

2024 REGISTRATION NOTES

1. All players, coaches, bat boys/girls, managers and league executives involved in organized baseball programs are to register with Baseball Sask to be eligible for insurance as well as other membership benefits. **The membership deadline is May 15** for all divisions excluding 22U and Senior. The Membership Deadline for Senior and 22U is June 19. **NOTE: To register for provincials, membership must first be submitted and paid.**
2. **DIVISION INFO** – The divisions will consist of Rally Cap, 11U, 13U, 15U, 18U, 22U and Senior. For more information on our Divisions Chart & Ages go to: <http://www.baseballsask.ca/about/divisional-chart-ages>
3. Membership fees for all Players (all Divisions), Coaches, Managers, etc. will have increased this year to \$30/ member across the board. **We still have a NON-COMPETITIVE Fee for the SENIOR DIVISION that will be \$7/member. This will only provide you with insurance. No access to Provincials, Funding, etc.** We will once again be using Online Registration through RAMP Interactive as well as still allowing paper copies of Registration forms, however, if you do choose to use the paper forms there will be an additional \$10/member administration fee.

The main reason for this increase in membership fees is that the cost of providing insurance has skyrocketed the past couple years and this does not look to change any time soon. This cost has increased by roughly 20%.

Another reason is because in 2023, we were thrilled to hire only our fourth full time employee. Our new Sport Development Coordinators main duties are the increased development of female baseball throughout the Province as well as marketing/social media and running camps/clinics among others. We had a one-time funding grant to hire them for the first year and the additional revenue for memberships fees allow us to turn this into a permanent position.

NOTE: If your members are playing baseball, they are mandated to register with Baseball Sask. They are not to register with another sport such as Softball Sask to save a couple dollars on Rally Cap aged players. Baseball Sask and Softball Sask have an agreement monitoring this.

Provincial Team Registration Fees will be increasing for the first time in over 10 years. The Provincial Team fees are as follows: 11U (\$250), 13U (\$275), 15U (\$275), 18U (\$300), 22U (\$300) and Senior (\$300). All Senior Division teams will also have to pay an additional \$300 (On same cheque as Team Fee – not on 2 separate cheques) for a Performance Bond. If a team completes all of their scheduled zone and provincial games, they will be refunded the \$300 performance bond.

4. **Provincial Registration Deadline** - All 11U, 13U, 15U and 18U Divisions for entry into Provincial Playoffs is June 5th. Late registration entries received after June 5 will be accepted until June 8 if accompanied by an additional late registration fee of \$250.00 - **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** 22U and Senior rosters will be accepted until June 19. Absolutely no late registrations in 22U or Senior.
5. Regulations for forming provincial teams are located in the Baseball Sask Handbook and website at www.baseballsask.ca.

6. **NCCP Requirements** - For teams entering Provincial Playoffs: Baseball Sask, in accordance with Baseball Canada, has established minimum levels of coaching certification. Please ensure you are aware of these regulations. If you are not properly certified on the June 5th or June 19th Deadlines you are NOT PERMITTED to be on the Provincial roster and will be DELETED. However, if you become certified AFTER the deadline you can be added after no later than 72 hours prior to that Provincial Championship. Check out our website for details.
7. The Deadline for submitting **Membership Assistance Program** Spending Plan application forms is **July 1**. Get your forms in early so you don't miss out on available funding for your league or team!
8. **RAWLINGS** is the **OFFICIAL BALL, HELMET AND UNIFORM OF BASEBALL SASK** and we encourage all teams and leagues to use them. It is mandatory for all Provincial Host Sites to use Rawlings Baseballs only. If a host site does not use Rawlings Baseballs only they lose their right to MAP Grant funding.
9. The **Rally Cap Program** is hands down the BEST grassroots development program for players born in 2016 & later. We are VERY excited to get as many members involved in this program as possible! We are also very pleased to have the Toronto Blue Jays on board as the title sponsor for this program as well. All Rally Cap players and coaches will receive a fantastic looking Blue Jays hat.
10. **Respect in Sport** – All coaches are required to complete the Respect in Sport (RiS) as mandated by Sask Sport. For more information go to <http://www.baseballsask.ca/programs/nccp-coaches>
11. **Provincial Championship Host Sites** - If your community is interested in hosting a Provincial Championship be sure to contact Mike Ramage for more details at mike@baseballsask.ca.
12. **Umpire Clinics** – For all online Umpire clinics, be sure to check out the following link detailing the process - <http://www.baseballsask.ca/programs/nccp-umpires>
13. **Club Team / Academy Team In-Season Eligibility**
2024 will be the third season in which the following rule has been in effect. This was implemented so that Club Teams that are formed for the official Minor Ball baseball season do not have to worry about losing players for practices/games in order to take part in a private academy games/tournaments.

