



2021

Provincial Umpires' Committee

AGM Reports & Resources

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Provincial Umpire Committee Meeting

Agenda

7:00 PM, October 15, 2021



1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Minutes from October 23, 2020
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a. Program Contribution
 - b. Registration Lists
 - i. Discussion on Online RAMP Database with SBA
6. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. Committees
 - i. Education
 1. Review of online clinics in 2021
 - ii. Operations and Communications
 - iii. High Performance
 1. 2022 National Assignments
 - iv. Evaluation and Mentorship
 1. 18U AAA Provincial Evaluations
 - v. Umpire of the Week
 - b. Supervisor
 - c. Assistant Supervisor
 - d. Past Supervisor
 - e. Baseball Canada Report
 - i. Nothing to report at this time. Scott has not yet received word on national meeting yet.
7. New Business
 - a. RAMP registration system overview.
 - b. Illegal Bat Rule Change – Drafted by Scott after incident this year
 - c. Reports – Template use
 - d. Level 4/5 Clinic 2022
 - e. Level 3 umpires in 2021
 - i. Continued engagement & recruitment in 2022
 - f. Level 3 requirements for 2022
 - g. Level 1 & 2 Clinics – 2022
 - h. Level 1 & 2 Clinics - 2023 and beyond
 - i. Provincial Tournaments 2021
 - j. Unregistered umpires and Communities with low umpire numbers.
 - k. Umpire Recruitment Guide - Development
 - l. Discussion regarding discipline & Game Management
8. Elections: Chaired by Past Supervisor – Trevor Drury
 - a. Assistant Supervisor
9. Next Meeting
10. Adjourn

Baseball Sask Umpire Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 30, 2021, 2020 – Via Zoom

I. Call to order

Scott Mills Provincial Supervisor called to order to meeting at 19:06 on March 30, 2021 via Conference Call.

II. Roll call

Present: **Scott Mills, Trevor Drury, Huck Craig, Elemer Jerkovitz, Rocky Nickel, Bruce Walker, Aaron Roberts, Brent Chadwick, Philip McGee**

III. Business

i) Registration:

(1) Level 1 through 5 RAMP registration is ready to go. Have had some frustrations with RAMP, but as of the meeting it is ready to go. Benefits – creation of

database and long-term registry. Goal is long term expansion to use and distribute Sask Umpire related content

(a) Roberts tasked with sending out information to clinic contacts

(b) McGee tasked with social media

(c) Mills with discuss with Ramage to upload links etc on Baseball Sask umpire page.

ii) Level 3

- Mills proposed a review of the operations manuals. Reason as it was felt that some criteria created a potential to back the organization into a corner. This has been evident during COVID.

Prior to the meeting it read as such:

Advancing to the Level 4 (National) Program

Fully certified level 3 umpires who wish to advance to level 4 must meet the following requirements: 1) Successfully completed at least 1 full 3-year cycle in the level 3 program.

- 2) Achieve a passing mark on the current level 3 exam
- 3) A successful on field evaluation in the current year.
- 4) Apply, and receive approval from the high performance committee. This application must be submitted by March 31st.

Proposal to read – changes highlighted in bold:

Fully certified level 3 umpires who wish to advance to level 4 must meet the following requirements: 1) **It is recommended that a Level 3 umpire complete at least 1 full 3-year cycle in the Level 3 program, but they are eligible to apply for the Level 4 program after 1 full year as a Level 3 and have completed steps 2 through 5 below.**

2) Successfully complete the previous year's Level 3 requirements (Exam, Online E-Learning or Level 3 clinic).

3) Successfully complete and pass the Level 3 exam before applying for Level 4. Umpires may write/rewrite the level 3 exam in a non-exam year in addition to the learning requirements for level 3 in that year. Level 3 umpires will only be able to attempt the exam once per year. 4) A successful on field evaluation in the current year. (Plate and Base)

5) Apply, and receive approval from the High Performance Committee. This application must be submitted by March 31st.

Discussion had regarding changes to level 3 criteria:

Elemer – concerns with wording over accept/approve application.

Mills – all application will be accepted, not all applications will necessarily be approved for advancement.

McGee – request to remove requirements in brackets for level 3, reason: in the events the requirements change, then less changes to manual.

Level 3 Exam:

Mills – If an umpire fails, then they are eligible next year to rewrite the exam.

Drury – if they fail 3 years in a row, they are demoted to adult safe baseball

Return to Play:

Baseball Sask still working on it, no official changes at this time

Looking similar to last year, but don't be surprised if changes – re: Mandatory Masking if cant physical distance

Nationals:

No official word at this time, can expect an announcement March 31/April 1.
Baseball Canada will be releasing info soon.

Female development:

Mills received a call from Lisa Turbitt who has been asked by Andre Lachance to look at building female umpire specific program. It is difficult for us with our current registration system, hopefully RAMP will help with early identification and we can build on it from there. Lisa is hoping to have an early May virtual roundtable with female officials in the province.

IV. Adjournment

Scott Mills adjourned the meeting at 19:43.



Umpire Annual General Meeting
10:00 am, October 16th, 2021
Saskatoon, Sk.

- 1, Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
- 4. Adoption of the 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes**
- 5. Business Arising from Minutes**
 - i) Zone Reports**
 - ii) Baseball Sask Uniforms**
- 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**
 - v) Umpire of the Week**
 - e) Zone Director Reports**
- 7. Follow up from PUC proposal regarding post-game ejections.**
- 8. AGM Voting Procedures**
 - for election of zone directors**
- 9. 2021 Elections – Chaired by Trevor Drury – Past Supervisor**
 - Zone Directors**
- 10. New Business**
- 11. Other**
- 12. Adjourn**



**Umpire Annual General Meeting
Minutes
10:00 AM, October 24th, 2020
Via Zoom Call**

1. Call to Order – 10:34am

2. Roll Call

Scott Mills, Matt Schule, Blake Thille, Brad Biermann, Philip McGee, Joe Smith, Aaron Roberts, Elemer Jerkovits, Trevor Drury, Warren Burrel, Murray Bucsis, Ashley Taylor, Kevin Cooley, and Adrian Bourgeois.

3. AGM Voting Procedures

Reviewed election procedures and resolutions procedures.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt agenda made by Trevor, seconded by Murray.

5. Adoption of the 2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt Minutes from 2019 AGM made by Warren, Seconded by Brad.

6. Business Arising from Minutes

a. Zone Reports

It was presented that there is a need for consistent zone reports. For that reason Trevor, Aaron and Joe will work together to create a Zone Report Template for future Zone Directors to follow when submitting annual zone reports to the provincial executive.

b. Baseball Sask Uniforms

Executive discussed continuing with the current uniforms and supplies. We must consider that the Baseball Sask Logo is not our property, therefore we must always use Al Anderson's Source for Sports for the logo/stitching. Adults are finding the jerseys not suitable for officiating, nor are they 'good' quality, whereas the jerseys are durable and good quality for youth officials. Phil suggests the idea of having a specific adult jersey that is higher quality that senior umpires could be directed to use and get the logo put on by Al Anderson's. Economics is a challenge: affordability vs. practicality for age groups, development level and level of ball worked.

