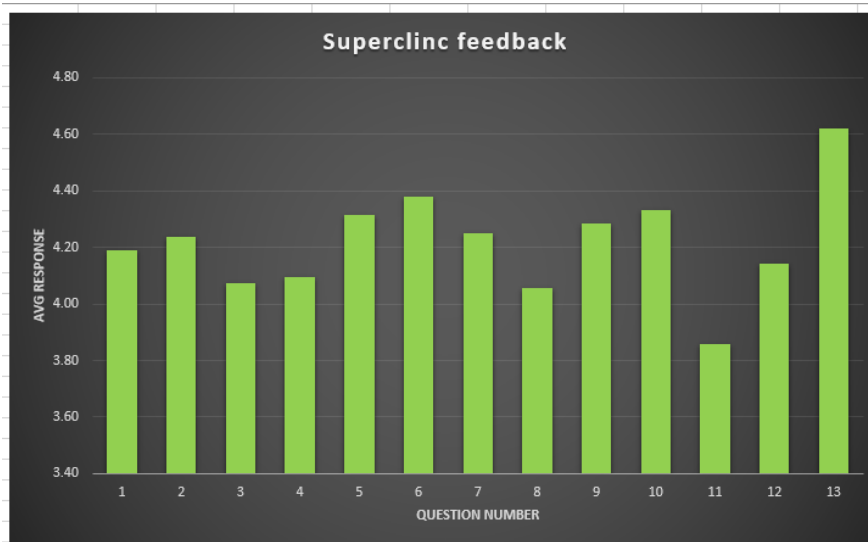


## 2018 BASEBALL SASK UMPIRE CLINICS

Application Date	Clinic Date	Host	Contact Person	Gym Avail	Level	Instructor		
January 23, 2018	April 7, 2018	Weyburn Minor Baseball	Ernie Parisien	No	Level 1	Kevin Culy	Nickel	1
January 18, 2018	April 8, 2018	Saskatoon Baseball	Matt Schule	Yes	Level 1	Matt Schule, Scott Mills, Travis Wourms	Drury	0
January 21, 2018	April 14, 2018	Sask Five Giants	Bobby Marks	Yes	Level 1	Huck Craig; Rocky Nickel	Mills	3
January 18, 2018	April 14, 2018	Saskatoon Baseball	Matt Schule	Yes	Level 2	Matt Schule	Culy	5
January 21, 2018	April 14, 2018	Sask Five Giants	Bobby Marks	Yes	Level 2	Travis Wourms	Lonsberry	0
February 18, 2018	April 14, 2018	Swift Current Minor Baseball	Bryce Martin	Yes	Level 1	Bruce Walker	Biskey	2
March 19, 2018	April 14, 2018	Canora Minor Baseball	Mitchelle Hembler	YES	Level 2	Terry Schneider	Jerkovitz	1
January 25, 2018	April 14, 2018	Tisdale Minor Baseball	Chastity Andrusi	YES	Level 1	Adrian Bourgeois	Wagner	0
February 27, 2018	April 15, 2018	Cargyle Minor Baseball	Bill Wjatt	Yes	Level 2	Kevin Culy	Walker	2
February 18, 2018	April 15, 2018	Swift Current Minor Baseball	Bryce Martin	Yes	Level 2	Bruce Walker, Huck Craig	Chadwick	0
January 22, 2018	April 21, 2018	Prince Albert Minor Baseball	Lance Alexander	No	Level 1	Adrian Bourgeois	Bedel	0
January 23, 2018	April 21, 2018	Weyburn Minor Baseball	Ernie Parisien	No	Level 2	Kevin Culy	Roberts	4
January 16, 2018	April 21, 2018	Battleford Minor Baseball Assn	Clint Gieni	Yes	Level 1	Brad Biemann	Wolbaum	0
January 26, 2018	April 21, 2018	Kindersley Minor Baseball	Andy Ortman	Yes	Level 1	Aaron Roberts	Smith	0
January 26, 2018	April 21, 2018	Kindersley Minor Baseball	Andy Ortman	Yes	Level 2	Travis Wourms	Buccis	4
January 25, 2018	April 21, 2018	Baseball Regina	Steve Horn	Yes	Level 1	Elmer Jerkovits	Schneider	4
March 8, 2018	April 21, 2018	Yorkton Minor Baseball	Brian Murray	Yes	Level 2	Terry Schneider	Kiefer	1
February 26, 2018	April 21, 2018	Moosomin Minor Baseball	Jennifer Price	Yes	Level 1	Murray Buccis	Schule	3
January 25, 2018	April 22, 2018	Baseball Regina	Steve Horn	Yes	Level 2	Dave Biskey	Wourms	6
