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BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER OF BASEBALL SASK

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

Harassment Committee

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

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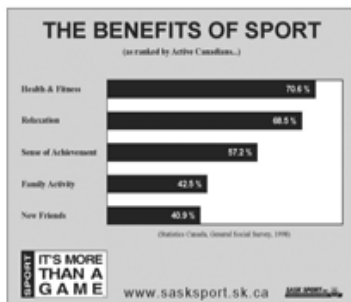
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PROVINCIAL SUPERVISORS

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

Responsibilities of Provincial Supervisors:

1. Ensure that an SBA Rep is at each tournament.
2. Approve the Provincial Championship draw.
3. Communicate playoff procedures and policy.
4. Review bids to host with Playoff Committee.
5. Select Chef de Missions for Western and National Championships.

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UMPIRE INFORMATION & FEES

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

If possible, for all semi-finals and final games of Provincial Senior, 21U, 18U, 15U, 13U, and 11U age categories, three umpires will be used. Host sites should note that they will be responsible for the extra umpire cost for these games.

- Senior AAA & AA Tier 1 2 umpires totaling \$65 each
3 umpires totaling \$65 each (Semi-Final & Final)
- Senior Tier 2, 3, 4 2 umpires totaling \$55 each
- 21U 2 umpires totaling \$55 each
3 umpires totaling \$55 each (Semi-Final & Final)
- 18U 2 umpires totaling \$50 each
3 umpires totaling \$50 each (Semi-Final & Final)
- 15U 2 umpires totaling \$45 each
3 umpires totaling \$45 each (Semi-Final & Final)
- 13U 2 umpires totaling \$35 each
- 11U 2 umpires totaling \$30 each
- Twilite 2 umpires totaling \$45 each

In 15U & Older Divisions there will be a Game Premium on Non-holiday weekday games prior to 5:00 PM to an extra \$10 per umpire per game.

The host committee shall pay before or immediately following the game or tournament all umpire fees. The host is responsible for umpire mileage (\$0.35 / KM) and per diem (\$40.00 / day or satisfactory rates arranged with the host). Local umpires do not qualify for mileage; however, they do qualify for per diem. A one-way travel subsidy has been implemented for umpires traveling. Umpires are entitled to a travel subsidy, one-way only: 100-199 km \$15 each; 200-299 km \$30 each.

4. Handling procedures for ejections:

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

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

Where a player, coach and manager or team official is ejected from a game in post SBA play the above steps shall again be followed. Failure for an umpire to follow proper procedures is not a sufficient reason to nullify a player's actions. The total number of umpires required in a championship shall be a minimum of the number of games played in a day.

GUIDE FOR ADMINISTATORS

1. MEMBERSHIP

Categories of Membership

1.01 There are three categories of membership in the Association, as provided for in the Bylaws of the Association:

- (a) Active Member;
- (b) Affiliate Member; or
- (c) Honorary Member.

Application for Membership

- 1.02 A member in any category may be a player (must first be registered with their local SBA or Affiliate association), coach, league (represented by a league official or member of an executive of a League), or a team (represented by an official or member of an executive of a team), bat boys or girls, umpires, scorekeepers, tournament administrators and anyone else involved in the game of baseball in the Province of Saskatchewan.
- 1.03 Anyone qualified to be a member as hereinbefore described may apply for membership in the Association as either an Active or Affiliate Member, but not both. Players must first be registered with their local SBA or Affiliate association.
- 1.04 An umpire may only apply to be an Active Member.
- 1.05 An Honorary Member is appointed by the Association.
- 1.06 Application for membership as an Active or as an Affiliate Member in the Association must be submitted to the Association Office in the prescribed form on or before May 15th, except in the case of membership in 21U and Senior categories which must be submitted on or before June 19th, all in any given year.
- 1.07 The Association (by the Board of Governors) may accept or decline any application for membership in the Association, in any class for any reason (which may include but are not limited to considering and relying upon what it, in its sole discretion, considers to be the best interests of Baseball in the Province of Saskatchewan).
- 1.08 At the Annual General Meeting of the Association, the members shall be asked to approve by ordinary resolution the decision of the Board of Governors with respect to applications for membership
- 1.09 Upon acceptance by the Association of any application to be either an Active or an Affiliate Member, and payment of the prescribed fees, the member shall be so designated.

Membership Fees

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

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

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

2. HARASSMENT POLICY

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

3. PROTESTS

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

4. DISCIPLINE BY COMMISSIONER

The Commissioner is an officer of Baseball Saskatchewan and is appointed by the Board of Governors. The commissioner may, with approval of the board, request and the Board may authorize the appointment of a Co-Commissioner. In such event, the acts of either shall be deemed for the purposes of the Bylaws, to be acts of the Commissioner.

- 4.01 Conduct of members of the Association shall be measured by "sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, respect for authority and property" and shall be consistent with the best interests of baseball.
- 4.02 The Commissioner or Co-Commissioner appointed by the Association, are authorized and shall be responsible for "interpretation, investigation and rulings on matters which pertain to the Rules of Play" governing Baseball and the conduct of the members of the Association.

- 4.03 The Commissioner or Co-Commissioner may discipline any member (individually or as a member of a team) of the Association, as he considers suitable in all the circumstances, including reprimand, suspension and the imposition of conditions as necessary to ensure appropriate conduct.
- 4.04 The maximum suspension that may be assessed by the Commissioner or Co-Commissioner is 10 games.
- 4.05 The Commissioner or Co-Commissioner may delegate this "power to discipline" to Divisional Supervisors, or Governors or to such other persons as he sees fit in the circumstances (including conduct of other members during Zone Playoffs and Provincial Championships).
- 4.06 When a member is ejected from a Baseball game, a written report of that ejection shall be filed with the Association Office.
- 4.07 The Commissioner or Co-Commissioner may investigate any ejection, as they consider necessary.
- 4.08 In the course of a provincial playoff play, in any one-year, if a member is ejected twice, then that member will be forthwith suspended for the balance of that playoff series, pending a discipline investigation of that member's conduct by the Commissioner as contemplated under these guidelines.
- 4.09 Notice of Discipline may be given by any means, including facsimile, letter, telephone, email or other manner that will reasonably bring notice to the subject member or members of the Discipline.
- 4.10 A member of the Association under suspension shall not be allowed to participate in any game, any practice and any other event until such time as the suspension is served or the appeal of the suspension is heard.
- 4.11 Any member of the Association who is disciplined by the Commissioner or Co-Commissioner may appeal all or any part of that discipline order to the Board of Governors of the Association.
- 4.12 An appeal shall be in writing and must be filed within 48 hours of receipt of the Notice of Discipline by the member, together with an Appeal deposit of \$200.00.
- 4.13 Upon the filing of an Appeal, the President shall appoint an impartial hearing committee and fix a date for the hearing of the member's appeal as soon as reasonably possible.
- 4.14 The Appeal Committee may:
- a) Consider the discipline order of the Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner
 - b) Any other information that it considers necessary and appropriate in the circumstances
 - c) May dismiss the appeal, or
 - d) Allow the appeal in whole or in part; or
 - e) Make such order as it deems just and reasonable in all of the circumstances.
 - f) The appeal committee, if requested by the member, may allow the member to continue to participate in Baseball Sask activities, until such time as the member's appeal has been heard.
- 4.15 The Appeal Committee shall further order the Appeal deposit of \$200.00 to be paid over to the Association (if the Appeal is dismissed) or refunded to the Appellant (if the Appeal is allowed, in whole or in part).
The decision of the Appeal Committee on any Appeal shall be final.

5. DISCIPLINE BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors may at any time, whether during S.B.A. play or not, impose any performance bond in such amount as the Board sees fit, or to impose any other disciplinary measure whatsoever upon any team, player, coach, manager, trainer, team executive, umpire, minor game official, or other member of the S.B.A. for cause.

Such cause shall include but shall not be restricted to any conduct, behavior or action which in the sole discretion of the Board of Governors is a willful breach of the by-laws, resolutions, policies, regulations or directives of the S.B.A. or is improper, unbecoming, unsportsmanlike or contrary to the reputation and the interests of the game of baseball or the S.B.A.

- 5.01 Any permanent suspension or expulsion of a member must be handled in accordance with Section 5 of the by-laws as amended in 2018.

6. DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

The following are categories of game ejections, suspensions and guidelines. These are guidelines only and additional discipline is at the discretion of the Commissioner or Co-Commissioner or Board of Governors.

- 6.01 A written copy of all ejection reports, whether for league games, tournaments or S.B.A. playoff games must be submitted to the S.B.A. office immediately after the game in which the ejection occurred.
- 6.02 Umpires will describe an ejection as either "unremarkable" or "subject to review".
- a) "Subject to review" indicates the conduct of the member or members was, in the opinion of the umpire, outside of the normal or expected play of the game.
 - b) "Subject to review" following an ejection, may include:
 - i. Excessive verbal abuse of anyone following an ejection;
 - ii. Failure to leave the playing area, within a reasonable time following ejection;
 - iii. Obstructing the play of the game or generally causing a nuisance or disturbance of the play of the game;
 - iv. Physical contact with any umpire before, at the time of, or after an ejection;
 - v. Any circumstances where there is appearance of a deliberate attempt to injure any member or spectator.
- 6.03 An unremarkable ejection from a baseball game by an umpire during league play may be dealt with by the league and may or may not carry any additional suspension into the next game, depending on league policy.
- 6.04 An unremarkable ejection from a baseball game during S.B.A. play will not carry any additional suspension into the next game except in the case of repeat offenders, in which case the Commissioner or Co-Commissioner may assess additional suspensions.
- 6.05 Subject to review ejections will all be reviewed by the Commissioner or Co-Commissioner. In the case of league play, the league may deal with the issue in accordance with league policy, however if the Commissioner or Co-Commissioner feel the suspension is not sufficient, additional discipline may be assessed. No league may reduce any suspension/discipline imposed by the Commissioner, Co-Commissioner or Board of Governors.
- 6.06 A report which indicates that there was excessive verbal abuse of an umpire, player, coach, manager or a fan shall subject the member to a minimum suspension of two (2) games.
- 6.07 A report which indicates that there was contact with an umpire will result in a minimum two (2) game suspension. A player, coach or manager will also be placed on probation for a minimum of one (1) year.
- 6.08 A report which indicates a deliberate attempt to injure an umpire, player, coach, manager or fan will result in an automatic five (5) game suspension and will be placed on probation for a minimum of two (2) years.
- 6.09 Any ejection that takes place in the last inning of the first game of a double header will result in the automatic suspension of the individual for the second game of the double header.

- 6.10 In the course of a provincial playoff play, if a member is ejected for a second time, then that member shall be forthwith suspended for the balance of that playoff series. An investigation will then be done by the Commissioner or Co-Commissioner and additional discipline may be assessed.
- 6.11 Each coach/manager shall be responsible for the conduct of fans for their respective teams, and in the event of unsatisfactory fan conduct, the umpire may request the coach to control and stop that conduct or take such other steps as may be reasonably taken (including requesting the assistance of the person responsible for the ball park), failing which the umpire may order the game forfeited.
- 6.12 Any player, coach or manager ejected from a game they must leave not only the vicinity of the ball diamond but must leave the ball park immediately. Failure to do so will result in an **AUTOMATIC 3-GAME SUSPENSION** (2017).

7. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

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

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

8. MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

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

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

- i) Be an SBA member in good standing.
- ii) Complete a MAP Spending Plan for each project. If you apply for more than one project, please advise of the priority of your applications.
- iii) Submit MAP application forms to the Baseball Sask, 300-1734 Elphinstone Street, Regina S4T 1K1 by July 1st of the current year.
- iv) Provide a minimum of 40% self-help.
- v) Must use **Rawlings** baseballs for all Zone and Provincial Playoffs. Contact Mike Ramage at mike@baseballsask.ca for recommended baseball for each Division.

8.02 Types of eligible projects include:

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

- Provincial Playoff Team Registration
- Community Development Clinic (SBA Sanctioned only)

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

8.04 All applications are based on available funding.

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

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

8.07 All approved spending plans must have their projects completed by the end of the season and have the proper follow-up report forms, complete with receipts verifying expenditures for the project in question, submitted to the SBA office by September 10. Failure to submit the necessary follow-up reports by the deadline will result in the forfeiture of the approved grant.

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

9. INSURANCE COVERAGE

9.01 All registered members of the Association are covered by a policy of insurance for injury and for liability, within specified limits. Membership in the Association is mandatory in order to be eligible for insurance benefits.

9.02 The policy of insurance is renewed on an annual basis, and therefore specific coverage may change from time to time. The coverage is not unlimited. It is intended to protect members against loss or damage in defined circumstances.

9.03 Members who wish to obtain specific details of the existing coverage and members who may be entitled to compensation should contact the Association office for further information.

9.04 It is important that claims for coverage be made promptly.

9.05 Baseball Sask does not provide OUT OF COUNTRY insurance. You need to purchase your own.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

10. CODE OF CONDUCT

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

10.01 All members, including players, coaches, umpires and team personnel shall abide by the rules and regulations associated with all baseball events, both on and off the field.

10.02 The Coaching Staff shall be responsible for team conduct and shall be accountable for all behaviors not in keeping with the trust placed in them by the Saskatchewan Baseball Association, parents and baseball fans.

10.03 All members, including players, coaches, umpires and team personnel shall be expected to conduct themselves in a reasonable and acceptable manner.

10.04 Unacceptable or unsportsmanlike behavior, in the opinion of an on field Umpire or an SBA Rep, shall provide sufficient grounds for expulsion of a member from a Tournament.

10.05 Unacceptable or unsportsmanlike conduct of a member may include, but not be limited to:

- a) swearing or abusive language

- b) use of language which in any way refers to or reflects on opposing players, umpires or fans
- c) any attempt by word or sign to incite a demonstration by fans
- d) unnecessary physical contact with any player, coach, umpire or fan
- e) throwing bats, helmets, equipment, etc.
- f) willful damage to property: property damage costs shall be assessed to the player(s), coach(es), umpire(s) and/or team personnel and proper restitution made. If the team cannot/will not identify the persons involved the local law authority may be asked to intervene
- g) committing an act considered an offense under the law.
- h) a breach of the Association's Drug and Alcohol Policy.
- i) Recruiting of players already in a minor ball program.

11. BASEBALL SASK DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

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

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

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

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

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

11.03 Banned Substances & Practices:

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

11.04 Alcohol & Non-Prescription Drug Use:

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

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

12. CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

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

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

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

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.01 Limitations

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

13.02 Warnings!

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

13.03 Batting Helmets

All players shall wear double earflap helmets while at bat, in the on-deck circle and on the base-paths in all age categories. Baseball Canada recognizes NOCSAE as their standard for Baseball Helmets. Baseball Canada recommends that no modifications to a helmet be made, other than what is done by the manufacturer or is completed at the explicit directions of the manufacturer. Batting helmets do not require Facemasks or Chin Straps, but this rule does not prohibit the use of them. Baseball Canada Rule 3.08 (1.16)

13.04 Cleats

- a) steel cleats may be worn in 15U and higher divisions
- b) in the 11U and 13U divisions shoes with metal cleats or "spikes" are prohibited. Rubber molded cleats on running shoes are permitted.

13.05 Catchers' Equipment

- a) all persons (coach, parent, player, fan, etc.) receiving warm up throws (in a crouched position) from any pitcher must wear a protective mask.
- b) this rule applies regardless of where the warm up is - bull pen, sideline, adjacent field, etc.
- c) penalty for violation shall be at the discretion of the umpire and may include:
 - i) a warning
 - ii) immediate ejection from the game and ballpark
- d) 11U division must wear a one (1) piece catchers helmet

13.06 Bats

11U Division: Bats shall not be more than 32 inches in length, not more than 2-3/4 inches in diameter at its thickest part, and may be taped to a distance not more than 16 inches from the handle.

13U Division: Bats constructed of aluminum, fibreglass, or magnesium with a maximum diameter barrel of 2-3/4 inches will be allowed. The bats may have a maximum length to weight differential of - 10.

15U AA Tier 2, 3 and 4: Players are restricted to a bat that has a -3 differential (will not have a weight to length difference of greater than 3 ounces) and a maximum 2-3/4 inch barrel.

15U AAA & AA Tier 1, 18U, 21U and Senior Divisions: These are wood bat formats.