Consensus was that umpires should purchase a Baseball Sask Logo Hat. That way, for provincial play, umpires can use the Baseball Sask Jersey if they feel comfortable in it, if not umpires are encouraged to purchase and wear a Baseball Canada Logo jersey. During the season, at least umpires have the Baseball Sask logo hat.

7. Committee Reports

a. Supervisor

Scott Mills reviewed the Supervisor's Report with executive. Highlights include:

- Many sports are asking how Baseball Sask is retaining umpires; our program direction seems to be improving in this area and other sports associations are seeking guidance from Baseball Sask.

- Late Registrations have been a large challenge for directors to record, especially this year with COVID-19 delays. Baseball Sask provincial executive, too, have mentioned the challenges with documenting registrations. Scott Mills and executive will be working with Baseball Canada to hopefully streamline registration, thus help simplify the process. Many other sports do their official registration and fees online; we will be looking into platforms but need to align our plans with Baseball Canada's.
- Throughout the season, there was not a single case of COVID-19 reported linked to participating in baseball.
- Thanks to Brad Biermann and all organizers involved in this year's Sask-Alta Super Clinic. The style of the clinic was extremely well received. Scott plans to communicate with Alberta Executive to create a similar Super Clinic in the future. Many attendees gave positive feedback about having MLB/Minor League Officials, Bullpen Session and facilities. This was our best received Super Clinic in recent years.
- National Assignments: We are hopeful for 2021 Nationals to move forward. Regina will likely be hosting the Baseball Canada Cup; please consider volunteering or supporting umpires during the championship week. Assignments for next season may not include all of the assigned individuals from the 2020 assignment list. There will be many discussions to make sure that selections are with best intentions of development, reward/earned opportunity, and for the best of Baseball Sask Umpire Membership.
- Thank you, Philip for your contributions to the online communications. Baseball Sask Umpires are earning a positive reputation that is being promoted through online platforms.
- Elemer Jerkovits and Rocky Nickel were both inducted this season into the Baseball Saskatchewan Hall of Fame. Congratulations to these gentlemen and thank you for your contributions to the program. Induction ceremony will likely be in May, 2021 for anyone wishing to join.
- Baseball Canada AGM: Trevor Drury received the Dick Willis Umpire of the Year Award and Rocky Nickel received the Baseball Canada Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations to these individuals and thank you for your contributions to baseball in Saskatchewan and Canada.
- Discipline: There were many ejections and an increase in suspensions; also considering the reduced amount of games province wide, this is alarming. Game Management will need to be a focus at clinics this coming season. Some of the mismanagement of in-game behaviour, or lack of skill base to do so effectively, is likely due to COVID-19 and no in-person clinics. One umpire received a disciplinary action in the 2020 season. Mills, Huck and the Baseball Sask Commissioners plan to develop an Umpire Disciplinary Committee.
- Scott Mills proposed to Baseball Sask Executive to expand the double header ejection suspension rule. Provincial Executive will consider making a 1 game suspension in a double header if an ejection occurs in the final inning of play in game 1 or prior to the 2nd game.

b. Past Supervisor

Strongly encouraged that zone reports need to be consistent and meaningful. As mentioned above, a task force was created to take this on. Trevor was shoulder tapped by Baseball Canada to go to an upcoming national championship to review National Supervisor Procedures.

c. Assistant Supervisor

Huck was unable to attend the full meeting and left notes for Scott Mills to share. As submitted.

d. Executive Committee

Education

Thanks to all those who helped with creating online content. Registrations were difficult this year, as mentioned above. Strongly recommends for online payments and registrations to be online. As submitted.

Communications and Operations

Recommendation that documentation is placed in a centralized online location for ease of access and security. As submitted.

High Performance

Vacant Position. As mentioned above, National Assignments will be a priority for conversations in the upcoming months to determine best selections.

Evaluation and Mentorship

Mentorship money is still available; Scott encourages directors to use these funds to help get our young officials get mentorship opportunities.

Evaluations did not occur this year. Current plan is to have evaluations at a ¾ clinic(s) that include games/tournaments.

Umpire of the Week

Mills still has the baseballs from Stu that are signed. The program was put on hold for the season due to Covid-19.

Elemer motions to approve all executive committee reports, seconded by Aaron Roberts.

e. Zone Director Reports

Zone 1 – As submitted

Zone 2 – As submitted

Zone 3 – As submitted

Zone 4 – Bruce Walker not in attendance. As submitted

Zone 5 – Doug Jackson not in attendance. As submitted

Zone 6 – As submitted

Zone 7 – As submitted.

Zone 8 – There may be a new league forming for the 2021 season. As submitted

Motion to accept Zone Director reports made by Brad, seconded by Aaron.

8. Follow up from PUC proposal regarding post-game ejections.

As mentioned above. Scott will work with the Baseball Sask discipline committee to develop this into policy.

9. 2020 Elections – Chaired by Trevor Drury – Past Supervisor

a. Provincial Supervisor – Scott Mills Acclaimed for a 2 year term

Zone Director Nominations and Elections

Zone 1: Scott Mills nominates Kevin Cooley, seconded by Matt. Kevin accepts.

Zone 2: Regina has appointed Joe Smith as Zone Director.

Zone 3: Bruce Walker would let his name stand if nominated.

Philip nominates Ashley Taylor. Ashley declines this nomination.

Bruce Walker is acclaimed as Zone 3 Director.

Zone 4: Aaron nominates Murray Bucsis, Seconded by Kevin Cooley.

Philip nominates Warren Burrel. Warren declines this nomination.

Kevin Cooley is acclaimed as Zone 4 Director.

Zone 5: Doug has indicated that he will let his name stand if nominated. Joe nominates Doug Jackson, seconded by Brad. Doug Jackson acclaimed as Zone 5 Director.

Zone 6: Saskatoon has appointed Matt Schule as Zone Director.

Zone 7: Blake Thille nominates Brad Biermann, seconded by Scott. Brad accepts.

Scott nominates Philip McGee. Philip declines this nomination.

Brad Biermann is acclaimed as Zone 7 Director.

Zone 8: Scott Mills nominates Adrian, seconded by Blake Thille. Adrian accepts. Adrian Bourgeois acclaimed Zone 8 Director.

Note: Typically this is done on Friday night with the Provincial Umpire Meeting however due to the meeting being online and to give an additional opportunity for any new nominations, the elections were held at this time. Scott Mills will continue as Provincial Supervisor; no other nominations came forward.

10. New Business

11. Other

A. Elemer reports that he will get additional baseballs from Stu and will get them to Murray.

B. Trevor encourages directors to start thinking about getting umpires back this year from the COVID-19 hit. Consider emailing officials from past years.

12. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Murray.

Plans to meet via online in December of 2020.

