

## **NEW ASSOCIATION CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES**

Under Baseball Newfoundland and Labrador's mandate, the promotion and growth of baseball is paramount and always our top priority. Ensuring the long-term growth and development, especially at the grassroots level, is critical in long-term success of any program or group.

If any group shares these same values, and is interested in applying for formal status as a member association of Baseball NL, the following criteria and guidelines must be met before an application will be considered:

- Any new association <u>cannot</u> operate in the same city/town where there is already an established Baseball NL member association;
- Any new association <u>must</u> notify Baseball NL of its intentions, desires and reasoning for its application via email to the Baseball NL Executive Director and President;
- Any new association <u>must</u> clearly demonstrate that it is their intention to continue the growth and development of baseball in the area;
- Any new association <u>must</u> present, as part of its application process, a list of persons that will serve as the Board of Directors, including at minimum a President, Vice-President, and Treasurer;
- Any new association <u>must</u> present, as part of its application process, proof of a financial institution whereby they intend to set up its associations bank account. If letters of confirmation from Baseball NL are required, they will be issued once a decision is made on the formal status of the application;
- Any new association <u>must</u>, as part of its application process, commit to the creation of a rules document or guidelines (Constitution) that will govern their association and its policies;
- Any new association <u>must</u>, as part of its application process, seek registration with the Service NL Registry of Companies confirming they are in good standing.

Upon completion of all of the above criteria, the formal application will be reviewed by the Baseball NL Executive at the next Annual or Semi Annual General Meeting (whichever is closest to the submission of the application).

Once reviewed by the Executive, the application will then be presented to the membership with a motion to recognize the new association as an official member of Baseball NL.

As per the Baseball NL Constitution, a 2/3 (66.7%) majority vote is required for any new association to become an official member of Baseball NL.