14. GENERAL PLAYING RULES

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

14.01 Length of Games:

11U	6 innings	21U	7 innings
13U AAA, AA Tier 1	7 innings	Senior AAA	9 innings
13U AA Tier 2, Tier 3, Tier 4	6 innings	Senior AA Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, Tier 4, Tier 5	7 innings
15U	7 innings	Twilite	6 innings
18U	7 innings		

14.02 Minor Divisions Pitching Regulations:

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

11U: Will be using a PITCH COUNT (See Chart below)

13U: Will be using a PITCH COUNT (See Chart below)

15U: Will be using a PITCH COUNT (See Chart below)

18U: Will be using a PITCH COUNT (See Chart below)

21U: Will be using a PITCH COUNT (See Chart below)

Pitch Count Rules

- (1) Any player on the team is eligible to pitch, and there are no restrictions to the number of pitchers a manager may use in a game.
- (2) Pitchers shall be permitted to have 2 appearances in the same calendar day. If a pitcher requires a rest following 1st appearance, they cannot return in the same calendar day.
- (3) Pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first 2 days combined does not exceed:
 11U:25 13U:30 15U Boys/16UGirls:35 18U:40 21U: 45
- a. If pitcher's day 1 + day 2 exceeds figure above for their division, they require at least 1 days rest.
 - b. Pitcher cannot pitch 4 consecutive days. One (1) days rest is needed.
- (4) Pitchers and managers shall follow the following guidelines:

11U (No Curveballs)	13U (No Curveballs before June 1)	15U Boys/ 16UGirls	18U	21U	Rest Required
1-25	1-30	1-35	1-40	1-45	None
26-40	31-45	36-50	41-55	46-60	1 day
41-55	46-60	51-65	56-70	61-75	2 days
56-65	61-75	66-80	71-85	76-90	3 days
66-75	76-85	81-95	86-105	91-115	4 days
75	85	95	105	115	Maximum

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

NOTE: Once the Coach informs the Umpire that a Pitcher is facing their final batter when they are 1 pitch away from a threshold, the umpire then informs the official scorekeeper and the total Pitch Count to be recorded by the Scorekeeper will be the threshold number that they just arrived at. No additional pitches will be counted as the pitcher finishes that batter before being removed as the pitcher.

(6) Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day.

(7) If a pitcher meets the requirements to pitch on consecutive days and the pitcher does not go over the first daily threshold during game 1, they are permitted to have a 2nd appearance in the same calendar day or the next day if they do not exceed the minimum first threshold (11U - 25, 13U - 30, 15U Boys/16U Girls - 35, 18U - 40, 21U - 45) . Pitchers will not be permitted to exceed the maximum daily allowable number of pitches in any two-day period. In this situation, when the pitchers two-day total reaches the maximum daily allowable number, that pitchers mandatory days rest starts the following day at 12:01 AM and is based on the total number of pitches thrown over the two-day period.

Pitchers cannot pitch in 3 games during a day.

Examples:

- A 11U pitcher throws 20 pitches on Day 1 (Friday). On Day 2 (Saturday), that pitcher is limited to 55 pitches. That pitchers two-day total is now 75 and this combined total over 2 days is the number to be used to determine Days of Rest. In this case, the Pitcher cannot pitch again for 4 days starting at 12:01 AM Sunday.
- A 13U pitcher throws 30 pitches on Day 1 (Friday) and 45 pitches on Day 2 (Saturday). That pitchers two-day total is now 75 and this combined total over 2 days is the number to be used to determine Days of Rest. In this case, the Pitcher cannot pitch again for 3 days starting at 12:01 AM Sunday.
- A 15U pitcher throws 25 pitches on Day 1 (Friday). On Day 2 (Saturday), that pitcher is limited to 70 pitches. That pitchers two-day total is now 95 and this combined total over 2 days is the number to be used to determine Days of Rest. In this case, the Pitcher cannot pitch again for 4 days starting at 12:01 AM Sunday.
- A 18U pitcher throws 40 pitches on Day 1 (Friday). On Day 2 (Saturday), that pitcher is limited to 65 pitches. That pitchers two-day total is now 105 and this combined total over 2 days is the number to be used to determine Days of Rest. In this case, the Pitcher cannot pitch again for 4 days starting at 12:01 AM Sunday.
- A 21U pitcher throws 45 pitches on Day 1. On Day 2, that pitcher is limited to 70 pitches. That pitchers two-day total is now 115 and this combined total over 2 days is the number to be used to determine Days of Rest. In this case, the Pitcher cannot pitch again for 4 days starting at 12:01 AM Sunday.

Pitch Count (New 2020)

- a) When a pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches allowed for a threshold (see table above), he/she can complete the at-bat without the penalty on days of rest, as long as he/she does not pitch to another batter. In this situation, the number of pitches corresponding to the threshold reached will be indicated on the pitching log.

The coach or manager needs to acknowledge this to the umpire at this moment prior to the next pitch. Umpire would then notify the scorekeeper.

- b) When the pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches allowed (75, 85, 95, 105 and 115 pitches) during a day during a batters at-bat, he/she is allowed to complete the at-bat and must be replaced following that batter.

(8) Intentional Walks are allowed in 13U, 15U, 18U and 21U and will be included in Pitch Count totals even though you do not physically throw any pitches. If you choose to intentionally walk a batter, you must inform the umpire. If no pitches are thrown - 4 pitches will still be charged to the pitch count. If you decide after throwing 2 pitches to put the batter on, then you just inform the umpire, and the batter is awarded 1st. In this case, however many strikes were thrown plus a total of 4 balls will count towards the pitch count. (2019) NOTE: Intentional Walks are NOT allowed in the 11U Division (2019).

(9) Required Rest shall be defined in "Days" starting at 12:01am and ending at 11:59 pm of the next calendar day.

(10) If a game continues past 12:01am, those pitches are counted as if pitched prior to midnight. If a game is suspended, when it resumes it is defined as a different day.

(11) A pitcher who is removed from the mound during a game shall not be permitted to return to pitch in the same game, even if the pitcher is retained in the game at another position.

(12) Any violation of any part of the pitch count rule, the result is the Head Coach is ejected from the current game and receives an additional game suspension. Should this violation not be caught during the game, the Head Coach will receive a 2-game suspension to be served immediately.

(13) The manager or coach may make a 2nd visit to the mound while the same batter is at bat in order to remove the pitcher.

PLEASE VIEW WWW.BASEBALLSASK.CA FOR UPDATED PITCH COUNT

INFORMATION

14.03 Minimum Defensive Innings Regulations

- a) 11U: Except for injury or illness, all players must play a minimum of 2 defensive innings in the first 4 innings of the game.
- b) 13U AA Tier 1: Except for injury or illness, all players must play a minimum of 2 defensive innings in the first 5 innings in a 7 inning game. 13U AA Tier 2, Tier 3, AA Tier 4: Except for injury or illness, all players must play a minimum of 2 defensive innings in the first 4 innings in a 6 inning game.
- c) 15U AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4: Except for injury or illness, all players must play a minimum of 2 defensive innings in the first 5 innings of a game. (2015)
- d) Defensive Inning – 11U: when the defense has made 3 outs or upon scoring the 6th run (whichever comes first) and the team changes sides and becomes the offence.
- e) Defensive Inning – 13U AA Tier 1, AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4: when the defense has made 3 outs and the team changes sides and becomes the offence.
- f) Defensive Inning – 15U AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4: when the defense has made 3 outs and the team changes sides and becomes the offence.
- g) The Pitcher: shall only be credited with a defensive inning when he/she has faced a minimum of 4 batters or been charged with a minimum of 1 out.