Supervisor of Umpires
2021 Provincial Umpire Report

Province: Saskatchewan
Year: 2021
Submitted By: Scott Mills

Umpire Numbers

Level	Number of Umpires	2020	2019	% increase (decrease)
Level 1	282	244 (combined 1&2)	563	N/A
Level 2	178		204	N/A
Level 3	37	28	16	25%
Level 4/5	27	26	27	4%

2021 was another challenging year for baseball but not to the extent of last season. We had a noticeable rebound in our umpire registration numbers from 2020 but are still well below 2019 numbers. I have some major concerns in this area that I will address later in this report. With the availability of online clinics that were offered by the British Columbia Baseball Umpire Association (BCBUA), Baseball Ontario and Baseball Canada this year, we were able to offer improved umpire clinic experiences for all of the umpires this year. There were still some issues regarding accessibility, internet bandwidth and lack of computer skills, but overall, the feedback received regarding the clinic experiences was generally positive. I will expand more on the education goals later in this report. Once again we are seeing some declining numbers of officials in rural areas and some of that can be attributed due to apprehension due to Covid-19, some of the uncertainty of when the season was going to start and some communities with uncertainty if they were going to have a season.

A huge step forward in our ability to register and track umpires in Saskatchewan was the development of the RAMP registration system for umpires. Umpires will now be required to register online prior to or just after attending an umpire clinic. There were some minor issues with the new system, but these should get ironed out as umpires get familiar with the process. Many of the issues experienced were due to some individuals lack of computer skills. The RAMP system gave our division the ability to easily communicate with all registered umpires in the province. It also allows us to track and quickly identify the locations and levels of umpires in communities. The Ramp system still needs some modifications so that the registered umpires can be sorted according to Zones. We want to look into expanding the RAMP system to also allow for clinic preregistration for scheduled umpire clinics. Our division would also like to explore expanding our online presence further for educational purposes.

In 2022, zone directors are going to have to take a prominent role in encouraging the communities in their zones to focus on developing umpires with similar dedication that they develop players and coaches and actively recruit umpires back to the program. As expected numbers of officials dropped significantly in 2020 with some rebound in 2021 but there is still a long way to go. Our program had

some great momentum going into 2020 and we want to recapture some of that positive growth we had this year and continue that into 2022. Many of the great baseball people in this province are going to have to put forth some extra time and effort to help rebuild the officials in this province. I do have some major concerns regarding communities that are ignoring the development of umpires in their baseball programs. There are many communities that are using unregistered officials for all levels of baseball and there are some communities with established baseball programs and very few or no registered umpires in their communities. I will be bringing these communities forward to the umpire zone directors so they can help these communities with clinics, etc. and I will be drafting a letter to send out to communities to encourage umpire development and the advantages of using registered officials. I will also be addressing this issue with Baseball Saskatchewan as there currently is no incentive for communities to use registered officials, and until there is enforcement and repercussions for using unregistered officials, many communities will have little interest in umpire development. There were many communities this season that were hosts of provincial championships that had very few or no registered officials, and this must change, even though hosts are often hard to find. We have had requirements in the past that to host a provincial championship, a community had to host an umpire clinic, and with it looking like face to face clinics will resume next year, this once again must become a requirement.

	Umpire Registrations			
Zone	2019	2020	2021	Difference
1	182	52	92	+40
2	66	41	65	+24
3	94	17	45	+28
4	61	19	45	+26
5	91	40	46	+6
6	141	92	127	+35
7	120	17	72	+55
8	75	20	36	+16
Totals	727	298	528	+230

All umpire clinics this year were in online formats. The costs of using the online formats for all levels were excellent which made the decision to use these formats a simple one. All the Level 3, 4 and 5 umpires attended a virtual superclinic that was hosted by BCBUA and Baseball Ontario. Every province in Canada jumped on board with this online clinic and there were several weekends in March and April where the umpires could register and take their virtual clinic which was a combination of live virtual instruction and recorded sessions. There was involvement from Baseball Canada national evaluators and course conductors as well as contributions from MLB umpires Tripp Gibson, Hunter Wendlestadt, Mike Muchlinski and Stu Scheurwater. This was a phenomenal event that all umpires learned a great deal from. This may become a regular clinic every 3 years for all umpires across the country, we will see where it goes. Level 1 and 2 clinics were going to be a challenge until BCBUA approached us to be a part

of their virtual 1 & 2 clinics that were hosted in a format very similar to the level 3/4/5 superclinic. There were some challenges for our umpires due to computer and bandwidth issues but for the most part, the reviews for the clinic material were favorable. It was frustrating as there were many individuals that registered late, some the day after the last virtual clinic so we had to come up with a plan for educational material for these umpires to get registered. We got as many people as we could registered, and with the creation of the RAMP system, it will become easier to communicate with our umpires.

With the success of the virtual clinics this year, and through conversations with officials from other sports, I strongly believe that we need to revamp the level 1 and 2 umpire training in Saskatchewan. The curriculum we have is sound, we just need to look at delivering it a different way. One of the most frequent complaints we receive regarding umpire clinics is that they are too long. In response to this and the improvement in online platforms, I would like to see Level 1 and 2 clinics changed to have an online component which needs to be completed prior to attending a shorter on field/face to face clinic with an instructor. In order to do this, we will need the help of Baseball Saskatchewan to explore options for a website that we can use for the purpose of delivering online content. Perhaps we can somehow use a RAMP website that connects to umpire registration for this purpose. We would like to create online materials for the purpose of rule instruction which would be about 4 hours of time. Communities would still need to apply for and host umpire clinics with gym or field availability for instructors to teach on field mechanics, signals, etc. that would not be effectively learned in an online format. These on field clinics would be about 4 hours in length and could allow for clinicians to do clinics in two nearby communities on the same day or instruct large groups of umpires in smaller sessions to facilitate better learning. This will take some time to first of all explore online options for delivery and creation of materials so a realistic launch of this type of clinic format would be the spring of 2023. I will work with Mike Ramage to explore the online possibilities so we can move ahead.

With all national tournaments being cancelled again this year, it will create further challenges for the selection committee in 2022. If national tournaments are to be played next year, the selection committee will have to consider the umpires that were assigned this year for tournaments next year along with our needs for continued development of our program. There are no guarantees that an official that was assigned to a tournament this year will be assigned to one in 2022. It will be an interesting year in 2022 if Nationals will be played and if travel will return to normal again. I am certain that vaccination status is going to play a role moving forward. We will wait and see what happens on the national stage.

Our Social Media presence has continued to grow and has been very well received! I would like to thank Philip McGee for being the lead on this and developing our social media platform to be the envy of most other provinces in Canada. There are more followers and post engagements every month on our Facebook page. Some of the most popular posts in the past were our National Assignment announcements and our sendoff posts to umpires as they left for their nationals. We are continuing to vary our posts and maintain engagement through the past season.

Saskatchewan continues to take a role in Baseball Canada committees for the further development of umpires in Canada, which also benefits umpires in Saskatchewan. Trevor Drury (Instructor Development), Aaron Roberts (Communications) and Scott Mills (Grassroots) are significant contributors on these national committees and will continue to be involved provincially as well. These committees

produced materials that filter down to the provinces for use by our umpires for training, instruction, etc. Continue the good work gentlemen.

