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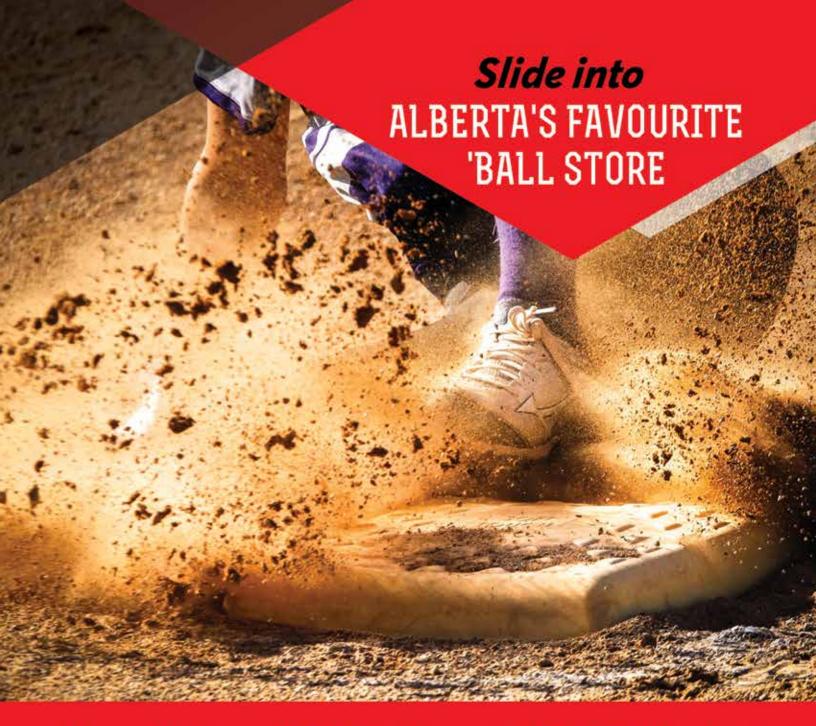
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#### BASEBALL ALBERTA

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## Message from the President - Jon Oko



I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors, associations, coaches, umpires and life members for the support to serve as your President for the next two years. I am looking forward to growing the sport in Alberta and strongly believe in investing in our players, our coaches and our

It goes without saying that 2020 was a year of many challenges on a variety of levels. We witnessed how a global pandemic changed our daily routines, severely impacted our economy and the way businesses operate, and shifted our focus from simply living a healthy and happy lifestyle to strictly obeying new and changing health and safety protocols. Baseball, and sport in general, was not immune to these effects. However Baseball Alberta, as a result of strong leadership and stewardship by past Boards of Directors, was able to weather this storm and will continue to be a leader in developing and

furthering the sport in Alberta for years to come.

I appreciate the effort, commitment and passion of all of our members. We welcome your suggestions and input as we get back to baseball in 2021 and thank you for your continued support.

Have a great season!

Jon Oko | President, Baseball Alberta

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## Message from the President - Jason Dickson



Whether a player, coach, official, umpire, administrator, sponsor or volunteer, you play a valuable and essential role in the development and improvement of baseball all over Alberta and in Canada.

These important roles were no more evident and integral during 2020 and the impact of COVID-19 on baseball and how we live our lives. The 2020 season was unlike anything our sport has faced before. As much as baseball associations were challenged to get baseball played in their communities it was wonderful to see the teamwork, resiliency and resolve displayed by so many in order to give our young athletes an on-field experience.

We are forever grateful for the efforts made by all of you in order to deliver programs in your communities.

Although we are hopeful for a return to 'normal' and what that means for baseball we must ensure that our efforts for the 2021 season are geared towards providing a responsible and safe environment for all members.

We appreciate the support of Baseball Alberta in helping us grow this game nationally and becoming the summer sport of choice for thousands of Canadians each year.

I continue to be impressed by the leadership and quality programming that Baseball Alberta produces each year and congratulate you on all of your service and accomplishments to date. I encourage you to continue down the impressive road you've paved thus far. I have seen the passion for baseball in the province of Alberta and have no doubt that it will continue throughout 2021.

Yours in baseball,

Jason Dickson | President, Baseball Canada

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## BASEBALL ALBERTA VISION STATEMENT

To promote and develop the sport of baseball in Alberta.

## BASEBALL ALBERTA MISSION STATEMENT

To serve as the provincial sport body providing life and leadership skills for all genders through the sport of baseball while encouraging fun and fair play in all aspects of the game.



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## **BASEBALL DIAMOND DIMENSIONS**

DIMENSIONS	RALLY CAP, 9U, 11U	13U	15U	18U, JUNIOR, SENIOR, TWILITE
Base Lines	60 ft.	70 ft.	80 ft.	90 ft.
Pitching Distance	44 ft.	48 ft.	54 ft.	60 ft. 6 in.
Centre Field Boundary	Min: 200 ft. / Pref: 225 ft.	Min: 225 ft. / Pref: 260 ft.	Min: 280 ft / Pref: 300 ft.	Min: 350 ft / Pref: 400 ft.
Foul Line Boundary	Min: 180 ft. / Pref: 200 ft.	Min: 200 ft. / Pref: 225 ft.	Min: 245 ft / Pref: 270 ft.	Min: 280 ft / Pref: 320 ft.
Backstop Setback	25 - 40 ft.	35 - 45 ft.	40 - 50 ft.	60 ft.
Fence Setback	25 ft.		50 ft.	60 ft.
Coach's Box	8 ft. x 12 ft.		8 ft. x 16 ft.	10 ft. x 20 ft.
Coach's Box Setback		10 ft.		15 ft.
Batter's Box	3 ft 6 ft.	4 ft. x 6 ft.		
Batter's Box to Home Plate		4 inches 6 inche		6 inches
Pitcher's Plate	4 in. x 18 in. 6 in. x 2		24 in.	
Max Height of Pitcher's Mound	6 inches		10 inches	
Bases	0.38 m (square) - 15 inches (square)			
Home Plate	0.43 m (wide) - 17 inches (wide)			





# ABOUT BASEBALL CANADA

www.baseball.ca

#### WHO WE ARE...

Federally incorporated as the Canadian Federation of Amateur Baseball, Baseball Canada is the national governing body for baseball in Canada. Established in 1964, Baseball Canada is made up of 10 provincial and territorial associations representing over 200,000 players, 26,000 coaches, 10,000 umpires and 15,000 teams nation-wide. Baseball Canada is a member of both the Canadian Olympic Committee and the International Baseball Federation. It is funded and recognized by Sport Canada and Heritage Canada, and is recognized by Canada Revenue Agency as having charitable status.

#### **OUR MISSION...**

Baseball Canada is dedicated to developing and advancing baseball for all Canadians by promoting safety and ethics within the sport. Baseball Canada supports the achievement of excellence in baseball and prides itself on its focus on athletes. Baseball Canada strives to provide client programs that foster participation and involvement in baseball. Its programs allow participants to enjoy themselves and achieve their personal goals. Baseball Canada maintains Canadian performance records, promotes and distributes sport specific research, organizes national championships and publishes the rules for Canadian baseball. Essentially, the organization represents the sport of baseball in Canada and the world.

#### **OUR FOCUS...**

Baseball Canada is committed to furthering Canadian baseball development at both the national and international levels. The primary goal is achieving excellence at all levels. Therefore, it is essential to provide all participants with the opportunity to reach their individual potential. We realize the need to continually evaluate and improve our programs, including technical content and administrative service to all Baseball Canada members. Above all, Baseball Canada stresses fun, fairness, leadership and respect in the pursuit of excellence in sport.



#### BASEBALL ALBERTA ZONE MAP Meander River Habay, Fort Chipewyan Chateh Vermilion Keg River Bitumount Fort MacKay Manning North Star Fairview Peace River Nampa McMurray Wabasca Falher McLennan Conklin\_ Sexsmith. High Prairie Beaverlodge Wembley Grande Slave Lake Faust Prairie Swan Hills Athabasca , Lac La Biche Cold Lakes Fox Creek Smoky Bonnyville Westlock Lake. Whitecourt St. Paul Grande Cache Barrhead • Redwater **ZONE 1** Marlboro Edson St. Albert Two Hills Marwayne Stony Plain\* Edmonton Hinton Viking Vermilion \*Leduc ZONE 2 Jasper Wetaskiwin Camrose Wainwright Ponoka Forestburg **ZONE 3** [CALGARY] Rocky Mountain Lacombe House Stettler\_ Red Deer Coronation **ZONE 4** Westward Ho Olds Trochu Consort Hanna Drumheller **ZONE 5** Cereal Oyen .ake Louise Banff . Airdrie Standard Cessford Empress Canmore -Calgary **ZONE 6** [EDMONTON] . Okotoks Brooks Turner Valley • High River ZONE 7 Ralston Nanton\* Claresholm Vauxhall Medicine Hat Fort Macleod Taber Grassy Lake **ZONE 8** Lethbridge Pincher Creek Hill Spring Cardston Milk River Manyberries

#### **ZONE 1**

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#### **ZONE 2**

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#### **ZONE 4**

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# TO ALL THE BASEBALL ALBERTA MEMBER **ASSOCIATIONS AND TEAMS:** THERE ARE OVER 18,000 ATHLETES **ENJOYING THE GAME BECAUSE OF YOU!**

# BASEBALL ALBERTA SCHOLARSHIPS

#### **Carl Linden Bursary Scholarship** (\$2,700)

Awarded annually to the player, male or female, who best exemplifies the qualities of hard work, perseverance and dedication to the game of baseball. It is specifically designed for those players who have progressed through Baseball Alberta's "grassroots" programs, showing heart and hustle while overcoming obstacles in order to play the game.

#### Owen Johnson Scholarship (\$1,500)

This scholarship is awarded annually to a Baseball Alberta player of any age or gender, who has overcome obstacles or hardships in their lives, and has persevered to continue playing baseball. The funds will be awarded to player to help them pursue their future baseball endeavours.

#### **Bob White Memorial Scholarship** (\$1,000)

Presented annually for post secondary studies to an athlete who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, good sportsmanship, community service and strong athletic ability as a baseball player.

#### **Doris Taylor Scholarship** (\$1,000)

Presented for post secondary studies to an athlete who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, community service, and strong athletic ability as a baseball player with Baseball Alberta.

#### Gordie Wilson Memorial Award (Baseball Alberta Winter Camp)

Presented to a Bantam aged player who has demonstrated leadership and athletic abilities in the sport of baseball, to financially assist the individual to attend a baseball development training camp.



Deadline to Apply is October 1st, Applications Available at www.baseballalberta.com



# **BASEBALL ALBERTA FEES**

# **2021** Baseball Alberta Membership Registration Fees



### **Association & Other Fees**

Association / Club / League Fee (1 – 100 Registrants)	\$200.00
Association / Club / League Fee (101 – 250 Registrants)	. \$350.00
Association / Club / League Fee (251+ Registrants)	.\$500.00
Umpire Registration Fee	.\$25.00
Transfer Fee	. \$25.00
Transfer Appeal Fee	. \$100.00

## **Individual Player / Coach Registration Fees**

Community Player – 7 & Under	\$10.00
Community Player – 9U (Ages 8 – 9)	. \$10.00
Community Player – 11U (Ages 10 – 11)	. \$27.50
Community Player – 13U (Ages 12 – 13)	. \$27.50
Community Player – 15U (Ages 14 – 15)	. \$27.50
Community Player – 18U (Ages 16 – 18)	. \$27.50
All 'AA'/'AAA' Players	\$80.00
Community Coaches	\$25.00
'AA'/'AAA' Coaches	\$50.00

# Team League Fees [Applies to Provincial League Teams Only]

	'A'	'AA'	<u> </u>
11U	\$250.00	\$550.00	N/A
13U	\$250.00	\$550.00	\$600.00
15U	\$250.00	\$550.00	\$600.00
18U	\$250.00	\$550.00	\$600.00

# Junior & Senior Provincial League / Championship Fees

Association / Team Fee	
Coach Fee	\$10.00
Coach / Player Fee	\$10.00
Player Fee	\$10.00



# **BASEBALL ALBERTA** PROVINCIAL LEAGUE

2021



# **RULES & REGULATIONS**



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#### 13U Curveball Rule

13U pitchers are now permitted to throw curveballs in league play.

#### Winning Team Score Entry

Winning teams are now required to enter scores on Ramp within 48 hours of game completion. A team who fails to enter their game score on RAMP within 48 hours of game completion will receive a warning for a first violation. Any further violations may result in supplementary discipline, which may include team fines and/or forfeiture of the game.

#### **Contact Rule**

Baseball Canada's contact rule has been updated for the 2020 season.

6.01(i)(j) - CONTACT RULE - All penalties and enforcement guidelines regarding collisions at home plate and slides at base apply as outlined in Rules 6.01(i) and Rules 6.01(j) of the Official Rules of Baseball. In addition, any offensive or defensive player who, in umpire's judgement, makes malicious contact with another player shall be ejected. Contact shall be considered malicious if, in the umpire's judgement, is is the result of intentional excessive force or there is an intent to injure.

Official Rules of Baseball 6.01(i) and 6.01(j) would come into force for Post-Provincial play only.

#### **Pitch Count Rules Updates**

A maximum number of pitches over four days have been added for each age category as outlined below:

#### DIVISION MAXIMUM # OF PITCHES OVER 4 DAYS

110	105
<b>13U</b>	120
<b>15U</b>	135
<b>18U</b>	150

For the 2020 Nationals, Baseball Canada has added the following rule for pitch counts:

- When a pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches allowed for a threshold, he/she can complete the earlier of the (i) the end of the at-bat or (ii) the end of the inning, without penalty on days of rest, as long as he/she does not pitch to another batter. For this to apply, the coach or manager needs to acknowledge this to the umpire at the moment the threshold is reached and prior to the next pitch. The Umpire would then notify the scorekeeper.
- In this situation, the number of pitches corresponding to the threshold reached will be indicated on the pitching log.

This rule WILL NOT be applied to Baseball Alberta games.

#### **REGISTRATION DEADLINES**

18U, 15U & 13U Performance 'AAA' Team Entry Deadline	APRIL 5th*
Competitive 'AA' (Early Entry) Team Entry Deadline	APRIL 5th*
Performance 'AAA' & Competitive 'AA' Roster Deadline	APRIL 8th*
Association Membership Deadline	MAY 7th*
Competitive 'AA' (Late Entry) Deadline	MAY 10th*
Player & Coach Registration Deadline	JUNE 1st*
Performance 'AAA' & Competitive 'AA' Coaches Safe Sport E-Learning	
& Online MED Evaluation Completion Deadline	JUNE 1st*
Community 'A' Team Entry & Roster Submission Deadline	JUNE 7th*
Community 'A' Coaches Safe Sport E-Learning Completion Deadline	JULY 5th*
Provincial Host Application Deadline	JULY 1st*

### **PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**

Girls Baseball Day in Canada Camp	TBD
Community 'A' Provincial Championships	. JULY 16th - 18th*
11U, 13U, 15U &18U 'AA' Tiers IV and lower Provincial Championships	JULY 23rd - 25th*
13U, 15U & 18U 'AAA' Tier II Provincial Championships	JULY 23rd - 25th*
13U,15U & 18U 'AAA' Tier I Provincial Championships	JULY 30th - AUG 1st*
11U, 13U, 15U, & 18U 'AA' Tier I/II/II Provincial Championships	JULY 30th - AUG 1st*
Junior 'AAA' Provincial Championships	JULY 31st - AUG 2nd*
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#### **BASEBALL CANADA AND WESTERN CANADA CHAMPIONSHIPS DATES**

Senior Women Invitational Championship (Stonewall, MB)	AUG 19th - 22nd*
Junior Women Invitational (St. John's, NL)	
Baseball Canada Cup (Regina, SK)	AUG 4th - 8th*
22U Men's Championship (Darmouth/Halifax, NS)	AUG 5th - 8th*
Junior AAA Western Canada Championship (TBA, MB)	TBA
18U AAA Western Canada Baseball Championships (Regina, SK)	TBA
Western Canada/Baseball Canada 13U AAA Regional (Lloydminster, SK)	AUG 19th - 22nd*
15U AAA Western Canada Baseball Championships (Edmonton, AB)	TBA
Baseball Canada 18U AAA National Championships (Fort McMurray, AB)AB	AUG 19th - 22nd*
'AA' Minor Western Canada Baseball Championships (Provost, AB)	
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16U Girls Invitational (Summerside, PEI)	AUG 26th - 29th*
13U 'AAA' National Championship (Woodstock, ON)	AUG 26th - 29th*
Baseball Canada Ray Carter Cup 15U AAA National Championships (Okotoks, AB)	AUG 26th - 29th*
Baseball Canada Senior Men National Championships (Red Deer, AB)	AUG 26th - 29th*

\*All dates are tentitive and may be changed depending on current health guidelines over the course of the year

#### 'AAA' Division

The objective of the Provincial 'AAA' League is to provide a highly competitive yet developmental level of play for players/teams at the 13U, 15U and 18U age categories in a Province-wide format. Provincial 'AAA' Leagues will operate on a Province-wide basis for the entire season.

#### 'AA' Division

The objective of the Provincial 'AA' League is to provide a competitive and developmental level of play for players/teams at the 11U, 13U, 15U and 18U age categories in a Province-wide format. Provincial 'AA' Leagues will operate on a 3-round seeding basis, with teams playing in a Regional format in May, a North/South Divisional format in June and a Provincial Tier format in July.

#### 'A' Division

The objective of the Provincial 'A' Baseball League is to provide a longer developmental season of baseball for community level teams and players, allowing them to continue to play baseball through the month of July with an 'A' Provincial Championship at 11U, 13U, 15U and 18U age categories (based on registration).

Teams will be separated into regional areas (based on number and location of teams) for play in early July with every team qualifying for the Provincial Championships in an appropriate Tier based on results during the first two weekends of play. If there are too few teams registered to host the 'A' division of play, the teams entered will be given the opportunity/choice to compete in the lowest 'AA' Tier for play in July and will have an opportunity to qualify for that Tier's Provincial 'AA' Championship.

## **TEAM ENTRY**

Provincial Team Entry Form for the 'AAA' Division is due in the Baseball Alberta Office no later than April 5th, 2021\* along with the Team Entry Fee. All teams must submit a list of available host dates and blackout dates when the team is unavailable.

Provincial Team Entry Form for the 'AA' Division is due in the Baseball Alberta Office no later than April 5th, 2021\* along with the Team Entry Fee. All teams must submit a list of available host dates (based on the scheduled weekends of play) and blackout dates when the team is unavailable. Late entry deadline is May 10th, 2021\* with all the above requirements submitted by that date to the Baseball Alberta Office (for entry into June/2nd round of play).

Provincial Team Entry Form for the 'A' Division is due in the Baseball Alberta Office no later than June 7th, 2021\* along with the Team Entry Fee and official team roster. All teams must submit a list of available host dates (based on the scheduled weekends of play)

All teams must declare on Team Entry Form whether their Association/Team is a Member Association/Team (registers all players/ coaches/officials). Only Member Associations/teams may represent Baseball Alberta at Western Canada Baseball Championships and at Baseball Canada National Championships. All eligible teams have open access to the Provincial Baseball League and the Provincial Championships. All players and coaches participating in the Provincial Baseball League must be registered participants with Baseball Alberta in order to be eligible for participation.

It is extremely important that Baseball Alberta gets as many contact numbers and emails from each team as possible. We require two email addresses from each team; ideally we would like to have contact information (email and phone number) of the **Head** Coach, Team Manager and Assistant Coach. In addition, Baseball Alberta requires the email addresses of all players.

Any team who has not paid their required fees will not be entered into the Provincial League Schedule.

Only one team can be entered for the 'AAA' Division in each age category by an individual Member Association. Applications to enter more than one team for the 'AAA' Division at an age category will be reviewed and subject to the approval of Baseball Alberta. Baseball Alberta will consider proposals for additional AAA teams including specific consideration of the following factors:

- Population base / registered player base of the community and Association, respectively, from which the teams are being formed.
- % of transferring players at the age category at a maximum of 20% in the age category.
- Competitiveness of teams at the age category in previous season(s) winning %, Provincial Championship results, RF/RA, etc.
- Overall impact on baseball more broadly in Alberta.

#### A. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

#### **MINOR CATEGORIES:**

18U 'A', 'AA' and 'AAA' teams are permitted to have two (2) nineteen year old players eligible on their roster. These players are eligible for full league play, including Provincial Championship play. These players will not have attended a post-secondary institution with the intention of playing collegiate baseball. This includes, but is not limited to athletes who "redshirted" or were injured during their academic year who didn't play the college season. Exceptions can be made in circumstances where an organization is in need of a collegiate athlete if they will not be able to field a team otherwise. Applications for exceptions can be made in writing to the Baseball Alberta office. However, 19 year olds are not eligible to participate in either Baseball Canada or Western Canada events.

Female athletes have the option to play one year overage at each division of play and compete at Provincial Championships (11U, 13U, 15U in A, AA or AAA categories).

Player eligibility is based on the following age divisions (see 'A' division exception below):

**110** – May not turn 12 or older in 2021 (recommended 2010 – 2011 birthdates)

13U - May not turn 14 or older in 2021 (recommended 2008 - 2009 birthdates)

**15U** – May not turn 16 or older in 2021 (recommended 2006 – 2007 birthdates)

**18U** – May not turn 19 or older in 2021 (recommended 2003 – 2005 birthdates)

18U Girls - May not turn 22 or older in 2021 (recommended 2000 - 2004 birthdates - may play in 18U boys division and are eligible to compete at provincials). For 18U Girls, 'A', 'AA' and 'AAA' teams are eligible to have overage female athletes on a team with approval by the Baseball Alberta Registrar.

#### **MAJOR CATEGORIES:**

Junior - May not turn 23 or older in 2021 (recommended 1999 - 2002 birthdates) **Senior** - 19 years of age and older

11U, 13U & 15U 'A' Provincial rosters may include up to two (2) male players who are one year over age (may not pitch). Players submitted on a Provincial Final Roster ('AAA', 'AA' or 'A') may not sign on any other Baseball Alberta registered Provincial team final roster during the entire season of play (except as an Affiliate/Pick-Up Player or Team Alberta/Team Canada). Players may only appear on one final roster (except for Provincial Championship roster as a pick-up player) and may only be on one roster at a time (if listed on an Initial Roster, that player may not be listed on another roster until removed from that roster). 'AA' players may play both house league and Provincial 'AA' League baseball, but may not sign a Provincial 'A' roster. 'AAA' players are mandated to be committed to their 'AAA' team solely.

All players and coaches listed on Provincial rosters must be registered with Baseball Alberta (by June 1st). 'AAA' and 'AA' players and coaches must be registered at the 'AA/AAA' Player/Coach rate while 'Community/'A' players and coaches must be registered at the Community/'A' Player/Coach rate.