Baseball Sask has been in contact annually with the known Private Academies regarding this and it had a Zoom meeting with them all in the Winter of 2021 getting their own input and creating dates that worked for them.

2024 Non-Sanctioned Baseball Sask Spring / Summer Baseball Policy

Definition: Season of Play is defined as:

Season Start: For the 2024 season, the date set by the Baseball Sask Board of Governors will be May 1, 2024

Season End: For the 2024 season, the date set by the Baseball Sask Board of Governors will be September 1, 2024, or if the following occurs prior that date:

When a player or a team has no opportunity to participate after Provincials are completed. Some players and teams the Season end date will be after a Western Canada Baseball Championship or a Baseball Canada National Championship.

Rationale: Baseball Sask is the governing body of Saskatchewan representing community baseball associations, players, coaches and umpires. Baseball Sask protects the development of our associations and teams that operate within their organization. Baseball Sask invests through its membership fees and Sask Lotteries funding in our players, coaches, and umpire development. Our community programs and Baseball Sask programs have proven to enhance our athletes' development within our Season of Play.

Baseball Sask believes private baseball programs are beneficial to an athlete's development and we support the rights of individuals who consider participating in private programs outside of our member community baseball associations. However, Baseball Sask believes that our member associations that operate in all of our Zones in our Province will be negatively affected if private baseball programs operate within our Season of Play. Baseball Sask protects our members and does not allow any players to participate in any team meetings, practices, games or tournament(s) within our defined Season of Play, for any reason, unless it is a Baseball Sask sanctioned activity.

This policy does not affect players that are enrolled in:

- Public or Private baseball school or development program inside or outside of our Province. (Examples of this would be places like Martin School Academy in Regina or Vauxhall School Academy in Alberta).
- Private individual or group training programs, focusing on additional development, provided that the player is not missing any Baseball Sask sanctioned event, including team games, team practices and team tournaments.
- Baseball Sask High Performance Programs looking to identify athletes.

Discipline

A Player, Coach or Parent who is involved in any way in the organizing (including meetings, practices, games or tournaments) or recruitment of players for any non-Sanctioned Baseball Sask event during our defined Season of Play, will be:

Violation Prior to June 30: Baseball Sask Membership Ban - Cannot participate on any Baseball Sask Team or Affiliate Member Baseball Team or participate in any Baseball Sask event (Provincial or Post-Provincial) for the Current Baseball Season until End of Season of Play.

Violation After June 30: Baseball Sask Membership Ban - Cannot participate on any Baseball Sask Team or Affiliate Member Baseball Team or participate in any Baseball Sask event (Provincial or Post-Provincial) for the Current Baseball Season and the following Baseball Season until the end of the Season(s) of Play.

14. **Zone Transfer Requests** – Are you looking to possibly transfer to a team in a different Zone or another team within your Zone? If so, you will need to apply for a Zone Transfer or In-Zone Transfer. Details can be found at <http://www.baseballsask.ca/about/zone-transfer-requests> . Take note of the deadline to avoid a \$100 late fee to have your request reviewed.
15. **Western & National Championships** – We are planning to send teams to Post Provincial Championships once again in 2024. We will have more details for this including ID Camp for our Male and Female programs soon.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW BASEBALL SEASON AND WORKING TOGETHER WITH ALL OF YOU TO PROMOTE OUR GREAT GAME!