Even though there were no national championships this year, Saskatchewan was still able to hold provincial championships. This year was a challenging year to get provincial championships for a number of reasons:

1. With the lower number of umpires registered and the greater than expected number of teams participating, it stretched the umpires thin. There were many umpires that had to travel to multiple championships to get them covered. There were many championships that did not have adequate number of officials and umpires had to work too many games a day. These umpires did an admirable job working in difficult conditions.
2. There were concerns throughout the process of granting of host sites regarding the number of registered umpires in many of the host sites. There were some host sites that were awarded that had no registered officials. This made the job of the zone directors to assign these tournaments extremely challenging. Umpires were travelling on multiple weekends due to shortages. I discussed the concerns regarding communities not registering umpires earlier in my report.
3. Many of the shortages also had to do with the number of tournaments scheduled on the available weekends. Many of the younger umpires that did register were unavailable to work because they were playing or travelling with the family due to a sibling playing. This put strains even in the larger centers that had registered umpires.
4. The 15U AAA championship had some challenges. The original weekend was rained out and a back up plan was being considered. I must encourage Baseball Saskatchewan to make decisions regarding rescheduling faster to allow for the rescheduling of umpires. The tournament was cancelled on the Friday of the tournament, but a decision on rescheduling was not made until the following Wednesday for games to be played during the day on the Friday 2 days later. This is not enough time to expect officials to work games and get time off work on a weekday to cover. These decisions need to be made faster. I made my concerns regarding rescheduling locations known on the Saturday after the cancellation and it appeared that my concerns were not heeded at that time for an expedited decision. This led to provincial championship games at a AAA championship on the Friday to be worked with 1 umpire.

I will be continuing to work with educating my zone directors regarding expectations of umpires and number of umpires at provincial championships. We strive to provide quality officiating at all provincial championships and take great pride in a job well done.

Due to all the travel umpires are needing to do for covering provincial championships, I would like to encourage Baseball Saskatchewan to review its current mileage rate of \$.35/km. This mileage rate has been at this amount for as long as I can remember. It is outdated and does not reflect the increases in the cost of fuel, vehicle maintenance, vehicle costs, etc. If we are to expect umpires to travel, they must be compensated for the wear and tear on their vehicles and the cost of fuel. Baseball Saskatchewan's mileage rate is far lower than any other sport in Saskatchewan. Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Lacrosse all pay their officials \$.40/km and Hockey is \$.42/km. An increase in the mileage rate to \$.40/km is overdue. This increase in mileage rate may have a secondary effect in that communities may try to do a

better job of developing local officials so that they will not have to pay mileage to bring in as many officials for league play, tournaments or provincials.

I continued the work of my predecessor with the Co-Commissioners of Baseball Sask in tracking all sanctions reported this year. The number of ejections were down this year which was expected with 1 less month in the season and it was reassuring to see a reduction in the number of games in suspensions decrease over last years alarming number. Of the 46 ejections in this season, there were 14 incidents that required supplementary discipline. Of these 14 incidents, there were 2 warning letters, 2 probations and 31 games in suspensions. There were some challenging incidents in 2021, but we are very pleased with how Baseball Sask supports its officials, and we will continue to work together regarding discipline of players, coaches and umpires. There is still some work to be done in some centers regarding incidents where coaches and fans were abusive or made inappropriate comments towards umpires, followed umpires off the field to both directly and indirectly voice displeasure with an umpire’s performance. In centers where this behaviour was more prominent local umpire organizations and minor ball communities with the assistance of zone supervisors will attempt to take steps to deal with these issues and some preventative measures for next season will need to be completed in the offseason such as signage, etc. Some of the issues with game management may be attributed to the lack of face-to-face clinics and the value of training on those areas in a clinic setting. Dealing with player, coach and fan behaviour will be focused on at our clinics in 2022 at levels 1 and 2 when we hope face to face clinics will resume.

Baseball Saskatchewan Sanctions				
	2019	2020	2021	Difference
Yellow Cards	59	17	29	+12
Ejections (No Yellow Card)	79	34	45	+15
Ejections (Following Yellow Card)	3	1	1	0
Other Incident	12	8	9	+1

We have resumed our program contribution tracking this season. Due to the season we had our expectations for our umpires will be lower as not all umpires worked games or had the opportunity to get out due to Covid. We will be considering these when making national assignments, but they will not be the deciding factor in some cases. Huck Craig is currently collecting the points from our level 4/5 umpires so we will see what the completion numbers are.

I would like to thank the entire Umpire division executive and zone supervisors for their hard work this year in challenging situations. I would like to thank Trevor Drury and his guidance and assistance during the past year and I know I will continue to lean on him, along with the rest of the executive to continue to improve the program here in Saskatchewan.

Yours in Baseball,

Scott Mills
 Supervisor of Umpires
 Baseball Saskatchewan

2021 Assistant Provincial Supervisor Report

Entering my 3rd year as assistant provincial supervisor I was tasked again with collecting program contribution points. I also helped organize the Gilligan golf tournament which was successful. The last 2 years have been difficult to say the least. Even though 2021 was more normal than 2020 I look forward to hopefully having a regular baseball season in 2022.

Successes Highlights:

- 15 umpires submitted contribution points with the average being 33 points per umpire.
- Golf tournament raised about 1500 dollars for MJBUA mentorship programs

Challenges Faced / Possible supports Needed:

- The pandemic challenged a lot of umpires who regularly submit contribution points. Hopefully 2022 will see everyone back on the diamond in a more normal season.
- I think a better platform to track and submit points is needed.

Goals for Next Season:

- I would like to continue working on the contribution points system.
- I think we need to take a closer look at our uniforms and come up with something that will work for umpires all over Saskatchewan.

2021 contribution points totals

Umpire	Level	Total Points submitted	National in 2020
Rob Anderson	3	20	
Trevor drury	5	42	
Huck Craig	5	59	
Blake thile	4	29	
Aaron Roberts	5	10	
Warren Burrell	4	53	
Kevin Culy	4	37	
Matt Schule	4	31	
Phil Magee	4	50	
Brad Bierman	4	40	
Aaron szejvolt	4	32	
Ray smith	3	20	
Kirk Schafer	4	27	
Blake Thille	4	29	
Scott Mills	5	*	
Total		#VALUE!	
Average		34	

Past Supervisor Report

2020 – “I’m the worst year ever!”

2021 – “Hold my Beer!”

Yup, that just about sums it up. The last year and a half has not been easy for anyone, and the challenge of running and maintaining an organization has had a larger degree of difficulty for our executive and zone directors. I would like to thank them for all they have done for baseball and umpiring across the province.

Due to some personal circumstances, I was less involved than in past years. I was still able to serve as a resource for the executive, but at times I didn’t have the time or energy to be of much good. I was able to support the committee by helping to create a template for the zone directors report, which should make this task given to zone directors a little easier, and should give us more consistent information on what is happening across our province.

