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2025 SEASON UPDATE

We're getting ready to open up registration on Saturday, April 5th, and we'd like to take this time to highlight some key points leading into the 2025 season.



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FEES

We will be increasing our registration fees for the first time since 2019. Overall, costs have increased 25% since then including an increase of \$4.60 per hour in minimum wage. Uniforms, baseballs, and equipment have all increased due to inflation.

Sponsorships have been difficult to obtain and a new operations manager position has been added in 2025. We will be increasing registration fees from \$230 to \$270, a 17% increase to offset these costs.

It's never an easy decision to increase fees, and we hope it doesn't have too much of a financial impact on members. Contact David Lahey if you have any questions about the RAMP split payment option while registering



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PROGRAMMING

We received excellent feedback from our year-end surveys and we're poised to make change.

We will be starting the season on June 16th this year, an earlier start date to reflect the feedback we've received. Practices will be held for the first 2 weeks of the season to better acclimate our athletes and coaches. New and additional equipment has been purchased, a new operations manager has been hired to put a greater focus on House League and staff coverage along with overseeing general operations while enabling the Executive Director to provide greater oversight to the association. We hope members see a noticeable improvement in our program offerings, communications and response times on inquiries.



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CANADA GAMES

The occurrence of the Canada Games in St. John's in 2025 will require some adjustment on our part.

We will continue to operate and play ball while the Canada Games is ongoing, with the exception of 18U; 11U and 13U will be slightly affected during the games as Edgar Hartery Field and St. Pat's will be unavailable, but this will translate to playing 1 game a week during this time as opposed to 2. The perfect balance of staying active while also taking in the Canada Games experience.

Skills and Drills and the High Performance Program will conclude before the games begin.

We will not have access to our office during this time, so please be patient with staff as we navigate the busy and exciting experience that is the 2025 Canada Games!



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SKILLS AND DRILLS

Skills and Drills is back and in full force for 2025! We have a separate document on our webpage under the “Documents” tab detailing the schedule, but we will run twice a week from July 2nd to July 29th.

Skills and Drills will offer both co-ed and Female sessions, Two Sessions a week, from 9am-12pm at Airport Heights Field. We have outlined on the document what days will feature areas of focus (Offense, Defense, and Pitching)

Skills and Drills will be \$100 a week with options to select what weeks suit your child’s needs best, and to fit your schedule.



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9U DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

A new 9U Development program will be offered for the 2025 season. We have a separate document on our webpage under the “Documents” tab detailing the schedule, but we will run on Sunday’s starting July 6th, and our last session will be August 31st. There will be a break during the Canada Games and the Mike Buist Classic, so there will be 5 sessions total during this time. Some of these sessions will focus on throwing and pitching to better prepare our athletes for 11U and beyond.

This program will allow parents to sign up for individual sessions to suit your child’s needs and schedule.



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ALL STAR

The All Star Information package will be circulated before the tryouts similar to previous years



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Our Calendar of Events will be posted on our website under the “Documents” tab once the Baseball NL calendar is finalized and will highlight key events and timelines for the 2025 season.

We can't wait to get back on the field! We hope this will be our best season yet for Caps Baseball!