March 8, 2018	April 22, 2018	Watrous Minor Baseball	Douglas Thomas	Yes	Level 1	Aaron Roberts	Bierman	3
March 8, 2018	April 22, 2018	Melville Minor Baseball	Murray Buccis	No	Level 1	Craig Smith - CANCELED	Shore	0
March 2, 2018	April 22, 2018	Lloydminster Minor Baseball	Bradley Bierman	Yes	Level 1	Brad Biemann	Mandzuk	0
January 24, 2018	April 22, 2018	Carnduff, SK	Shane Marsh	Yes	Level 1	Kevin Culy	Craig	2
January 18, 2018	April 28, 2018	Saskatoon Baseball	Matt Schule	Yes	Level 1	Matt Schule, Scott Mills, Aaron Roberts	Geisbrecht	1
January 5, 2018	April 28, 2018	Eston Minor Baseball	Chris Kelehar		Level 1	Travis Wourms	Bourgeois	4
April 13, 2018	April 28, 2018	Lumsden Minor Baseball	Jennifer Schindler	Yes	Level 1	Murray Buccis, Chris Shore		
March 15, 2018	April 29, 2018	Estevan Minor Baseball	Ryan Siever	Yes	Level 1	Kevin Culy		
March 8, 2018	April 29, 2018	Canora Minor Baseball	Michelle Hembler	YES	Level 1	Terry Schneider		
March 11, 2018	April 29, 2018	Humboldt Minor Baseball	Gord Kiefer	Yes	Level 1	Gord Kiefer		
March 8, 2018	April 29, 2018	Esterhazy Minor Baseball	Nicole Knezacek	Yes	Level 1	Murray Buccis		
March 2, 2018	April 29, 2018	Lloydminster Minor Baseball	Bradley Bierman	Yes	Level 2	Brad Biemann		
March 13, 2018	April 29, 2018	Hudson Bay Minor Baseball	Michelle Gulka	Yes	Level 1	Aaron Roberts		
April 13, 2018	April 29, 2018	Lumsden Minor Baseball	Jennifer Schindler	Yes	Level 2	Dave Biskey, Geisbrecht		
February 21, 2018	May 5, 2018	Carrot Minor Ball Association	Miranda Blaber	Yes	Level 1	Adrian Bourgeois		
March 29, 2018	May 5, 2018	Porcupine Minor Baseball	Shelly Ekren		Level 1	Murray Buccis		
March 28, 2018	May 5, 2018	Meadow Lake Baseball	Pegan Beck	Yes	Level 1	Travis Wourms		
April 16, 2018	May 12, 2018	Wadena Minor Sports	Ryan Baker	Yes	Level 1	Terry Schneider		
	May 5, 2018	Kerrobert Minor Baseball	Conroy Fillion	Yes	Level 1	Scott Mills		
January 18, 2018	May 12, 2018	Saskatoon Baseball	Matt Schule	Yes	Level 1	Travis Wourms		
April 25, 2018	May 6, 2018	Melfort Minor Baseball	Adrian Bourgeois	Yes	Level 1	Adrian Bourgeois		