I distributed the codes for the Baseball Canada National Exam. In all, we had 24 umpires pass the exam. That tells me that the exam, although tough, is doing what its supposed to. It gets umpires into the rules, not just guess and hope to pass. Crews are working together through the exam, and that leads to very effective learning. Or, some of you are just plain lucky.

I also served on the high performance committee to advise on National Assignments. Thanks to our elite umpires, that task becomes more difficult each year. There are always tough choices that Scott needs to make. It’s always a balance between rewarding umpires, sending them to the highest possible tournament, and managing individual careers to allow for the most success in the future.

Hopefully I am coming out of the last little while rejuvenated and more engaged than I have been. The Gilligan was a fantastic event, and was a really good chance to get out, enjoy myself, and reconnect with the people I have not been able to be around for far too long. So Rocky, Huck, thank you very much for organizing. And I hope baseball comes back strong, cause after a 2 year retirement from golf, I’m hooked again and am going to need to find a way to pay for it.

Hopefully we can all continue to play on through the winter and start ball season strong next year. It’s amazing how you don’t know how much you need something till its gone.

Stay Safe,

Trevor Drury

Past Supervisor

High Performance Pools

*2020 and *2021– assignments as given, no championships were held

* * We also had a second spot at the 2021 Canada Cup, but it was not officially assigned (likely Mills).

Pool A - Major

Name		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Brent	Chadwick						-	-
Huck	Craig	Junior		Senior	Junior/ T12	T12	* Senior	* Senior
Kevin	Culy	Junior			Cup		-	* 18U
Trevor	Drury	World		World	Senior	Junior	-	-
Elemer	Jerkovits	World		Junior / World		Cup	-	-
Scott	Mills	Senior	Junior	Can Games / T12		Senior	-	-
Scott	Mostoway	Midget	Junior				* 21U	* 18U
Rocky	Nickel	Cup					-	-
Aaron	Roberts		Senior	World		T12/WBSC	-	* Senior
Matt	Schule	Bantam	Cup		Midget		* Cup	* Cup
Bob	Sonder		Cup	Sr. Women		Cup	-	-
Bruce	Walker		Junior	U-13 W		Sr. Women	-	-
Braden	Lonsberry					18U	-	* 22U
Philip	McGee	Pee Wee	Bantam	Bantam		Cup	-	-

Pool B – Minor

Name		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Bradley	Biermann	Pee Wee	PW W	PW N		15U	-	* Womens [†]
Gary	Dodds		PW W				-	
Mike	Tardiff						-	
Travis	Wourms		PW N	Midget			* 18U	
Daryl	Zimmer			21U Women	PW N	13U N	-	
Kirk	Schaffer				PW W		* 15U	* 15U
Warren	Burrell				Bantam		-	* 18U
Rob	Anderson				21U Womens		* 13U W	
Tyson	Blomquist						* 13U W	* 13U W
Clayton	Obst					13U W	* 13U N	* 13U N
Raymond	Smith						-	
Aaron	Szejvolt						* 13U W	* 13U W
Blake	Thille							

Communications and Operations Report:

To: Baseball Saskatchewan Umpire's Committee

Re: 2021 Operations & Communications Lead Report

Social Media/Communications:

Social Media Statistics (As of September 30, 2021):

Facebook followers: 495 (421) – YOY growth – 17.6%, (74)

Twitter followers: 141 (139) – YOY growth – 1.4% (2)

Comparison Baseball Canadas Umpires: Facebook: 616, Twitter: 434

As evidenced by the statistics our social media presence has increased once again year over year. Information and posts were primarily Facebook based this year. Sending out larger posts can be difficult through Twitter due to its limitations on character counts.

Examples of posts this year were done to recognize members for their on/off field work, notify followers of clinics/events (ie: Golf Tournament), or share rule question videos from Baseball Canada.

Currently the Baseball Saskatchewan Provincial Umpires Committee uses various methods of communication with our members – Social Media, personal email and new this year RAMP. I think it is important that we continue to use these lines of communication with our members so that they are informed.

Policy Manual:

Manual Updates – Changes were made to the operations manual after the March 30th Executive meeting via Zoom. These changes pertained to the Level 3 program and can be found in Policy & Procedure Manual (page 13) available on the Baseball Sask website.

One area of note is that the manual does not make any reference to our program contribution policy. The last thing we have is from 2017 when it was a pilot, and since the pilot we have continued to use it. As a form of housekeeping I feel that it is time that it be formally added to our policy manual and taken out of “Pilot” stage.

Recommendation:

Review the Program Contribution Policy and add it to our formal policy manual.

Registrations/Clinic Attendance:

With Saskatchewan partaking in the online National Clinic for all levels this year and the use of RAMP registration, there was a need to cross verify clinic attendance and RAMP registration. Apart from being time consuming (~10 hours), it was relatively smooth. The names of individuals who did not fulfill the required criteria were submitted to the Provincial Supervisor (Scott Mills). On a couple of occasions, it was an email issue, another time it was a payment issue and for many it was that even with the many dates available many couldn't.

For those that missed online clinics a secondary option was created. With the help of Aaron Roberts, we were able to reuse the Videos of 2020 material and officials complete an online quiz using Google Forms. Once again names were cross verified and submitted to Scott Mills.

Central Document Location

We have continued to use the central Google Drive for document storage. This proved beneficial in storing minutes, old clinic information, education information etc. It has been cleaned up so that stuff aligns with portfolios and years.

Policy Manual/Changes & Notice of Meeting Recommendations:

In 2020 I noted there was no formal method to making changes to our policy manual or notice of meetings. As an executive we spoke briefly on it, but it stalled. I still see a need for coming up with a formal process for change.

Baseball Sask By-Laws

In 2020 I noted that the Baseball Sask By-Laws of the composition of the Umpire Committee do not match how we have been operating. For the 2021 AGM a motion was submitted to reflect how we are operating and one that matched our policy manual.

With the expansion of portfolios within the Committee over the years, a motion was submitted to support the current composition of the Baseball Sask Umpire Division.

- a) Provincial Supervisor
- b) Past Supervisor
- c) Assistant Provincial Supervisor
- d) Up to three (3) members-at-large
- e) Eight (8) Zone Directors

Once again it has been a pleasure and honour to be part of the 2020 – 2021 Baseball Sask Umpire Committee. I would like to thank the Scott Mills, fellow committee members and general membership for their continued support of the communications and operations portfolio.

Sincerely,

Philip McGee
Battleford, SK

Education Report

October 4, 2021

To: Baseball Saskatchewan Umpire's Committee

Re: 2021 Education portfolio

Clinics & Registration:

The traditional clinic season was again affected by Covid-19 restrictions for the 2021 season. In person clinics were not an option due to gathering restrictions from March to April. Online registration was set up through the RAMP program with the help of the Baseball Sask office. The BC Umpires association extended an opportunity to Scott Mills to join their online clinics which was accepted. With uncertainty about when the 2021 season would be allowed to start, membership held off on registering and attending the online training. As a committee we did not see the turnout that we were hoping for. This led us to recycling the 2020 Video modules for members that decided to register once a start date for the season was provided.