14.04 Mercy Rules:

- 11U: Teams shall change sides with 3 outs or upon scoring of the 6th run, whichever comes first. Only in the event of an *over the fence* home run will all runs count.
- 11U: In the event that a team, due to the 6 run mercy rule, cannot win the game (down 10 or more runs and able only to score 6 runs) the final innings are to be played as the indicated in 13.04c). Failing to complete the game will effect tie-breaking ratios and may give an unfair advantage to a team when compiling pitchers outs.
- c) All Divisions: The game is ruled complete when a team is ahead by ten or more runs:
 - In 6-inning game: 4 complete innings – 3 ½ if home team ahead
 - In 7-inning game: 5 complete innings – 4 ½ if home team ahead
 - In 9-inning game: 7 complete innings – 6 ½ if home team ahead

14.05 Game Format:

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

11U:	Everybody Bats Rules No Bunting Allowed in all 11U categories AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4 – runner can only score on contact or force play AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4, AA Tier 5, AA Tier 6 – all batter counts will start with 1 Ball and 1 Strike
13U AAA	9 Man Baseball with Re-Entry Rules
13U AA Tier 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.	Everybody Bats with Matching Line-ups Option Rules
15U AAA, AA Tier 1	9 Man Baseball with Re-Entry Rules
15U AA Tier 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Everybody Bats with Matching Line-ups Option Rules
18U, 21U, Senior	9 Man Baseball Rules

NINE MAN BASEBALL WITH RE-ENTRY RULES

Modified 9 Man Baseball for 13U and 15U Baseball

Will be used in all playoff and championship games in the 13U AAA and 15U AAA and AA Tier 1 divisions.

The Pitcher

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

Re-Entry Regulations

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

Illegal Re-Entry

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

Injury or Illness Policy

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

EVERYBODY BATS RULES

Divisions Allowed

11U AAA, AA Tier 1, AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4, AA Tier 5, AA Tier 6

13U AA Tier 1, AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4, AA Tier 5, AA Tier 6

15U AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4, AA Tier 5

Unlimited Substitution

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

11U Divisions Only

- a) all players must play 2 complete defensive innings in the first 4 innings of each game except in case of injury or illness.
- b) A defensive inning in the 11U Division shall consist of that portion of a game within which the defense has made 3 put outs or upon the scoring of the sixth run (whichever comes first) and the team changes sides and becomes the offence. (2002)
- c) EXCEPTION: The Pitcher: Each pitcher shall only be credited with a defensive inning when he/she has faced a minimum of 4 batters or been charged with a minimum of 1 out or reach daily pitch count limit. (2011)
- d) In the event that the mandatory defensive inning rule is broken: the non-offending team must appeal to the SBA Rep within 45 minutes of the conclusion of the game.

- e) Teams determined to have violated the defensive inning rule will forfeit the game by a score of 6-0. The SBA Rep shall file a complete report of the violation with the playoff report. (2001)
- f) Matching batting line ups option is not allowed in 11U baseball. (2001)
- g) There is no Bunting allowed in 11U.
- h) **There are NO Intentional Walks allowed in 11U. (2019)**
- i) **11U AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4, AA Tier 5 & AA Tier 6 Only – Regardless of what base a runner is on, they can only score (come home) on a hit ball in the ensuing live play or be walked home on a base on balls. Ex) Once a runner assumes possession of 1st, 2nd or 3rd base, the only way they can score is from a hit ball in play or a base on balls with the bases loaded. Runners cannot score on an over throw, passed ball, runner getting into the hot box, throw from catcher to pitcher, or a throw from the catcher on an attempt to throw out a runner stealing a base. (2020)**
- j) **All 11U, AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4, AA Tier 5 and AA Tier 6 categories will have ALL BATTERS start each at bat with a 1 Ball and 1 Strike Count. (2019)**

13U Divisions Only

- a) all players must play 2 complete innings in the first 4 innings in each 6 inning game except in case of injury or illness. (2013)
- b) A defensive inning in the 13U AA Tier 1, AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4 and AA Tier 5 Divisions shall consist of that portion of a game within which the defense has made 3 put outs and the team changes sides and becomes the offence. (2002)
- c) EXCEPTION: The Pitcher: Each pitcher shall only be credited with a defensive inning when he/she has faced a minimum of 4 batter or been charged with a minimum of 1 out or reach daily pitch count limit. (2011)
- d) In the event that the mandatory defensive inning rule is broken: the non-offending team must appeal to the SBA Rep within 45 minutes of the conclusion of the game.
- e) Teams determined to have violated the defensive inning rule will forfeit the game by a score of 6-0. The SBA Rep shall file a complete report of the violation with the playoff report. (2001)
- f) **In 13U AA Tier 2 and lower, on a dropped third strike by the catcher, the batter cannot advance to 1st base and is considered out immediately. (2021)**

15U Divisions Only

- a) all players must play 2 complete innings in the first 5 innings in each 6 inning game except in case of injury or illness. (2015)
- b) A defensive inning in the 15U AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3, AA Tier 4 and AA Tier 5 Divisions shall consist of that portion of a game within which the defense has made 3 put outs and the team changes sides and becomes the offence. (2002)
- c) EXCEPTION: The Pitcher: Each pitcher shall only be credited with a defensive inning when he/she has faced a minimum of 4 batter or been charged with a minimum of 1 out or reach daily pitch count limit. (2011)
- d) In the event that the mandatory defensive inning rule is broken: the non-offending team must appeal to the SBA Rep within 45 minutes of the conclusion of the game.
- e) Teams determined to have violated the defensive inning rule will forfeit the game by a score of 6-0. The SBA Rep shall file a complete report of the violation with the playoff report. (2001)

When Everybody Bats

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

Matching Batting Line Ups Option

13U and 15U Divisions only

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

14.06 Balk:

11U: The balk rule is waived.

14.07 Designated Hitter:

Is allowed only in the 18U, 21U and Senior Divisions.

15. ZONE TRANSFERS

OUT OF ZONE TRANSFER REQUESTS

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

New Zone Transfer Rule for 18U AAA and 15U AAA (2021)

All 18U AAA and 15U AAA players looking to apply for a Zone Transfer must adhere to the following criteria prior to being eligible to do so:

- If there is a AAA team within 100 KM in the players principle Zone of Residence (based on the Baseball Sask 8 zones recognized), those players need to play there or get signoff/approval from the President with consultation of the Head Coach of that Minor Ball Club in order to be eligible to apply for an Out of Zone Transfer to be reviewed.
- If there is not a AAA team within 100 KM in the players principle Zone of Residence (based on the Baseball Sask 8 zones recognized), they would then be eligible to apply for an Out of Zone Transfer to be reviewed.
- All Zone Transfer Applications will be reviewed by the Baseball Sask Zone Transfer Committee in consultation with any/all Baseball Sask Zone Governors involved.
- The distance in determining a players travel will be by using Google Maps (no longer by drawing a straight line "as the crow flies").
- The Zone Transfer Committee reserves the right to consider special circumstances in making their final decision on all Zone Transfer Requests.
- The decision made by the Zone Transfer Committee is to be FINAL and is not open to any type of appeal process.

The following is the Step-by-Step process to apply for an Out of Zone Transfer:

1. **SCAN and E-MAIL** the completed form to your originating Zone Governor and the Executive Director.
2. The Executive Director will then forward to the Zone Transfer Committee and all Zones involved.
3. The Zone Transfer Committee will review all requests and reply back to you whether they approve or deny the request.
4. ***NOTE: Zone Transfer requests will not be reviewed by the Zone Transfer Committee until early May as we will determine what communities have baseball around your area prior to granting approval.***
5. All Zone Transfer Requests for 11U, 13U, 15U and 18U (Zone Transfers are not reviewed for Rally Cap Division) must be submitted no later than April 20th. ***If a Zone Transfer Request is made after***

this date, it must be accompanied by a \$100 NON-REFUNDABLE late Zone Transfer Request fee.

6. All Zone Transfer Requests for Senior must be submitted no later than June 12th. ***If a Zone Transfer Request is made after this date, it must be accompanied by a \$100 NON-REFUNDABLE late Zone Transfer Request fee.***
7. If there are any Zone Transfer Requests from communities within a radius where there is the ability to form a team in a Division and Category as deemed by the Baseball Sask Zone Transfer Committee, they will not be approved a Zone Transfer and will need to form a team on their own.
8. Player requesting Zone Transfer must first register this season with his/her nearest baseball centre as required.
9. Regina and Saskatoon are mandated to provide Baseball Sask with the list of ALL players that have been registered and/or drafted to 18U AAA Teams. The deadline for this will be November 15th each year for teams playing the next season.

IN-ZONE TRANSFER REQUESTS

Please be advised that if you are looking at potentially transferring communities within your Zone to play baseball on an annual basis, you will be required to fill out a In-Zone Transfer Request Form **EACH YEAR**.