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Zone	New	Emerging	Effective	Senior/Master	Retired
1			<b>Culy Lonsberry</b>		
2	<b>Shore</b> (Emerging)(Observed by Bucsis in 2018) <b>Mandzuk</b> (Emerging)	<b>Wolbaum</b>	<b>Bisskey Jerkovitz Wagner</b>		<b>Zerr Schrader</b>
3	<b>Craig</b> (Effective)(Observed by Nickle & Walker in 2018)		<b>Walker Chadwick</b>	<b>Nickel</b> (Master)	
4		<b>Smith Bucsis Schneider</b> (Observed by Mills in Tisdale 2016)			
5	<b>Geisbrecht</b> (Observed by Bisskey in 2018) (Effective)	<b>Gord Kiefer</b>		<b>Drury</b> (Master)	
6		<b>Schule</b> (Observed by Roberts in Saskatoon 2016 & Mills in Kindersley 2016) <b>Wourms</b> (Observed by Bzdel in Saskatoon 2016)	<b>Bzdel Roberts</b>	<b>Mills</b> (Senior)	<b>Orth</b> (senior) <b>Kobiela</b> (Effective) <b>Remenda</b> (Senior) <b>Bell</b> (Master)
7		<b>Bierman</b> (Observed by Mills in 2016)			<b>Burke</b> (Emerging)
8	<b>Bourgeois</b> (Emerging)				



Questions:

- 1 How was your overall experience at the 2018 Superclinc?
- 2 How relevant and helpful do you think this event was to the level of baseball you work?
- 3 How satisfied were you with the Accommodations, Communications & Sessions? [Accommodation]
- 4 How satisfied were you with the Accommodations, Communications & Sessions? [Communication emails]
- 5 How satisfied were you with the Accommodations, Communications & Sessions? [Social Media Communications]
- 6 How satisfied were you with the Accommodations, Communications & Sessions? [Location ]
- 7 How satisfied were you with the Accommodations, Communications & Sessions? [Transportation]
- 8 How satisfied were you with the Accommodations, Communications & Sessions? [Welcome activity (Social Event)]
- 9 How satisfied were you with the Accommodations, Communications & Sessions? [Venues ]
- 10 How satisfied were you with the Accommodations, Communications & Sessions? [Session #1 Standards for Removal]
- 11 How satisfied were you with the Accommodations, Communications & Sessions? [Session #2 Contribution Program]
- 12 How satisfied were you with the Accommodations, Communications & Sessions? [Session #3 Baseball Canda Content ]
- 13 How satisfied were you with the Accommodations, Communications & Sessions? [Sesion #4 Field Work (Control Games)]

## Zone 1 Report

Zone 1 hosted ten provincial championships over the summer of 2018. All tournaments were staffed with registered SBA umpires. The only negative feedback came from the mosquito AAA provincial in White Butte, we had a couple coaches that were rough on two of our young officials.

Highlights, Braden Lonsberry appears to be back in the program, both provincially and nationally. He is a very capable official at all age/skill levels. Still getting great support from Billy Wyatt in Carlyle, he is a great asset to our umpire operations in zone 1.

Weyburn seems to be unstable, on most days they are a model organization with their senior members, umpire change room facility, equipment available for loan/use by its your membership, great diamond facilities... just need that one impartial person to take the lead.

Estevan had lots of young umpires register, Lesley Mittelholtz looked after the house league assigning for mosquito/peewee/bantam and that was a huge blessing.

regards,

Kevin Culy

Zone 1 Director

## Zone 2 Report

Another summer has come and gone in beautiful Regina. This year Regina held a lvl 1 clinic and a lvl 2. These clinics went off with out a hitch this year. We saw the new Baseball Canada level system begin to work with some of our returning umpires eager to learn new more. Zone 2 has very similar numbers this year then last year and still managed to cover the games better then the previous few years. This increase of coverage came mostly from out Assignor's both at the minor and senior level.

Provincials:

This year we hosted:

Mosquito AA

Pee Wee AAA

Bantam AAA

Midget AA

Jr.AAA

Senior AA

Provincials went overall pretty well with the exception of a few problems. The first issue we had was with Baseball Regina scheduling some league playoffs on the same weekends of their provincials. This created a lack of umpires in Regina which forced us to call in some help from other zones. The second issue we ran into is we had some umpires late for their games which forced us to use some emergency help. I would like to thank all the zone directors for their assistance in helping me in finding umpires

I would like to congratulate Jordan Bourassa on being our umpire of week! As well as all umpires who represented Saskatchewan at their nationals.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Shore

### Zone 3 Report

Another busy and rewarding year...