I'm hopeful that the 2022 season will allow for us to have live clinics as we have seen a decline in engagement from members. Online training is a great tool to educate our officials and should be integrated into training and educating officials. Hosting clinics in communities I feel is the best way to get new members and engage the community in officiating.

2021 Clinics Hosted by Zone:

Zone	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3/4/5
Zone 1	0	0	0
Zone 2	0	0	0
Zone 3	0	0	0
Zone 4	0	0	0
Zone 5	0	0	0
Zone 6	0	0	0
Zone 7	0	0	0
Zone 8	0	0	0

2021 Clinician Information:

No new information to report on current clinicians in the province. Zone directors are being asked to identify new candidates in their year end reports. This will help us grow our pool of clinicians moving forward as it was identified as an area of focus in my 2019 report. A goal for 2022 is to get back to 40 plus clinics and new clinicians will be needed to cover that many events. The table below outlines a need for clinicians in Zones 5, 7, 8 as they have been active hosts for clinics. Covering events in these zones, we rely heavily on the few individuals in the zone. Issues arise when multiple clinics are being held on the same date. Often putting us in a position of sending clinicians from other zones to cover. Having Zone Directors identify candidates in their reports will help us keeping our funnel of Clinician full.

2021 Clinician List:

Zone	Prospects/Candidates	Active	Inactive
Zone 1	Not Available at time of reporting	Shawn Fraser (EM) Kevin Culy (EF) Braden Lonsberry (EF)	
Zone 2	Not Available at time of reporting	Albert Wolbaum (EM) Dave Bisskey (EF) Elmer Jerkovitz (EF)	Chris Shore (EM) Chad Wager (EF) Kevin Manzuk Schrader Zerr
Zone 3	Not Available at time of reporting	Huck Craig (EF) Bruce Walker (EF) Brent Chadwick (S) Rocky Nickel (M)	
Zone 4	Not Available at time of reporting	Craig Smith (EM) Murray Bucsis (EF) Terry Schneider (EF)	
Zone 5	Not Available at time of reporting	Gord Kiefer (EM) Dameon Geisbrecht (EF) Trevor Drury (M)	
Zone 6	Aaron Szejvolt Riley Csenar Colin Spence	Travis Wourms (EF) Matt Schule (EF) Aaron Roberts (EF) Scott Mills (S)	Shaun Bzdel (EF) Larry Orth Paul Kobiela Bill Remenda Len Bell
Zone 7	Kirk Schafer Philip Mcgee	Brad Bieman (EF)	David Burke
Zone 8	Mike Cole	Adrian Bourgeois (EM)	

Aaron Roberts,
Education Portfolio

Zone Directors' Reports

Zone: 1

Director: Kevin Culy

Year: 2021

Registered Umpires:

	Current Year	Last Year	Difference (+/-)
Level 1	52		
Level 2	38		
Level 3	3		
Level 4/5	2		
Total			

New Level 3 Umpires:

- Ernie Parisien, Michael Barber

New Level 4 Umpires:

- n/a

Clinics Held in Zone:

	Current Year	Last Year	Difference (+/-)
Level 1	Online	5	
Level 2	Online	2	
Level 3	0	0	
Total			

New Clinic Hosts	Centres that did not host but did last year. Why?
- n/a	- all of them, COVID
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Provincials (List of Provincials hosted in your zone):

Weyburn 11U AA TIER 1

Estevan 13U AA TIER 2

White Butte 13U AA TIER 3
Estevan 11U AA TIER 4
Moosomin 13U AA TIER 4
Moosomin 15U AA TIER 3
Moosomin 18U AA TIER 4
Estevan 15U AA TIER 4
Moosomin Twilite Masters

Umpire Assignments (includes umpire assignments (local, elsewhere in zone, brought in from other zone):

- Regina helped zone 1 on the Saturday of the Weyburn 15 team provincial tournament

Successes Highlights:

- zone one staffed all provincial with registered umpires

Challenges Faced / Possible supports Needed:

- many of our young umpires covering the minor also play baseball

Goals for Next Season:

- keep leaning on the people in zone 1 that support our program . Continue to be off the diamond for the first month of the season to provide mentorship to our new and developing young umpires. Our level one clinics are not leaving the impression on our your umpires that we believe it is...

Possible new Course Conductor Candidates:

- Steven Siroski, Wade St.Onge

Discipline / Game Management concerns / Hotspots:

- zone one did not have any player/coach issues, zone has a pretty fair baseball culture and it comes from having really good people throughout the zone involved with the game of baseball

Recommendations for P.U.C. / Executive Committee:

- keep grooming people to back fill our positions

Zone: 2

Director: Joe Smith

Year: 2021

Registered Umpires:

	Current Year	Last Year	Difference (+/-)
Level 1	25		
Level 2	25		
Level 3	6		
Level 4/5	3		
Total	59		

New Level 3 Umpires:

- 4

New Level 4 Umpires:

- 0

Clinics Held in Zone:

	Current Year	Last Year	Difference (+/-)
Level 1			
Level 2			
Level 3			
Total			

New Clinic Hosts	Centres that did not host but did last year. Why?
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Provincials (List of Provincials hosted in your zone):

- Senior AA, 18UAAA, 15UAAA, 13UAA, 11UAA

Umpire Assignments (includes umpire assignments (local, elsewhere in zone, brought in from other zone):

- We had numerous umpires come in and assist us: Braeden Heffren, Warren Burrell, Huck Craig, Mark Clarke, Blake Thille, Logan Nugent, Scott Mostoway and Scott Mills.

Successes Highlights:

- We had two 19 year old umpires(Braden Bidyk, Jacob Bourassa) register for level 3 and had them working a lot of 18UAAA ball and some senior ball. A much needed addition of young umpires for this level.
- Had 2 new assigners that we split the tasks up, Jacob Bourassa assigning 15u and below and Joel Zand assigning the 18U and above. Start of the season there was some opportunities but after they got their feet under them the season went pretty smooth

Challenges Faced / Possible supports Needed:

- 15UAAA Provincials was a challenge due to the rainout the prior weekend, we did not have the bodies in place for the following weekend but the games. There were 2 games played on the Friday with only one umpire. The rest of the wknd went off without a hitch.

Goals for Next Season:

- I am stepping down as Zone 2 Director and will be mentoring Derek Csada into the position

Possible new Course Conductor Candidates:

-

Discipline / Game Management concerns / Hotspots:

-

Recommendations for P.U.C. / Executive Committee:

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Zone: 3

Director: Bruce Walker

Year: 2020 -2021

Registered Umpires:

	Current Year	Last Year	Difference (+/-)
Level 1	21	??	??
Level 2	14	??	??
Level 3	4	4	0
Level 4/5	5	5	0
Total	44		??