All Rural Zone Governors may authorize where a player may play within their respective zone. Factors that will be considered include, but are not limited to the following:

- i) Effect on the team from the original centre he/she is leaving;
- ii) Effect on the team to the centre he/she is going to;
- iii) Effect on any other centre the player is bypassing in the transfer;
- iv) Any other circumstances considered significant by the Zone Governor or Provincial Transfer Committee.

The following is the Step-by-Step process to apply for an In-Zone Transfer:

NOTE: The distance in determining a player's travel will be by using Google Maps (no longer by drawing a straight line "as the crow flies").

1. ***SCAN and E-MAIL*** that completed form to your originating Zone Governor and the Executive Director.
2. The Executive Director will then forward to the Zone Transfer Committee should there be an issue.
3. The Zone Transfer Committee will review all requests and reply back to you whether they approve or deny the request.
4. ***NOTE: In-Zone Transfer requests will not be reviewed by the Zone Transfer Committee until early May as we will determine what communities have baseball around your area prior to granting approval.***
5. All In-Zone Transfer Requests for 11U, 13U, 15U and 18U must be submitted no later than May 30th.
6. All In-Zone Transfer Requests for Senior must be submitted no later than June 12th.



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DIVISIONAL CHART

MINOR DIVISIONS

Divisional Differences	Rally Cap	11U	13U	15U	18U
Innings	6	6	AAA, AAT1– 7 AAT2, AAT3, AAT4, AAT5 - 6	7	7
Base Distance	60'	60'	70'	80'	90'
Home Run Fence Minimum		Lines 180' Centre 200'	Lines 200' Centre 225'	Lines 245' Centre 280'	Lines 300'
Home Run Fence Maximum		Lines 225' Centre 250'	Lines 225' Centre 270'	Lines 280' Centre 310'	
Home Run Fence: Recommended	Lines 200' Centre 225'	Lines 200' Centre 225'	Lines 225' Centre 260'	Lines 270' Centre 300'	Lines 320' Centre 400'+
Home Plate to Backstop Minimum	25'	25'	35'	40'	60'
Home Plate to Backstop Maximum	40'	40'	45'	50'	
Pitching Distance	By Machine 40' – 42'	44'	48'	54'	60'6"
Pitching Limit Per Game	By Machine	Pitch Count	Pitch Count	Pitch Count	Pitch Count
Pitching Limit Per Day	By Machine	Pitch Count	Pitch Count	Pitch Count	Pitch Count
Pitching Limit Per Week	By Machine	Pitch Count	Pitch Count	Pitch Count	Pitch Count
Bat Limitations - Maximums	32" long 2-3/4" diam taped 16"	32" long 2-3/4" diam taped 16"	No more than -10 2-3/4" diam	<u>AAA/AAT1</u> Wood Bat <u>AAT2, AAT3,</u> <u>AAT4, AAT5</u> - 3 bat rule 2-3/4" diam	Wood bat All 18U 2-5/8" diam
Footwear Cleats/Spikes	Rubber Sole only	Rubber Sole only	Rubber Sole only	Steel spikes allowed	Steel spikes allowed

DIVISIONAL CHART

ADULT DIVISIONS

Divisional Differences	21U	Senior	Twilite
Innings	7	7	6
Base Distance	90'	90'	90'
Home Run Fence Minimum	Lines 300'	Lines 300'	Lines 300'
Home Run Fence: Recommended	Lines 320' Centre 400'+	Lines 320' Centre 400'+	Lines 320' Centre 400'+
Home Plate to Backstop Minimum	60'	60'	60'
Pitching Distance	60'6"	60'6"	60'6"
Bat Limitations – Maximums	Wood Bat 2-5/8" diam	Wood Bat 2-5/8" diam	2-5/8" diam
Footwear Cleats/Spikes	Steel spikes Allowed	Steel spikes allowed	Steel spikes allowed

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES



DIVISION	DATES
11U AAA	July 16-18
11U AA Tier 1 & Lower	July 16-18
12U Girls	July 23-25
13U AAA	July 30-August 1
13U AA Tier 1 & Lower	July 23-25
15U AAA	July 30-August 1
15U AA Tier 1 & Lower	July 16-18
18U AAA	July 23-25
18U AA Tier 1 & Lower	July 23-25
21U AAA	July 23-25
Senior AA Tier 1	July 30-August 1
Senior AA Tier 2 & Lower	August 6-8

****The Baseball Sask Playoff Committee reserves the right to create additional Championships in any Division should the number of teams require.**



WESTERN CANADA CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

13U AAA Regional (13U)	TBA	Lloydminster, SK
13U AA	TBA	Provost, AB
14U Girls	TBA	Stonewall, MB
15U AAA	TBA	Edmonton, AB
15U AA	TBA	Provost, AB
18U AAA	TBA	Regina, SK
18U AA	TBA	Provost, AB
21U	TBA	Stonewall, MB
Senior AA (Open)	TBA	Saskatoon, SK



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Baseball Canada (17U)	August 4-8, 2021	Regina, SK
13U AAA Regional	August 19-22, 2021	Lloydminster, SK
13U Nationals	August 26-29, 2021	Woodstock, ON
15U AAA	August 26-29, 2021	Okotoks, AB
16U Girls	August 26-29, 2021	Summerside, PEI
18U AAA	August 19-22, 2021	Fort McMurray, AB
22U AAA	August 5-8, 2021	Dartmouth/Halifax, NS
Senior AAA (Open)	August 26-29, 2021	Red Deer, SK
21U Women's Invitational	August 12-15, 2021	St. John's, NL
Women (Open) Invitational	August 19-22, 2021	Stonewall, MB

2021 PROVINCIAL DIVISIONAL CHART

Divisional Differences	Rally Cap	11U	13U	15U	18U	21U	Senior	Twilite
Provincial Supervisor	Jennifer Lindsay	Jennifer Lindsay	Regan L'Heureux	Jack Cameron	Jean MacDonald	Charlie Meacher	Mark Jacobs	Don Petrichuk
Phone	381-7236	381-7236	228-8405	662-3300	526-3844	692-3387	621-8859	752-2304
Players Year Of Birth	2013 or Later	2010-11-12 *Girls 1 year overage allowance	2008-2009 *Girls 1 year overage allowance	2006-2007 *Girls 1 year overage allowance	2003-04-05 *Girls up to 21 years	2000-01-02	Open	Age 35 At Jan. 1 st
Provincial Championships	No	All Categories	All Categories	All Categories	All Categories	AAA	All Categories	Yes
Western Canada Championships	No	No	AA Tier 1 & Girls	AAA AA Tier 1	AAA AA Tier 1	AAA	AAA AA Tier 1	No
National Championships	No	No	AAA National AAA Regional	AAA Boys & Girls	AAA	AAA & Women	AAA	No
Provincial Playoff Team Registration Fee Due Before:	N/A	\$200 June 5	\$225 June 5	\$225 June 5	\$250 June 5	\$250 June 19	\$250 <u>Plus</u> \$250 Bond June 19	\$235 June 19
Membership Fee Per Player Due Before:	\$25 May 15	\$25 May 15	\$25 May 15	\$25 May 15	\$25 May 15	\$25 June 19	\$25 June 19	N/A
Membership Fee Per Coach Due Before:	\$25 May 15	\$25 May 15	\$25 May 15	\$25 May 15	\$25 May 15	\$25 June 19	\$25 June 19	N/A
Membership Fee All others Due Before:	\$25 May 15	\$25 May 15	\$25 May 15	\$25 May 15	\$25 May 15	\$25 June 19	\$25 June 19	N/A

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

THE PLAYOFFS

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

16. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 16.01 A player, in order to be eligible to participate in a Zone Playoff leading to, a Provincial Championship, or a Post Provincial Championship Program must be:
- (a) an Active Member; and
 - (b) a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant; and
 - (c) a Saskatchewan resident as of June 1st of the current playoff year.
- 16.02 For SBA purposes the principal residence for all 18U age category and younger players shall be:
- (a) the address of the player's parents as of January 1st and beyond of the current calendar year.
 - (b) the address of the player's custodial parent (or in the case of a joint parenting arrangement, then the address of the primary custodial parent) as of January 1 of the current calendar year.
 - (c) legal guardian (in which case there must be a Court order or other lawful proof of guardianship) as of January 1 of the current year.
- 16.03 an "address of convenience" is not permitted. Use of an address of convenience will result in discipline of both player and coach up to and including revoking of membership.
- 16.04 in addition to the provisions described above, the following additional provisions shall apply:
- (a) an urban player is defined as any player who lives within the corporate limits of any city, town, village or hamlet. The street address must be supplied. If a player moves with parent or guardians, new residency for purpose of baseball must be established prior to January 1 of the current year.
 - (b) In all zones except 2 and 6 a player's home residence shall be determined by using Google Maps distance from his/her place of residence to the nearest baseball centre within zone boundaries. Should the nearest centre not having a team in the players age category, the home residence shall be determined by using Google Maps distance to the next nearest centre from the player's residence within zone boundaries.
 - (c) Players will be allowed a 25 kilometers tolerance in terms of selecting their nearest baseball centre.
 - (d) Google Maps will be used by the SBA in determining a player's primary residence. Rural players must use the legal land description of the home quarter (P.O. Box numbers and sites are not acceptable).
 - (e) Teams must list their player's nearest baseball centre, R.M number and location of home quarter on the Provincial Team Roster form.
 - (f) In terms of potential residence discrepancies, changes may be approved at the discretion of the Zone Governor.