For the Baseball Alberta Provincial League Play and Provincial Championships, a player may register with only one team, one category, and one provincial championship in a particular season under baseball in Alberta except in the following circumstances:

- As a replacement player approved by the Baseball Alberta Registrar
- As an approved player participating in the Baseball Alberta High Performance Program
- As an approved pick up player

#### **RESIDENCE CRITERIA**

- Player residency will be defined as the residence of the player's parents or legal guardians. Acceptable proof of a players residence will be a certified true photocopy of government issued identification (such as a driver's license or passport) of the player's parent(s) or legal guardian. Players who are subject to the joint custody of parents who are not cohabitating may use the address of either parent for the purposes of player registration. For extra clarity, billet addresses will no longer be accepted as residency for Baseball Alberta registration.
- Players will not be required to submit proof of residency at the time of registration with Baseball Alberta. Any player playing in Baseball Alberta's leagues may be required to submit proof of residency directly to Baseball Alberta upon request of the Registrar. The Registrar may make this request of players selected at random from League rosters or in situations where questions have been raised regarding the residence of a player.



# **ROSTER REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED**

- If a registered player in 11U, 13U, 15U, or 18U category has changed his permanent place of residence to another location within the province, he may register with a team at his new place of residence at any time during the season with the approval of the Baseball Alberta Registrar.
- A player who has registered with another baseball organization, or comes from an area where no organized baseball was available, and who changes his permanent place of residence, after Baseball Alberta registration deadlines have passed, may be granted registration with Baseball Alberta teams upon written request to the Registrar.

#### **B. COACH ELIGIBILITY** SAFE SUPPORT E-LEARNING / RESPECT IN SPORTS

All coaches who appear on a provincial roster will need to complete the safe sport E-Learning online module. This module can be found in the CAC locker or accessed through a link on your status page at nccp.baseball.ca. Coaches who appear on a provincial roster will no longer be required to complete the Respect in Sport online module, however, Baseball Alberta strongly recommends that associations mandate that their House League level coaches complete Respect in Sport.

'AAA' & 'AA' Teams – Coaching accreditation will be checked once initial rosters are submitted on April 9th, 2021. The Baseball Alberta Registrar will send an email to all coaches not meeting the accreditation requirements advising them as to what needs to be completed. Safe Sport E-Learning requirements must be fulfilled before June 1st or that coach will NOT be allowed to be on the field and removed from Provincial Roster.

'A' Teams - Coaches accreditation will be checked once initial rosters are submitted on June 7, 2021\*. The Baseball Alberta Registrar will send a letter to coaches not meeting the certification requirements advising them if the Safe Sport E-Learning online course is not completed by the Provincial Championship weekend then that coach will not be allowed on the field and removed from Provincial Roster.

Please note that Respect in Sport coaching module for other sports is equivalent to the requirement for baseball. However, the Respect in Sport parent module, such as the Hockey Alberta program, is NOT equivalent to the coaching module.

#### NATIONAL COACHING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (NCCP) REQUIREMENTS

Coaches will be required to take the NCCP courses corresponding to the age group and level of play. Please see the Coaching Requirement chart at www.baseballalberta.com. Baseball Canada has also developed a coaching requirements table on their Coaches Corner (www.baseball.ca) where all coaches can find their specific requirements along with information regarding the Making Ethical Decisions Module (MED), how to check NCCP status and where to register for workshops.

Baseball Alberta accreditation meets the requirements to participate as a head or assistant coach at all levels of Baseball Canada and Western Canadian Baseball Association championships.

'AAA' & 'AA' Teams - Coaching accreditation will be checked once initial rosters are submitted on April 9th, 2021\*. The Baseball Alberta Registrar will send a letter to all coaches not meeting the accreditation requirements advising them of what NCCP workshops are required. Coaches are required to complete all workshops before provincials in order to remain on the Provincial roster. The Registrar will do another follow-up by June 30th. Coaches still needing accreditation will be sent a final warning and be advised of final workshop times Baseball Alberta is offering or where to find a required course online to meet requirements. NCCP requirements must be fulfilled before the Provincial Championship weekend or that coach will NOT be allowed to be on the field and removed from the Provincial Roster.

NOTE: Making Ethical Decisions (MED) Online Evaluation must be completed before June 1st for coaches at specific divisions/categories as outlined in the Coaching Requirements Chart. Coaches requiring this component of certification will need to go to www.coach.ca and complete the "Comp-Introduction MED". Please Email MED results to registrar@baseballalberta.com. Coaches requiring and not completing the MED evaluations by June 1st will be removed from their roster.

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NOTE: 'AA' Tier 1 teams have coach requirements to meet the Western Canadian Baseball Association (WCBA) Championship coaching requirements. Head coaches will be required to have certified status and assistant coaches will be required to have trained status at a particular age group stream.

'A' Teams - Coaches accreditation will be checked once initial rosters are submitted on June 7, 2021. The Baseball Alberta Registrar will send a letter to coaches not meeting the certification requirements advising them if the Initiation Online Module is not completed by the Provincial Championship weekend, that coach will not be allowed on the field.

House League Coaches – Coach accreditation will be administered by the local association. The deadline for completion is June 1\*.

All coaches on provincial rosters **MUST** be registered in the NCCP baseball system. Simply go to www.nccp.baseball.ca/register.php and register. New coaches will be required to pay \$37.45 to enter the system and receive access to the Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals) module. Once this module is completed they will have access to register in any scheduled NCCP baseball workshop in Alberta. Coaches who have already taken the Level 1 Technical in the old NCCP system may check the box stating that they have done so and the required fee will be waived.

#### ALL NON COMPLIANT COACHES WILL BE REMOVED FROM ROSTERS

#### C. INITIAL & FINAL ROSTERS

11U - 18U categories shall be permitted to register up to 18 players. Baseball Alberta Elite League (18U 'AAA') teams may register up to 20 players.

Only players and coaches listed on an Approved Initial Roster or an Approved Final Roster may play in Provincial League games. Any player who has not submitted and/or been granted approval for transfer will not be approved and will be removed from the roster and ineligible for play. No roster additions may be made after the Final Roster submission date (except for a player moving into the area who must apply to the Registrar) so all transfers for new players must be in the Baseball Alberta Office no later than noon on the roster submission date. After the Final Roster submission date, the only roster changes allowed will be based on Replacement Players. Each subsequent roster change/replacement will be subject to a \$25 processing fee. Any player who quits their Provincial team will not be allowed to join any other Provincial Roster (as a Replacement Player or Pick-Up Player) or be allowed to participate as an affiliate player.

'AAA' and 'AA' coaches will be required to review their team roster submission and certify that all player addresses are accurate and comply with Baseball Alberta residency requirements.

Only rosters that are typed on the Baseball Alberta roster form in Microsoft Excel format and emailed into the Baseball Alberta office will be accepted. We will NOT be accepting handwritten, faxed, mailed, scanned or hand delivered rosters.

#### 'AAA' Rosters

Initial Rosters must be submitted by e-mail on the form provided to Baseball Alberta by Noon on Friday, April 2, 2021\*. The Approved Initial Roster will be returned to the team by Friday, April 23, 2021\*.

Changes to Initial Rosters must be submitted by e-mail on the Approved Initial Roster Form provided to Baseball Alberta by Noon on Friday, April 23, 2021\*. The Approved Final Roster will be returned to the team by Noon on Friday, June 11, 2021\*. All coaches' NCCP numbers must be provided by the Final Roster deadline.

#### **'AA'** Rosters

Initial Rosters must be submitted by e-mail on the form provided to Baseball Alberta by Noon on Thursday, April 8, 2021\*. The Approved Initial Roster will be returned to the team by Friday, May 7, 2021\*.

Changes to Initial Roster must be submitted by e-mail on the Approved Initial Roster Form provided to Baseball Alberta by Noon on Friday, May 7, 2021\*. The Approved Final Roster will be returned to the team by Noon on Friday, June 11, 2021\*. All Coaches' NCCP numbers must be provided by the Final Roster deadline.

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#### 'A' Rosters

Final rosters must be submitted by e-mail on the form provided to Baseball Alberta by 4pm on Monday, June 7, 2021\*. The Approved Final Roster will be returned to the team by Friday, June 11, 2021\*. Each team must submit NCCP numbers or proof of certification for at least one coach to the Baseball Alberta Office with the team Entry. Any team who provides neither proof of the required certification or fine will not be entered into the Community Provincial League schedule.

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#### D. PLAYER TRANSFERS - 'ΔΔ' & 'ΔΔΔ'

A player who lives outside the boundaries/city limits of the team he/she is wishing to play for must first register with the closest Baseball Alberta Association within their zone (Home Association) and pay the Baseball Alberta Player Registration fee (Competitive fee for 'AAA'/'AA' or Community fee for 'A') through the Home Association. The Home Association may charge that player up to \$25 for administrative costs.

The player may then apply to transfer through the Transfer Request Application. The transfer request must be signed by both the President of the outgoing Association and the President of the receiving Association to indicate their approval or denial of such transfer.

The transfer form, required letter and \$25 fee must be delivered to Baseball Alberta (no forms without payment will be accepted) no later than Noon on the Initial/Final Roster submission date. Only players who have been approved transfer will be allowed onto an approved team roster. Any transfer request that occurs after May 31st will result in the transfer fee increasing to \$100.

#### Player transfer requests are handled as follows:

- If the incoming President denies (or refuses to sign) the Transfer Request, the player has no appeal and will not be granted transfer.
- Any transfer that is signed by both the outgoing and receiving President and delivered with required letter and \$25 processing fee will be deemed approved Baseball Alberta.
- If the outgoing President denies (or refuses to sign) the Transfer Request, the player may still submit the transfer request with the required letter and \$25 processing fee. This will be considered an appeal and will be decided by the Registrar. If a player wishes to appeal past the Baseball Alberta Registrar, the Executive of Baseball Alberta will have final ruling on the matter.

There will be an additional charge of \$100.00 to any player wishing to appeal beyond the transfer decision made by the Baseball Alberta Registrar. Appeals will be brought forward to the Executive Committee upon receipt of payment.

If the player is transferring to a higher division of play (i.e. from 'A' to 'AA'), the appeal will be approved in order to give the player a higher level opportunity for development.

Baseball Alberta will not support lateral transfers ('AA' to 'AA') without support of the outgoing Association President unless transferring from a part-time program to a full-time program or unless a 'AA' team has not been formed/guaranteed at that point or unless the player is transferring from an Association that has permitted players to transfer in or unless extreme circumstances can be proven.

Regarding lateral transfers, Baseball Alberta will support lateral transfer requests where the outgoing Association has permitted players to transfer in, based on an assessment of their total number of registered players at the age category to ensure that they can maintain their program. The intent of this rule is to support the development of both strong 'AA' and 'AAA' programs in areas when player transfers to 'AAA' programs are occurring.

Player Transfers are not required for female players who want to play on an all-female team at their age category in another Member Association if an all-female team is not available in their Home Association.

#### Association Transfers:

- Two or more Associations can apply to Baseball Alberta to form a team from their respective associations, subject to approval of Baseball Alberta. These associations must be able to demonstrate, through the application process, that there is a necessity to work together to form a team at an age category.
- These associations must fill out the Association Transfer Application and have signatures from all Presidents involved (the transfer fee of \$25.00 does not apply)
- Deadlines for Association Transfer Application will be the same as the above deadlines for individual player transfers.

#### RECRUITMENT RULES

No player, coach, team, club, league, or association shall attempt to induce a player (minor categories) of any other club to leave that club or zone. Any person who attempts to induce a player of any club/zone shall be deemed to have committed an offence and subject to a penalty with such penalty being decided by the Baseball Alberta Board of Directors. Any players or families of players who have been contacted in a recruitment attempt are encouraged to contact Baseball Alberta to report the incident.

Coaches who are found in violation of player residency or transfer rules will be suspended for the balance of the current season. Players who are found to be in violation of the residency rules will be ineligible for all League, Provincial, and post-Provincial play for the balance of the current season.

Violations of the residency or player transfer rules may result in further sanctions at the discretion of the Executive of the Board of Directors of Baseball Alberta for the Association involved. These sanctions could include ineligibility of Association teams for Provincial and/or post-Provincial play, loss of funding for teams to attend post-Provincial Championships, and/or probation for one or more future seasons of Baseball Alberta League play.

Zone 3 and Zone 6 transfers only – Zone 3 and Zone 6, respectively, represent the two largest cities in Alberta. Player transfers within and out of these zones will be administered in accordance with guidelines established by the Baseball Alberta Board of Directors.

#### TRANSFER PLAYERS REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT PROCESS

In order to facilitate the processing of Player Transfers Requests across the province and ensure clarity for players and Associations in dealing with these requests, the following outlines the steps of the process:

- All players MUST register with their Home Association prior to registering with any other Association. This includes players who have transferred in previous seasons and have now played a season or seasons with their current team.
- Upon registration, players MUST pay the full registration fee as requested by their Home Association. For players who have transferred in previous seasons, the Home Association may elect not to collect a registration fee.
- Players MUST communicate with their Home Association President or designate their intention to request a player transfer including identifying the Association that they wish to transfer to as part of the initial registration process.
- Players may obtain the necessary Association transfer signatures in any order. However, the Home Association President may require that the transferring Association President portion of the form be completed first in order to prevent "blank cheque" transfers.
- The completed Player Transfer Request Form(s) with the rationale letter must be sent to Baseball Alberta along with the required player transfer fee.
- Upon transfer, the Home Association MUST refund the registration fee charged to the player. Non-refundable fees identified at registration such as administration or try out fees are not included in this requirement.
- Upon transfer, players MUST contact the Association Registrar, register and pay the full registration fee to the Association that they are transferring to.
- Upon Transfer completion, the Association that the player has transferred to must register the player with Baseball Alberta and submit payment of the Baseball Alberta registration fee.
- Associations' submission of player registration fees must indicate those players that have transferred in and/or out of the Association in order to reconcile the total number of registered players.

#### **PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY**

Upon request, teams must submit their Approved Initial/Final Roster to the Official Scorekeeper with their game line-up card at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time. Only players who are listed on the Approved Roster will be allowed in the line-up (except for Approved Affiliate players – see Affiliate Player section). If a team cannot produce their approved roster, the game will still be played and a copy of the line-up card must be submitted with the Game Summary Report. If it is confirmed that an ineligible player was used, the opposing team will have the choice of either taking the game result or a forfeit win and the offending head coach will be subject to disciplinary action.

All approved players and coaches must be registered (and paid) with Baseball Alberta by June 1 of the current year. Any player or coach who is unpaid as of June 14 may be suspended from play until payment is made in full.

#### E. AFFILIATE PLAYERS

Only players playing in Baseball Alberta leagues (House League, 'A', 'AA' and 'AAA') are eligible for teams to use as affiliate players and be eligible to be picked up for Provincials/Westerns/Nationals.

No Affiliate players will be permitted for play at the Provincial Championships.

If a team's roster falls to 10 players or lower for the Provincial Championships, that team may apply to Baseball Alberta to pick-up 1 player from an Association at Baseball Alberta's discretion. Teams must provide doctor's notes or other supporting information for the lack of players in order to activate this process.

The affiliate program is in place to provide coaches with an option to pick-up players from a lower category/division in the event of unforeseen circumstances where their roster would drop below the original size. Coaches have the option to bring their roster size up to its original roster size utilizing affiliates. For example, if a team's original roster size is 16 players and 3 players are injured and unable to play that coach can potentially affiliate 1 – 3 players. This is not in place to add depth to the team's current roster, but as an emergency backup plan. Coaches will still be required to provide information and reasoning for the player who is being replaced. 'AA' and 'AAA' teams may affiliate up to 7 players from a lower category/division of play. No affiliates will be allowed for the 'A' division.

#### All affiliate players must be approved by Baseball Alberta prior to them being eligible to play.

Each 'AAA' team may draw from their 'A'/'AA' base (including lower age categories) or from 'A'/'AA' and/or lower age categories within a 75 km radius. Each 'AA' team may draw affiliates from their own Association house/'A' league or from any Association within 75 km who does not have a 'AA' team at that age category. In the event that there are teams that do not have any Associations within the 75 km radius then that team may apply to Baseball Alberta for affiliate approval from outside of the 75 km radius. In order to affiliate a player, the coach must contact the player's team coach for contact information and then discuss the option with the player's parent(s) unless the player is 18 years of age.

Each team must submit the Affiliate Player Application (completed and signed by the affiliate's parent unless 18 years of age) along with a \$25 processing fee to Baseball Alberta at least 3 working days prior to first game to be played. Baseball Alberta will forward an updated Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet with the approved player's name on it.

In order to utilize an affiliate, the coach/team manager must contact the affiliate player's team coach to determine availability and to also discuss how the player will be utilized (coaches should come to agreement of innings/pitch counts to be pitched as those innings may affect the affiliate player's team). If the affiliate's team has a league (Provincial League or house league) game, that player will not be available. If that team has a tournament, the player will only be available if approved by both the coach and parent/player. If that team has a practice or exhibition game scheduled, the player will be deemed available. Any coach abusing this process may be disciplined by Baseball Alberta. If deemed available after due process, the coach must then contact the player's parent(s) unless the player is 18 years of age.

The Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet must be provided to the Official Scorekeeper along with the line-up card. The official line-up card must identify the player with "AFF" beside the player's name. The Official Scorekeeper will fill in the date of the game played (regardless of whether that player ever plays an inning and once on the official line-up, that player will be charged with one game played) and return the Tracking Sheet to the team. The Official Scorekeeper will identify Affiliate Players on the Game Summary Sheet and Baseball Alberta will update each team's master Affiliate Tracking Sheet to be kept at Baseball Alberta.

Affiliate players may only sign with one team and may only play up to 5 games throughout the entire schedule. Once a player's five (5) games are complete, that player's eligibility for Affiliation will be denied for the remainder of the season. (The Registrar may only extend affiliate player's maximum number of games in the event that a team loses a player(s) to Team Alberta/Team Canada opportunities and has used up all available affiliate player games).



# **ROSTER REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED**

#### F. ROSTER REPLACEMENTS

In the event that a team loses a player for the long term, that team may apply to Baseball Alberta for a roster replacement, according to Roster Replacement Rules (below). All Roster Replacement applications will need to be delivered to the Baseball Alberta Office by 4 pm at least 4 business days prior to needing the player for a game and must include a \$25 processing fee and supporting documents (medical note, letter from family indicating they are moving from the area, etc.).

- Teams requesting replacements in 18U and lower categories must obtain the authorization of the Registrar, whenever a team's roster is reduced to fewer than 12 players (15 players for 18U 'AAA') because of injuries, death, or players having moved from the area. Replacement players may be added as required up to a 12 player maximum (15 player maximum for 18U 'AAA').
- The sole objective of allowing a team to replace injured or deceased players, or players having moved (from the area) under this rule, is to ensure that the remaining players on the team are not in the position of having to forfeit a game due to a shortage of players.
- A replacement player must be registered with Baseball Alberta in the current playing year as of June 1st, but cannot be from a higher division of play or be on any other provincial roster. A player on a suspended team shall remain eligible for replacement as per replacement guidelines.
- A player who has been placed on a disabled list must be supported by a medical certificate. Replacement players not dropped shall be considered part of the original roster.
- A player who has moved from the area and can no longer participate with the original team may be required to provide proof of residency.
- Roster replacement players will not be considered for addition to rosters after 4 pm on the Monday prior to the team's Provincial Championships.





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#### A. HOST TEAM

Host teams are responsible for providing the following items for all games played at their host site:

- Baseballs 3 or 4 new baseballs per game (depending on wear/tear and weather conditions)
- Diamonds/facilities includes diamond maintenance and preparation before/after games
- Ensuring payment of umpire travel costs as required (see Umpire Fees)
- Booking and ensuring payment for Umpire Accommodations as required for out of town umpires
- Official Scorekeeper for all games played at the host site (may be a team parent but must be objective)
- Pitch Counter

#### **HOSTING COORDINATOR (May Be A Team Parent)**

- Communicate with teams playing at host site with respect to directions to diamond, accommodations and confirmation of game times
- Ensure umpires are contacted in case of cancellations due to unplayable field conditions
- Photocopy/Print Game Summary Reports for host game/weekend
- Ensure Official Scorekeeper and Pitch Counter are aware or rules/regulations (provide copy of Rules package)
- Collect umpire game fees (cheques preferred) as required from all participating teams/issue Baseball Alberta Umpire Fee Payment Receipts to teams
- Ensure the umpires are paid by cheque by the host team (including travel/mileage) prior to leaving the facility for the day/weekend (unless local Association has another procedure for payment communicated to and accepted by the umpiring crew)
- Collect and send all Game Summary Reports via email back to Baseball Alberta by 12pm on the business day following the game(s) played
- Enter all games scores on RAMP within 48 hours of game/hosting completion. A team who fails to enter their game score on RAMP within 48 hours of game completion will receive a warning for a first violation. Any further violations may result in supplementary discipline, which may include team fines and/or forfeiture of the game
- Mail copy of Protest Report and \$100 protest fee (payable by team cheque) back to Baseball Alberta, in the event that a Protest is denied

#### THE OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER

- Collecting game line-ups, team rosters, Affiliate Player Tracking Sheets (when using Affiliate Players) and Weekly Pitching Sheets (11U, 13U, 15U and 18U) from each team at least 15 minutes prior to each game
- Checking the line-up card against the roster and Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet to ensure all players are eligible (Affiliate Players must show "AFF" marked by their name on the line-up card); once complete, return the team roster to each team manager or coach; if a player on the line-up card does not match a player on the roster or Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet, notify that coach of the issue – the coach will have the option to play that player and face the consequences of playing an ineligible player; email a copy of the line-up card with the potential ineligible player noted so Baseball Alberta can verify eligibility
- Updating the Affiliate Team Tracking Sheet and returning to the team manager/coach
- If the team cannot produce the roster or Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet, make the coaches aware that the game will be played under protest and that if the team in question has used an ineligible player, the opposing coach will be given the option of keeping the actual game result or taking a forfeit win; in this case, a copy of the line-up card must be scanned and emailed in with the Game Summary Report
- Keeping score without prejudice or bias official scorekeepers may not act as a team scorekeeper and must stay objective; the official scorekeeper may not alert either team (or the umpire) if a batter is batting out of order.
- Obtaining pitch count information from each team for games played during the previous week.
- When the use of a pitcher who is ineligible or about to become ineligible is evident, scorekeepers or other officials should notify the team manager or coach of the offending team so that an opportunity for assignment correction may be immediately affected.
- Alerting the umpire if the pitcher returning to the mound is no longer eligible to pitch
- Filling out all necessary information on the Game Summary Report in ink and ensuring that both coaches, the home plate umpire and the official scorekeeper sign the Game Summary Report to verify its accuracy; once signed, the game is official
- Updating each team's Weekly Pitching Report in ink (11U, 13U and 15U only); return the sheet back to the team at the end of the game.
- The Official Scorekeeper may provide inning, # of outs, score and player changes to each team as requested.

#### **B. PARTICIPATING TEAM**

All participating teams (including host) will be responsible for paying the host site for one umpire game fee per game played in the Baseball Alberta Provincial League. The non-host teams will pay the host site the required game fees prior to their first game. If games are rained out, the host site will either return the check (if no fees are required) or will issue a reimbursement for the games not played. Payment to umpires must be done prior to each game.

All participating teams (including host) will be responsible for supplying two Protest Committee members to sit on the Protest Committee for the games they are playing (the home and visiting teams will each supply 2 members on the Committee).

All participating teams must provide their Approved Roster (upon request), Affiliate Player Tracking Sheet (when utilizing Affiliate Players), Weekly Pitching Report (11U/13U/15U/18U) and line-up card to the Official Scorekeeper at least 15 minutes prior to the game and will be responsible for ensuring they receive those items back, once checked/completed, before leaving the host site.

All 11U, 13U, 15U and 18U teams must (scan and) email their weekly pitching reports into Baseball Alberta by Wednesday of the following week.

No team will need to produce approved Transfer Requests as all players listed on the Approved Initial/Final Roster will be approved by Baseball Alberta (transfers will be deemed approved).

Team rosters, duly authorized by the Registrar must be produced at all Baseball Alberta League Games/Provincial Championship when requested. Any team entering the Baseball Alberta League without having all players, coaches, and managers properly registered will be subjected to disqualification from that game, and subject to fines or suspension.

# **LEAGUE FORMAT & SCHEDULING**

#### A. RAIN OUTS & SCHEDULING

Teams must give Baseball Alberta at least 2 weeks' notice of tournaments, graduations or any other circumstance where their team is unavailable to play. If inadequate time is given (less than 2 weeks) to Baseball Alberta, then that team may be forced to take a forfeit loss. Failure to complete league scheduled games could result in the suspension of the team for Provincial Championship play at the discretion of Baseball Alberta.

Games should only be cancelled for weather if the field is unplayable or it is unsafe to play due to the conditions. If games must be cancelled due to poor weather, the host team is responsible for notifying the umpire crew (if their phone numbers have been provided) or the Umpire Assignor (listed on www.baseballalberta.com).

Teams are responsible for making up games and must coordinate the date/time/place and forward to Baseball Alberta by 4 pm at least 4 days prior to the anticipated game. If the four days' notice is not possible, the Umpire Assignor will do their best to try to assign umpires. Baseball Alberta will then forward the request directly to the Zone Umpire Assignor who will confirm with the team if umpires are available.

Any games that are not made up by the end of the round will either be struck from the schedule (if there was no possible way to make that game up due to timing/weather) or result in a loss assigned for the team(s) unable or unwilling to replay the game. No team will receive a win for a game that was not played. Any team refusing to travel to play a game may be disciplined further through suspension.

Teams who meet in tournament play may elect to use that game for Provincial League results, but must agree before the game and must provide an Official Scorekeeper to fill out all the necessary game reports and sheets (must follow rules for pitching and use of affiliates/eligible players).

Any team/host site that must cancel a game (other than weather reasons) must provide notice by 4 pm at least 2 days prior to the game or the team who is cancelling the game will be charged full umpire game fees for the game scheduled.

All rainout games and rescheduled games must be completed 5 days before the scheduled Provincial Championship weekend for each competition level.



# **LEAGUE FORMAT & SCHEDULING CONTINUED**

#### **B. TEAM RANKING & TIEBREAKING RULES**

The following order will be utilized to rank teams and break ties following each round of league play as well as Provincial Championship play (once a team is removed from a tie, the remaining teams will continue from that point forward through the remainder of the rules to break any remaining ties):

- 1. Winning Percentage (per Round(s) of Play or Round Robin portion of Championship)
- 2. Head to Head Game(s) Result (between tied teams)
- 3. Runs Formula from Games Between Tied Teams (Total Runs For Divided by Offensive Outs Minus Total Runs Against Divided by Defensive Outs)
- 4. Defensive Runs Formula from Games Between Tied Teams (Total Runs Against Divided by Defensive Outs)
- 5. Runs Formula from All Games in Round(s)
- **6.** Defensive Runs Formula from All Games in Round(s)

For Competitive Division, teams will be ranked according to Team Ranking and Tiebreaking Rules after each round of play then seeded into appropriate Division for Round 2 and appropriate Tier for Round 3.

#### C. TEAM MOVEMENT

'AAA' team being moved down to 'AA' – An application for a 'AAA' team wishing to move down to the 'AA' division must be submitted to the Baseball Alberta office by May 25th. Any movement between 'AAA' and 'AA' will be at the discretion of Baseball Alberta. Baseball Alberta reserves the right to review the competitiveness of 'AAA' teams to ensure integrity of our leagues.

As of June 30th, if the last place North/South Division I team has lost all 2nd round games with an average runs differential (total runs scored less total runs scored against, divided by total # of games played) of -7 or worse, that team will be placed in Tier IV for the Provincial Round of play in July.

As of June 30th, if the last place North/South Division I team has lost all or all but one 2nd round games with an average runs differential (total runs scored less total runs scored against, divided by total # of games played) of -5 or worse, that team will be given the option to play in Tier IV for the Provincial Round of play in July.

As of June 30th, if the top North/South Division II team wins all 2nd round games with an average runs differential of +7 or better, that team will be placed in Tier III for the Provincial Round of play in July. As of June 30th, if the top North/South Division II team wins all or all but one 2nd round games with an average runs differential of +5 or better, that team will be given the option to play in Tier III for the Provincial Round of play in July.

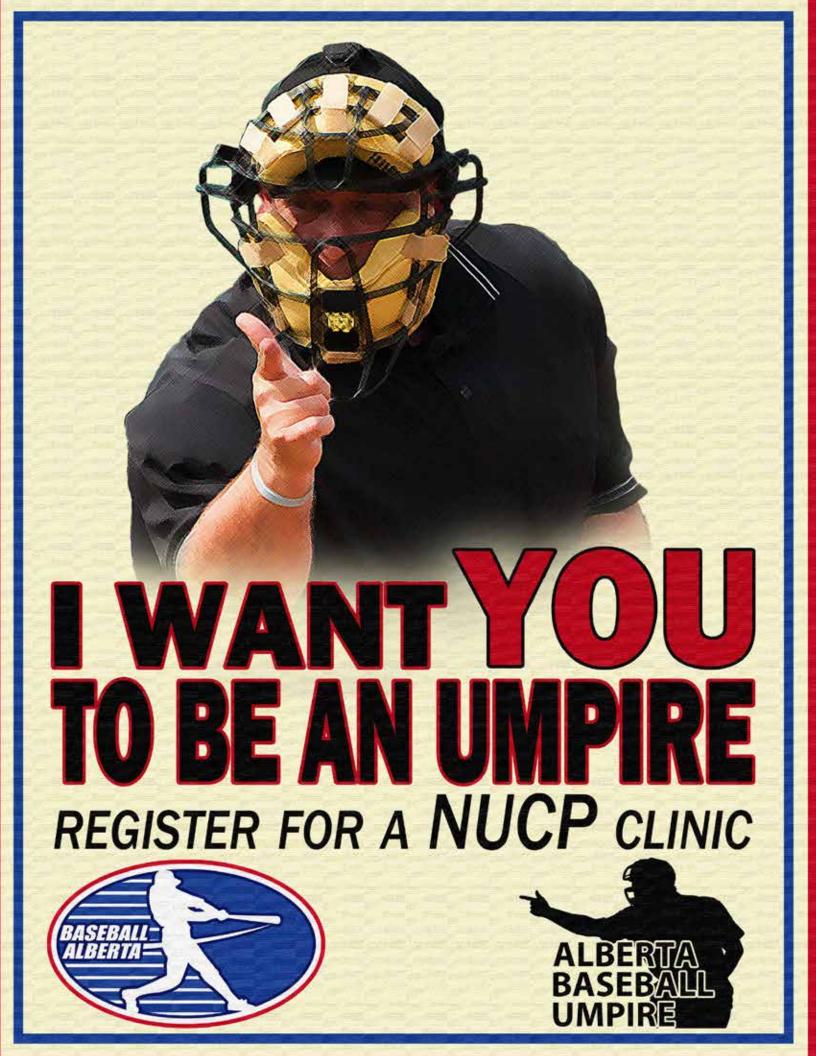
On completion of the 3rd Round, if the last place team in any tier has lost all 3rd round games with an average runs differential (total runs scored less total runs scored against, divided by total # of games played) of -8 or worse and a spot is available, that team will drop down one tier for the Provincial Championship.

On completion of the 3rd Round, if the last place team in any tier has lost all or all but one 2nd round games with an average runs differential (total runs scored less total runs scored against, divided by total # of games played) of -7 or worse and a spot is available, that team will be given the option to drop down one tier for the Provincial Championship.

On completion of the 3rd Round, if the top team in tier II or lower win all 3rd round games with an average runs differential of +8 or better and a spot is available, that team will move up one tier for the Provincial Championship.

On completion of the 3rd Round, if the top team in tier II or lower wins all or all but one 3rd round games with an average runs differential of +7 or better and a spot is available, that team will be given the option to play up one tier for the Provincial Championship.

Any team moving down a Tier for the Provincial Championship weekend, as determined by Baseball Alberta, will be automatically seeded #3 in any tournament draw that requires seeding placement.





The NUCP Program is open to any person who is interested in officiating in baseball. To officiate in League, Provincial or Western Canada Championships, an umpire must comply with all requirements outlined for the NUCP level of the umpire including attending annual clinics and successfully writing the appropriate exam. Level Four and Level Five umpires must also pass two field evaluations every year, and are personally responsible for arranging their evaluation with the Provincial Supervisor of Umpires to remain certified. All officiating at Baseball Alberta League, Provincial Championships and Western Canada Championships shall take priority ove all leagues, tournaments, and/or other playoff games.



Baseball Alberta shall have the authority to suspend any umpire for misconduct or incompetence. Any suspensions may be appealed to the Executive of the Board of Directors of Baseball Alberta in writing within 30 days.

The Provincial Supervisor of Umpires or his designate shall make umpire assignments for Baseball Alberta League games and Provincial Championships, as well as Western Canada Championships held within province and National Championships as designated by Baseball Canada. All 11U league games will be assigned locally by the host association.

- In League games & Provincial Championships a minimum of two umpires are required on the field.
- In Western Canada Championships, at least three certified umpires must be on the field, and at least one umpire MUST hold a valid National Certification (level 4-5). One nationally certified umpire must be at the field at all times.
- When these arrangements are deemed impossible due to distance factor or lack of Baseball Alberta umpires in the general area, then the Provincial Supervisor must be notified.

Umpires are required to submit to Baseball Alberta an Incident Report on all ejections as well as other game incidents that they determine need to be reported within 48 hours.

No umpire shall participate in any playoff game, series, or tournament in which the umpire may be in a conflict of interest. Any conflict of interest shall be reviewed by a committee of three, comprised of the Zone Director, Tournament Director, and Umpire Committee representative. Should it be necessary to replace an umpire due to conflict; that replacement shall be determined by the Umpire Committee representative.

#### A. UMPIRE SCHEDULING

Umpires for all Baseball Alberta Provincial League games will be assigned through the Provincial Umpire Committee. The Provincial Umpire Committee will make every effort to allocate local certified umpires. If out-of-town umpires are assigned, the host site will receive that information prior to hosting so they can be prepared to pay mileage and/or accommodation for the umpire(s). The host site is responsible for coordinating umpire accommodation, where necessary.

Any team/host site that must cancel a game (other than weather reasons) must provide notice by 4 pm at least 2 days prior to the game or the team who is canceling will be charged full umpire game fees for the game scheduled.



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#### **B. UMPIRE FEE'S & EXPENSES**

Game Fees			
AGE CATEGORY	<b>'A'</b>	'ΑΑ'	'ΑΑΑ'
<b>11U</b>	\$45.00	\$45.00	N/A
13U	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
15U	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
18U	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
JUNIOR	N/A	\$70.00	\$70.00
SENIOR	N/A	\$70.00	\$70.00
MIN. # OF UMPIRES			
REQUIRED			
LEAGUE PLAY	2	2	2
PROVINCIALS	2	2	3
WESTERNS	N/A	3	3

- Games commencing prior to 6 pm on non-holiday weekdays will incur a \$15/umpire premium.
- For originally scheduled 9 inning games, there will be a \$5/umpire premium. This DOES NOT include extra-inning games that last 9 innings.
- Eligible Mileage NEW FOR 2020 Umpires are eligible for reimbursement as follows:
  - No mileage may be charged when one-way travel from home to game site is 30 km or less.
  - A flat fee of \$25 may be charged when one-way travel is 31 60 km from home to game site no matter what the actual distance is within that range.
  - If travel from home to game site exceeds 60 km, mileage may be charged at a rate of \$0.40/km for the entire round trip (home – game site – home).
  - Umpires may, by individual choice, accept less than the eligible amounts for mileage but in no way does that set a precedent for any other umpire with respect to mileage charges.
  - When possible, umpires are expected to carpool when travelling from the same or similar starting location.
- Eligible Accommodation Umpires are eligible for reimbursement when overnight stay is approved by Baseball Alberta. Umpires must stay double occupancy unless authorized in advance by the Executive Director of Baseball Alberta.
- Umpires will be eligible for appropriate mileage and 50% of a single game fee when any game/weekend is completely rained out and no prior notification of cancellation has been made to the umpire assigner and the umpires have dutifully arrived at the field. The host is responsible for such payment. Umpires are not eligible for compensation if notified of rain out before leaving home.
- Umpires will be eligible for a full game fee in the event of rescheduling/cancellation of games (not due to weather) if notification of such change is not provided by 4 pm at least 2 calendar days prior to the day of the originally scheduled game. The host team will be responsible for such payment.
- Teams responsible for scheduling/rescheduling games must provide game date/time/place to Baseball Alberta by 4pm at least 4 working days prior to the game.
- Umpires working a game that has started but is subsequently suspended, cancelled or forfeited prior to completion will be paid the full game fee. Umpires completing a suspended game will be paid 50% of the normal game fee. Additional fees to complete a suspended game are NOT APPLICABLE at the Baseball Alberta Provincial Championships.
- If, for any reason an umpire is required to work a game alone, such umpire shall be paid 1.5 times the normal game fee. In such cases the umpire may recruit an uncertified volunteer to work bases only. Such volunteer shall be eligible for an honorarium of \$10/game.

#### A. OFFICIAL & APPROVED BASEBALLS

ROML - "Exclusive Baseball for Baseball Alberta Provincial Tournaments"

- ROML All Divisions / Senior & 18U\*
- 80CC / MLH All Divisions / 15U or below
- 65CC / BCAF 13U and Below

Rawlings baseballs are required at all Baseball Alberta League games.

\*The Rawlings R100 baseball is still approved for all Baseball Alberta League play excluding the Provincial Championships.

The Rawlings "ROML" baseball is recognized as the Official Baseball of Baseball Alberta and will be used at ALL Provincial Championships.

#### **B. BAT REGULATIONS**

Where aluminum bats are permitted, only approved "BBCOR" stamped aluminum bats in the 15U and above categories will be permitted for use.

#### **BAT REGULATION CHART:**

	MAXIMUM DIFFERENTIAL	<b>MAXIMUM DIAMETER</b>	MAXIMUM LENG	гн
11U	NONE	2 3/4	32"	
<b>13U</b>	-10	2 3/4	34"	
<b>15U</b>				
BOYS ('A' / 'AA')	-3	2 5/8	34"	11555A
GIRLS	-5	2 3/4	34"	
'AAA' *	N/A	2 5/8	34"	
<b>18U</b>				~-
'Α'	-3	2 5/8	34"	<b>6</b> ⊭ <b>1</b> 1⊑
'AA' *	N/A	2 5/8	35"	
'AAA' *	N/A	2 5/8	36"	
Women	-5	2 3/4	35"	<b>⊠</b> 5
JUNIOR/SENIOR				
'AA' *	N/A	2 5/8	36"	
'AAA' *	N/A	2 5/8	36"	
Women	-5	2 3/4	35" * <b>W</b> d	ood or wood composite only

- For 13U, 16U Girls, Junior Women and Senior Women National Championships, a max barrel of 2 3/4" with (i) a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) or (ii) USA Baseball Model with BBCOR "wood like" BPF is permitted. For the 13U National Championships using up to a minus 10-length/weight differential is permitted. For 16U Girls, Junior Women and Senior Women National Championships using up to a minus 5 length/weight differential is permitted.
- USSSA 1.15 and USABB bats will be both approved for play under Baseball Canada rules for the 11U and under categories. This allows for all previous & current 2 1/4", 2 5/8" and 2 3/4" USSSA 1.15 certified bats to be used.
- All Post Provincial Championships (Western Canada Championships and Baseball Canada National Championships) for categories 15U 'AAA' and above are wood or wood composite bat only Championships.
- The 17U Canada Cup Championship is a wood bat only championship.
- 15U and 18U Girls are eligible to use up to a -5 bat with a barrel no more then 2 3/4" diameter. Girls using bats that are NOT -3 must have them clearly marked (colored tape around handle). Umpires must be notified of this bat prior to the game.

#### C. FIELD OF PLAY

#### BASEBALL DIAMOND DIMENSIONS

Dimension	Rally Cap, 9U, 11U	13U	150	18U, Junior, Senior, Twilite
Base Lines	60 ft.	70 ft.	80 ft.	90 ft.
Pitching Distance	44 ft.	48 ft.	54 ft.	60 ft. 6 in.

#### For more information, refer to the chart on page 8

- Diamond must be prepared according to Baseball Canada distances/regulations (backstop distances not enforced for League play).
- Outfield fences are mandatory for 13U 'AAA' and up (including all 15U and 18U) for league play; outfield distances should be adequate according to Baseball Canada guidelines for league play; Provincial Championship host sites at 13U Tier I will be determined based on adequate distances.
- Bases must either be permanent (or permanent/magnetic) bases or bases pegged down with two (2) spikes (due to safety)
- Mounds are mandatory for league play (regulation heights preferred, but not enforced) at 15U and up as well as 13U 'AAA' (all rounds) and 13U 'AA' Tier I league play; mounds are highly recommended for all levels of play according to Baseball Canada guidelines.
- Regulation mounds are mandatory for all Provincial Championship play except for 11U 'A'/'AA' and 13U 'A'; mounds are highly recommended at all levels of play according to Baseball Canada guidelines.

**Dugout Assignments - League Play** – In a neutral site game, the Home team will occupy the third base dugout. When the host association is playing, they may choose either dugout. Exceptions will be made in cases where a team is playing a double-header and already occupies a dugout and for Provincial Championship play.

Dugout Assignments - Provincial Championships - Home team will occupy 3rd base dugout (except in case where a team is playing a double header and already occupies the opposing dugout.

**Pre-Game Warm-Up** – Home team will be allowed to take a 10-minute pre-game infield/outfield starting 30 minutes prior to game time; visiting team will be allowed to take a 10-minute infield/outfield starting 20 minutes prior to game time; if games are running late, the infield/outfield times may be adjusted or removed in order to complete all scheduled games (each team must receive the same opportunity for pre-game infield/outfield). Teams may not go beyond their allotted time for pre-game warm-up.

Pre-Game Meeting – Meeting at home plate will occur 5 minutes prior to game time with umpires and coaching representative of each team; the line-up card presented to the Home Plate umpire will be considered official (any changes must be communicated to the Official Scorekeeper); each coach must provide an official copy of their line-up card to the umpire and to the opposing team (as well as to the official scorekeeper 15 minutes prior to game time). Any player deemed to be ineligible will be removed from the line-up card at the pre-game meeting and the offending coach will be reported to Baseball Alberta by the home plate umpire.

#### D. GENERAL RULES FOR ALL DIVISIONS

- Failure to follow Baseball Alberta rules may result in a fine to be imposed with an amount determined based on the severity of the rules violation.
- Games must be played until one team wins (no ties)
- All games must be played and deemed complete in order to count the result (teams may not play one game for double points or flip a coin to determine winner)

#### League Play – Regulation/Suspended games as per Official Rules of Baseball

- Provincial Championship Play
  - •11U: Games will be deemed complete if the home team is leading after 5 1/2 innings or either team is leading after 6 complete innings or game is complete based on the Mercy Rule
  - 13U, 15U and 18U: Games will be deemed complete if the home team is leading after 6 1/2 innings or either team is leading after 7 complete innings or game is complete based on the Mercy Rule
  - Games not complete (due to weather/darkness) must be suspended from the point of stoppage and then re-started from that point at the next possible time
  - Forfeits will result in the following scores:
    - 11U: 6 0 score with winning team being awarded win, 15 offensive outs and 18 defensive outs
    - 13U, 15U and 18U: 7 0 score with winnings team being awarded win, 18 offensive outs and 21 defensive outs
    - At the 'AA' Level, additional tiers beyond Tier IV may be utilized for Provincials if Baseball Alberta deems it necessary.
    - Any game (except 18U 'AAA'/'AA') where less than 9 players are at the diamond within 15 minutes past the designated start of the game will result in 7-0 forfeit (unless determined to be a scheduling error or team has communicated an acceptable situation to the host/home team); if 7 or 8 players are present, the game will still be played as an exhibition (pitch counts will still count in daily/weekly total); the opposing coach will have the option to loan that team a player(s) to play the game but that player(s) may not pitch.

## **RULES OF PLAY CONTINUED**

• A courtesy runner may be used for catchers when they are on base with 2 outs in an inning for all regular season league games except at 18U AAA. The courtesy runner must be a player who is not already in the lineup, except during Unlimited Substitution where the player may be the "last out" of the offensive team. The courtesy runner rule is not permitted for use during any Provincial Championship.

#### **EXTRA INNING GAME PROCEDURE - 13U TO 18U CATEGORIES\***

If the game is tied at the completion of regulation (7 innings), the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings: Each team will begin the extra inning (and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a base runner on first and second, no outs. (See example below to confirm who is on first and second)

The batting order of the extra inning or any subsequent innings will be determined by how the previous inning ended. (see example below to confirm who is at bat)

The traditional system of the visiting team hitting in the top of the inning and the home team hitting in the bottom of the inning will remain in effect until a winner is determined.

#### **Example:**

If the last regulation inning ends with the #6 hitter having the last plate appearance, then the extra inning begins with the #7 hitter at bat, and the #5 hitter at second base and the #6 hitter at first base.

With the exception of beginning the inning with runners on first and second base with no one out, all other League Rules and Baseball Canada rules will remain in effect during extra innings required to determine a winner.

\*This rule will be applied to all Baseball Alberta League Games and the Round Robin portion of the Provincial Championships.

#### **FORCE PLAY SLIDE RULE**

The intent of the force-play-slide rule is to ensure the safety of all players. This is a safety and an interference rule. Whether the defense could have completed the double play has no bearing on the applicability of this rule. This rule pertains to a force-play situation at any base, regardless of the number of outs.