New Level 3 Umpires:

-none

New Level 4 Umpires:

-none

Clinics Held in Zone:

	Current Year	Last Year	Difference (+/-)
Level 1	0	0	0
Level 2	0	0	0
Level 3	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

New Clinic Hosts	Centres that did not host but did last year. Why?
-none	-none
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Provincials (List of Provincials hosted in your zone):

- 15U Tier 5 (Gull Lake)
- Twilite Maxi (Moose Jaw)

Umpire Assignments (includes umpire assignments (local, elsewhere in zone, brought in from other zone):

- all Provincials within Zone 3 were covered by Zone 3 officials

Successes Highlights:

- got everything covered

Challenges Faced / Possible supports Needed:

- getting everything covered

Goals for Next Season:

- CLINICS HOPEFULLY

Possible new Course Conductor Candidates:

- none

Discipline / Game Management concerns / Hotspots:

- no issues

Recommendations for P.U.C. / Executive Committee:

- none

Zone: 4

Director: Murray Bucsis

Year: 2021

Registered Umpires:

	Current Year	Last Year	Difference (+/-)
Level 1	22	7	+15
Level 2	9	14	-06
Level 3	5	3	+2
Level 4/5	2	2	+/- 0
Total	38	26	+12

New Level 3 Umpires:

-Simeret Miller, Craig Folk

New Level 4 Umpires:

-

Clinics Held in Zone:

	Current Year	Last Year	Difference (+/-)
Level 1	0	0	0
Level 2	0	0	0
Level 3	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

New Clinic Hosts	Centres that did not host but did last year. Why?
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Provincials (List of Provincials hosted in your zone):

- 11U AA Tier 6 - Saltcoats

Umpire Assignments (includes umpire assignments (local, elsewhere in zone, brought in from other zone):

- Gabe Nabozniak-Wog
- Eddie Baron
- Dominic Trollope
- Simeret Miller
- Eric Sliva
- Warren Burrell

Successes Highlights:

- The three first year umpires, Gabe Nabozniak-Wog, Eddie Baron, Dominic Trollope that umpired there first provincial at Saltcoats.

Challenges Faced / Possible supports Needed:

- Umpire shortage

Goals for Next Season:

- Live person clinics, more umpire instructors for zone 4

Possible new Course Conductor Candidates:

- Eric Sliva, Warren Burrell

Discipline / Game Management concerns / Hotspots:

-

Recommendations for P.U.C. / Executive Committee:

- Warren Burrell – Zone 4 Umpire Director

Zone: 5

Director: Doug Jackson

Year: 2020 -2021

Registered Umpires:

	Current Year	Last Year	Difference (+/-)
Level 1	20		
Level 2	19		
Level 3	2		
Level 4/5	1		
Total	42		

New Level 3 Umpires:

- No New Level 3's

New Level 4 Umpires:

- No New Level 4's

Clinics Held in Zone:

	Current Year	Last Year	Difference (+/-)
Level 1	0	0	
Level 2	0	0	
Level 3	0	0	
Total	0		

New Clinic Hosts	Centres that did not host but did last year. Why?
- None	- Watrous Covid
-	- Humboldt Covid
-	- Martensville Covid
-	- Muenster Covid
-	-

Provincials (List of Provincials hosted in your zone):

- Provincials U 13 Teir 1 Muenster
- Sr. Tier 3 Davidson
- Sr. Tier 4 Hanley

Umpire Assignments (includes umpire assignments (local, elsewhere in zone, brought in from other zone):

- Gord Kiefer, Doug Jackson, Terry Schineder, Joel Zand, Steven Klus, Dale Schineder, Mark Clarke, Colin Spence, Adam Korte, Garret Korte, Carter Dosch, Dallan Rude, Merek Yeager, Dylan Krip

Successes Highlights:

- We got some new umpires involved in the Muenster provincial tournament. Some of these younger umpires got an idea of what is needed to move onwards in their umpire careers. Stephen Klus while in zone 4 was able to handle a senior tournament in Hanley with the poise of a much more experienced umpire. I feel that with continued development he has a lot of potential. I want to thank Gord Kiefer for taking the reins on the Muenster peewee tournament when I was physically unable to organize that tournament.

Challenges Faced / Possible supports Needed:

- Covid caused a number of people to simply not registrar for umpire clinics. This resulted in a lower number of umpires for zone 5 that I have experienced in previous years. Furthermore, I had a lot of difficulty getting umpires during the senior provincial weekend. This resulted in some very high umpire costs for the host teams. We need to work on trying to get some of the numbers back we lost over the past couple years in zone 5.

Goals for Next Season:

- **Improving the numbers of the zone and having our younger umpires progressing to level 2 and beyond. Humboldt/Muenster and Martensville remain solid centres. I would like to try and improve the numbers outside of these 2 zones as much as possible.**

Possible new Course Conductor Candidates:

-

Discipline / Game Management concerns / Hotspots:

- **No issues arose this year to my knowledge.**

Recommendations for P.U.C. / Executive Committee:

Zone: 6

Director: Matt Schule

Year: 2021

Registered Umpires:

	Current Year	Last Year	Difference (+/-)
Level 1	63		
Level 2	34		
Level 3	12		
Level 4/5	7		
Total	116		

New Level 3 Umpires:

-No new level 3 umpires this year

New Level 4 Umpires:

-No new level 4 umpires this year

Clinics Held in Zone:

	Current Year	Last Year	Difference (+/-)
Level 1	.5 (on- field only)	0	
Level 2	0	0	
Level 3	0	0	
Total	.5		

New Clinic Hosts	Centres that did not host but did last year. Why?
- Saskatoon (On Field Session Only)	- All clinics were online due to Covid
-	-
-	-

Provincials (List of Provincials hosted in your zone):

-15U AA Tier 2

-11UAAA

-11U AA Tier 2 B

-13U AAA

-18U AA Tier 2

Umpire Assignments (includes umpire assignments (local, elsewhere in zone, brought in from other zone):

Doug Jackson was invited to help 2 provincial championships. Colin Spence worked one provincial championship.

Successes Highlights:

Considering the pandemic situation, no major related concerns affected the umpire membership.

Zone 6 executive are slowly getting more involved thus allowing more to get involved, beyond officiating on the diamond.

We are starting to build a young core of female officials!

Fall ball had its first successful season – zone 6 learned a lot and got through many kinks in helping this travelling league start up.

Challenges Faced / Possible supports Needed:

Although our membership suggests 116 members, only about 75 worked games. Of those 75, there were about 2 officials who worked over 80 games. In other words, the workload is will and is beginning to wear down officials. Burnout & quitting will happen if this continues.

Hosting 5 provincial tournaments in 3 weekends was not only very difficult to accomplish in a pandemic year with umpire shortages, but it was proving to add unnecessary costs for hosts – due to finding officials from other zones.

Mentorship program suffered again this year; ~40% 11U games covered, down from nearly 90% pre-covid. Only way for this to change is if we get more officials to work games, creating more time for senior officials to mentor.