Between on-line registration and attending various clinics; Zone 3 registered 60 umpires as follows: Level 1 (11); 2 (44); 3 (1); and 5 (4).

This represents a 20% increase over 2017 registrations.

Of the registered Level 2"s, eleven (11) have achieved "fully qualified" status, and four (4) have expressed interest in advancement.

We welcomed a new clinician in Huck Craig.

Clinics hosted in the Zone were well attended and positively received.

Senior umpires in Swift Current are doing a wonderful job with the mentorship initiative. A hectic WMBL schedule impaired my usual level of mentorship.

Josh Hiebert from Pambrum was selected as our Zone's Junior Umpire of the Week.

Throughout the Zone nearly 400 games were assigned with registered officials.

We hosted three (3) provincial championships in Moose Jaw (Twilite); Pontix (Midget AA Tier 5); and Swift Current (Pee Wee AA Tier 1) and numerous league championships. Yellow cards were appropriately utilized in Pontix.

As well, some Zone 3 umpires made themselves available to help with Zone 7's overwhelming provincial championship schedule. For Provincials, I was able to appoint three (3) first time Umpires in Chief; namely, Huck Craig, Hayden Hodges, and Clayton Obst. The highlight for me though was Swift Current...where three (3) umpires under the age of twenty (20) masterfully worked the Gold Medal Game.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Bryce Martin of Swift Current for unofficially being Assistance Zone Umpire Director.

Looking forward to 2019 with Western Summer Games coming to Swift Current.

Respectfully,

Bruce Walker  
Zone 3 Director

## Zone 4 Report

- Zone 4 hosted the following umpire clinics.
  - Level 1 Umpire clinics – Esterhazy, Canora, Melville, and Parkland Baseball League.
  - Level 2 Umpire clinics – Canora and Yorkton.
- Zone 4 saw a decline in number of umpires from 70 to 62.
- No Provincial Championships in Zone 4, but umpires did help out in Zone 1.
  - Mosquito AAA at White City
  - Bantam & Pee Wee AA Tier 4 at Moosomin
  - Senior AA Tier 4.
- Melville Summer Tournament had a total of 30 umpires. 2 from Zone 1, 1 from Zone 2, 19 from zone 4, 2 from Zone 5, 5 from Zone 8, and 1 from Manitoba.
- Mentored umpires in June at Canora minor tournament and July at the Melville Summer Tournament.
- Congratulations to Daryl Zimmer for his Pee Wee National assignment and to former Zone 4 Umpire Warren Burrell for his Bantam Nation assignment.

Yours in umpiring,  
Murray Bucsis  
Zone 4 Umpire Director

### Zone 5 Report

- Zone 5 hosted the following umpire clinics.
  - Level 1 Umpire clinics – Dalmeny, Watrous, Lumsden, Humboldt, Wadena
  - Level 2 Umpire clinics – Dalment
- Zone 5 number of umpires was at 204 for the 2018 season.
- Provincial championships in Zone 5:
  - Mosquito AA Tier 4 in Watrous
  - Midget AA Teir 4 in Hanley

Doug Jackson

Zone 5 Director

## Zone 6 Report

This year (2018), Zone 6 baseball will be considered to be a successful season. There were some challenges throughout the season, however all situations seemed to be handled in effective ways and were supported by our provincial executive when required. Saskatoon hosted three level 1 clinics this year, the first time this has ever been done, and an additional level 2 clinic. Furthermore, Saskatoon was fortunate to host this year's superclinic which was well received and organized by our provincial executive. It should be noted that facilities, proximity of event locations allowed for easy transportation and schedules were practical.

Our numbers for registered umpires increased to approximately 100. Unfortunately, a few experienced officials did not continue umpiring this year for various reasons, however the SBCIs assistance in advertising through a RAMP program helped fill the void of retiring officials and increased our total number. The zone 6 executive plans to create possible training opportunities in the winter for targeted level 2s/3s who are hoping to develop and perform at higher levels.