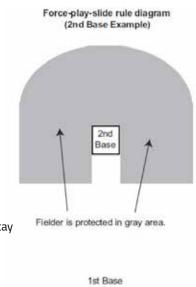
A. On any force play, the runner must slide on the ground before the base and in a direct line between the two bases. **Exception** – A runner need not slide directly into a base as long as the runner slides or runs in a direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder. Interference shall not be called.

- 1. "On the ground" means either a head-first slide or a slide with one leg and buttock on the ground before the base.
- 2. "Directly into a base" means the runner's entire body (feet, legs, trunk and arms) must stay in a straight line between the bases.
- B. Contact with a fielder is legal and interference shall not be called if the runner makes a legal slide directly to the base and in the baseline extended (see diagram).

Approved Ruling – If contact occurs on top of the base as a result of a "pop-up" slide, this contact is legal.



- 1. The runner slides or runs out of the base line in the direction of the fielder and alters the play of a fielder (with or without contact);
- 2. The runner uses a rolling or cross-body slide and either makes contact with or alters the play of a fielder;
- 3. The runner's raised leg makes contact higher than the fielder's knee when in a standing position;
- 4. The runner slashes or kicks the fielder with either leg; or
- 5. The runner illegally slides toward or contacts the fielder even if the fielder makes no attempt to throw to complete a play.



#### **PENALTY for 1-5**

- 1. With less than two outs, the batter-runner, as well as the interfering runner, shall be declared out and no other runner(s) shall advance.
- 2. With two outs, the interfering runner shall be declared out and no other runner(s) shall advance.
- 3. If the runner's slide or collision is flagrant, the runner shall be ejected from the contest.

Approved Ruling – If the bases are loaded with no outs, a double-play attempt is made, and interference is called, all other runners must return to their original bases.

Note: On a force play, with a two-man umpiring system, if the plate umpire does not have a potential play at the plate, he should move toward the base to observe the runner going into second or third base. In this situation, the base umpire must follow the throw and may not see the true effect of the lead runner's action.

#### **EXTRA-HITTER (EH) RULE**

#### League Play:

Applicable in ALL rounds (where unlimited substitution is not applicable) up to and including the Provincial Championships, except for the 18U AAA Provincial Championships.

An Extra-Hitter (EH) may be placed on the lineup card (a 10th hitter in the batting order; can be placed anywhere in batting order) as a way to get more athletes at-bats throughout the game. This rule is optional for both teams prior to each game and DOES NOT have to be used by both teams during a game.

- A. This rule may be used in any Baseball Alberta League game that is not already hitting everyone on the lineup card.
- B. Each team has the option to use an extra hitter (EH) and bat ten (10) players. The EH must be marked on the line-up at the start of the game and must be used for the entire game.
- C. The EH may be interchanged with any other position during the game and can be changed multiple times (for example, the SS could become the EH and the EH become the SS).
- **D.** At the 15U AAA and 18U level a team may elect to use an EH and a DH. These rules are completely separate.
- E. In the event that a player is injured or ejected and no substitute is available, the team may remove the EH from the lineup and proceed for the remainder of the game with a nine player lineup. Any further loss of players would result in a forfeit.

#### **PARTICIPATION RULE**

#### Divisions Affected:

13U AA, 13U AAA, 15U AA and 15U AAA

Participation Rule – This rule will be applied during all rounds leading up to but not including Provincial Championships. All players who are listed on the official lineup card will play a defensive position for 3 of his team's defensive outs and receive 1 plate appearance.

#### **Exceptions:**

- **A.** Starting pitchers will not be subjected to this rule.
- B. In rounds where the Designated Hitter is allowed, a Designated Hitter is not required to play a defensive position during 3 of his team's defensive outs provided he receives 3 plate appearances through the course of the game.
- C. When a team is scheduled to play 2 games in one day, the scheduled starting pitcher for the second game of the day is not subject to this participation rule during the first game. If this is the coach's intention, he should make note of that to the umpire and opposing coach prior to the first game.
- D. When a team is scheduled to play two games in one day, a coach may choose to have two players playing the same position play complete games. A player playing the second game of the day in this situation is not subject to the participation rule. However, these players cannot be substituted for except in case of injury or illness.
- E. Any 13U pitcher who throws more than 64 pitches will not be subjected to this participation rule during a second game on the same day.
- F. Any 15U pitcher who throws more than 74 pitches will not be subjected to this participation rule during the second game on the same day.



- It is understood that circumstances will sometimes inhibit coaches from being able to adhere to this rule, eg. 10 run mercy rule shortened games, rain shortened games.
- Score sheets will not be submitted to Baseball Alberta to determine coaches' adherence to this participation rule. Baseball Alberta will rely on the professionalism and ethics of its coaches to adhere to this rule. Baseball Alberta encourages opposition coaches as well as outside observers to report cases of non-compliance.
- Any coach or team who is found to have deliberately failed to comply with this rule will be subject to sanctions according to Baseball Alberta's Discipline Policy.

#### **LIMITED RE-ENTRY SUBSTITUTION EXAMPLES**

- 1. Player A starts the game in right field and batting 3rd in the batting order. In the 4th inning, Player B replaces Player A in right field and is now hitting 3rd in the batting order. In the 6th inning, Player A re-enters the game in right field for Player B and returns to the 3rd spot in the batting order. Player B is no longer eligible to return to the game.
- 2. Player A starts the game at shortstop and batting 3rd in the batting order. In the 2nd inning, Player B replaces Player A in the batting order but is playing right field; Player C is now at shortstop. In the 5th inning, Player A re-enters the game and replaces Player B in the batting order and returns to playing shortstop. Player C moves to right field. Player B is no longer eligible to return to the game.
- 3. Player A starts the game as the pitcher and is batting 9th in the batting order. In the 4th inning, Player B comes into the game to pitch and replaces Player A in the batting order. In the 6th inning, Player A re-enters the game for Player B but moves to shortstop. Player C who was the shortstop is now pitching. Player A remains at 9th in the batting order and Player B is no longer eligible to return to the game.
- 4. Player A starts the game as pitcher and is batting 9th in the batting order. Player C starts the game at shortstop and is batting 5th in the batting order. In the 4th inning, Player B come into the game to pitch; Player A moves from pitcher to shortstop; Player C is removed from the game. Player B has replaced Player C and is now batting 5th in the batting order, Player A remains batting 9th in the batting order. In the 6th inning, Player C re-enters the game for Player B to pitch; Player C is now batting 5th in the batting order; Player B is no longer eligible to return.

#### E. PITCH COUNT & VIOLATION POLICIES

Definitions and Terms Specific to Pitch Count Policy and pitching rules for the 2020 Season:

- 1. Any player on the team is eligible to pitch, and there are no restrictions to the number of pitchers a manager may use in a game.
- 2. Pitchers shall be permitted to have 2 appearances in the same calendar day. If a pitcher requires a rest following 1st appearance, they cannot return in the same calendar day (see examples below).
- 3. Pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first 2 days combined does not exceed:
  - **A.** 11U 20 league/25 provincials
  - **B.** 13U 25 league/30 provincials
  - C. 15U Boys/Girls 30 league/35 provincials
  - **D.** 18U 30 league/40 provincials

If a pitcher's Day 1 + Day 2 exceed the figure above for their division, they require rest as defined in the pitch count chart. Pitcher's cannot pitch 4 consecutive days. (See examples below)

- 4. A pitcher who has pitched on 2 consecutive days and whose total exceeds the low category maximum allowance will not be able to pitch again on the second day.
- 5. Pitchers and managers shall follow the following guidelines for the Baseball Alberta Provincial League:

#### PROVINCIAL LEAGUE PLAY PITCH COUNTS

	<b>11U</b>	13U	15U	18U	REST REQUIRED
LOW	1 - 20	1 - 25	1 - 30	1 - 30	NONE
<b>MEDIUM LOW</b>	21 - 30	26 - 35	31 - 40	31 - 44	1 DAY
MEDIUM	31 - 44	36 - 54	41 - 59	45 - 64	2 DAYS
<b>MEDIUM HIGH</b>	45 - 54	55 - 64	60 - 74	65 - 79	3 DAYS
HIGH	55 - 70	65 - 80	75 - 90	80 - 100	4 DAYS
MAXIMUM	70	80	90	100	

NEW FOR 2020: A maximum number of pitches over four days has been added to each category as outlined: 11U: 105, 13U: 120, 15U: 135, 18U: 150 (see page 35)

- 6. The official scorekeeper will calculate the total pitches thrown for that calendar day and determine the required rest starting the next calendar day. Athletes must not exceed the maximum pitch count total for that day.
- 7. Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the game.
- 8. If a player pitches in the first game of the day and is eligible to pitch again in the same day, he may pitch or catch in the second game, but not both.
- 9. Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if the maximum pitch limit has been reached.
- 10. Required Rest shall be defined in "Days" starting at 12:01am and ending at 11:59pm of the next calendar day.
- 11. If a game continues past 12:01am, those pitches are counted as if the pitched prior to midnight. If a game is suspended, when it resumes it is defined as a different day.
- 12. A pitcher who is removed from the mound during a game shall not be permitted to return to pitch in the same game, even if the pitcher is retained in the game at another position.

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- 13. The scorekeeper will inform the umpire of the pitch count when a count is nearing the end of a pitcher's daily limits. The umpire will then notify the team manager or coach of the pitcher's team so that an opportunity for assignment correction may be immediately affected.
- 14. The Official League Regular Season final weekend will be defined as the weekend prior to the scheduled Provincial Championship at each competition level.
- 15. No Breaking Balls shall be permitted at the 11U age category if a coach feels that the opposing team's pitchers are throwing breaking balls the umpire will be notified and if deemed necessary a note will be placed in the game report. The Baseball Alberta office will investigate and follow the same procedure used for pitch count violations.
  - A. A Breaking Ball shall be defined as any pitch where the hand is pronated, supinated, turned or snapped in a fashion where the baseball rotates in a side to side, forward spinning or with unnatural action that is not consistent with the pitchers natural fastball rotation.
  - B. In the umpire's judgement, if a pitcher at the 11U age category throws a breaking ball, such pitch will be deemed illegal and will be called a "ball". If as a result of the pitch, the batter reaches first base as a result of the play (such as hit or walk) and all other runners advance at least one base, the play will stand without reference to the illegal pitch. No outs may be recorded as a result of such illegal pitch.
  - C. The umpire will warn the Manager that the pitch is illegal and permit the Manager to advise his pitcher accordingly. No visit to the mound will be charged to the team. This warning must be given regardless of whether or not there was a play that occured after the pitch. If, after the warning, the pitcher delivers another breaking ball, the Manager will be ejected. If the pitcher, or any subsequent pitcher, delivers another breaking ball, such pitcher will be ejected.
- 16. Change-Ups and off speed pitches where the baseball rotates in a similar fashion to a fastball will be permitted at all levels and should be observed by the umpire prior to an appearance during warm-up.

Pitcher Warm-Up Rule can be utilized by all divisions (only during limited substitution) – A position player that is scheduled to pitch may exit the game to warm-up and re-enter with the intent of throwing the first pitch of the next defensive inning. The substitute player will not lose eligibility unless the pitcher does not begin the inning following the warm-up period and will then be considered active. The pitcher would then lose playing eligibility in the game. The substitute player must not have previously been in the game.

#### **PITCH COUNT EXAMPLES**

#### Two appearances in the same day

Example 1:

Game 1: In a 15U game, John throws 29 pitches which is in the LOW category allowing him to pitch again in the same day. Game 2: John may pitch in Game 2 of on the same day, but may not start a new batter after 61 pitches are thrown in this game taking his total to the maximum allowed 90 pitches for one day. Now, John must rest the required 4 days as defined by the rule.

■ Example 2:

Game 1: In a 15U game, John records 31 pitches in the first game Saturday morning which is in the MEDIUM LOW category. Therefore, he is required to take one day of rest beginning at midnight Saturday and he is unavailable to pitch Sunday.

Any pitcher exceeding the maximum number of pitches in the LOW category will not be able to pitch in a second game that day and must rest for the number of days required for the category of pitches thrown.

#### Pitching three days in a row

■ Example 1:

Day 1: In a 13U game, Bill throws 12 pitches and does not record any more pitches on day 1

Day 2: Bill throws 12 pitches for a total of 24 pitches in two consecutive days which is under the LOW category maximum allowance Day 3: Bill may now throw a third consecutive day and up to the maximum pitches allow for one day. In the 13U category Bill could throw a maximum of 80 pitches on the third day.

Example 2:

Day 1: In a 13U game, Bill throws 12 pitches and does not record any more pitches on day 1

Day 2: Bill throws 14 pitches for a total of 26 pitches in two consecutive days which is above the LOW category maximum allowance. Bill will now be required to take one (1) day rest as defined in the pitch count chart.

#### Pitching and catching in the same day

■ Example 1:

In the first 13U game of the day, John starts the game a shortstop and then enters the game as a pitcher in the 4th inning and throws 24 pitches. He cannot move to the catching position for this game. In the second game of the day, John is eligible to pitch or catch, but not both, because his pitch count from the first game was in the LOW category. Assuming John pitches in the second game, John may not start a new batter after 56 pitches are thrown in this game taking his total to the maximum allowed 80 pitches for one day. Now, John must rest the required 4 days from pitching as defined by the rule.

■ Example 2:

In the first 13U game of the day, John starts the game a catcher and then enters the game as a pitcher in the 4th inning and throws 34 pitches. He cannot move to the catching position for this game or any game later in the day. John is also ineligible to pitch in the second game of the day and any games the following day because his pitch count was in the MEDIUM-LOW category.

#### PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY PITCH COUNTS

These pitch totals begin the Monday of the Provincial Championships week.

	11U	13U	15U	18U	REST REQUIRED
LOW	1 - 25	1 - 30	1 - 35	1 - 40	NONE
<b>MEDIUM LOW</b>	26 - 40	31 - 45	36 - 50	41 - 55	1 DAY
MEDIUM	41 - 55	46 - 60	51 - 65	56 - 70	2 DAYS
<b>MEDIUM HIGH</b>	56 - 65	61 - 75	66 - 80	71 - 85	3 DAYS
HIGH	66 - 75	76 - 85	81 - 95	86 - 105	4 DAYS
MAXIMUM	75	85	95	105	

NEW FOR 2020: A maximum number of pitches over four days has been added to each category as outlined: 11U: 105, 13U: 120, 15U: 135, 18U: 150 (see page 35)

#### PITCH COUNT VIOLATION POLICIES

Head Coaches or Team Managers will be responsible for adhering to the Pitch Count policy. If an infraction occurs, then the following will occur as a result of non-compliance. The policies will be inclusive of one calendar season.

- 1st Infraction A written warning will be issued to Head Coach or Team Manager
- 2nd Infraction A 1 game suspension will be issued to the Head Coach or Team Manager
- 3rd Infraction A 3 game suspension will be issued to the Head Coach or Team Manager
- 4th Infraction A minimum 5 game suspension and "Prohibited Indefinitely Status" will be issued to the Head Coach or Team Manager The violation of any pitching rules may result in forfeiture of game in which the violation occurred. When the use of a pitcher who is ineligible or about to become ineligible is evident, scorekeepers or other officials MUST notify the team manager or coach of the offending team so that an opportunity for assignment correction may be immediately affected.

Baseball Alberta will have the option to increase suspension time based on the violation and the coach must be reinstated with written approval from Baseball Alberta. A subsequent fine may also be incurred along with follow up re-certification.

Pitch Count Hearing Policy – At any point in the process a suspended or fined manager or coach may request a hearing involving Baseball Alberta; a \$100.00 cost will be incurred

Appeal Policy - At any point in the process a suspended or fined manager or coach may appeal a decision. A \$200.00 cost will be incurred if the decision is upheld.

#### PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PITCH COUNT VIOLATION PROCEDURE

Scorekeepers and coaches must identify any potential infraction before that infraction occurs. No protest will be heard after the fact. Any infraction that is identified after it occurs will result in the removal of the player from the pitching position and no protest or forfeiture will occur. Posting/Updating of Pitch Count totals (Poster Boards) should be displayed at all diamonds being used during Provincial Championship tournament.

#### F. PROTESTS

A decision based on an umpire's judgment shall offer no basis for protest.

The Home and Visiting Team must each assign two Protest Committee members to decide on protests in Provincial League games. In order for a protest to be lodged, the protesting team must notify the umpire of the request to protest the decision/call before the next pitch, play, or attempted play. If the umpire agrees the protest is legal, the protesting team must provide \$100 in cash to the Official Scorekeeper to officially launch the protest. The Protest Committee (4 members) will then be summoned and will hear the protest. The Committee will remove themselves from the area of play to discuss the protest and make a decision (through a majority vote) utilizing the rules of play for Baseball Canada/Baseball Alberta.

If the Committee cannot reach a majority vote on the protest, the Official Scorekeeper will then put all 4 names and their vote on separate pieces of paper and place in a hat, drawing out 3 names. The majority of the votes will then be decided by those 3 names drawn and will be accepted as the Protest Committee decision. If the protest is upheld (protesting team wins the protest), the protesting team will be given their \$100 cash back and the game will resume from the point of stoppage with the new decision taking effect.

If the protest is not upheld (protesting team loses the protest), the \$100 will be sent into Baseball Alberta with a copy of the protest report and the game will resume from the point of the stoppage. The Protest Committee must then ensure that the Protest Report is completed and left with the Official Scorekeeper (to be sent in by the Hosting Coordinator with the Game Summary Report to Baseball Alberta). Protest Committee members should be objective individuals with good knowledge of the game of baseball.

#### **PROTESTS - PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- The host site shall appoint at least two members to the Protest Committee. The Tournament Director and two members shall deal with all protests and disputes arising in a playoff and their ruling shall be final and binding.
- The Umpire and the Tournament Director in attendance shall be notified, at the time of alleged infraction, that a protest is being lodged.
- A decision based on an umpire's judgment shall offer no basis for protest.
- In reaching its decision on any legitimate protest, the Protest Committee shall meet immediately with the game umpires and the team managers involved in the dispute, with the game remaining in a state of suspension until a decision is made.
- No protest shall be considered by this committee unless the prescribed fee of \$100 has been paid in cash. This fee shall be returned if the protest is upheld.
- Any member of the Board of Directors involved in a protest shall be disqualified from voting on the protest.

## 9U (Rookie) Division Recommended Ruleset

#### Game Modifications / Rules

- 1. Home / Visitor & Scorekeeping: Home and visitor can be decided by a glove flip / coin toss. Score will not be kept, this is introduced in 11U.
- 2. Defensive Positions: Players will be placed in the following defensive positions LF, CF, RF, 1st, 2nd, SS, 3rd, catcher and pitcher (5 steps behind the coach that is throwing to the hitters) for a total of 9 positions. If a team prefers, they can play with a 4th outfielder instead of having the pitcher position in the
- 3. Rotate Positions: Participants will rotate one defensive position after every 2 batters, with the exception of the catcher. This position will not rotate every 2 batters the participant will be the catcher for the complete half of their defensive inning.
- 4. Bases Loaded: The team that is batting will start with the bases loaded (one runner on each base). Same concept as if the first 3 batters of the game got walked and it instantly engages 3 extra players beyond just the hitter and on-deck hitter.
- 5. Extra Base Hits: If a player hits the ball far enough and can get a double, triple or homerun they are encouraged / allowed to, with the base runners in front of them also advancing. Once the play stops, celebrate / acknowledge the great hit by the batter and reload the bases with the batter that just hit going to 1st base and the 2 base runners in front of them returning to 2nd and 3rd. This will also result in all 3 of them getting additional base running experience, physical activity and keeps more players engaged.
- 6. Outs: "Outs" will be called (eg. thrown ball beats the runner to first base, runner is tagged when not on a base, etc.). The participant that is "out" will just return to their bench and this baserunner position will remain empty.
- 7. Advancing on Overthrows / Ball Returned to the Infield / Stealing & Lead-offs: For balls that are hit / overthrown to the outfield or overthrown into foul territory (eg. shortstop overthrows 1st base), all baserunners may run / advance UNTIL the ball reaches the infield (controlled or uncontrolled by an infielder). At the end of the play all baserunners will return to the necessary base to load the bases. Participants are not allowed to steal bases or lead-off.
- 8. Everyone Bats: The offensive team will bat every participant, there is not 3 "outs". Once each participant has hit, the teams will switch.
- 9. Helmets: Helmets are mandatory for all hitters, on-deck batters and base runners.
- 10. Maximum # of Pitches Per Batter: In order to keep the game moving along, each batter will receive a maximum of 5 pitches (May) / 4 pitches (June) from their coach, either underhand or overhand at the coach's discretion based on the participant's ability. If they have not made contact after 5 swings (May) / 4 pitches (June), a ball will be placed on a batting T for them to hit.
- 11. Game Balls: A soft stitch indoor ball will be utilized as the game ball. As the coaches pitch to their batters from such close proximity, using these balls provides a safety factor when coaches get hit with a line drive / hard ground ball. This also encourages players to get in front of the ball and not just hold their glove out to the side of their body when attempting to field or catch a ball.
- 12. Base Distance: Thrown down bases will be set up 15 16 regular walking steps (approx. 45 50 feet) apart.
- 13. On-deck & Catcher Circles: To ensure the on-deck batters and catchers remain a safe proximity to the batter, a hoola hoop can be used to represent the on-deck circle and the catcher's area.

#### Program Odds and Ends:

A couple aspects that aren't in the package but could be discussed at a pre-season coaches meeting are:

Equipment: • Equipment bag, set of throw down bases & home plate, bucket of balls (6 soft stitch, 20 whiffle balls, 10 tennis balls, 10 incredi-balls), 10 cones, 8 hoola hoops, 3 bats (24", 25" & 26"), set of catcher's gear, first aid kit.

- Pitching: Coaches pitch from being on one knee, essentially throwing darts, as an adult standing and throwing results in way too high of an arm angle that the ball comes from to home plate. They place a regular plastic baseball bucket in front of themselves and use a glove as added protection. They are encouraged to move closer / further away depending on the hitter's ability and if they are throwing overhand or underhand to the hitter. We use Easton Soft Stitch Incredi-balls, they're essentially an indoor nylon ball, but they work great for this program and are a lot better then the typically plastic covered incredi-balls.
  - Coaches are encouraged to throw underhand to all of the batters for the first week, however, after the first week they can throw overhand or underhand based on the player's ability. The goal is to eventually get everyone hitting overhand pitching.

Catchers: • The catcher for the next inning should be the first batter so they have time to get the gear on. Catchers do not throw each ball back to the coach / pitcher. If they miss it, they leave it and get ready for the next pitch. If they catch it they just roll it behind their back or flip it up to the coach at the home plate area that is helping out (making sure catchers don't get too close to hitters, hitter's stand properly, etc.)

Position Cones: • Short, very flimsy soccer cones are placed at each position for the first week to assist the players with where each position typically plays / positions themselves. It helps to avoid someone rotating to play second base and just standing on the base. It also gives the young players a visual of where to rotate to. In the 2nd week the cones are removed halfway through the game, players are encouraged to help each other with where they need to rotate to after every 2 batters. In the 3rd week the coaches can continue with the cones for half the game or not use them at all. An email reminder will be sent out at the start of each week to the coaches about the progression.