Goals for Next Season:

Zone 6 plans to team up with SBCI and the City of Saskatoon to create fan conduct reminder signs at each minor diamond. Matt Schule declines reelection for this year and Aaron Szejvolt was elected by Zone 6. I would recommend to the next Zone 6 executive to consider cheap/free ways to advertise.

Possible new Course Conductor Candidates:

- Logan Nugent
- Blake Thille
- Aaron Szejvolt

Discipline / Game Management concerns / Hotspots:

Fan conduct at 15u and younger was increasingly poor and some umpire conduct needed to be addressed. Overall conduct expectations need to be addressed in next upcoming clinics. Communication skills specifically in game management needs to improve for some officials who are beginning to work higher levels of ball.

Umpire reporting training needs to happen. There were incidents of poorly completed reports as well examples of over exaggerations that could lead to substantial consequences.

Recommendations for P.U.C. / Executive Committee:

I would like to suggest directors try to find 1 additional person to be a member at large. We seem to have a small group and to get more ideas, involvement and possible delegation of certain tasks, there is potential for growth. Not every zone has the luxury of 'easy-to-find' replacements.

Zone: 7

Director: Bradley Biermann

Year: 2021

Registered Umpires:

	Current Year	Last Year	Difference (+/-)
Level 1	45		
Level 2	18		
Level 3	1		
Level 4/5	6		
Total	70		

New Level 3 Umpires:

-No new level 3 umpires this year

New Level 4 Umpires:

-No new level 4 umpires this year

Clinics Held in Zone:

	Current Year	Last Year	Difference (+/-)
Level 1	0	0	
Level 2	0	0	
Level 3	0	0	
Total			

New Clinic Hosts	Centres that did not host but did last year. Why?
-On field Unity	-Lloydminster Covid
-on field Kindersley	-Battleford Covid
-	-Meadow Lake Covid
-	-
-	-

Provincials (List of Provincials hosted in your zone):

-U18 tier 3/5 Kindersley

-U18 tier 1 Unity, U11 tier 1 Unity

-Sr. tier 1 Battleford

- U15 tier 5 Meadow Lake

Umpire Assignments (includes umpire assignments (local, elsewhere in zone, brought in from other zone):

- Trevor Drury, Brad Biermann, Ray Smith, Phillip McGee, Kirk Schaffer, Scott Mills, Logan Nugget, Brian Deck, Justen Maess, Mike Tardiff, Rob Anderson, Dale Schnieder, Ben Ortman, Eli Ortman, Jacob Ortman, Keaton Osicki, Zaiden Osicki, Dylan Hoffman, Clint Ginie Aaron Szejvolt, Ethan Friesen, Shea Berger

Successes Highlights:

-This year we were able to get some new blood into the championship tournaments. Unity u11 saw some young umpires that did very well. Yes room for improvement but it is a good start. U18 in Kindersley saw a level 2 umpire that is looking to move up next year. His eyes were opened on what he has to do to make the next step. it was good to have them there.

Challenges Faced / Possible supports Needed:

-Covid was the big challenge this year. Even with that, numbers were ok. We do need support come provincial tournament time as we are the zone that gets a lot of tournaments pushed on them. We need to convince centers to host .

Goals for Next Season:

- To improve on numbers in the zone and hopefully move up a couple umps to a higher level. We will need to focus on meadow lake area and Battleford. Kindersley and Lloyd has some good numbers in the lower levels but lots of room for improvement

Possible new Course Conductor Candidates:

-Kirk Schafer

-Phillip McGee

Discipline / Game Management concerns / Hotspots:

-No issues that came up this year to my knowledge

Recommendations for P.U.C. / Executive Committee:

-Kirk Schafer for zone 7 director

Zone: 8

Director: Adrian Bourgeois

Year: 2020-2021

Registered Umpires:

	Current Year	Last Year	Difference (+/-)
Level 1	21	Not sure	-
Level 2	12	Not sure	-
Level 3	2	1	+1
Level 4/5	0	0	-
Total		Not sure	

New Level 3 Umpires:

-none

New Level 4 Umpires:

-none

Clinics Held in Zone:

	Current Year	Last Year	Difference (+/-)
Level 1	0	0	0
Level 2	0	0	0
Level 3	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

New Clinic Hosts	Centres that did not host but did last year. Why?
-none	-none hosted last year
-none	- none hosted last year
-none	- none hosted last year
-none	- none hosted last year
-none	- none hosted last year

Provincials (List of Provincials hosted in your zone):

-11U-Tier 5 Shellbrooke

Umpire Assignments (includes umpire assignments (local, elsewhere in zone, brought in from other zone):

-Zone 8

-Adrian Bourgeois

-Kalem Zary

-Luc Bourdon

-Marc Bourdon

Successes Highlights:

-Start of Highway 3 Mens' League

-11U-Tier 5 in Shellbrooke

Challenges Faced / Possible supports Needed:

-poor numbers registered

-in-person clinics

Goals for Next Season:

-improve numbers

Possible new Course Conductor Candidates:

-Mike Cole-Melfort

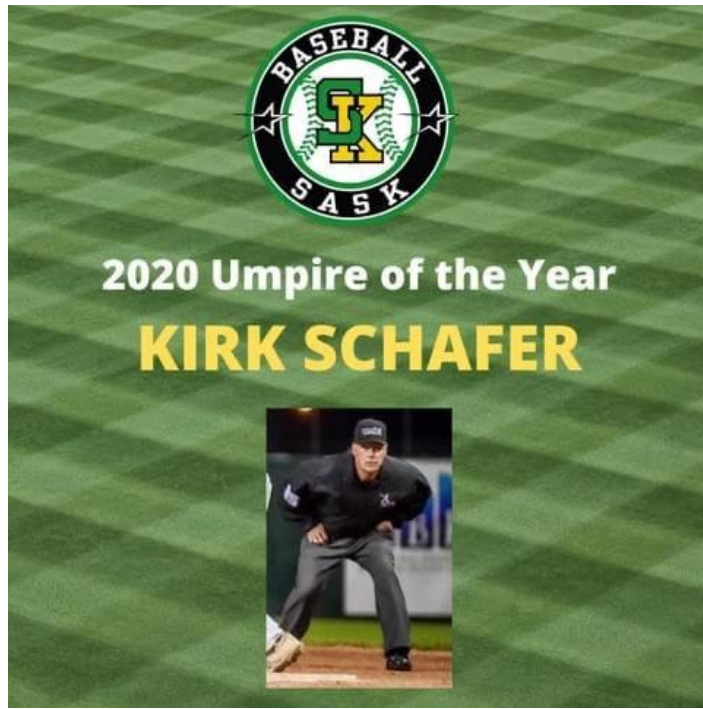
Discipline / Game Management concerns / Hotspots:

-nothing

Recommendations for P.U.C. / Executive Committee:

-in-person clinics for 2022

2020 Baseball Sask Umpire Award Recipients



Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame And Museum

Class of 2020

Inducted August 21st, 2021

Rocky Nickel



Elemer Jerkovits



Notes: