

# Baseball Manitoba Zone 2 AA Baseball

## 11U AA

The purpose of Zone 11U AA baseball is to give more development opportunities than what is typically offered in community baseball. This can include a season that is extended into July and games against other leagues in the province.

These are some guidelines to follow for Zone 2 11U AA baseball.

\*11U AA is local association based and is not a regional based team like the AA and AAA programs that the older age groups offer. These are the options for team formation

1. The team consists of players that are all from the same local association.
2. The team consists of players from 2 or 3 local associations, but the total amount of players registered in the amalgamated can not exceed 45 (This is an estimated number, associations can appeal to Baseball Manitoba if they are close to this number and would like to amalgamate).

\*Tryouts can occur for AA teams if needed, but there should be a minimal need for that due to the increased dedication level with the season running in conjunction with the local league and the season extending into late July. Teams can choose to only offer to major aged kids and/or make high expectations for dedication to limit the need for tryouts to occur if they wish (highly suggested for large associations).

*Please remember that there is a lot of development time left for 11U players, so the keen players will likely see more development over time than the current best athlete at this age.*

\*Players involved in the AA teams are expected to be involved in community league play and are eligible to attend a Tier 1, 2, or 3 provincials with their league team or be added as a player pick up for Tier 1,2, or 3 provincials.

\*Leagues are not required to have "AA" teams or send a rep to the "AA" Provincials.

\*Local Associations must inform Baseball Manitoba by June 1<sup>st</sup> if they are interested in attending the AA provincials (June 1<sup>st</sup> is the final deadline, but we would like a commitment at an earlier date ie. May 1<sup>st</sup> or earlier would be much better for organizational purposes

\*Roster formation for these teams will be outside of the league rosters, therefore will not need to be finalized until June 15<sup>th</sup>.

\*There will be a Tier 1 AA and Tier 2 AA provincial with Zone 2 having up to 7 spots in each event (dependant on the number of AA teams in Zone 2).

\*Each league and the host will receive 1 automatic spot in one of the tiered provincials (see seedings below)

\*The remainder of the Zone 2 teams will be decided using a wildcard process (TBA after Baseball Mb knows the total number of teams in Zone 2 AA)

**\*Each league will be responsible to have their top teams named by July 8<sup>th</sup> as wildcard games will be played on July 10<sup>th</sup> and/or 11<sup>th</sup>**

\*Provincial reps are allowed up to 2 pick-ups from their league. This is done before provincials, but after any provincial playdowns games are played.

**\*Seedings will be based on association size, and results from qualifying games, and Brandon tournament (see below).**

\*Brandon is willing to host an 11u tournament the weekend of July 17-19 to add more games to the season. These games will not be used to decide placements in the provincials, as that is too late in the season, but they will be used for seeding purposes. Team that did not advance to provincials and Winnipeg teams are welcome to attend that tournament as well. Teams attending provincials that choose to not attend the Brandon weekend will have their seeding based on associations size and qualifying games.

## **13U AA**

The purpose of Zone 13U AA baseball is to give development opportunities to players that did not make the AAA team. This includes games against other leagues in the province in June and July and the AA provincials.

These are some guidelines to follow for Zone 2 13U AA baseball.

\*Teams are regionally based in the same format as AAA teams are made.

\*Leagues are not required to have “AA” teams or send a rep to the “AA” Provincials, but it is highly encouraged. Amalgamation with another league is allowed, but must be approved by Baseball Manitoba

\*Baseball Manitoba has encouraged larger leagues to make multiple teams to allow for more development opportunities and for competitive balance. Ideally these teams are created to be close to the same calibre or using geography.

\*Players on the AA teams are expected to be involved in community league play and are eligible to attend a Tier 1, 2, or 3 provincials with their league team or be added as a player pick up for Tier 1,2, or 3 provincials.

\*Leagues must inform Baseball Manitoba by May 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest if they are planning to have a AA team. Ideally, we know this in advance of that date.

\*Each Zone 2 AA team will get a spot in either the Tier 1 or Tier 2 provincials. It is expected that there will be 11 AA teams in Zone 2 in 2026.

\*Seedings for provincials will be based on regular season games between Zone 2 AA teams.

\*Baseball Manitoba will create a schedule to follow that may or may not include dates for the games. Teams may be required to organize some dates on their own.

\*All teams are expected to attend the season start up tournament in Portage on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and will get 4 scheduled games each that weekend.

\*Teams are encouraged to attend the AA tournament in Portage on June 19-21 and/or Brandon on July 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Games in these tournaments can be used to fill the needs of the Zone 2 schedule especially for teams that are far away from each other.

\*The goal of the AA provincials is about player development and should not be about the provincial championship. The provincial winner does not advance to any out of province events. The Western Canada Baseball Association AA championship is that in name only and AA teams in other provinces are of a AAA calibre, therefore the Tier 2 AAA winner will attend the WCBA Championships at the 13u, 15u and 18u levels

\*More info about the league schedule and rules will come out in April.

## **15U AA**

The purpose of Zone 15U AA baseball is to give development opportunities to players that did not make the AAA team. This includes games against other leagues in the province in June and July and the AA provincials.

These are some guidelines to follow for Zone 2 15U AA baseball.

- \*Teams are regionally based in the same format as AAA teams are made.
- \*Leagues are not required to have “AA” teams or send a rep to the “AA” Provincials, but it is highly encouraged. Amalgamation with another league is allowed, but must be approved by Baseball Manitoba
- \*Players on the AA teams are expected to be involved in community league play and are eligible to attend a Tier 1, or Tier 2 provincial with their league team or be added as a player pick up for Tier 1,2, or 3 provincials.
- \*Leagues must inform Baseball Manitoba by May 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest if they are planning to have a AA team. Ideally, we know this in advance of that date.
- \*Each Zone 2 AA team will get a spot in either the Tier 1 or Tier 2 provincials. It is expected that there will be 8-9 AA teams in Zone 2.
- \*Seedings for provincials will be based on regular season games between Zone 2 AA teams.
- \*Baseball Manitoba will create a schedule to follow that may or may not include dates for the games. Teams may be required to organize some dates on their own.
- \*All teams are expected to attend the season start up tournament in Portage on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and will get 4 scheduled games each that weekend.**
- \*Teams are encouraged to attend the AA tournament in Portage on June 19-21 and/or Brandon on July 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Games in these tournaments can be used to fill the needs of the Zone 2 schedule especially for teams that are far away from each other.**
- \*The goal of the AA provincials is about player development and should not be about the provincial championship. The provincial winner does not advance to any out of province events. The Western Canada Baseball Association AA championship is that in name only and AA teams in other provinces are of a AAA calibre, therefore the Tier 2 AAA winner will attend the WCBA Championships at the 13u, 15u and 18u levels
- \*More info about the league schedule and rules will come out in April.

## **18U AA**

The purpose of Zone 2 18U AA baseball is to give development opportunities to players that did not make the AAA team. This may include games against other leagues in the province in June and July and the AA provincials.

These are some guidelines to follow for Zone 2 18U AA baseball.

- \*Teams are regionally based in the same format as AAA teams are made.
- \*Leagues are not required to have “AA” teams or send a rep to the “AA” Provincials, but it is highly encouraged. Amalgamation with another league is allowed, but must be approved by Baseball Manitoba.

\*Players on the AA teams are not required to, but can play in the community league play and are eligible to attend the Tier 1 provincials with their league team or be added as a player pick up for Tier 1 provincials.

\*Leagues must inform Baseball Manitoba by May 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest if they are planning to have a AA team. Ideally, we know this in advance of that date.

\*Spots in the 18U AA provincials will be based on the number of teams in Zone 2. Currently there is 5 spots and there were only 4 teams in zone 2 last year.

\*There may be games scheduled for seeding purposes dependant on the number of teams and their interest in playing games.

\*Seedings for provincials will be based on regular season games between Zone 2 AA teams (if scheduled).

\*The goal of the AA provincials is about player development and should not be about the provincial championship. The provincial winner does not advance to any out of province events. The Western Canada Baseball Association AA championship is that in name only and AA teams in other provinces are of a AAA calibre, therefore the Tier 2 AAA winner will attend the WCBA Championships at the 13u, 15u and 18u levels

\*More info will come out in April.