Examples Of The 25 kilometer Tolerance:

1. This is an example of the 25 kilometer tolerance that allows a player on this farm to select Baseball Centre X, Y or Z as his/her baseball centre.



2. This is an example of a player living in Community Y that does not have a baseball team in his/her age division. In this example the player would only be allowed to choose option X or Z. This option is not available if there is a team the Division involved in the local community of a player living within the city/town limits. (2021)



3. **FOR 11U ONLY:** When a player decides to play on a team other than the team which is his/her nearest baseball centre (using the 25 kilometer tolerance to make that choice as in the example above), that player will have to "pick up" the population of each baseball centre he/she would have been eligible to play for in his age division.

4. **FOR 11U ONLY:** A player living in community B, not having a team in that division locally, decides to play in community F. Communities A & C are within the 25 kilometer tolerance. Communities D, E & G have teams the player is eligible for. He/she chooses to bypass them, now he/she must add the populations of both communities D & E before he/she is eligible to play on the chosen team in community F.



REMINDER: the 25 kilometer Tolerance is only available for a rural address on a farm or if you live within city/town limits and there is NOT a local team in the Division involved. In this case, Google Maps is used from the city/town centre to determine the distance to another centre.

This rule does not apply if there is a local team in the Division involved and a player lives with city/town limits. (2021)

- 16.05 Teams within all Provincial Zones may be required to qualify by way of a Zone playoff, in order to Advance to a Provincial Championship, dependant on the number of teams registering a Provincial Team Roster and the circumstances of the draw set for a particular Provincial Championship in any given year.
- 16.06 Players registering on a provincial roster must play in the zone of their principal residence. This applies to all categories except the 21U, Senior and Twilite Division.
- 16.07 In certain circumstances a player may be allowed to move up an age division for SBA playoffs. application to do so will be made through the Zone Governor of the player's residence.
- 16.08 The Governor and the Division Supervisor will rule on the matter. If permission is granted, a signed letter of consent from the parent(s) must be filed with the SBA prior to May 30th of the current year.
- 16.09 Players that receive permission to move up an age division will still be eligible to be a pickup in the younger age division for Westerns or National Championships.

17. TEAM ROSTER ELIGIBILITY

- 17.01 Team roster information will not automatically be provided to any team.
- 17.02 Any team may request any other teams player roster or information about any player registered on a Team Roster, or otherwise registered with the Association from the SBA Office, after the Team Roster Registration deadline as set out in the handbook.
- 17.03 Any team wishing to examine another team's Roster in advance of the Provincial Zone Playoff or Provincial Championship for the purposes of examining player eligibility, is obliged to obtain that Roster on its own initiative.
- 17.04 11U, 13U, 15U and 18U Team rosters for provincial playoffs and the assessed fee are to be submitted by June 5th. Rosters sent in after June 5th will be accepted until June 8th but will be assessed an additional \$150.00 late fee per team.
- 17.05 Senior and 21U rosters will be accepted until June 19th. No extensions will be allowed under this rule. Where a league does not exist the team roster must be verified by a team official.
- 17.06 No teams are allowed to register after the late registration deadline (2016).
- 17.07 Team roster limitations are established as a maximum of 18 players. There is no limit to number of coaches as long as they are certified. (2015)
- 17.08 Only those players and coaches as listed on the provincial playoff roster are eligible for play in the zone and provincial playoffs. These eligible players and coaches only are allowed on the playing field, in the dugout and in all warm-up areas.
- 17.09 Forfeitures: Withdrawing from an SBA Provincial Zone Playoff, Provincial Championship or a Home and Home Series will result in a fine to the offending team. Details and fines will be in the current SBA Playoff Manual.
- 17.10 Only properly certified coaches can be listed on the Provincial Team Registration Form when submitting by the June 5 (11U, 13U, 15U and 18U) and June 19 (21U and Senior) deadlines. Should a non-certified coach be listed, they will be deleted immediately and will be fined double the cost of any Module they currently do not have that is required. A coach can always be added after the deadline as long as they are properly certified and are a member of Baseball Sask. (2017)
- 17.11 All coaches added to a Provincial roster must be properly certified no later than 72 hours prior to the respective Provincial Championship their team is playing in. Should they not be properly certified 72 hours prior to the Championship they will be ineligible. NO EXCEPTIONS! (2017)

18. REGULATIONS FOR FORMING PLAYOFF TEAMS WITHIN ZONES

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

18.03 Baseball Centre

The Zone Governor for each of city Zones 2 and 6, in consultation with the Provincial Supervisor for all 18U age category and younger players shall fix the geographic boundaries and number of sub-zones within the larger Provincial Zones (to reflect the number of player registrations as well as historic team representation within sub-zones) as soon as reasonably possible and in any event not later than the deadline for registration of Provincial Team Rosters.

In all Zones, except 2 and 6, a baseball centre is a city, town, village or hamlet that has a baseball team that plays in the players age division in the current season and has a minimum of 11 players registered in that Division with Baseball Sask. The Zone Governor shall determine if a community is a Baseball Centre.

18.04 Classification for All Provincial Playoffs (2016)

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

11U Division

AAA Category - Population of 50,001 & over

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

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

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

AA Tier 4 Category - Population of under 2,500

NOTE: Should the Playoff Committee feel a team should move up or down in category, they have the right to do so no matter what a team's population is.

21U Division

AAA – Open

13U, 15U, 18U, Senior Only

All Categories

– Based on Provincial Supervisor Ranking

- b) ***In 11U, all AAA category centres may register AA Tier 1 or AA Tier 2 teams if they have a team registered to play in the AAA competition. AAA category centres may also register AA Tier 3 category teams if they have teams registered to play in both AAA and AA Tier 1 or Tier 2 competitions.***
- c) ***In 11U***, a Team may register AA Tier 2 for provincial competition only if they have registered a AAA team, from that Community in that same Division first. These communities may also register AA Tier 3 teams only if they have registered in both the provincial AAA and AA Tier 1 or AA Tier 2 competitions.
- d) ***In 11U***, Baseball centres in the AA Tier 1 category may form AA Tier 3 category teams if they have registered a team in the provincial AA Tier 1 competition.
- e) ***In 11U***, Baseball centres in the AA Tier 3 category may form AA Tier 4 category teams if they have registered a team in the provincial AA Tier 3 competition.
- f) Where a player has no baseball in their classification in their community, then:
- If the population of your chosen baseball centre is higher than the population of what would have been the player's baseball centre, the player and the team he plays on will be categorized according to the population of the chosen baseball centre.
 - If the population of your chosen baseball centre is lower than the population of what would have been the player's baseball centre, the player and the team he plays on will be categorized according to the population what would have been the player's baseball centre.
 - If the chosen baseball centre will not accept a player on a team in his age category, the player may apply to the Zone Governor for permission to play for a team in a different centre upon such terms and conditions regarding categorization as the Governor and Playoff Committee consider appropriate.

18.05 Combining Centres in 11U Division

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

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

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

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

Examples:

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

18.06 Playoff Formats

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

The preferred format for All Senior Categories is as follows:

- The preferred format is an 8-Team Championship

- The Division Supervisor may approve more or less teams entering the provincial championship.
- The Regina SBA office will approve all rosters.