Maximum Swings: This is just a reminder: players get 5 swings in May and 4 in June. If they swing 5 / 4 times and do not make contact, there will be a batting T approx. 6 feet from home plate that is placed at home plate and the struggling hitter hits off the batting T.

Roster Size: • Roster size preference is 8 players / team but 9 is the maximum and is not exceeded for any reason. The concept behind this is that as quantity goes up, quality often goes down. This also assists inexperienced coaches with not getting overwhelmed.



#### 11U 'A' & 'AA' LEAGUE PLAY PITCH COUNTS

#### 11U 'A' & 'AA' PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY PITCH COUNTS

	<b>11U</b>	REST REQUIRED
LOW	1 - 20	NONE
<b>MEDIUM LOW</b>	21 - 30	1 DAY
MEDIUM	31 - 44	2 DAYS
<b>MEDIUM HIGH</b>	45 - 54	3 DAY
HIGH	55 - 70	4 DAYS
MAXIMUM	70	



	11U	REST REQUIRED
LOW	1 - 25	NONE
MEDIUM LOW	26 - 40	1 DAY
MEDIUM	41 - 55	2 DAYS
<b>MEDIUM HIGH</b>	56 - 65	3 DAY
HIGH	66 - 75	4 DAYS
MAXIMUM		th totals begin the Monday Provincial Championships

#### 11U 'A'& 'AA' BAT REGULATIONS



	<b>MAXIMUM DIFFERENTIAL</b>	<b>MAXIMUM DIAMETER</b>	<b>MAXIMUM LENGTH</b>
<b>11U</b>	NONE	2 3/4	32"
13U	-10	2 3/4	34"

USSSA 1.15 and USABB bats will be both approved for play under Baseball Canada rules for the 11U and under categories. This allows for all previous & current 2 1/4", 2 5/8" and 2 3/4" USSSA 1.15 certified bats to be used.

Final rosters must be submitted by e-mail on the form provided to Baseball Alberta by 4pm on June 7th, 2021. Each team must submit NCCP numbers or proof of certification for at least one coach to the Baseball Alberta Office with the team Entry. Any team who provides neither proof of the required certification or fine will not be entered into the Community Provincial League schedule.

The Baseball Alberta Provincial 11U 'A' Baseball League will play a total of three weekends – July 3 - 4\* and July 10 - 11\* are league play. The 'A' Provincial Championships will be held July 16 - 18, 2021\*.

Teams will be separated into regional areas (based on number and location of teams) for play in early July with every team qualifying for the Provincial Championships in an appropriate Tier based on results during the first two weekends of play.

#### All Rounds of League Play and Provincial Championships

Baseball Canada rules except where identified for the following:

- Unlimited Substitution every player present will be placed on the line-up card in the batting order and will all bat in order; players are allowed to move in/out defensively without restrictions except that if the pitcher leaves the mound to play another defensive position, that pitcher may not return to the mound or catch in the same game (see fair play rule below); any player who becomes injured or must leave the game will be skipped in the batting line-up with no penalty
- All players who are present for a game and in uniform (unless injured and unable to play or suspended for that game by the league or team) must be listed on the batting order/line-up card - any coach who sits a player to gain a competitive advantage will be subject to discipline by Baseball Alberta.
- PARTICIPATION RULE A player may not sit more than 2 consecutive defensive innings (one pitch constitutes an inning sat)
- Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 4th offensive inning/at bat)
- No new inning to start after 2 1/2 hours of play, unless game is tied. The start of the game begins when the first pitch is thrown
- All games are of six innings to be completed, if time and weather permits. However, three and a half (3 1/2) innings constitute a regulation game if the home team has more runs than the visiting team.
- Maximum 5 Run/Half Inning Rule. For 11U 'A' once the 5th run of a half inning is scored the inning automatically stops no matter how many outs there are and that half inning is over
- All games must be completed even if the run differential exceeds the run rule limit
- Bunts are allowed
- Stealing is permitted once the pitched ball has crossed home plate. If there is a violation, the runner is returned to his base and the ball is dead.
- When a team has a lead of seven or more runs, the runner(s) of this team can reach the following base only when the ball is hit or if forced to advance. If the runner advances in error, he is returned to the original base and the ball is dead. A baserunner(s) is able to advance should the defense attempt to make a defensive play to retire a base runner.
- The batter cannot become a runner on a catcher's miss of a third strike. The third strike, either called or swinging does NOT have to be caught by the catcher. The batter is automatically retired. However, the ball is alive and in play for runners that are on base.
- No lead offs
- No intentional walks will be permitted
- Runners can advance on passed balls including attempting to score at home plate



Initial Rosters must be submitted by e-mail on the form provided to Baseball Alberta by Noon on April 8th, 2021\*. Changes to Initial Roster must be submitted by e-mail on the Approved Initial Roster Form provided to Baseball Alberta by Noon on April 30th, 2021\*. All Coaches' NCCP numbers must be provided by the Final Roster deadline.

The Baseball Alberta 11U 'AA' Baseball League will be split into 3 rounds of play (May, June and July) as per the following:

- Round 1 Round is seen as developmental in approach with easing of rules so that teams may develop their players. Regional seeding round; each region will play a double round robin within their region. This round will be used for coaches to determine their team's ability to play in either Division I or II for the following round. Baseball Alberta will still require game summary sheets to be emailed in and will aid Baseball Alberta on placement of teams for Round 2. Coaches input will also be taken into account when determining Division of play for Round 2.
- Round 2 Division I/II (North/South) seeding round; each Division will play either a single or double round robin (depending on number of teams) in the month of June to determine who will qualify for Tiers I, II, III and IV. Division I teams will be tiered into either Tier I, II or III and Division II teams will be tiered into remaining Tiers at the age category (see Team Movement for exceptions).
- Round 3 Provincial round to be played in Tiers; depending on the amount of teams in each tier Provincial Championships will consist of either 4, 5, 6, or 8 teams. 'AA' Provincials will be played on the following weekends;

July 23rd - 25th, 2021\* - 11U AA Tier IV, V, VI • July 30th - Aug 1st, 2021\* - 11U AA Tier I, II, III

#### All Rounds of League Play and Provincial Championships

Baseball Canada rules except where identified for the following:

- Unlimited Substitution every player present will be placed on the line-up card in the batting order and will all bat in order; players are allowed to move in/out defensively without restrictions except that if the pitcher leaves the mound to play another defensive position, that pitcher may not return to the mound or catch in the same game (see fair play rule below); any player who becomes injured or must leave the game will be skipped in the batting line-up with no penalty
- All players who are present for a game and in uniform (unless injured and unable to play or suspended for that game by the league or team) must be listed on the batting order/line-up card – any coach who sits a player to gain a competitive advantage will be subject to discipline by Baseball Alberta.
- PARTICIPATION RULE A player may not sit more than 2 consecutive defensive innings (one pitch constitutes an inning sat)
- Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 4th offensive inning/at bat)
- No new inning to start after 2 1/2 hours of play, unless game is tied. The start of the game begins when the first pitch is thrown
- Games cannot end in a tie Games will need to go into extra innings to finish the game. The extra inning at 11U is played as a regular inning, with the bases empty.
- All games are of six innings to be completed, if time and weather permits. However, three and a half (3 1/2) innings constitute a regulation game if the home team has more runs than the visiting team.
- Maximum 7 Run/Half Inning Rule In Rounds 1 & 2 ONLY once the 7th run of a half inning is scored the inning automatically stops no matter how many outs there are and that half inning is over.
- All games must be completed even if the run differential exceeds the run rule limit.
- Bunts are allowed
- Stealing is permitted once the pitched ball has crossed home plate. If there is a violation, the runner is returned to his base and the ball is dead.
- When a team has a lead of seven or more runs, the runner(s) of this team can reach the following base only when the ball is hit or if forced to advance. If the runner advances in error, he is returned to the original base and the ball is dead. A baserunner(s) is able to advance should the defense attempt to make a defensive play to retire a base runner.
- The batter cannot become a runner on a catcher's miss of a third strike. The third strike, either called or swinging does NOT have to be caught by the catcher. The batter is automatically retired. However, the ball is alive and in play for runners that are on base.
- No lead offs
- No intentional walks will be permitted
- Runners can advance on passed balls including attempting to score at home plate



#### 13U 'A'. 'AA'. 'AAA' PROVINCIAL LEAGUE PLAY PITCH COUNTS

#### 13U 'A', 'AA', 'AAA' PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY PITCH COUNTS

	13U	REST REQUIRED
LOW	1 - 25	NONE
<b>MEDIUM LOW</b>	26 - 35	1 DAY
MEDIUM	36 - 54	2 DAYS
<b>MEDIUM HIGH</b>	55 - 64	3 DAY
HIGH	65 - 80	4 DAYS
MAXIMUM	80	



	13U	REST REQUIRED
LOW	1 - 30	NONE
<b>MEDIUM LOW</b>	31 - 45	1 DAY
MEDIUM	46 - 60	2 DAYS
<b>MEDIUM HIGH</b>	61 - 75	3 DAY
HIGH	76 - 85	4 DAYS
MAXIMUM		h totals begin the Monday Provincial Championships

#### 13U 'A', 'AA', 'AAA' BAT REGULATIONS



	MAXIMUM DIFFERENTIAL	<b>MAXIMUM DIAMETER</b>	<b>MAXIMUM LENGTH</b>
11U	NONE	2 3/4	32"
<b>13U</b>	-10	2 3/4	34"

For 13U, a max barrel of 2 3/4" with (i) a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) or (ii) USA Baseball Model with BBCOR "wood like" BPF is permitted. For the 13U age category, using up to a minus 10-length/weight differential is permitted.

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The Baseball Alberta 13U 'A' Baseball League will play a total of three weekends – July 3 - 4\* and July 10 - 11\* are league play. The 'A' Provincial Championships will be held **July 16 - 18, 2021\***.

Teams will be separated into regional areas (based on number and location of teams) for play in early July with every team qualifying for the Provincial Championships in an appropriate Tier based on results during the first two weekends of play.

Baseball Canada rules except where identified for the following:

- Unlimited Substitution every player present will be placed on the line-up card in the batting order and will all bat in order; players are allowed to move in/out defensively without restrictions except that if the pitcher leaves the mound to play another defensive position, that pitcher may not return to the mound (see fair play rule below); any player who becomes injured or must leave the game will be skipped in the batting line-up with no penalty
- All players who are present for a game and in uniform (unless injured and unable to play or suspended for that game by the league or team) must be listed on the batting order/line-up card – any coach who sits a player to gain a competitive advantage will be subject to discipline by Baseball Alberta
- PARTICIPATION RULE—A player may not sit more than 2 consecutive defensive innings (one pitch constitutes an inning sat)
- Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning/at bat.
- Maximum 5 Run/Half Inning Rule. Once the 5th run of a half inning is scored the inning automatically stops no matter how many outs there are and that half inning is over.
- No new inning to start after 2 1/2 hours of play, unless game is tied. The start of the game begins when the first pitch is thrown

<sup>\*</sup>All dates are tentitive and may be changed depending on current health guidelines over the course of the year



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The Baseball Alberta 13U 'AA' Baseball League will be split into 3 rounds of play (May, June and July) as per the following:

- Round 1 Round is seen as developmental in approach with easing of rules so that teams may develop their players. Regional seeding round; each region will play a double round robin within their region. This round will be used for coaches to determine their team's ability to play in either Division I or II for the following round. Baseball Alberta will still require game summary sheets to be emailed in and will aid Baseball Alberta on placement of teams for Round 2. Coaches input will also be taken into account when determining Division of play for Round 2.
- •Round 2 Division I/II (North/South) seeding round; each Division will play either a single or double round robin (depending on number of teams) in the month of June to determine who will qualify for Tiers I, II, III and IV. Division I teams will be tiered into either Tier I, II or III and Division II teams will be tiered into remaining Tiers at the age category (see Team Movement for exceptions).
- Round 3 Provincial round to be played in Tiers; depending on the amount of teams in each tier Provincial Championships will consist of either 4, 5, 6, or 8 teams. 'AA' Provincials will be played on the following weekends;

July 23rd - 25th, 2021\* - 13U AA Tier IV, V, VI • July 30th - Aug 1st, 2021\* - 13U AA Tier I, II, III

#### Rounds 1 and 2:

Baseball Canada rules (including pitching restrictions/limitations) except for the following:

- Unlimited Substitution every player present will be placed on the line-up card in the batting order and will all bat in order; players are allowed to move in/out defensively without restrictions except that if the pitcher leaves the mound to play another defensive position, that pitcher may not return to the mound or catch in the same game; any player who becomes injured or must leave the game will be skipped in the batting line-up with no penalty
- All players who are present for a game and in uniform (unless injured and unable to play or suspended for that game by the league or team) must be listed on the batting order/line-up card – any coach who sits a player to gain a competitive advantage will be subject to discipline by Baseball Alberta.
- Maximum 7 Run/Half Inning Rule (Round 1 only). Once the 7th run of a half inning is scored the inning automatically stops no matter how many outs there are and that half inning is over.
- Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning/at bat)
- Participation Rule All players listed on the official lineup card will play a defensive position for 3 of his/her team's defensive outs and receive 1 plate appearance. See General Rules for more details.
- No new inning to start after 2 1/2 hours of play, unless game is tied. The start of the game begins when the first pitch is thrown.

#### Round 3 and Provincial Championships:

Except for the following, Baseball Canada rules apply for the 13U division (limited substitution/re-entry rule, please see examples in general rules) including a pitcher may not return to the mound if removed from the mound or the game:

- Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning/at bat)
- In the event a player is ejected/injured and no substitute is available, the last player substituted for may re-enter the game and thus, there will be no forfeit (unless the injury/ejection leaves the team with only 8 players remaining)
- Participation Rule All players listed on the official lineup card will play a defensive position for 3 of his/her team's defensive outs and receive 1 plate appearance. See General Rules for more details.
- For Round 3 Only, no new inning to start after 2 1/2 hours of play, unless the game is tied. The start of the game begins when the first pitch is thrown.



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The Baseball Alberta Provincial 13U 'AAA' Baseball League will be split into 3 rounds of play (May, June and July).

- Round 1 Developmental in approach with easing of rules so that teams may develop their players. Baseball Alberta may consider travel distances between teams when creating league schedules depending on the number of teams entered.
- Rounds 2 & 3 Total Points (2 points per win; 1 point for tie (after tiebreaker procedures have been exhausted due to light and/or weather); O point per loss) from Rounds 2 and 3 games will determine final standings for Provincial Championships. League play will continue through July; the number of teams in the Tier I Provincial Championship and the Tier II Provincial Championship is dependent on the amount of teams registered in that division/category.
- 'AAA' Provincials will be played on the following weekends:

July 23rd - 25th, 2021\* - 13U 'AAA' Tier II. (The Tier II Provincial Champion will participate in the Tier I Provincial Championship the following weekend.)

July 30th - August 1st, 2021\* - 13U 'AAA' Tier I

#### Round 1:

- Participation Rule All players listed on the official lineup card will play a defensive position for 3 of his/her team's defensive outs and receive 1 plate appearance.
- Baseball Canada rules (including pitching restrictions/limitations) except for the following:
- Unlimited Substitution every player present will be placed on the line-up card in the batting order and will all bat in order; players are allowed to move in/out defensively without restrictions except that if the pitcher leaves the mound defensively (for another position or to sit out a defensive inning), that pitcher may not return to the mound or catch in the same game; any player who becomes injured or must leave the game will be skipped in the batting line-up with no penalty
- Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning)

#### All Other Rounds and Provincial Championships:

- Participation Rule Except for the Provincial Championship, all players listed on the official lineup card will play a defensive position for 3 of his/her team's defensive outs and receive 1 plate appearance.
- Baseball Canada rules apply for the 13U AAA division (limited substitution/re-entry rule, please see general rules) including a pitcher may not return to the mound if removed from the mound or the game) except for the following:
- Mercy Rule is in effect.
- In the event that a player is ejected or injured and no substitute is available, the last player substituted for may re-enter the game and thus, there will be no forfeit (unless the injury/ejection leave the team with 8 players remaining).



#### 15U 'A', 'AA', 'AAA' PROVINCIAL LEAGUE PLAY PITCH COUNTS

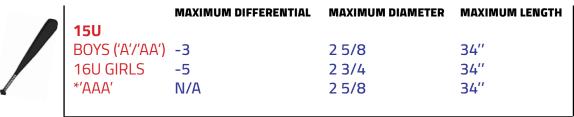
#### 15U 'A', 'AA', 'AAA' PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY PITCH COUNTS

	<b>15U</b>	REST REQUIRED
LOW	1 - 30	NONE
MEDIUM LOW	31 - 40	1 DAY
MEDIUM	41 - 59	2 DAYS
MEDIUM HIGH	60 - 74	3 DAY
HIGH	75 - 90	4 DAYS
MAXIMUM	90	



	15U	REST REQUIRED
LOW	1 - 35	NONE
<b>MEDIUM LOW</b>	36 - 50	1 DAY
MEDIUM	51 - 65	2 DAYS
<b>MEDIUM HIGH</b>	66 - 80	3 DAY
HIGH	81 - 95	4 DAYS
MAXIMUM		n totals begin the Monday Provincial Championships

#### 15U 'A', 'AA', 'AAA' BAT REGULATIONS







#### \*Wood or wood composite only

Where aluminum bats are permitted, only approved "BBCOR" stamped aluminum bats in the 15U and above categories will be permitted for use.

For 16U Girls, a max barrel of 2 3/4" with (i) a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) or (ii) USA Baseball Model with BBCOR "wood like" BPF is permitted. For 16U Girls, Junior Women and Senior Women, using up to a minus 5 length/weight differential is permitted.

15U and 18U Girls are eligible to use up to a -5 bat with a barrel no more then 2 3/4" diameter. Girls using bats that are NOT -3 must have them

15U and 18U Girls are eligible to use up to a -5 bat with a barrel no more then 2 3/4" diameter. Girls using bats that are NOT -3 must have them clearly marked (colored tape around handle). Umpires must be notified of this bat prior to the game. All Post Provincial Championships for categories 15U 'AAA' and above are wood or wood composite bat only events. The 17U Canada Cup Championship is a wood bat only event.

Final rosters must be submitted by e-mail on the form provided to Baseball Alberta by 4pm on June 7th, 2021\*. Each team must submit NCCP numbers or proof of certification for at least one coach to the Baseball Alberta Office with the team Entry. Any team who provides neither proof of the required certification or fine will not be entered into the Community Provincial League schedule.

The Baseball Alberta 15U 'A' Baseball League will play a total of three weekends – **July 3 - 4\* and July 10 - 11\*** are league play. The 'A' Provincial Championships will be held **July 16 - 18, 2021\*.** 

Teams will be separated into regional areas (based on number and location of teams) for play in early July with every team qualifying for the Provincial Championships in an appropriate Tier based on results during the first two weekends of play.

Baseball Canada rules except where identified for the following:

- Unlimited Substitution every player present will be placed on the line-up card in the batting order and will all bat in order; players are allowed to move in/out defensively without restrictions except that if the pitcher leaves the mound to play another defensive position, that pitcher may not return to the mound (see fair play rule below); any player who becomes injured or must leave the game will be skipped in the batting line-up with no penalty
- All players who are present for a game and in uniform (unless injured and unable to play or suspended for that game by the league or team) must be listed on the batting order/line-up card any coach who sits a player to gain a competitive advantage will be subject to discipline by Baseball Alberta
- PARTICIPATION RULE—A player may not sit more than 2 consecutive defensive innings (one pitch constitutes an inning sat)
- Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning.)
- No new inning to start after 2 1/2 hours of play, unless the game is tied. The start of the game begins when the first pitch is thrown.



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The Baseball Alberta 15U 'AA' Baseball League will be split into 3 rounds of play (May, June and July) as per the following:

- Round 1 Round is seen as developmental in approach with easing of rules so that teams may develop their players. Regional seeding round; each region will play a double round robin within their region. This round will be used for coaches to determine their team's ability to play in either Division I or II for the following round. Baseball Alberta will still require game summary sheets to be emailed in and will aid Baseball Alberta on placement of teams for Round 2. Coaches input will also be taken into account when determining Division of play for Round 2.
- Round 2 Division I/II (North/South) seeding round; each Division will play either a single or double round robin (depending on number of teams) in the month of June to determine who will qualify for Tiers I, II, III and IV. Division I teams will be tiered into either Tier I, II or III and Division II teams will be tiered into remaining Tiers at the age category (see Team Movement for
- Round 3 Provincial round to be played in Tiers; depending on the amount of teams in each tier Provincial Championships will consist of either 4, 5, 6, or 8 teams. 'AA' Provincials will be played on the following weekends;

July 23rd - 25th, 2021\* - 15U AA Tier IV, V, VI • July 30th - August 1st, 2021\* - 15U AA Tier I, II, III

\*All dates are tentitive and may be changed depending on current health guidelines over the course of the year

#### Rounds 1 and 2:

Baseball Canada rules (including pitching restrictions/limitations) except for the following:

- Unlimited Substitution every player present will be placed on the line-up card in the batting order and will all bat in order; players are allowed to move in/out defensively without restrictions except that if the pitcher leaves the mound to play another defensive position, that pitcher may not return to the mound or catch in the same game; any player who becomes injured or must leave the game will be skipped in the batting line-up with no penalty
- All players who are present for a game and in uniform (unless injured and unable to play or suspended for that game by the league or team) must be listed on the batting order/line-up card - any coach who sits a player to gain a competitive advantage will be subject to discipline by Baseball Alberta.
- Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning/at bat)
- Fair Play Rule All players listed on the official lineup card will play a defensive position for 3 of his/her team's defensive outs and receive 1 plate appearance (see pg. 2 for further details).
- No new inning to start after 2 1/2 hours of play, unless game is tied. The start of the game begins when the first pitch is thrown.

#### **Round 3 and Provincial Championships:**

Except for the following, Baseball Canada rules apply for the 15U division (limited substitution/re-entry rule, please see examples in general rules) including a pitcher may not return to the mound if removed from the mound or the game except for the following:

- Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning/at bat)
- In the event a player is ejected/injured and no substitute is available, the last player substituted for may re-enter the game and thus, there will be no forfeit (unless the injury/ejection leaves the team with only 8 players remaining)
- Participation Rule All players listed on the official lineup card will play a defensive position for 3 of his/her team's defensive outs and receive 1 plate appearance, except for the Provincial Championship. See General Rules for more details.



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The Baseball Alberta Provincial 15U 'AAA' Baseball League will be split into 3 rounds of play (May, June and July).

