

process may be disciplined by Baseball Alberta. If deemed available after due process, the coach must then contact the player's parent(s) unless the player is 18 years of age.

**The Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet must be provided to the Official Scorekeeper along with the line-up card. The official line-up card must identify the player with "AFF" beside the player's name.** The Official Scorekeeper will fill in the date of the game played (regardless of whether that player ever plays an inning and once on the official line-up, that player will be charged with one game played) and return the Tracking Sheet to the team. The Official Scorekeeper will identify Affiliate Players on the Game Summary Sheet and Baseball Alberta will update each team's master Affiliate Tracking Sheet to be kept at Baseball Alberta.

Affiliate players may only sign with one team and may only play up to 5 games throughout the entire schedule. Once a player's five (5) games are complete, that player's eligibility for Affiliation will be denied for the remainder of the season. (The Registrar may only extend affiliate player's maximum number of games in the event that a team loses a player(s) to Team Alberta/Team Canada opportunities and has used up all available affiliate player games)

### F. ROSTER REPLACEMENTS

In the event that a team loses a player for the long term, that team may apply to Baseball Alberta for a roster replacement, according to Roster Replacement Rules (below). All Roster Replacement applications will need to be delivered to the Baseball Alberta Office by 4 pm at least 4 business days prior to needing the player for a game and must include a \$25 processing fee and supporting documents (medical note, letter from family indicating they are moving from the area, etc.).

- Teams requesting replacements in Midget and lower categories must obtain the authorization of the Registrar, whenever a team's roster is reduced to fewer than 12 players (15 players for Midget 'AAA') because of injuries, death, or players having moved from the area. Replacement players may be added as required up to a 12 player maximum (15 player maximum for Midget 'AAA').
- The sole objective of allowing a team to replace injured or deceased players, or players having moved (from the area) under this rule, is to ensure that the remaining players on the team are not in the position of having to forfeit a game due to a shortage of players.
- A replacement player must be registered with Baseball Alberta in the current playing year as of June 1st, but cannot be from a higher division of play or be on any other provincial roster. A player on a suspended team shall remain eligible for replacement as per replacement guidelines.
- A player who has been placed on a disabled list must be supported by a medical certificate. Replacement players not dropped shall be considered part of the original roster.
- A player who has moved from the area and can no longer participate with the original team may be required to provide proof of residency.

## TEAM REQUIREMENTS

### A. HOST TEAM

Host teams are responsible for providing the following items for **all** games played at their host site:

- Baseballs – 3 or 4 new baseballs per game (depending on wear/tear and weather conditions)
- Diamonds/facilities – includes diamond maintenance and preparation before/after games
- Ensuring payment of umpire travel costs as required (see 2017 Umpire Fees)
- Booking and ensuring payment for Umpire Accommodations as required for out of town umpires
- Official Scorekeeper for **all** games played at the host site (may be a team parent but must be objective and must not be scoring for the host team in that game)

### Hosting Coordinator (may be a team parent)

- Communicate with teams playing at host site with respect to directions to diamond, accommodations and confirmation of game times
- Ensure umpires are contacted in case of cancellations due to unplayable field conditions
- Photocopy/Print Game Summary Reports for host game/weekend

- Ensure Official Scorekeeper is aware of rules/regulations (provide copy of Rules package)
- Collect umpire game fees (checks preferred) as required from all participating teams/issue Baseball Alberta Umpire Fee Payment Receipts to teams
- Ensure the umpires are paid **by check by the host team** (including travel/mileage) prior to leaving the facility for the day/weekend (unless local Association has another procedure for payment communicated to and accepted by the umpiring crew)
- Collect and send all Game Summary Reports via fax back to Baseball Alberta at (780) 427-9032 by 12pm on the business day following the game(s) played
- Mail copy of Protest Report and \$100 protest fee (payable by team check) back to Baseball Alberta, in the event that a Protest is denied