Provincial final draws will be made as follows:

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

19. SENIOR GUIDELINES

Eligibility

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

Team Roster Eligibility

- Teams are limited to a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 18 players. There is no limit on coaches as long as they are certified and cannot be players if roster already has the maximum of 18 players.
- Coaching staff must be certified to the minimum requirements for the division and category. See NCCP Coaching Requirement Chart for details.
- All senior teams entering provincial playoffs must submit the team registration fee and a \$250 performance bond to be refunded once a team has fulfilled its playoff obligations.

- Senior is an open competition. Players are open to sign on any active Senior Provincial Roster and do not require a Zone Transfer (2010)
- WMBL position players appearing in 10 WMBL games or pitchers throwing 15 innings or more will not be eligible for Senior Provincials in the AA Tier 1, AA Tier 2, AA Tier 3 or AA Tier 4 categories. (2014)
- No medical substitutions are allowed in the Senior Divisions

Senior Classification

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

Senior

Senior (All Categories) Open (2016)

Roster Information

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

Challenging Eligibility:

- The issue of eligibility shall be referred in writing to the division supervisor
- No question of eligibility of a player may be raised by any person within 72 hours preceding the commencement of a qualifier or championship playoff or during play of the playoff or championship. The "72 hours" shall be calculated from 8:00 AM of the first day of competition of the championship.
- The Division Supervisor may make inquiries as may be reasonably necessary in the circumstances and shall rule on the player's eligibility.
- That ruling shall be communicated to the player and the person raising the question as soon as reasonably possible by letter, fax, e-mail, telephone or in person as is appropriate in the circumstances.
- Any person wishing to appeal the ruling of the Division Supervisor on eligibility, shall do so in writing, by letter, fax, or e-mail to the SBA Office in Regina with a copy forwarded to the Division Supervisor and the Playoff Committee Chairman.
- Any appeal must be made within 24 hours after receiving notice of the ruling by the Division Supervisor.
- The appeal shall be heard and ruled on by the playoff committee Chair or such other member of the Playoff committee so designated.
- The ruling of the playoff Committee chair or designee shall be final and shall be made prior to the first game of a playoff or championship.
- The Playoff Committee Chair or Designee may:
 - 1) Consider the ruling of the supervisor
 - 2) Request any or all information deemed necessary and appropriate
 - 3) Dismiss the appeal

- 4) Allow the appeal in whole or in part
 - 5) Make such ruling as he or she deems just and reasonable
- The Playoff Committee will determine by November 30th of the previous year the team that will represent Saskatchewan at the following years National Championship.



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

2021 BASEBALL CANADA CHAMPIONSHIP NCCP REQUIREMENTS

Division & Category	Requirements
13U	1 Coach is Certified 13U Other Coaches are Trained 13U
15U Boys & 16U Girls	1 Coach is Certified 15U Other Coaches are Trained 15U
18U	1 Coach is Certified 16+ Other Coaches are Trained 16+
21U	1 Coach is Certified 16+ Other Coaches are Trained 16+
Senior Men	All Coaches have Coach Initiation e-Learning Module
*Canada Cup	<div> When 4 Coaches are on staff: 1 Coach at least Certified Comp-Dev 2 Coaches at least Trained Comp-Dev 1 Coach 16+ Certified (eligible for one year only) </div> <div> When 3 Coaches are on staff: 1 Coach at least Certified Comp-Dev 1 Coach at least Trained Comp-Dev 1 Coach 16+ Certified (eligible for one year only) </div>
*Canada Games	All Coaches Competition-Development Certified

A Province can identify a coach as 'Development Coach'. These coaches can only be a 'Development Coach' for one year. A 'Development Coach' must be a certified 16+ Coach. If the Coach was to return for a 2nd year to the Canada Cup, they would need to meet the Comp-Dev requirements. This option will be removed for 2023.

ALL coaches attending any national championship will have to **complete the Safe Sport e-Learning**, complete a criminal record check and sign a code of conduct prior to participation.



BASEBALL SASK PROGRAMS

20. NATIONAL COACHING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (NCCP)

The Baseball Canada NCCP is designed to provide valuable and accessible resources and training to coaches who are working with children in Community Sport and Introduction to Competition level baseball programs.

COMMUNITY SPORT 11U COACH CLINICS

- **Coach Initiation in Sport Online Module** – an online resource to help get you started and a place to revisit often while you coach baseball. *Must be completed as a pre-requisite before registering for other clinics.
- **Coach Initiation in Baseball (Rally Cap) Online Module** – an online resource made specifically for coaches in the Rally Cap division to introduce the Rally Cap program and format. *Coach Initiation in Baseball (Rally Cap) is not required for coaching certification for Provincials as there are no championships in the Rally Cap division.
- **Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals) Online Module** – an online resource for skills, drills, and many other activities to introduce the basic fundamentals of baseball. *Must be completed as a pre-requisite before registering for other clinics.
- **My First Pitch Online Module** – an online resource to introduce coaches to the basic mechanics of pitching. The online module includes many skills and drills to develop pitching skills at a young age and reduce arm injuries.
- **11U Online Video Package** – Coaches will watch a series of videos with drills and instructional videos for coaching tips, skill development, and practice planning.
- **Initiation Coach Clinic** – an in-class and field/gym clinic that you can attend only after completing the required 11U online modules. The clinic covers the fundamentals of the game and Making Ethical Decisions training.

Your Baseball Canada NCCP status will be **TRAINED 11U COACH** once you have completed the 11U online modules and clinics.

COMPETITION 13U COACH CLINICS

- **Teaching and Learning Clinic** – an in-class clinic that you can attend only after completing the required 11U online modules. The clinic covers organization, explanations, demonstrations, supervision and feedbacks.
- **Absolutes Clinic** – an in-class and field/gym clinic that you can attend only after completing the required 11U online modules. The clinic covers the minimum standards for skill development that coaches must teach players at the age group in which they are playing and mental training.
- **Planning Clinic** – an in-class clinic that you can attend only after completing the required 11U online modules. The clinic covers the structure of a practice and the design of a simple season plan.
- **Pitching & Catching Clinic** – an in-class and field/gym clinic that you can attend only after completing the required 11U online modules. The clinic covers basic pitching mechanics as well as fundamentals for catchers.
- **13U Online Video Package** – Coaches will watch a series of videos with drills and instructional videos for coaching tips, skill development, and practice planning.

Your Baseball Canada NCCP status will be **TRAINED 13U COACH** once you have completed the 11U Coach Clinics and 13U Coach Clinics.

COMPETITION 13U COACH EVALUATIONS

- **Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation** – an online evaluation that you can complete only after attending the 11U Coach Clinics and 13U Coach Clinics. This evaluation is completed in “the Locker” on the Coaches Association website (<https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login>).
- **Portfolio Tasks and Core Portfolio Evaluation** – an online evaluation that you can complete only after attending the 11U Coach Clinics and 13U Coach Clinics. The portfolio requires coaches to submit an emergency action plan, season plan, and practice plan.
- **Practice Evaluation** – an on-field evaluation done by a Baseball Sask Evaluator that you can complete only after attending the 11U Coach Clinics, 13U Coach Clinics, and passing the Core Portfolio Evaluation.

Your Baseball Canada NCCP status will be **CERTIFIED 13U COACH** once you have completed the 11U Coach Clinics, 13U Coach Clinics, and 13U Coach Evaluations.

COMPETITION 15U & 16+ COACH CLINICS

- **Strategies Clinic** – an in-class clinic that you can attend only after completing the required 11U online modules. The clinic covers signals, line-up, basic positioning, steal, hit and run and other tactical aspects.
- **Advanced Skills Clinic** – an in-class clinic that you can attend only after completing the required 11U online modules. The clinic covers advanced skills and techniques for all aspects of the game for players with elite skill level at the highest level of competition.
- **15U Online Video Package** – Coaches will watch a series of videos with drills and instructional videos for coaching tips, skill development, and practice planning
- **16+ Online Video Package** – Coaches will watch a series of videos with drills and instructional videos for coaching tips, skill development, and practice planning

Your Baseball Canada NCCP status will be **TRAINED 15U 16+ COACH** once you have completed the 11U Coach Clinics, 13U Coach Clinics, and 15U 16+ Coach Clinics.