- Round 1 Developmental in approach with easing of rules so that teams may develop their players. Baseball Alberta may consider travel distances between teams when creating league schedules depending on the number of teams entered.
- Rounds 2 & 3 Total Points (2 points per win; 1 point for tie (after tiebreaker procedures have been exhausted due to light and/or weather); O point per loss) from Rounds 2 and 3 games will determine final standings for Provincial Championships. League play will continue through July; the number of teams in the Tier I Provincial Championship and the Tier II Provincial Championship is dependent on the amount of teams registered in that division/category.
- 'AAA' Provincials will be played on the following weekends:

July 23rd - 25th, 2021\* - 15U 'AAA' Tier II. (The Tier II Provincial Champion will participate in the Tier I Provincial Championship.) July 30th - August 1st, 2021\* - 15U 'AAA' Tier I

\*All dates are tentitive and may be changed depending on current health guidelines over the course of the year

#### Round 1:

- Participation Rule All players listed on the official lineup card will play a defensive position for 3 of his/her team's defensive outs and receive 1 plate appearance.
- Baseball Canada rules (including pitching restrictions/limitations) except for the following:
- Unlimited Substitution every player present will be placed on the line-up card in the batting order and will all bat in order; players are allowed to move in/out defensively without restrictions except that if the pitcher leaves the mound defensively (for another position or to sit out a defensive inning), that pitcher may not return to the mound or catch in the same game; any player who becomes injured or must leave the game will be skipped in the batting line-up with no penalty
- Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning)

#### All Other Rounds and Provincial Championships:

- Participation Rule Except for the Provincial Championship, all players listed on the official lineup card will play a defensive position for 3 of his/her team's defensive outs and receive 1 plate appearance.
- Baseball Canada rules apply for the 15U division (limited substitution/re-entry rule, please see examples in general rules) including a pitcher may not return to the mound if removed from the mound or the game) except for the following:
- Mercy Rule is in effect.
- In the event that a player is ejected or injured and no substitute is available, the last player substituted for may re-enter the game and thus, there will be no forfeit (unless the injury/ejection leave the team with 8 players remaining).
- The designated hitter may be utilized at the 15U 'AAA' level for rounds 2 & 3 of regular season league play. The designated hitter rule is not permitted during the Provincial Championship. Designated Hitter/Limited Re-entry - Regarding the use of the Designated Hitter with limited re-entry rules, the termination of the Designated Hitter in the game also eliminates the re-entry for the starting Designated Hitter.



#### 18U 'A'. 'AA' & 'AAA' PROVINCIAL LEAGUE PLAY PITCH COUNTS

#### 18U 'A'. 'AA' & 'AAA' PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY PITCH COUNTS

	18U	REST REQUIRED
LOW	1 - 30	NONE
<b>MEDIUM LOW</b>	31 - 44	1 DAY
MEDIUM	45 - 64	2 DAYS
<b>MEDIUM HIGH</b>	65 - 79	3 DAY
HIGH	80 - 100	4 DAYS
MAXIMUM	100	



	18U	REST REQUIRED
LOW	1 - 40	NONE
<b>MEDIUM LOW</b>	41 - 55	1 DAY
MEDIUM	56 - 70	2 DAYS
<b>MEDIUM HIGH</b>	71 - 85	3 DAY
HIGH	86 - 105	4 DAYS
MAXIMUM	105 These pitch of the	n totals begin the Monday Provincial Championships

#### 18U 'A', 'AA', 'AAA' BAT REGULATIONS



	MAXIMUM DIFFERENTIAL	MAXIMUM DIAMETER	MAXIMUM LENGTH
18U			
'A'	-3	2 5/8	34"
* 'AA'	N/A	2 5/8	35"
* 'AAA'	N/A	2 5/8	36"
Women	-5	2 3/4	35"





#### \* Wood or wood composite only

- Where aluminum bats are permitted, only approved "BBCOR" stamped aluminum bats in the 15U and above categories will be permitted for use.
- For 16U Girls, Juniot Women and Senior Women, a max barrel of 2 3/4" with (i) a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) or (ii) USA Baseball Model with BBCOR "wood like' BPF is permitted. For 16U Girls, Junior Women and Senior Women, using up to a minus 5 length/weight differential is permitted.
- 15U and 18U Girls are eligible to use up to a -5 bat with a barrel no more then 2 3/4" diameter. Girls using bats that are NOT -3 must have them clearly marked (colored tape around handle). Umpires must be notified of this bat prior to the game.
- All Post Provincial Championships (Western Canada Championships and Baseball Canada National Championships) for categories 15U 'AAA' and above are wood or wood composite bat only Championships.
- The 17U Canada Cup Championship is a wood bat only championship.

Final rosters must be submitted by e-mail on the form provided to Baseball Alberta by 4pm on June 7th, 2021\*. Each team must submit NCCP numbers or proof of certification for at least one coach to the Baseball Alberta Office with the team Entry. Any team who provides neither proof of the required certification or fine will not be entered into the Community Provincial League schedule.

The Baseball Alberta 18U 'A' Baseball League will play a total of three weekends – July 3 - 4\* and July 10 - 11\* are league play. The 'A' Provincial Championships will be held **July 16 - 18, 2021\***.

#### \*All dates are tentitive and may be changed depending on current health guidelines over the course of the year

Teams will be separated into regional areas (based on number and location of teams) for play in early July with every team qualifying for the Provincial Championships in an appropriate Tier based on results during the first two weekends of play. Please note that If there are too few teams registered to host the 'A' division of play, the teams entered will be given the opportunity/choice to compete in the lowest 'AA' Tier for play in July and will have an opportunity to qualify for that Tier's Provincial 'AA' Championship.

Baseball Canada rules except where identified for the following:

- Unlimited Substitution every player present will be placed on the line-up card in the batting order and will all bat in order; players are allowed to move in/out defensively without restrictions except that if the pitcher leaves the mound to play another defensive position, that pitcher may not return to the mound (see fair play rule below); any player who becomes injured or must leave the game will be skipped in the batting line-up with no penalty
- All players who are present for a game and in uniform (unless injured and unable to play or suspended for that game by the league or team) must be listed on the batting order/line-up card - any coach who sits a player to gain a competitive advantage will be subject to discipline by Baseball Alberta
- PARTICIPATION RULE—A player may not sit more than 2 consecutive defensive innings (one pitch constitutes an inning sat)



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The Baseball Alberta Provincial 18U 'AA' Baseball League will be split into 3 rounds of play (May, June and July) as per the following:

- Round 1 Regional seeding round; each region will play a round robin within their region to determine Division I and Division II (North/South) qualification for play in June; playing rules will allow teams to focus on development as well as competition.
- Round 2 Division I/II (North/South) seeding round; each Division will play either a single or double round robin (depending on number of teams) in the month of June to determine who will qualify for Tiers I, II, III and IV. Division I teams will be tiere into either Tier I, II or III and Division II teams will be tiered into remaining Tiers at the age category (see Team Movement for exceptions).
- Round 3 Provincial round to be played in Tiers; depending on the amount of teams in each tier Provincial Championships will consist of either 4, 5, 6, or 8 teams. 'AA' Provincials will be played on the following weekends;

July 23rd - 25th, 2021\* - 18U AA Tier IV, V, VI • July 30th - August 1st, 2021\* - 18U AA Tier I, II, III

\*All dates are tentitive and may be changed depending on current health guidelines over the course of the year

#### Rounds 1 and 2:

Baseball Canada rules (including DH) except for:

- Limited Substitution (Re-Entry) Rule including ability to re-enter last player substituted for in case of injury/ejection when no substitutes are still available; a pitcher who leaves the mound or the game may not pitch again in that game or catch in the same game (Please see Limited Substitution examples in general rules)
- If both coaches agree in Rounds 1 and 2, teams may play utilizing the Unlimited Substitution Rule to enhance player development (all players bat and free defensive movement in/out except that once a pitcher leaves the mound defensively, that pitcher may not pitch again in that game)
- Mercy Rule in Effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning/at bat)
- Designated Hitter/Limited Re-entry Regarding the use of the Designated Hitter with limited re-entry rules, the termination of the Designated Hitter in the game also eliminates the re-entry for the starting Designated Hitter.

#### Tier II, III, IV, V - Round 3 and Provincial Championship

Baseball Canada Official Rules of Baseball except for:

- Limited Substitution (Re-Entry) Rule including ability to re-enter last player substituted for in case of injury/ejection when no substitutes are still available; a pitcher who leaves the mound or the game may not pitch again in that game or catch in the same game (Please see Limited Substitution examples on page 26)
- Mercy Rule in Effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning/at bat)
- Designated Hitter/Limited Re-entry Regarding the use of the Designated Hitter with limited re-entry rules, the termination of the Designated Hitter in the game also eliminates the re-entry for the starting Designated Hitter.

#### Tier I - Round 3 and Provincial Championship

Baseball Canada Official Rules of Baseball except for:

- Mercy Rule in Effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning/at bat)
- Any game where less than 9 players are at the diamond within 15 minutes past the designated start of the game will result in 7-0 forfeit (unless determined to be a scheduling error or team has communicated an acceptable situation to the host/home team); if 7 or 8 players are present (except for Provincial Championship weekend), the game will still be played (pitch counts will still count in daily/weekly total); the opposing coach will have the option to loan that team a player(s) to play the game but that player(s) may not pitch.

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The Baseball Alberta Provincial 18U 'AAA' Baseball League will be split into 2 rounds of play (April/May and June/July).

- Baseball Alberta may consider travel distances between teams when creating league schedules and schedule neutral site games for
- Round 1 Seeding round to determine the split between Tier I and Tier II for the remainder of the league season. Total Points (2 points per win; 1 point for tie (after tiebreaker procedures have been exhausted due to light and/or weather); 0 point per loss) will be used to determine the standings in the league after round 1. Run differential may be used to evaluate teams close to the division line between Tier I and Tier II.
- Round 2- Total Points (2 points per win; 1 point for tie (after tiebreaker procedures have been exhausted due to light and/or weather); 0 point per loss) from Rounds 2 and 3 games will determine final standings for Provincial Championships. League play will continue through July; the number of teams in the Tier I Provincial Championship and the Tier II Provincial Championship is dependent on the amount of teams registered in that division/category.
- 'AAA' Provincials will be played on the following weekends:

July 23rd - 25th, 2021\* - 18U 'AAA' Tier II. The Tier II Provincial Champion will participate in the Tier I Provincial Championship the following weekend. July 30th - Aug 1st, 2021\* - 18U 'AAA' Tier I

\*All dates are tentitive and may be changed depending on current health guidelines over the course of the year

#### Baseball Alberta Elite League - Presented by Rawlings Specific Rules:

- The regular season shall consist of an approximate 35 game schedule for each member team based on geography and number of teams.
- Teams can play unlimited innings to break any ties. In the event of the game having to be stopped due to darkness, weather, curfew, and/or mechanical failure, the game will be reverted back to the last completed inning and will be recorded as a tie game.
- The **HOME** team will be responsible for providing sufficient Official Baseball Alberta approved baseballs for every game to umpires or to the starting pitchers and umpires as the case may be. Failure to do so will result in a penalty being imposed by Baseball Alberta.
- Roster Size NorWest Roster maximum is 20 players.
- Eligibility Rule Within the twenty man rosters, eligibility for the Provincial Championship tournament will be determined by making at least 5 separate league game appearances from June 1st until the end of the league season. Should a player be on a team's roster and is injured or further circumstances exist, the five game requirements may be waived upon approval by the Baseball Alberta Registrar
- Game Appearances shall be defined as;
  - Minimum of 1 plate appearance; and/or
  - Minimum of 1 batter completed while pitching and/or
  - Minimum of 1 defensive inning played in the field

The coaches are responsible for verification of participation for each team at the end of each game.

#### Coaches are encouraged to keep their lineup cards after each game.

• All teams are required to keep score for their home games using GameChanger.

#### For Round 1 Games Only

Baseball Canada rules (including DH) except for:

- Limited Substitution Rule is optional (if agreed to by both coaches) including ability to re-enter last player substituted for in case of injury/ejection with no substitutes are still available; a pitcher who is removed from the game shall not be allowed to pitch or catch
- Designated Hitter/Limited Re-entry Regarding the use of the Designated Hitter with limited re-entry rules, the termination of the Designated Hitter in the game also eliminates the re-entry for the starting Designated Hitter.

#### **All Other Play**

Baseball Canada Official Rules of Baseball (including DH) except for:

• Mercy Rule is in effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning).

#### **A. GAME EJECTIONS & INCIDENT REPORTS**

Each game ejection (players, coaches and fans) will be tracked through Game Summary Reports filled out by the Official Scorekeeper and followed up through Incident Reports provided by the umpire. All reports will be sent to Baseball Alberta and will be filed and tracked for the entire season. While most individual ejections will not result in more disciplinary action, some incidents or groups of incidents may result in further action. Baseball Alberta Disciplinary Guidelines are available on the Baseball Alberta website. **Team discipline is the responsibility of the individual teams and their coaches and managers, who shall be held responsible for the maintenance of discipline and proper team or individual conduct.** Any breach of discipline, whether on the playing field or off, shall be dealt with by Baseball Alberta through our reporting process. Baseball Alberta will use Baseball Canada rule 1.4.4 as a guide to assist with following up on such incidents.

#### **B. OTHER PENALTIES**

These are other infractions and resulting penalties/discipline that may occur within the Baseball Alberta League. All infractions are subject to a review by the Baseball Alberta Discipline Committee.

#### 1. Not Showing for a Scheduled League/Provincial Championship Game

(Without notice; or walking off the field during a game; or withdrawal from play by a team official)

- Automatic team suspension pending Baseball Alberta review
- Possible fine as determined by the Board of Directors

Note: Failure to complete league scheduled games could result in the suspension of the team for Provincial Championship play at the discretion of Baseball Alberta.

#### 2. Cancellation of a Scheduled League Game

(Non-weather related with less than 2 days' notice)

- Automatic team suspension pending Baseball Alberta Review
- Possible fine as determined by the Board of Directors

Note: Failure to complete league scheduled games could result in the suspension of the team for Provincial Championship play at the discretion of Baseball Alberta.

#### 3. Refusal to Travel to a Scheduled League/Provincial Championship Game

- 1st Offense Forfeit loss assigned to team and five (5) game suspension of Head Coach.
- 2nd Offense Team Suspended from play for the remainder of the season; Head Coach suspended for the following season.

Note: Failure to complete league scheduled games could result in the suspension of the team for Provincial Championship play at the discretion of Baseball Alberta.

#### 4. Refusal by a Team(s) to Play/Make-Up a Scheduled Game

- 1st Offense Forfeit loss assigned to team and five (5) game suspension of Head Coach.
- 2nd Offense Head Coach suspended for the remainder of the season; Team suspended for three (3) games.
- **3rd Offense** Team suspended from play for the remainder of the season.

Note: Failure to complete league scheduled games could result in the suspension of the team for Provincial Championship play at the discretion of Baseball Alberta.

#### 5. Team Removing Themselves from the Remainder of the Schedule

Based on a review by the Baseball Alberta Discipline Committee & review of team/individual suspensions by Baseball Alberta.

#### 6. Not Using Rawlings Baseballs for Provincial Championships

• Based on a review by the Baseball Alberta Discipline Committee.

#### 7. Failure to be Present at the Opening Ceremonies of the Provincial Championship (without approval)

Based on a review by the Baseball Alberta Discipline Committee

#### 8. Not Submitting Required Game Information

Game Summary Reports and Weekly Pitching Reports – 11U to 18U from Host Game(s) by Deadline (Noon on the next business day after the game(s) were played)

- Baseball Alberta Office will request the paperwork with an assigned deadline.
- After deadline has passed; a \$100 fine will be issued per occurrence.

#### 9. Playing an Illegal/Ineligible Player

Please note that Baseball Alberta is providing options for teams through use of Affiliate Players and Replacement Players to ensure teams have enough players to field a team. Also, teams who are short will not be sanctioned past their 7-0 forfeit loss in order to keep kids playing the game as long as they show up to play. Dishonesty and cheating will not be tolerated.

- 1st Occurrence Forfeit Loss Assigned to team in Question and Three (3) Game Suspension of Head Coach as Listed on Approved Roster
- 2nd Occurrence Forfeit Loss Assigned to Team in Question, Ten (10) Game Suspension of Head Coach Listed on Approved Roster
- 3rd Occurrence One Year Suspension of Head Coach and Suspension of Team for Remainder of Season

#### 10. Player and/or Coach Who Quits or is Suspended from a Team

• Player and/or Coach will be deemed ineligible for the remainder of the season (or until suspension is lifted) – will not be eligible to be added to any roster (including Western/National Championship roster), will not be available as an Affiliate Player and will not be eligible for pick-up for Provincial Championship play

#### 11. Player and/or Coach Conduct Towards Umpires

• Automatic review of incidents by Baseball Alberta. Any discipline administered as per Baseball Alberta suspension guidelines.

#### 12. Yelling or Swearing at Umpires in 11U or 13U

• Any umpire report which is submitted for 11U or 13U games which include any mention of confrontation between a coach and an umpire which includes mention of a coach yelling or swearing at an umpire will result in an automatic 1 game suspension of the coach. Any additional similar incidents involving the same coach could result in longer suspensions.

#### A. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

Baseball Alberta will pay all umpire travel and accommodation expenses for all Provincial Championships. All teams (including host) at Provincial Championships will be responsible for paying for half of the umpire game fees in games which they participate in. If a 3 man umpire system is used, then each team will be responsible for 1/2 umpire game fees per game played.

For the 13U and 15U 'AAA' Divisions the top 4, 5, 6 or 8 teams (dependent on number of teams registered) will compete at the Provincial Championship. The 18U 'AAA' Provincial Championship will be determined by the number of teams registered. The number of teams in the Tier I Provincial Championship and the Tier II Provincial Championship is dependent on the amount of teams registered in that division/ category; see League Objectives.

For the 'AA' Divisions, depending on the number of teams in each tier Provincial Championships will consist of 4, 5, 6, or 8 teams.

For the 'A' Divisions, the top team(s) from each region of play plus the designated host will play in the 'A' Provincial Championship.

Any team that fails to appear at any Baseball Alberta Provincial tournament game will be removed from the tournament, forfeit all games (even games already completed). Baseball Alberta reserves the right to enforce this decision based on the circumstances surrounding the reasons for missing the game.

Any team that fails to be present at the Opening Ceremonies at any Provincial Championship without approval from the Host Committee and Baseball Alberta may be subject to additional discipline upon review by Baseball Alberta.

Four-team Championships will be a round robin with top 2 teams playing in the final. If the first place team is undefeated after the round robin portion of the Championship, that team must be beaten twice ('AAA' only).

Five-team Championship draws will be a Round Robin format, schedule will be based on distances from host site. Each team is guaranteed 4 games; the top two teams after Round Robin will compete in the Championship game if there are no tiebreakers. If the first place team is undefeated after the round robin portion of the Championship, that team must be beaten twice ('AAA' only).

Six-team Championship draws will utilize two pools based on final rankings with a round robin in each pool and cross-over semi-finals. Winners of the semi-finals will play in the Provincial Championship game. Each team will be guaranteed 3 games in the Provincial Championship weekends (3rd place teams in the six-team Championships will play a consolation game unless both teams are involved in a tiebreaker game). Monday will be utilized in case of poor weather. Teams will flip for choice of Home or Visitor in the Championship Game.

Eight-team Championship draws require two diamonds. There will be two pools based on final rankings (Pool A – 1st, 4th, 5th and 8th seeds; Pool B – 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th seeds). After Round Robin play within each pool, the semi-finals will consist of the 1st place team out of Pool A will play the 2nd place team out of Pool B while the second place team out of pool A will play 1st place team in Pool B. Winners of the semifinal compete in the Championship game. Teams will flip for choice of Home or Visitor in the Championship Game.

Championship tournaments of more than 8 teams will require 2 diamonds and will be seeded and scheduled by Baseball Alberta using National Championship guidelines.

If a host center wishes to change the provincial championship draw for any reason (opening ceremonies, etc), request must be submitted in writing to the Baseball Alberta office before July 15th.

Admission Fees for Provincial Championships - No admission fees are permitted without written permission from Baseball Alberta.



#### **BEST PRACTICE - PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP UMPIRE PAYMENTS**

Host site should collect all Round Robin umpire game fees from each team at the pre-tournament meeting. All teams should pay the exact same amount for umpire game fees for the Round Robin portion of the tournament. Below is an example of the best practice for host sites to collect the correct payment from each team for a 5 team Provincial Championship at the 13U level;

There are a total of 10 round robin games in a 5 team Provincial Championship, 3 of which have game times that start before 6pm on a weekday which must include the \$15/umpire premium.

- 3 Round Robin games that begin before 6pm on weekday \$65/umpire x 2 umpires x 3 games = \$390.00
- 7 Round Robin games at the regular umpire rate of \$50/umpire \$50/umpire x 2 umpires x 7 games = \$700.00

Total Umpire game fees for the Round Robin is \$890.00, divide the total round robin game fees by the 5 participating teams. In this particular tournament each team would pay the host site \$218.00 to cover each team's Round Robin games.

Teams that move onto tiebreaker games, semi-finals and the championship would then need to pay for one umpire game fee for every game they participate in after the Round Robin portion of the schedule is complete.

\*All umpire travel and accommodations for Provincial Championships are paid by Baseball Alberta.



#### B. CHAMPIONSHIP HOST APPLICATION & REQUIREMENTS

Teams wishing to apply to host a Provincial Championship must submit a completed Championship Host Application.

Each host site must be able to provide one regulation diamond with appropriate field dimensions (outfield fences, backstop and mounds) for that Category/Division of play (or two diamonds if hosting an eight-team or larger tournament).

All teams (including host) at Provincial Championships will be responsible for paying for half of the umpire game fees in games which they participate in. If a 3 man umpire system is used then each team will be responsible for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  umpire game fees per game played. The umpire travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by Baseball Alberta.

#### THE HOST TEAM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Assigning a Host Chairperson that will be responsible for organization of the event and all off-field activities during the weekend of play.
- 2. Diamond(s) of proper size for the category involved (fenced with mounds; mounds not mandatory for 11U/13U Community only); proper preparation/maintenance/lining of diamonds prior to each game and effort to keep field playable if it rains.
- 3. Covered dugouts (may use tarps).
- 4. Official Program with approved front cover (with Baseball Alberta logo) (Optional).
- 5. List of available accommodations to be provided to traveling teams (host hotels, camping, etc.).
- **6.** Availability of restaurants in the immediate vicinity provided to visiting teams/officials.
- **7**. Concession provided at the diamond.
- 8. Official Scorekeepers to be assigned for each game.
- 9. Providing 3 non-team members to sit on Protest Committee (with appropriate knowledge of Baseball Alberta rules).
- **10.** Washrooms available for players, officials and the public.
- 11. Change room or trailer for umpires.
- 12. Meeting room for pre-tournament meeting (Optional).
- 13. Opening Ceremonies (Optional).
- 14. Any Additional Liability Insurance for Concession/Food Sales (All Divisions and Events).
- 15. Liquor License and Liability Insurance for Beer Garden (only allowed at Junior/Senior/Twilite).
- 16. Obtaining Any Required Gaming/Raffle Licenses for 50/50 and/or Raffles utilized for fundraising.
- 17. Providing Access to Water (or providing water to Teams/Officials).
- **18.** Providing an Emergency Plan (to be included in Host Package).
- 19. Ensuring Team Photographs are taken (for all teams) and submitted to Baseball Alberta by August 31.
- **20.** Awards Ceremony at Conclusion of Championship.

#### THE HOST TEAM SHOULD/MAY PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Second diamond available for practice or games, if necessary.
- 2. Banquet, barbeque or some other function provided for players, coaches and dignitaries.
- 3. Championship t-shirt sales and Championship Photography (with Baseball Alberta logo).
- 4. Media coverage/announcing games.
- **5.** Change room for teams if possible.
- 6. Additional Individual/Team Awards.
- 7. Water for teams, umpires and volunteers.

#### BASEBALL ALBERTA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Gold and Silver Medals.
- 2. Minimum 2 Dozen Official Baseballs of Baseball Alberta (Rawlings) additional amount based on number of teams.
- **3.** Tournament Support (tiebreakers, protests, etc.).
- 4. Assigning Umpires.
  - A. Umpires will stay double occupancy when needing accommodation at a Provincial Championship unless single rooms have been previously approved by Baseball Alberta.
- 5. Baseball Alberta will pay all umpire travel and accommodation expenses for all Provincial Championships.
- **6.** Championship MVP Awards (as available based on Baseball Alberta sponsorship).
- 7. Championship Trophy.
- 8. Support to the Host Chairperson via telephone.



#### PROPOSED HOSTING REGIONS

It is an objective of Baseball Alberta to rotate Championships throughout the Province from year to year in order to balance the numbers of events for umpiring as well as for opportunity for communities to host and promote baseball in all areas of the Province. If no host is available or applies out of that region, then Baseball Alberta will have the right to either recruit another host site in that region or award the host site to another team who applied for the hosting opportunity.

#### C. PICK-UP PLAYERS (DRAFT)

Pick-Up Players are only permitted in the 13U, 15U and 18U 'AA' Divisions.

The intent of the player draft is to ensure that teams have enough players on their roster to be able to compete in the three day Provincial Championship tournaments.

#### Guidelines

- Pickups can come from anywhere in the province
- Pickup players must be previously registered as of June 1st\* in the current playing year with Baseball Alberta and cannot be from a higher category of play.
- Only players playing in Baseball Alberta leagues (House League, 'A', 'AA' and 'AAA') are eligible for teams to use as pick-ups for Provincials/Westerns/Nationals
- The category or division of play shall be determined by the team with which a player registers.
- For a player who does not register with a team, his individual player registration will determine his age category.
- A player on a suspended team shall remain eligible for pickup.
- 'AA' teams are able to select pickup players only from the 'A' or house league level of play. Teams will no longer be able to select players at the same division from lower Tiers of league play.
- There will only two pickups per team. A team will be allowed the following pick-ups, if as of June 1st a team has registered:

18 players - No pick-ups

17 players – 1 pick-up

16 or less players – 2 pick-ups

•Pickups would only be done on rotational draft basis as per the following:

5 TEAM DRAFT

First	No. 1 Team	Sixth	No. 5 Team
Second	No. 2 Team	Seventh	No. 4 Team
Third	No. 3 Team	Eighth	No. 3 Team
Fourth	No. 4 Team	Ninth	No. 2 Team
Fifth	No. 5 Team	Tenth	No. 1 Team

- All players must be contacted prior to being submitted on the draft form.
- At no time will any team be allowed to choose pickups from any other team still in competition (unless at the discretion of the Registrar).

#### \*All dates are tentitive and may be changed depending on current health guidelines over the course of the year

- Pick-up draft lists for 'AA' Tier III/IV/V teams are due into the Baseball Alberta on the Tuesday prior to the required Provincial Championship. The Tier III Draft will occur at Noon on Wednesday with the Tier IV pick-up draft occurring immediately following.
- Pick-up draft lists for 'AA' Tier I/II teams are due into the Baseball Alberta on the Tuesday prior to the required Provincial Championship. Pick-up draft for Tier I will occur at Noon on Wednesday with the Tier II pick-up draft occurring immediately following. No pick-ups for 11U Provincial Championships.

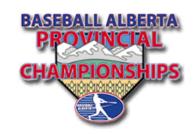
All coaches who place a player on their draft list must speak directly to that player's parents (unless 18 years of age) to ensure that player is interested and available. Any player who refuses to be placed on a draft list must be informed that if they refuse to be drafted by any team, they will be deemed unavailable for the draft. Any team whose draft selection refuses to play after the draft has been completed will be given the opportunity to pick up another available player from their original draft list with the approval of the Registrar.

First round draft selections will be made by selecting the top player available on each team's draft list, starting with the top ranked team and proceeding down to the bottom ranked team in that Provincial Championship. The second round of draft selections will again be made by selecting the top player available on each team's draft list, starting with the bottom ranked team and proceeding up to the top ranked team.



#### **4 TEAM PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(All Teams to be Ranked Based on Results)



DAY	GAME #	TIME	VISITOR HOME		
FRIDAY		12:00PM	PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING (MANDATORY)		
	1	3:00PM	TEAM #3 VS TEAM #2		
		6:00PM	OPENING CEREMONIES		
	2	6:30PM	TEAM #1 VS TEAM #4		
DAY	GAME #	TIME	VISITOR HOME		
<b>DAY</b> SATURDAY	GAME#	TIME 9:00AM	VISITOR HOME  TEAM# 4 VS TEAM# 2		
	3	9:00AM	TEAM# 4 VS TEAM# 2		

IF there are no ties for 1st and 2nd; or IF teams tied for 1st (tie broken utilizing tiebreaking rules):

DAY	GAME#	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
SUNDAY	7 8*	10:00AM 3:00PM		1ST PLACE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP 1ST PLACE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

<sup>\*</sup>If 1st place team is undefeated in round robin portion of Championship and defeated in Game 7 ('AAA' Only)

#### IF 3 Teams Tied for 1st (tie broken utilizing tiebreaking rules):

DAY	GAME #	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
SUNDAY	7 8	10:00AM 2:00PM*		2ND PLACE SEMI-FINAL/TIEBREAKER 1ST PLACE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

<sup>\*</sup>Or earlier if acceptable by semi-final/tiebreaker winning team

#### IF 2 or 3 Teams Tied for 2nd (4th place team eliminated by tiebreaking rules):

DAY	GAME#	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
SUNDAY	7 <b>8</b> 9*	10:00AM 1:00PM 4:00PM	3RD PLACE VS WINNER G7 VS WINNER G7 VS	2ND PLACE SEMI-FINAL/TIEBREAKER 1ST PLACE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP 1ST PLACE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

<sup>\*</sup>If 1st place team is undefeated in round robin portion of Championship and defeated in Game 7 ('AAA' Only)

In all cross-over Semi-Final and Tiebreaker Provincial Championship games, the higher the placed team after the Round Robin may choose to be Home or Visitor



#### **5 TEAM PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(Teams to be Placed According to Distance Away from Host; Team A being closest to Host, Team D being furthest)

DAY	GAME#	TIME	VISITOR		HOME	
FRIDAY	1	9:00AM	HOST	VS	TEAM A	
	2	12:00PM	<b>TEAM B</b>	VS	TEAM C	
	3	3:00PM	<b>TEAM A</b>	VS	<b>TEAM D</b>	
	4	6:00PM	TEAM C	VS	HOST	
DAY	GAME#	TIME	VISITOR		номе	
SATURDAY	5	9:00AM	TEAM B	VS	TEAM D	
	6	12:00PM	TEAM C	VS	TEAM A	
	7	3:00PM	<b>TEAM D</b>	VS	HOST	
	8	6:00PM	TEAM A	VS	TEAM B	
DAY	GAME#	TIME	VISITOR		номе	
SUNDAY	9	9:00AM	TEAM D	VS	TEAM C	
	10	12:00PM	HOST	VS	TEAM B	
IF there are no ties f	or 1st place:					
DAY	GAME#	TIME	VISITOR		HOME	
SUNDAY	11	3:00PM	2ND PLACE	VS	1ST PLACE	PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
MONDAY	12*	10:00AM	2ND PLACE	VS	<b>1ST PLACE</b>	PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
*If 1st place team is und	defeated in round robin po	ortion of Championship and o	defeated in Game 7 ('AAA	(')		
IF there are 3 teams	tied for 1st place (tea	ams ranked based on tiel	breaking rules)			
DAY	GAME#	TIME	VISITOR		HOME	
SUNDAY	11	3:00PM	3RD PLACE	VS	2ND PLACE	SEMI-FINAL/TIEBREAKER
MONDAY	12	10:00AM	WINNER G11	VS	1ST PLACE	PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
IF there are more th	an 3 teams tied for 1s	t place (teams ranked ba	ased on tiebreaking r	ules)		
DAY	GAME#	TIME	VISITOR		HOME	
CHRIDAY	11	3:00PM	3RD PLACE	VS	2ND PLACE	SEMI-FINAL/TIEBREAKER
SUNDAY						
SUNDAY	12	6:00PM	4TH PLACE	VS	1ST PLACE	SEMI-FINAL/TIEBREAKER

In all cross-over Semi-Final and Tiebreaker Provincial Championship games, the higher the placed team after the Round Robin may choose to be Home or Visitor



#### **6 TEAM PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(All Teams to be Ranked Based on Results)

**POOL A:** Team #1, Team #4, Team #6 **POOL B**: Team #2, Team #3, Team #5

DAY	GAME #	TIME	VISITOR	номе
FRIDAY		12:00PM	PRE-TOURNAMI	ENT MEETING (MANDATORY)
	1	3:00PM	TEAM #3 VS	TEAM #2
	-	6:00PM	OPENING CEREI	
	2	6:30PM	TEAM #4 VS	TEAM #1
SATURDAY	3	9:00AM	TEAM #5 VS	TEAM #3
	4	12:00PM	TEAM #6 VS	TEAM #4
	5	3:00PM	TEAM #2 VS	TEAM #5
	6	6:00PM	TEAM #1 VS	TEAM #6
IF there are no ties in	n either pool			
DAY	GAME #	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
SUNDAY	7	9:00AM	3RD POOL A VS	3RD POOL B CONSOLATION FINAL
	8	12:00PM	2ND POOL B VS	1ST POOL A SEMI-FINAL
	9	3:00PM	2ND POOL A VS	1ST POOL B SEMI-FINAL
	10	6:00PM	WINNER G8 VS	WINNER G9 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Home team to be team	with best record or coin flip			
IF there are 3 teams	tied in 1 pool (teams ran	ked based on tiebreakir	ng rules):	
DAY	GAME #	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
SUNDAY	7	8:00AM	3RD POOL A/B VS	2ND POOL A/BTIE BREAKER
	8	10:30AM	LOSER G7 VS	3RD OTHER POOL CONSOLATION FINAL
	9	1:00PM	2ND POOL B VS	1ST POOL A SEMI-FINAL
	10	3:30PM	2ND POOL A VS	
	11	7:00PM	WINNER G9 VS	WINNER G10 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
IF there are 3 teams	tied in 1 pool (teams ran	iked based on tiebreakir	ng rules):	
DAY	GAME#	TIME	VISITOR	HOME
SUNDAY	7	8:00AM	3RD POOL B VS	2ND POOL B TIE BREAKER
	8	10:30AM	3RD POOL A VS	
	9	1:00PM	WINNER G7 VS	
	10	3:30PM	WINNER G8 VS	
	11	7:00PM	WINNER G9 VS	

In all cross-over Semi-Final and Tiebreaker Provincial Championship games, the higher the placed team after the Round Robin may choose to be Home or Visitor When a team plays a team from the same pool with a lower finish in the Round Robin, the team with the higher finish may choose to be Home or Visitor



#### **8 TEAM PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(All Teams to be Ranked Based on Results)

**POOL A**: Team #1, Team #4, Team #5, Team #8 **POOL B**: Team #2, Team #3, Team #6, Team #7

DAY	GAME #	TIME	VISITOR		HOME	
FRIDAY	1	9:00AM	<b>TEAM #7</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #3</b>	
	2	12:00PM	<b>TEAM #8</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #4</b>	
	3	3:00PM	<b>TEAM #6</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #2</b>	
	4	6:00PM	<b>TEAM #5</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #1</b>	
SATURDAY	5	9:00AM	<b>TEAM #4</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #5</b>	
	6	9:00AM	<b>TEAM #3</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #6</b>	
	7	12:00PM	<b>TEAM #1</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #8</b>	
	8	12:00PM	<b>TEAM #2</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #7</b>	
	9	3:00PM	<b>TEAM #5</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #8</b>	FLIP FOR HOME TEAM
	10	3:00PM	<b>TEAM #6</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #7</b>	FLIP FOR HOME TEAM
	11	6:00PM	TEAM #4	VS	<b>TEAM #1</b>	FLIP FOR HOME TEAM
	12	6:00PM	<b>TEAM #3</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #2</b>	FLIP FOR HOME TEAM
ALTERNATE DRA	NW - 2 DIAMOND	S USED FIRST DAY	(must apply to Bas	eball All	perta by July 1st t	o use)

DAY	GAME#	TIME	VISITOR		HOME	
FRIDAY	1	9:00AM	<b>TEAM #5</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #4</b>	
	2	9:00AM	<b>TEAM #6</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #3</b>	
	3	12:00PM	<b>TEAM #8</b>	VS	TEAM #1	
	4	12:00PM	<b>TEAM #7</b>	VS	TEAM #2	
	5	3:00PM	<b>TEAM #4</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #8</b>	
	6	3:00PM	<b>TEAM #3</b>	VS	TEAM #7	
	7	6:00PM	<b>TEAM #1</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #5</b>	
	8	6:00PM	<b>TEAM #2</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #6</b>	
SATURDAY	9	9:00AM	<b>TEAM #8</b>	VS	TEAM #5	FLIP FOR HOME TEAM
	10	12:00PM	<b>TEAM #7</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #6</b>	FLIP FOR HOME TEAM
	11	3:00PM	<b>TEAM #4</b>	VS	<b>TEAM #1</b>	FLIP FOR HOME TEAM
	12	6:00PM	TEAM #3	VS	TEAM #2	FLIP FOR HOME TEAM

IF no tie breakers					
DAY	GAME #	TIME	VISITOR	HOME	
SUNDAY	13	9:00AM	2ND POOL B VS	1ST POOL A	SEMI-FINAL
	14	12:00PM	2ND POOL A VS	1ST POOL B	SEMI-FINAL
	15	3:00PM	WINNER G13 VS	WINNER G14	PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

IF 3 teams tied for 1st in one/both	pools (teams ranked	d on tiebreaking rules)
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DAY	GAME #	TIME	VISITOR	НОМЕ	
SUNDAY	13	10:00AM	3RD POOL A VS	2ND POOL A	
	14	10:00AM	3RD POOL B VS	2ND POOL B	
	15	1:00PM	WINNER G14 VS	1ST POOL A	
	16	1:00PM	WINNER G13 VS	1ST POOL B	
	17*	5:00PM	WINNER G15 VS	WINNER G16 PROVINCIAL CHA	MPIONSHIP

May be moved to Monday at 12:00PM if it is the 3rd game of the day for either/both team(s); unless that team(s) agrees to play 3 games in a day.

In all cross-over Semi-Final and Tiebreaker Provincial Championship games, the higher the placed team after the Round Robin may choose to be Home or Visitor

When a team plays a team from the same pool with a lower finish in the Round Robin, the team with the higher finish

#### A. TEAM ROSTERS

All 13U, 15U, and 18U 'AAA' teams must agree to and sign the Baseball Alberta Travel Agreement provided to them before they will be permitted to attend any Western Canada Baseball Association (WCBA) Tournament or Baseball Canada National Championship.

All 'A' and 'AA' players are eligible to be added to the WCBA (AA or AAA) or Baseball Canada National Championship rosters. 'AAA' players are only eligible to be added to a WCBA Championship AAA roster or a Baseball Canada National Championship roster. A player may play at both the AA WCBA Championship and either the AAA WCBA Championship or the Baseball Canada National Championship.

All players on Baseball Canada National Championships or Western Canada Baseball Association Championships rosters must have been registered with Baseball Alberta by June of the current playing year and must have participated in the Baseball Alberta system.

Pick-Up Process for Post Provincial Play ('AAA' events only) - In situations where 3 Alberta representatives compete in Post Provincial play in the same division, the following order of pick-ups will occur;

National Representative will have first selection of pick-ups. Players listed on a the original roster of teams proceeding to WCBA AAA Championships may be released by their head coach in order for that player to be picked up for play at the National Championship; The team finishing second at the Provincial Championship will have second selection of pick-ups and will compete at WCBA AAA Championship; The team finishing in third will then have third selection of pick-ups and will also compete in the WCBA AAA Championship. Teams are NOT permitted to contact potential pick-ups until championship roster deadlines have passed based on ranking. Championship rosters are due into the Baseball Alberta office by the following dates;

- 13U WCBA AA August 6th\*
- 13U WCBA AAA Roster #1 August 6th\* by noon
- 13U WCBA AAA Roster #2 August 6th\* by 3pm
- 13U National Roster August 6th\*
- 15U WCBA AA August 6th\*
- 15U National Roster August 6th\*
- 15U WCBA AAA August 6th\*
- 18U WCBA AA August 6th\*
- 18U National Roster August 5th\*
- 18U WCBA AAA Roster August 6th\*
- Junior WCBA AAA Roster August 3rd\*
- Senior WCBA AA Roster n/a
- Senior National Roster August 6th\*

\*All dates are tentitive and may be changed depending on current health guidelines over the course of the year

The Baseball Canada National Championship representative team will have first selection of pick-ups with names to be submitted to Baseball Alberta at least 10 days prior to the beginning of the tournament. Pick-ups (not preparing for a WCBA AA Championship) may join the representative team on or after Monday, August 10th, 2020. The Baseball Canada National Championship Roster (18 players, 4 Coaches and 1 Trainer maximum; 4th Coach and Trainer at team expense) must be completed and submitted to Baseball Alberta at least 10 days prior to the beginning of the tournament.

Players advancing to inter-provincial competition must abide by CFAB rules. A player must be a resident of the province which he is playing for, or become a resident of that province on or before June 1st of the current playing year. A player must be a Canadian citizen or have landed immigrant status.

A player listed on the original roster of a team proceeding to the WCBA AAA Championships may be released by their team's head coach in order to allow that player to be picked up for play at the National Championship. A player who is picked up by the WCBA AAA representative team(s) for Provincial Championships will be available for selection to the National Championship roster (does not need coach's approval/release).

Baseball Alberta will assign a Chef de Mission to represent Baseball Alberta's representative teams at the Baseball Canada National Championships. The Chef de Mission will be the official liaison between Championship officials and the team, ensuring that Baseball Alberta is properly represented. The team may also have a Team Manager who manages the off-field aspects of the team (travel, accommodation, meals, etc.).



Each coach listed on a AAA Roster of 13U, 15U and 18U at a WCBA championship shall have NCCP certification as defined for Baseball Canada National Championships. One coach of a AA Minor, Junior and Girls team must have full NCCP Regional Certified status, other coaches, AA Minor, Junior and Girls must be Regional Trained. If a coach does not have the mandatory certification they will not be eligible to participate in the championship as a coach and will not be allowed to sit on the bench or be anywhere near the bench. Their name will also be deleted off of the team's official roster.

Provincial Certified - one coach at 15U and 18U 'AAA' Provincial Trained - all other coaches at 15U and 18U 'AAA' Regional Certified – one coach at 13U 'AAA', all 'AA' Minor, Junior and Girls Regional Trained – all other coaches at 13U 'AAA', all 'AA' Minor, Junior and Girls

The WCBA Championship AA representative team (top Baseball Alberta Member team from 'AA' Tier I Provincial Championship) will have separate selection and may address potential players following their Provincial Championship for 13U, 15U & 18U (after winning the right to represent Alberta at the WCBA AA Championship). Any players who accept and are not drafted to the 'AAA' Provincial Championship may practice with the team at any point starting the Monday after the Provincial Championship.

If a player is recruited to join the WCBA AA team as a pick-up player and then is also offered the opportunity to compete at the WCBA AAA or Baseball Canada National Championship, that player will have the choice to participate in both the WCBA AA Championship and one of the AAA Championships or may choose to participate in only one Championship. If that player chooses the AAA Championship opportunity only, then the WCBA AA Championship team will have the ability to replace that player. If the player chooses both opportunities, that player may not join the AAA team until after the WCBA AA Championship is complete (except at the discretion of the coach).

One coach on the WCBA AA roster must have full NCCP Regional Certified status and other coaches must have Regional Trained status. For Junior AAA, one coach on the roster must have full NCCP Regional Certified status. All other coaches must have Regional Trained status. For Senior, all coaches must complete the NCCP Initiation Coach Online Module.





## **MAJOR CATEGORY (JUNIOR & SENIOR) RULES**

Major category of play is for players who are or will be 19 or older in the current calendar year.

#### **A. JUNIOR 'AAA' (22U)**

- 1. Roster submissions are due May 31st\*. No roster changes can be made after July 1st\*.
- 2. There is a maximum roster size of 20 players. Teams are able to hold additional roster spots for the first two weeks of play in order to make any needed cuts.
- 3. In 2021, players aged 19-22 are eligible to participate. Teams can apply to have overage players (one year overage only) to Baseball
- **4.** Only two overage players are permitted to be in the lineup at the same time.
- **5.** Junior players are permitted to appear on both a single Junior AAA and Senior AAA roster.
- 6. Overage 18U players are permitted to appear on both a single Junior AAA roster and a single 18U AA or single 18U AAA roster.
- 7. Players must have made appearances in four scheduled league games (one at bat, three defensive outs or an appearance as a pitcher) in order to be eligible to participate in the Provincial Championships. Coaches are responsible for retaining lineup cards for verification purposes.
- 8. Minor Category aged players are not eligible to play in the Major Categories, with the exception of overage 18U players.