In comparison to last season, Zone 6 assignors all said that the assigning tasks were much easier to complete with more umpires available. Furthermore, less than 10 games were postponed or cancelled due to umpire shortages. This is a huge improvement from the 2017 season as almost 5% of all games from mosquito to senior men's were cancelled or postponed; there were no fewer games to work. It must be noted that many games are still going with only 1 umpire – we are hoping for continued growth so that this trend changes as well. This year, our district's award winners are as follows:

Rookie of the Year: Peter Spence

Most Dedicated Official of the Year: Mark Clarke and Shane Hartell (Co-winners)

Most Improved Official of the Year: Brayden Lindsey

It is important to recognize that Scott Mills was awarded the Dick Willis Official of the Year for Baseball Canada at the end of the 2017 season. This was not included in last year's report due to the timing of this award. Congratulations on this spectacular feat.

It is with great sadness that a sudden tragedy occurred in mid-season when an umpire lost his life due to a work accident. The SDBUA showed great support at his funeral and his name will be honoured on one of our award plaques as he is a co-recipient for Most Dedicated Official of the Year. His contributions as an umpire earned him a place on the plaque, however his presence and personality on and off the field that will be missed.

As for our mentorship program in Saskatoon, this season was a drastic turn-around from the 2017 season. Going from only around 60% of games covered, to nearly 95% of games having a mentor is an astonishing achievement. Thank you to Logan Nugent for taking on the difficult role of Mentor Assignor. We believe that this increase is partly due to specialized tasks and assigning through the same program that is offered to our umpires (Horizon Web Ref). We look forward to building our mentors list as there are still a couple who mentor a tremendous amount.



Saskatoon was host to 4 provincial championships that ranged from Mosquito to Midget AAA divisions. We were able to get many umpires their first attempt at working a provincial championship. The umpires that did work these tournaments did a fantastic job and the feedback received was very positive. We were able to send several umpires to other zones in order to help out with tournaments and provincial championships; many were thrilled to get the opportunity and learned from others.

In regards to Saskatoon's success on a national platform, Zone 6 sent Matt Schule to the 18U National Championships, Scott Mills to supervise at Canada Cup (working a few games due to an injury) and Aaron Szejvold worked the Women's 21U National Invitational Championships. All three men had a successful tournament and represented Saskatchewan proudly. Congratulations to these gentlemen for their ongoing efforts as they continue to represent our province well and act as role-models for our future umpires in Saskatoon.

Saskatoon had an increase in ejections in comparison to last season. Of these, there were a few that were marked as subject to review. Midget AAA seemed to have a large amount of ejections and warnings in comparison to the rest of Saskatoon Leagues. An umpire, early in the season was intentionally bumped in a threatening manner with additional post-ejection behaviours. This resulted in a maximum suspension and the coach was only seen once on the bench following its completion. Later in the season, there was a malicious act by a player towards the opposition which too, led to a suspension. Furthermore, there was a combination of 7 ejections/warnings in a single double-header in the Midget AAA league that brought up the idea of proposing a 'post-game doubleheader rule' to be considered by SBA this offseason. This proposal is being sent by Matt Schule.

In the Senior Men's category, a few suspensions occurred and ejections increased slightly from last season. Overall, the amount of abuse towards umpires decreased. With that in mind, there was an incident near the end of the year that included uttered threats and physically intimidating behavior directed at an umpire. This resulted in a suspension and full year probation period. It appears that the league's behavior in general may be improving from what was just a few years ago, however there are still some notable incidents that are requiring the SBA to deliver lengthy suspensions. The Senior Men's League intended to independently deliver one suspension; this suspension was increased by the SBA as it was believed to not be a full reflection of their discipline manual and past behavior by the offender. It appears that the Senior Men's League in Saskatoon is trying to make improvements within their league, yet some hesitance exists when delivering lengthy/just disciplinary actions. The 2018 season marked the return of some officials returning their services to the Senior Men's League. Although all of these members intend to continue officiating the league, there still remains the shared notion that the league still has room to improve it's player/coach's conduct.