COMPETITION 15U 16+ COACH EVALUATIONS

- **Game Evaluation** – an on-field evaluation done by a Baseball Sask Evaluator that you can complete only after attending the 11U Coach Clinics, 13U Coach Clinics, 15U 16+ Coach clinics, and passing the Practice Evaluation.

Your Baseball Canada NCCP status will be **CERTIFIED 15U 16+ COACH** once you have completed the 11U Coach Clinics, 13U Coach Clinics, 13U Coach Evaluations, 15U 16+ Coach Clinics, and 15U 16+ Coach Evaluations.

To get started go to the Baseball Canada NCCP website – <http://nccp.baseball.ca>

HOSTING INFORMATION

- Contact the office in Regina @ 780-9222 or nolan@baseballsask.ca
- Must provide access to gymnasium or suitable facility for physical activity.
- Underwrite any costs for the facility.
- Advertise the clinic locally.
- Appoint a local chairman that will communicate/assist Baseball Sask instructor(s) with the running of the clinic.
- Individual Module length – 3-4 hour course
- Host community cost - \$300 for up to 20 participants. Host community is not responsible for instructor fees.
- A coach's registration fee is the option of the host community, however, maximum charge is \$50/Coach
- Affiliate members will be charged an additional 50% surcharge to attend/host clinics.

21. SASKATCHEWAN FIRST PROGRAMS

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

22U Selects

This will be an open ID Camp aimed at developing athletes and identifying players for the 22U Selects team representing Baseball Sask at the Baseball Canada 21U National Championship in Dartmouth/Halifax, NS.

18U Selects Team / Canada Games

Baseball Sask will once again send the top 20 first and second year 18U players to the Baseball Canada Cup in Regina, SK from August 4-8, 2021. All eligible players who are interested in furthering their baseball careers collegiate or professionally are encouraged.

16-Year old Developmental Team

Baseball Sask will also form a 16-year-old Developmental Team. The goal of this team is to prepare players for next year's Baseball Canada Cup and also the next Canada Games Team.

15U Selects

This will be an open ID Camp aimed at developing athletes and identifying players for the 15U Selects team representing Baseball Sask at the Baseball Canada 15U National Championship in Okotoks, AB.

13U Selects

This will be an open ID Camp aimed at developing athletes and identifying players for the 13U Selects team representing Baseball Sask at the Baseball Canada 13U National Championship in Woodstock, ON.

22. FEMALE BASEBALL PROGRAM

21U Women's Invitational

This team will compete at the Baseball Canada 21U Women's Invitational Championship from August 12-15 in St. John's, NL. Check the website www.baseballsask.ca for tryout camp dates. It is important for girls who are interested in this program to attend a tryout camp near them in order to be identified.

16U

The 16U Girls Teams will compete at the Baseball Canada Championship. The 16U Girls will compete in the Baseball Canada 16U Girls Championship from August 26-29 in Summerside, PEI. Check the website www.baseballsask.ca for tryout camp dates. It is important for girls who are interested in this program to attend a tryout camp near them in order to be identified.

14U

The 14U Girls team will compete in the Western Canada Championship. This will take place in Stonewall, MB in August TBA. Check the website www.baseballsask.ca for tryout camp dates. It is important for girls who are interested in this program to attend a tryout camp near them in order to be identified.

23. ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

Application forms and more information is available from the SBA office, 300-1734 Elphinstone Street, Regina, Saskatchewan S4T 1K1 Telephone: 780-9237.

24. GRASS ROOTS CLINICS

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

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

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

Nolan Bracken

Baseball Sask

780-9222

[*nolan@baseballsask.ca*](mailto:nolan@baseballsask.ca)

Be sure to check our website – www.baseballsask.ca for updates on camps and clinics held in your area.

25. ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

The SBA presents the following annual awards:

1. Player of the Year.
2. Minor Player of the Year
3. Team of the Year - Minor (11U to 18U)
 - Senior (21U and up)
4. Manager of the Year
5. Official of the Year
6. Lou Slotsve 21U Official of the Year
7. Builder of the Year
8. Patron of the Year
9. Joe McDonald Special Award of Merit
10. Grass Roots Coach of the Year
11. Lifetime Achievement Award
12. Minor Ball Club of the Year

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

Baseball Sask
300-1734 Elphinstone Street
Regina, SK S4T 1K1
mike@baseballsask.ca

26. ANDY ZWACK BURSARY

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

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

Andy Zwack Bursary Fund
c/o Baseball Sask
300-1734 Elphinstone Street
Regina, SK S4T 1K1

Application Deadline - October 31st.

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2020 Annual Award Recipients

Each year, Baseball Sask recognizes individuals and teams that have made exceptional contributions and have represented their Association and Saskatchewan wonderfully. Our 2020 awards were presented to the following:

Minor Player of the Year	Grayson Hofstra
Minor Team of the Year	Saskatoon 11U AAA Cardinals
Coach of the Year	Chad Hofmann
Grass Roots Coach of the Year	Brad Hutchison
Lou Slotsve 21U Official of the Year	Maris Brons
Senior Official of the Year	Kirk Schafer
Joe McDonald Special Award of Merit	Charlie Schille
Patron of the Year	Len Rieger
Lifetime Achievement	Leo MacDonald



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

If you would like to nominate someone for the 2021 Baseball Season simply contact the SBA Office in Regina after the season has finished.



Rally Cap Program

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

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

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

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

Associations interested in offering this program are encouraged to visit the Baseball Canada site at www.baseball.ca for details.

Rally Cap orders are now being accepted by printing off the following order form and sending it, along with payment to the Baseball Sask office. The hats are \$3.50 each and each color comes in a minimum of 12.

Contact nolan@baseballsask.ca or (306) 780-9222 for further details such as brochures, DVD's or Manuals.

WINTERBALL PROGRAM



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

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

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

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

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

The Concept

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Why WinterBall?

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

Goals and Objectives!

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

To introduce baseball skills through an exciting and fun program.

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

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

To provide equal access to both male and female students.

**If your school would like to book a WinterBall Clinic
contact Nolan Bracken at nolan@baseballsask.ca.**

MY FIRST PITCH



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

To request additional information or hard copies of program material contact Nolan Bracken at nolan@baseballsask.ca.

Coaches Manual

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

Drills to emphasize Good Pitching Mechanics for youth

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

Appendixes

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

CHALLENGER BASEBALL



What is Challenger Baseball?

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

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

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

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

If you would like to learn more about Challenger Baseball, or how to start Challenger Baseball in your community, check out our website: www.baseball.ca/challenger or contact the Provincial Challenger Baseball Coordinator, Amanda Hodgkin, at amarie.hodgkin@gmail.com

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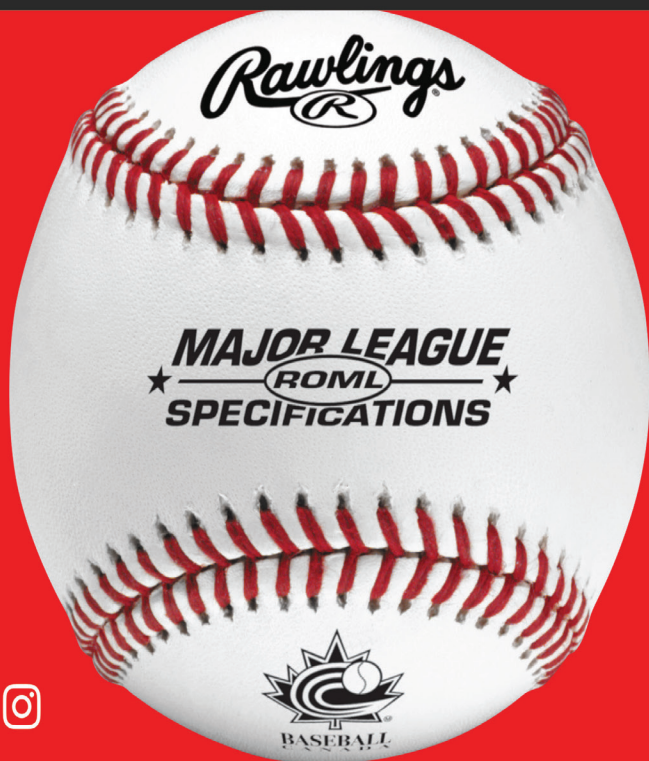
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