



Battleford Minor Baseball Inc (BMBI) 2024 Spring/Summer Minor Baseball Registration

We invite you to have your children be a part of minor baseball in the Battlefords! Some of the benefits of having your boy or girl play baseball include:

- *There are teams for all ages and skill levels.*
- *Players can have fun with friends while being a part of a great team atmosphere.*
- *Baseball provides an opportunity for great physical activity while being outdoors.*
- *There is a May-June Season for noncompetitive teams.*
- *There is an April-July Season for competitive/provincial teams (with tryouts in March and April).*

Registration Options:

1. **Mail in Registration** – The registration form is available on the BMBI website and can be mailed to the address under *contact information* with payment included (cheque or e-transfer).
2. **Email Registration** – The registration form can be emailed to the BMBI email address and payment made through E-transfer.
3. **Online Registration** – Click on the online registration option on BMBI website and follow the directions.

Deadlines: March 15 for regular registration. We will take registrations up to March 31st, but a late fee of \$50 will be imposed for any registrations received after March 15st.

Payment options: credit/debit, cash, cheques, and e-transfers are accepted.

Contact Information:

BMBI Website - <https://www.battlefordsminorbaseball.ca/>

BMBI Email – battlefordsminorbaseball@gmail.com

Facebook – Battlefords Minor Baseball Inc.

Mailing address: Battlefords Minor Baseball Inc, Box 921, North Battleford, SK, S9A 2Z3

Coaches Needed:

Our organization relies on parent volunteers for coaching, and we truly appreciate all those who have helped out in previous years. As the number of players increases, it is important that we keep team sizes manageable for the kids to get the playing time that they need for skill development. Therefore, we are asking all parents to consider coaching or assisting. We will help you transition into those positions.

Coach development is important to help us grow our player skills. There are training opportunities on-line and there will be opportunities for in-person coach development in North Battleford as well as in other locations. Clinics will be held prior to the season. These clinics can really help with ideas for drills and skill development for our players. **BMBI will reimburse coaches for their participation in certifications and training events!**

If you are interested in coaching, please ensure to check the box in the appropriate section on the Registration Form. You don't have to have a kid playing to coach!

UMPING Opportunities

Baseball in the Battlefords cannot proceed without umpires and developing new umpires is a key focus for this administration.

- Anyone **12 years of age or older** can take the umpiring clinic, which is provided prior to the start of the season. Umpire coaching and mentorship is also provided throughout the season.
- Younger umpires gain experience through umpiring the younger age groups such as the 11U house league.
- Umps are paid on a per-game basis, and umpiring is a great way to earn some spending money.
- Younger umpires with at least 1 or 2 years of experience are paired with more experienced umpires for older age divisions.
- Experience being an umpire looks great as a community activity on a resume for older students.

Contact Clint Gieni if you are interested in becoming an umpire – 5gieni@sasktel.net (306-937-3994)

Volunteers are necessary for ensuring the success of the baseball programs in the Battlefords. If you don't feel comfortable coaching, there are many other ways to volunteer. Positions on the board will be opening up this year. Our monthly meetings occur on the second Wednesday of each month, and you are welcome to attend a meeting to see if it is something you would like to be a part of before making the commitment.

Other ways you can assist or volunteer include:

- Team Managers and Field Maintenance
- Tournament assistants
- Communications/social media/promotion

Understanding the Divisions and Setting Expectations:

The information for each division may be slightly different than outlined below depending on access to leagues, the number of players, and access to fields. Every effort will be made to ensure fair play and a good experience for all those involved.

8U (2016 – 2019): 8U is divided into junior and senior teams with a focus on skill development through fun drills with some game play. Team plays twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Juniors run from 5:30 to 6:30; Seniors from 6:30 to 7:30 at Kinsmen fields. Parent coaches and volunteers are necessary to help keep kids engaged, focused, learning and having fun.

Division 8U Coordinator - Eric Cawood - eric.cawood@lskysd.ca

11U (2013 – 2015): Evaluations and tryouts for provincial and competitive teams will start in March/April. Pitch count rules will be enforced, and all players will be expected to have experience playing all positions. The evening games for the house league will consist of a 45-minute practice followed by a 45 min game. Coaches and assistant coaches are required for each team.

Division 11U Coordinator – Carmen McTaggart - mctaggarttrucking@hotmail.com

U13 (2011 – 2012) & U15 (2009 – 2010): Evaluations and tryouts for teams will start in March/April or earlier. Teams will be determined based on the number of players registered and leagues available to play in. Travel outside of North Battleford and participation in tournaments is to be expected. Provincial teams will play a longer season, with more details available during evaluations.

Division 13U Coordinator – John Kachur - j.kachur@sasktel.net

Division 15U Coordinator – TBD

U18 (2006 – 2008): Evaluations and tryouts for team(s) will start in early 2023. The main team is competitive and plays throughout Saskatchewan as part of the Saskatchewan Premiere Baseball League. Depending on the number of players, there could also be a second team that would be less competitive with more local play.

Division U18 Coordinator – Derek Hoiseth - derek.hoiseth@lskysd.ca

Sincerely,

BMBI Executive