In conclusion, the 2018 season should be viewed as a great success in terms of membership growth, providing umpires with new opportunities, national assignments and the efforts put forth by all officials. SDBUA executive have put forth great effort in an attempt to enhance umpiring as a whole within Zone 6. Our executive plans to work throughout the winter in preparation for the 2018 baseball season.

Matt Schule

ZONE 6 Director

## Zone 7 Report

Before we go into how the zone did this year, I would like to say thank you to Mr David Burke for his long term commitment to Kindersley minor ball, Zone 7 and Baseball sask for all the years, Hope retirement is good for you.

Zone 7 remains strong for another year. We had 8 clinics which is up from last year. We had 6 level 1 and 2 level 2 clinics, ranging in location from Eston to Meadow lake. Thanks to all the clinicians that instructed these young minds and hopefully they stay with the program. With the numbers in the lower levels we maintain our 3 level 3, and 5 level 4 umpires. With the level 4 umpires we had 2 of them selected for their first National Assignments. Congrats to them

With regular minor ball leagues, there was a lot of tournaments through out the year. A lot of the gave some up and coming umpires some good experience and opportunities to develop their skills. All the umpires stepped up to the plate and worked very hard and did what was asked of them. As to Provincials it was a busy couple weeks. Again this year we had a high number of championships. The Bantam Mosquito weekend we had 5 tournaments and the went off with no problems and thanks for the help from the Umpires that traveled to help out. We also had 2 midget and a Sr. championships.

The future is going to be good in the zone. The gal for the next few years will be to show interest in the young umpires and keep them wanting more. With the help of the Sr. umpires in the zone this should not be a problem.

Thanks for all the people that helped out this year. Thanks to All the umpires that stepped up and worked games when asked and I cant wait until next year.

Zone 7 Director

Brad Biermann

## Zone 8 Report

This year was a good year for our Zone 8 umpires. We had a total of 62 umpires register and participate in clinics from Hudson Bay to Prince Albert. My goal was to increase the number of adult umpires available this season. That did not come to total fruition, but I was able to convince a few guys from years gone by to sign up for the clinics next season. With the younger umpires, my focus this year was to ensure they felt safe and comfortable on the diamond. I reminded them that I was available for a text with a question or a phone call at any time. I received about 20 texts or emails with questions on rules or about what to do with coaches, players, or fans who were being an issue. I was glad that they felt comfortable contacting me with these questions. Along with the discussion with the umpire, I made sure that coaches and associations knew that I was keeping an eye on the young umpires in our zone. The coaches and associations appreciated phone calls to hear what was happening, both on the positive and negative side. In one instance, the young umpire ejected a coach from a game. The coach continued to comment on his belief. The umpire followed the proper protocol with the situation. From there, I contacted the minor ball association in which the coach was involved, informed them of the situation. They then followed up by removing the coach from the team and was not allowed to coach for the remainder of the season.

When I had time, I traveled to other communities to watch the umpires do their job. I would drive to Prince Albert, Carrot River, Nipawin, and Porcupine Plain from Melfort to see what the umpires were doing. I was very pleased with the confidence they showed on the diamond. These trips were well worth the time and energy. The questions asked from the umpires were excellent questions and showed that they wanted to grow as young officials. Only one time did I have to remind coaches of respect on the diamond when I was doing the visits. It was a coach I have dealt with and knew how to settle him down.

I look forward to another season in Zone 8, as well as working closer with these young umpires. This winter I am going to invite some of the umpires in zone 8 to do a mini workshop in Melfort. The workshop would include calling balls and strikes, positioning, and catching the outside corners. It would be free and a good way to keep the excitement up for what we do on the cold winter days. These are things that I need to work on and felt it would be a good opportunity to help others as well. My plan is to set up a video camera above home plate in a gym as well as beside home plate. Have each person call multiple pitches from a pitcher. From there we would analyze what was called and see how good plate calls were. What might have been a ball, could be an outside corner strike. From there we would adjust positioning so the call is a proper or better call. I have a few guys already interested in coming out, as well as a few young pitchers who want to pitch over the winter. This is just an idea to help improve what we do.

Adrian Bourgeois

Zone 8 Director

**Notes:**