### ***The Official Scorekeeper***

- Collecting game line-ups, team rosters, Affiliate Player Tracking Sheets (when using Affiliate Players) and Weekly Pitching Sheets (Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget) from each team at least 15 minutes prior to each game
- Checking the line-up card against the roster and Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet to ensure all players are eligible (Affiliate Players must show "AFF" marked by their name on the line-up card); once complete, return the team roster to each team manager or coach; if a player on the line-up card does not match a player on the roster or Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet, notify that coach of the issue – the coach will have the option to play that player and face the consequences of playing an ineligible player; fax a copy of the line-up card with the potential ineligible player noted so the Office staff can verify eligibility
- Updating the Affiliate Team Tracking Sheet and returning to the team manager/coach
- If the team cannot produce the roster or Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet, make the coaches aware that the game will be played under protest and that if the team in question has used an ineligible player, the opposing coach will be given the option of keeping the actual game result or taking a forfeit win; in this case, a copy of the line-up card must be copied and faxed in with the Game Summary Report
- Keeping score without prejudice or bias – official scorekeepers may not act as a team scorekeeper and must stay objective; the official scorekeeper may not alert either team (or the umpire) if a batter is batting out of order.
- Obtaining pitch count information from each team for games played during the previous week.
- When the use of a pitcher who is ineligible or about to become ineligible is evident, scorekeepers or other officials should notify the team manager or coach of the offending team so that an opportunity for assignment correction may be immediately affected.
- **Alerting the umpire if the pitcher returning to the mound is no longer eligible to pitch**
- Filling out all necessary information on the Game Summary Report in ink and ensuring that both coaches, the home plate umpire and the official scorekeeper sign the Game Summary Report to verify its accuracy; once signed, the game is official
- Updating each team's Weekly Pitching Report in ink (Mosquito, Pee Wee and Bantam only); return the sheet back to the team at the end of the game.
- The Official Scorekeeper may provide inning, # of outs, score and player changes to each team as requested.

### **B. PARTICIPATING TEAMS**

**All participating teams** (including host) will be responsible for paying **the host site for one umpire game fee per game played** in the 2016 Baseball Alberta Provincial League. The non-host teams will pay the host site the required game fees **prior to their first game**. If games are rained out, the host site will either return the check (if no fees are required) or will issue a reimbursement for the games not played. Payment to umpires must be done prior to each game.

**All participating teams** (including host) will be responsible for **supplying 2 Protest Committee members** to sit on the Protest Committee for the games they are playing (the home and visiting teams will each supply 2 members on the Committee).

All participating teams **must provide their Approved Roster, Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet** (when utilizing Affiliate Players), **Weekly Pitching Report** (Mosquito/Pee Wee/Bantam/Midget) and **line-up card to the Official Scorekeeper at least 15 minutes prior to the game** and will be responsible for ensuring they receive those items back, once checked/completed, before leaving the host site.



All Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget teams must email or fax their weekly pitching reports into Baseball Alberta by Wednesday of the following week.

No team will need to produce approved Transfer Requests as all players listed on the Approved Initial/Final Roster will be approved by Baseball Alberta (transfers will be deemed approved).

Team rosters, duly authorized by the Registrar must be produced at all Baseball Alberta League Games/Provincial Championship. Any team entering the Baseball Alberta League without having all players, coaches, and managers properly registered will be subjected to disqualification from that game, and subject to fines or suspension.

## LEAGUE FORMAT & SCHEDULING

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### A. RAIN OUTS & SCHEDULING

Teams must give Baseball Alberta at least 2 weeks' notice of tournaments, graduations or any other circumstance where their team is unavailable to play. If inadequate time is given (less than 2 weeks) to Baseball Alberta, then that team may be forced to take a forfeit loss.

Failure to complete league scheduled games could result in the suspension of the team for Provincial Championship play at the discretion of Baseball Alberta.

Games should only be cancelled for weather if the field is unplayable or it is unsafe to play due to the conditions. If games must be cancelled due to poor weather, the host team is responsible for notifying the umpire crew (if their phone numbers have been provided) or the Umpire Assignor (listed on [www.baseballalberta.com](http://www.baseballalberta.com)).

Teams are responsible for making up games and must coordinate the date/time/place and forward to Baseball Alberta by 4 pm at least 4 days prior to the anticipated game. If the four days' notice is not possible, the Umpire Assignor will do their best to try to assign umpires. Baseball Alberta will then forward the request directly to the Zone Umpire Assignor who will confirm with the team if umpires are available.

Any games that are not made up by the end of the round will either be struck from the schedule (if there was no possible way to make that game up due to timing/weather) or result in a loss assigned for the team(s) unable or unwilling to replay the game. No team will receive a win for a game that was not played. Any team refusing to travel to play a game may be disciplined further through suspension.

Teams who meet in tournament play may elect to use that game for Provincial League results, but must agree before the game and must provide an Official Scorekeeper to fill out all the necessary game reports and sheets (must follow rules for pitching and use of affiliates/eligible players).

Any team/host site that must cancel a game (other than weather reasons) must provide notice by 4 pm at least 2 days prior to the game or the team who is cancelling the game will be charged full umpire game fees for the game scheduled.

All rainout games and rescheduled games must be completed 5 days before the scheduled Provincial Championship weekend for each competition level.

### B. ROUNDS OF PLAY

#### 'AAA' Division

The Baseball Alberta Provincial 'AAA' Baseball League will be split into 3 rounds of play (May, June and July).

#### Pee Wee and Bantam

- **Round 1** – Developmental in approach with easing of rules so that teams may develop their players (see Rules Section)
- **Rounds 2 & 3** – Total Points (2 points per win; 1 point for tie (after tiebreaker procedures have been exhausted due to light and/or weather); 0 point per loss) from Rounds 2 and 3 games will determine final standings for Provincial Championships.

