



# ST. JOHN'S MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

## 2023 Season Updates

March 22nd, 2023

Welcome to another season of baseball with St. John's Minor! To those who are returning, thank you for your continued support. To our new friends, we will do everything we can with the resources available to ensure that your child has a positive experience.

We do have some updates that we want to provide for you in advance of registration:

- 1. Winter Programs:** These programs are ongoing! We have some spots available for those who are interested in joining, especially in our pitching camp beginning on April 5th. More information can be found on the Winterball page of the website.
- 2. Spring Training:** We are excited to continue our updated Spring Training program in 2023! This program will allow for additional flexibility for our players during a busy time of the year. More info on this program can be found on the Registration page of the website.
- 3. School Tournaments:** We are planning on hosting our School Tournament Series again in 2023! Dates/events can be found on our 2023 Calendar of Events. More information will be sent to schools in the coming weeks.
- 4. Start/End Dates:** As of now, we are looking at opening our summer season on June 26<sup>th</sup> and concluding championship tournaments by mid-September (weather permitting). We will post exact team schedules by mid-June once registration is complete.
- 5. 2023 Calendar:** Our Calendar of Events is available on our website. Locations of provincials will be set after the Baseball NL Semi Annual meeting (April 29th).
- 6. All-Star Tryouts:** Please consult the all-star tryout document with regards to schedules and registration deadlines. Players must be available for at least one tryout to be eligible for a team. **Please thoroughly read the all-star tryout document. There are additional fees to pay if your child makes an all-star team.** If a player is injured, please contact [kristyn@sjmba.ca](mailto:kristyn@sjmba.ca) to discuss your options.
- 7. Female Registration:** We are happy to offer 12U, 14U and 18U divisions in our League of Their Own program. Any player who is looking to be an all-female team that falls under these divisions, should register for any house league program. While our 16U all-star team will continue to play in 15U house league, we would ask that players who are trying out for 16U to



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register in the 18U League of Their Own program as it helps us organize registration numbers. In the event that your child would prefer to play coed, we will happily accept them in a coed division. Due to caps on players, we would ask that players do not register for multiple house league divisions. If we have enough room after registration, we will happily look at any requests then. If your child is in Rally Cap or 9U and would like to play on an all-female team, please request "female team" in their friend request so we can place them accordingly. While we can't guarantee female teams in these divisions, we always strive to make as many all-female teams as possible.

8. **Coaching:** All-Star Coaching applications will be opened with registration on April 7th. Applications are due by April 21st. House League coaching applications will also open through the RAMP system on April 7th and will close on June 2nd. There will be a new application this year to prevent accidental applications on the old form and will be through the RAMP registration program. All coaches must complete an RNC Code of Conduct and Vulnerable Sector check. This must be done through the RNC. More details can be found on the Coaches Corner section of the website.
9. **Drills & Skills Camps:** We will once again offer our Drills & Skills Camps for 11U, 13U and female age groups. These camps are suitable for all skill levels. They are different from the Caps High Performance Program since that program is only available to players who are on an all-star team roster. We will start registration for these camps on May 1st, 2023.
10. **Equipment:** A list of required and recommended equipment for each age group can be found on our website.
11. **18U All-Star:** The Metro associations have worked together to revamp our collective 18U programs. Players that want to play 18U All-Star will need to register for 18U and 18U tryouts during the normal registration period. 18U tryout dates can be found on both the Calendar of Events and the All-Star Tryout document. The 18U All-Star team will play weekly in a regional All-Star league.

If you have any questions that were not addressed in this document, or any other registration document, please reach out to Kristyn Coley, Executive Director, at [kristyn@sjmba.ca](mailto:kristyn@sjmba.ca).