#### **League Fees**

Alberta

\$50 per team; \$10 per player or coach

\$70 per umpire per game

Any umpire mileage is the responsibility of the host team

#### **League Play Rules**

- 1. Baseball Canada Official Rules of Baseball will be used (including DH) except for:
  - A. Mercy Rule in Effect (10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5th offensive inning)
- 2. A courtesy runner may be used for catchers when they are on base with 2 outs in an inning for all regular season league games.
- 3. If the game is tied at the completion of regulation (7 innings) the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings. Each team will begin the extra inning (and any subsequent extra innings) with a base runner on first and second with no outs.
- 4. The batting order of the extra inning or any subsequent innings will be determined by how the previous inning ended.
- 5. The traditional system of the visiting team hitting in the top of the inning and the home team hitting in the bottom of the inning will remain in effect until a winner is determined.
- **6.** Only wood or wood composite bats will be permitted
- 7. Rawlings ROML baseballs are to be used at all games
- 8. The winner of the Junior AAA League Provincial Championship will be given the right to represent Alberta at the Western Canada Junior AAA Championship

#### **B. SENIOR 'AA'**

- 1. Payments for team and player fees must be sent into the Baseball Alberta office on or before July 10th\*. Any teams that are not paid in full by this date will not be permitted to participate in Provincial Championships.
- 2. Rosters:
  - **A.** Deadline to submit rosters to Baseball Alberta is **July 1st\***.
  - B. Roster Size: max. 25 players
  - **C**. All players on the roster must be:
    - i. Compliant with Baseball Canada player requirements and be an Alberta resident as of June 1st\*
    - ii. Must be of amateur status or be removed from professional baseball for the current year.
    - iii. Players who sign amateur contracts as "fill-ins" for professional teams must provide contract details to Baseball Alberta prior to the roster being approved.
  - D. Roster Sizes must drop below 16 players in order to make any changes to the original roster after July 10th\*.
  - **E.** Any changes to a team's roster will be dealt with by the Baseball Alberta Registrar.
  - F. Players can only be on one Provincial roster unless approved by the Registrar. Junior 'AAA' players are permitted to appear on both a single Junior 'AAA' and a single Senior 'AA' roster.

<sup>\*</sup>All dates are tentitive and may be changed depending on current health guidelines over the course of the year



## **MAJOR CATEGORY** (JUNIOR & SENIOR) RULES CONTINUED

- **G**. No pick-ups will be allowed in the Junior & Senior Divisions.
- H. All coaches must be Online Initiation trained. All coaches must have completed these requirements by July 10th.
- or they will be removed from the roster.
- 3. Provincial "seedings" will be based on the previous Provincial Championship results (where necessary). All new entrants will be placed below those teams that competed in the previous year.
- 4. All Baseball Alberta Senior Division Provincial Championships are wood/wood composite bat tournaments
- 5. The winner of the Senior "AA" Provincial Championship will be given the right to represent Alberta at the Western Canada Senior 'AA' Championship the following year.
- 6. Rules of Play: Baseball Canada Rules

#### **B. SUNBURST LEAGUE (SENIOR 'AAA')**

#### 1. Payment

- A. The Association/Team Fee must be submitted to the Baseball Alberta office by May 1st, 2021.
- **B.** All Player fees are due to the Baseball Alberta office by June 12th, 2021.

#### 2. Rosters

- **A.** Maximum roster size of 25 players.
- B. Initial Rosters must be submitted to the Baseball Alberta office by May 1st, 2021; Final Rosters must be submitted to the Baseball Alberta office by June 12th, 2021.
  - **C.** No changes to the roster will be permitted after June 12th, 2021.
  - **D.** If a roster falls below 15 players then teams have the ability to roster replace.
  - **E.** All players on the roster must be;
    - i. Compliant with Baseball Canada player requirements and be an Alberta resident as of June 1st, 2021.
    - ii. Must be of amateur status or be removed from professional baseball for the current year.
    - iii. Players who sign amateur contracts as "fill-in" for professional teams must provide contract details to Baseball Alberta prior to the roster being approved.
  - **F.** All rosters must be approved by the Baseball Alberta Registrar.
  - **G.** Any changes to a team's roster must be approved by the Baseball Alberta Registrar.
  - **H.** Players are permitted to be on only one provincial roster at the Senior level.
  - I. Junior 'AAA' players are permitted to appear on both a single Junior 'AAA' and a single Senior 'AAA' roster.
  - J. Players are not permitted to participate in the WCBL as well as Sunburst League after June 12th, 2021.
  - K. Players must be in uniform and present during at least 8 Sunburst League games or have made 5 appearances in scheduled league games (one at bat, 3 defensive outs, or an appearance as a pitcher) in order to be eligible for the League Championship Playoffs.
  - L. Coaches are required to meet at home plate after each game to verify lineup cards and coaches are responsible for retaining lineup cards for verification purposes.
  - M. If ineligible players are used, that team will forfeit the game in which the ineligible player was used.

#### 3. League Play and Championship

- **A.** The Sunburst League schedule will be balanced with equal games against each team.
- **B**. The top 4 teams, based on regular season standings, will advance to the Sunburst Championship playoffs.
- C. The winner of the Sunburst League Championship will be given the right to represent Baseball Alberta at next year's Baseball Canada Senior Men's National Championship.
- 4. All Baseball Alberta Sunburst League play is wood bat/wood composite only.
- 5. Mercy Rule 10 runs after 7 innings
- **6. Rules of Play:** Baseball Canada Rules



## **MAJOR CATEGORY (JUNIOR & SENIOR) RULES CONTINUED**

#### MAJOR CATEGORY BAT REGULATIONS

Where aluminum bats are permitted, only approved "BBCOR" stamped aluminum bats in the 15U and above categories will be permitted for use.

	MAXIMUM DIFFERENTIAL	MAXIMUM DIAMETER	MAXIMUM LENGTH
JUNIOR/SENIOR			
* 'AA'	N/A	2 5/8	36"
* 'AAA'	N/A	2 5/8	36"
Women	-5	2 3/4	35"



#### \* Wood or wood composite only

For 16U Girls, Junior Women and Senior Women, a max barrel of 2 3/4" with (i) a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) or (ii) USA Baseball Model with BBCOR "wood like" BPF is permitted. For 16U Girls, 21U Women and Senior Women, using up to a minus 5 length/weight differential is permitted. All Post Provincial Championships (Western Canada Championships and Baseball Canada National Championships) for categories 15U 'AAA' and above are wood or wood composite bat only Championships.



The Baseball Alberta Fall Ball League will be run during the months of September and October for 4 weeks and will give each team 8 games (double headers on Saturday's). The League is seen as **strictly developmental** for all players.

- 1. Payment
  - A. Each team will be required to pay \$400 to enter the Fall Ball Baseball League.
  - **B.** All umpires fees will be paid by Baseball Alberta.
- 2. Rosters
  - A. A complete roster must be sent to Baseball Alberta prior to the first game. There are no transfer requirements for players participating in Fall Ball.
- 3. Rules
- A. Unlimited substitution throughout the games (coaches are encouraged to create equal playing time for all players)
- **B.** All players in attendance at the game are to be listed on the line-up card and all players will hit in order.
- C. Game scores and pitch counts do not need to be reported to Baseball Alberta; however coaches are required to continue to follow the Pitch Count Guidelines.
- **D.** Each team is required to bring 2 new baseballs to each game to provide for the umpire.
- **E.** Other than the rules listed above, all other rules will be based on the 'AA' category rules for each division.

All Amendments to Regulations and Playoff Rules are approved by the Baseball Alberta Board of Directors.

## BASEBALL ALBERTA AWARDS

#### TED RUDD MINOR COACH AWARD

Presented annually to a minor coach who directed his team with sponsoship.

#### MINOR CATEGORY

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1971	Elmer Schielke   Provost	1989	John Edgar   St. Albert	2008	Sheen Bromley   Team Alberta Girls
1972	Gary Gregg   Edmonton	1990	Ed Wicks   Sundre	2009	Duncan Knoll   Edmonton
1973	Edward Babych   Edmonton	1991	George Liddle   Strathmore	2010	Kelly Hewko   Grand Prairie
1974	Gordon hackling   Taber	1992	Gordon Graves   Lacombe	2011	Lyle Seitz   Okotoks
1975	Charles Vaughn   Provost	1993	Fred Denischuk   Carstairs	2012	Dave Maguire   St. Albert
1976	Allan & Bill Fukami   Taber	1994	Murray Steeves   Innisfail	2013	Forrest Hisey   Ardrossan
1977	Tom Duke   Edmonton	1995	Vic Frey   Gibbons	2014	Will Downs   Edmonton
1978	Laurie Maxwell   Westlock	1996	Tom Herman   Sherwood Park	2015	Stacey Bell   Clive
1979	Lou Rondeau   Barrhead	1997	Marc Dollorto   St. Albert	2016	Jason Enright   St. Albert
1980	John Vandenborn   Busby	1998	Lionel Stenberg   Edmonton	2017	Troy Anderson   Stettler
1981	Mike Klufus   Waskatenau	1999	Garry Stubbard   Edmonton	2018	Colin Stephens   Edmonton
1982	Ray Brown   Edmonton	2000	Keith Van De Keere   Barrhead	2019	Matt Maron   Leduc
1983	Norm Heemerychuk   St. Albert	2001	Bryce Motely   Wainwright	2020	Not Awarded
	Dennis Pratt   Sherwood Park	2002	Keith Van de Keere   Barrhead		
1984	Wally Footz   Edmonton		John Osbourne   Barrhead		
1985	Lorne Ross   St. Albert	2003	Gregory Brown   Westlock		
1986	Bob Thompson   Sherwood	2004	Kirk Reiniger   Calgary		
1987	park		Dan Lajoie   St. Albert		
	Randy Howg   Enchant	2005	Fred Nelson   Provost		
1988	Gordon Egeland   Enchant	2006	Wayne Duke   Stony Plain		
	David Heilman   Olds	2007	Rod Scammell   Edmonton		



#### **BASEBALL ALBERTA LIFE MEMBERS**

1969	Earl Samis   Edmonton	1985	Les Long   Edmonton	2002	Chuck Keller   Westlock
	Ted Tyrkalo   Wildwood		Mildred & Elmer Schielke   Provost		Murray Steeves   Red Deer
1970	Ray Hannaford   Wildwood	1986	Joe Goshko   Vegreville	2003	Ted Derpack   Spruce Grove
	Harvey Doherty   Westlock		Clarence Metzger   Beiseker		George Laskey   Bruderheim
1971	Andy Pisko   Lethbridge	1987	Murray Service   Calgary	2004	Terry Murphy   Edmonton
	Jim McAdie   Edmonton		Peter Salisny   Spruce Grove	2005	Don Kadatz   Beaumont
1972	E. Gagsteter   Rosedale	1988	Ron Hayter   Edmonton	2006	Paul Riopel   St. Albert
	Fred Lupul   Edmonton	1300	Orest Babiuk   Edmonton	2007	Rina & Randy Boon   Red Deer
1973	J.D. Edwards   Edmonton	1989	•	2008	Pat Gartner   Fort Saskatchewan
	George Behm   Edmonton	פספו	Al Chapman   Erskine	2009	Carl Linden   Grand Prairie
1974	Ted Rudd   Lethbridge		Horace Chapman   Erskine	2010	Not Awarded
	Jim Rattlesnake   Hobbema	4000	Ron McCartney   Calgary	2011	Keith Van De Keere   Barrhead
1975	Gordon Taylor   Drumheller	1990	Harold Knight   Irricana	2012	Jim Edwards   Peace River
	Gording Hacking   Taber	1991	Dennis Pipella   Sherwood Park	2013	Ed Ewasiuk   St. Albert
1976	Fred Skakum   Westlock	1992	Robert White   Edmonton	2014	Dave Ball   Edmonton
	Angus Murray   Edmonton	1993	Walter Cleland   Bow Island	2015	Doug Bassett   Elk Point
1977	Larry Smith   Lethbridge	1994	Don Cody   Calgary	2016	Dan Rude   Edmonton
	Mike Tanne   Lethbridge		Warren Smith   St. Albert	2017	Skip Wilson   Fort Saskatchewan
1978	Harold Sommerville   Carstairs	1995	Hugh Kellough   Red Deer		Bruce Kirby   Edmonton
	Harold Tate   Calgary		Rex Schneider   Taber	2018	John Bresler   St. Albert
1979	Doris Taylor   Pincher Creek	1996	Ross Speers   Sherwood Park	2019	Ray Brown   Edmonton
	Vic Mah   Edmonton		Robert O'Brien   Barrhead	2020	Not Awarded
1980	Delmar Glaser   Medicine Hat	1997	Dale Pearn   Sherwood Park		
	Alex Tait   Thorsby		Grace Long   Calgary		
1981	Joe LeBeuf   Wanham	1998	Larry Brandenberg   Fort Saskatchewan		
	Paul Hargas   Warburg		Robert Thompson   Sherwood Park		
1982	Ben Tooth   St. Albert	1999	Dan Westman   Leduc		
	Gordon Bligh   Langenburg, Sask.	.555	Phyllis Pannebaker   St. Albert		
1983	Dave Millar   Peace River	2000	Rick Kampjes   Beaumont		
	Al Wilson   Edmonton	2000	Wally Footz   Edmonton		
1984	John Jackson   Westlock	2001	Dave Plotsky   Sherwood Park		
	Nick Shmyrko   Waskatenau		Dave Flotsky   Silei wood Paik		

## **PRESIDENTS AWARD**

Presented annually to a board member selected by the President for outstanding service to Baseball Alberta.

1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988	Harold Somerville   Carstairs Ross Bryant   Calgary A.R. Wilson   Edmonton Delmar Glaser   Medicine Hat Doris Taylor   Sherwood Park Gordon Sinclair   Westlock Tak Katakami   Lethbridge Murray Service   High River  Jim Cramer   Falher Orest Chomye   Provost Clint Fystro   Peace River Mike Kosik   Olds Orest Babiuk   Edmonton Rex Schneider   Taber Phil Young   St. Albert Wally Footz   Edmonton Phil Young   St. Albert Warren Smith   St. Albert Ben Dorval   Fort. Sask	1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008	Dale Pearn   Sherwood Park Dale Cartwright   Grimshaw Robert Thompson   Sherwood Park Doug Boisvert   Edmonton Don Kadatz   Beaumont Joanne Nickerson   Okotoks Dave Plotsky   Sherwood Park Jim Edwards   Peace River David Robb   Lac La Biche Leo Cummings   Wainwright Brenton Chmiliar   Edmonton Alan Larsen   Standard Randy Fischer   Sherwood Park Phyllis Pannebaker   St. Albert Jon Oko   Edmonton Mike Gendron   Stony Plain Chris James   Spruce Grove Don Paulencu   Sherwood Park Dave Ball   Northeast Zone	2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020	Al Stempfle   Sherwood Park Dan Rude   Edmonton Ron Van Keulen   Calgary Doug Bassett   Elk Point Chris James   Spruce Grove Al Stempfle   Sherwood Park Kevin Breen   Fort McMurray Kurtus Millar   St. Albert Jon Oko   Edmonton Neil Penner   Okotoks Not Awarded
1989	Hugh Kellough   Stettler	2009	Dan Haugen   Dawson Creek		

#### **WALLY A. FOOTZ BUILDERS AWARD**

Presented annually by Baseball Alberta for outstanding efforts in structure, promotion and development of amateur baseball in Alberta.

1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	Wally Footz   Edmonton Doreen Cavanagh   Sherwood Park Dave Young   Grand Prairie Dale Clark   Edmonton Hugh Allen   Bon Accord Peter Salisny   Edmonton Leonard Sinclair   Slave Lake Brett Gates   Standard Linda McKenzie   Carseland Pat Gartner   Fort Saskatchewan Bob Miller   Taber Bill Smith   Calgary Michael Kuzek   Stony Plain	2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018	Ted Derpack   Spruce Grove Dave Ball   Edmonton Orest Babiuk   Edmonton Dave Plotsky   Sherwood Park Dan Rude   South Jasper Place Steve Monkman   Fort Sask. Barry Diederich   Grande Prairie Paul McWilliams   Fort McMurray Kevin Breen   Fort McMurray Leonard Meyer   Edmonton Don Paulencu   Sherwood Park Chris James   Spruce Grove Kevin Tritten   Leduc Paul Auton   Edmonton	2019 2020	Desmond Bouteiller   Innisfail Not Awarded
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#### **AURORA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Presented annually to a senior coach who directed his team with sportsmanship.

#### **MAJOR CATEGORY**

1984	Adrien Rieger   Sherwood Park	1995	Doug Fystro   St. Albert	2006	Not Awarded	
1985	Ray Brown   Edmonton	1996	96 Curt Baker   Red Deer		Not Awarded	
	Keith Van De Keere   Barrhead	1997	Steve Monkman   Fort Saskatchewan	2008	Not Awarded	
1986	Terry Hendley   Red Deer		Ed Novakowski   Fort Saskatchewan	2009	Ben Herman   Fort Saskatchewan	
1987	Bob Marik   Edmonton	1998	Not Awarded		Karnie Vertz   Fort Saskatchewan	
1988	Dale Hawken   St. Albert	1999	Justin Pysar   St. Albert	2010	Not Awarded	
1989	Lawrence Mork   Edmonton	2000	Gary Macyk   Waskatenau	2011	Kevin Petty   Edmonton	
1990	Dwayne Lalor   Red Deer	2001	Justin Pysar   St. Albert	2012	Tom Herman   Sherwood Park	
1991	Ross Speers   Sherwood Park	2002	Justin Pysar   St. Albert			
1992	Orest Babiuk   Edmonton	2003	Jim Lawson   Calgary			
1993	Tory Ohlhauser   Edmonton	2004	Doug McLennan   St. Albert			
1994	Al Kuz   Edmonton	2005	Carmen Brown   Westlock			
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#### **MURRAY SERVICE UMPIRE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Presented annually to an umpire for outstanding contribution to baseball umpiring in Alberta.

1988 Calvin Mah   Edmonton 1989 John (Jim) Potter   St. Albert 1990 Orest Tarkowski   Edmonton 1991 Dan Brown   Edmonton 1992 Ted Derpack   Spruce Grove 1993 Al Johnson   Red Deer 1994 Perri Garvin   St. Albert 1995 Corrie Davis   Edmonton 1996 Maurice La Plante   Edmonton 1997 Jim Edwards   Peace River 1998 Noel Stock   Lacombe 1999 Chris Chelmick   Edmonton	2000 David Salmon   Edmonton Pat Vincent   Slave Lake 2001 Don Buskas   Wetaskiwin 2002 Jon Oko   Edmonton 2003 Trevor Durie   Edmonton 2004 Josh Clark   Cochrane 2005 Brock Mulligan   Bon Accord 2006 Matt Payne   Edmonton 2007 Bryce Paton   Calgary 2008 Jeff Donnelly   St. Albert 2009 Dave Bisanti   Calgary 2010 Gerald White   Grande Prairie	2011 Stephen Delude   Calgary 2012 Mitch Ball   Pincher Creek 2013 Brian Lees   Edmonton 2014 Jeff Chipley   Sylvan Lake 2015 Brandon Strocki   St. Paul 2016 Darren Dekinder   Sherwood Park 2018 Rick Burns   Sherwood Park 2019 Brad Johnston   Calgary 2020 Not Awarded
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#### JUNIOR UMPIRE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented annually to a promising young umpire whose age does not exceed 25 years, who has attained a minimum level 2 NUCP certification, has displayed dedication, a willingness to learn and improve their skills as a baseball official throughout the course of the year.

2003	Ryan McEachern   Camrose	2012	Terran Gimpel   Calgary
2004	Shane Hoetmer   Westlock	2013	Steven Ridley   Edmonton
2005	Siobhan Doherty   Millet	2014	Andrew Koziol   New Sarepta
2006	Jeff Chipley   Sylvan Lake	2015	Graham Grieder   Spruce Grove
2007	James Walter   Beaumont	2016	Paul Moroz   Edmonton
2008	Tyler Bourne   Sherwood Park	2017	Michael Ozga   Red Deer
2009	Brandon Strocki   Stony Plain	2018	Ethan Maze   Spruce Grove
2010	Devon Redekopp   St. Albert	2019	Brett Bilida   Edmonton
2011	Robert Feaster   Calgary	2020	Not Awarded

#### BASEBALL ALBERTA UMPIRE HALL OF FAME AWARD

Presented to an individual(s) who fulfills the following criteria: has demonstrated loyalty and dedication to the umpiring program in Alberta, has assisted in the development and education of fellow umpires, has demonstrated leadership in his/her umpiring community, has provided encouragement, support and opportunity thereby fostering growth in fellow umpires and in the Baseball Alberta Umpire program.

1998	Murray Service, Dan Brown,	2006	Frank Hornby   Calgary
	Paul Riopel, Dennis Pipella	2007	Ted Derpack   Spruce Grove
1999	Orest Tarkowski, Nick Bochansky	2008	Dennis Dancey   Pine Lake
2000	Herman McMann, Ed Shaw,	2011	Bryce Patton   Calgary
	John Kelly	2013	Gwen Young   Burdett
2001	Barry Pozzo, Bryan Keith	2014	Roy Mills   Vegreville
2002	Maurice Laplante, Vic Hogan,	2015	Chris Chelmick   Edmonton
	Perry Garvin	2016	John Bresler   Edmonton
2003	Al Johnson   Red Deer	2017	John Byrne   Edmonton
	Tom Langois   Calgary	2018	Corrie Davis   Sherwood Park
2004	Jim Edwards   Peace River	2019	Jeff Donnelly   St. Albert
2005	Albert Durbano   Drumheller		

#### CARL LINDEN BURSARY

Awarded annually to the Baseball Alberta player, male or female, who best exemplifies the qualities of hard work, perseverance and dedication to the game of baseball. It is specifically designed for those players who have progressed through Baseball Alberta's 'grassroots' programs, showing heart and hustle while overcoming obstacles in order to play the game.

2009	Meagan Cornelssen   Grande Prairie	2015	Brayden Stasow   Slave Lake
2010	Denver Wik   Innisfail	2016	Garrett Young   Fort McMurray
2011	Michael Braun   Grande Prairie	2017	Bailey Nydokus   Cold Lake
2012	Aaron Lystang   Sherwood Park	2018	Carrie Jesperson   Spruce Grove
2013	Luke Hoisington   Grande Prairie	2019	Darcee Hall   Delia
2014	Ryan Adelman   Slave Lake	2020	Not Awarded

#### DAVE REINIGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was presented annually for post-secondary studies to an athlete who has demonstrated strong athletic ability as a baseball player with Baseball Alberta. The scholarship has been retired and is no longer awarded.

1991	Alan Downie   Calgary	2004	Pamela Fox   Edmonton
1992	Jonathan Mayne   Edmonton	2005	Jason Chatwood   Red Deer
1993	Ryan Culp   Irricana	2006	Blair Cowley   Edmonton
1994	David Edwards   St. Albert	2007	David Reiniger   Sherwood Park
1995	Brian Young   Beaverlodge	2008	Aaron Watamaniuk   Westlock
1996	Korey Yaschyshyn   Edmonton	2009	Jarvis Greiner   Edmonton
1997	Shayne Davis   Fort Sask.	2010	Cody Dillabough   Calgary
1998	Darcy Warawa   Innisfail	2011	Curtis Mazurkewich   Red Deer
1999	Dylan Adkins   Taber	2012	Dylaney Brown   Lacomb
2000	Trow Litvinchuk   Spruce Grove	2013	Derek Shedden   Edmonton
2001	Jeff Werhun   St. Albert	2014	Carson Wlad   Calgary
2002	Darren Hempel   Strathmore	2015	Justin Church   Bonnyville
2003	Luke Coley   Sherwood Park	2016	Zach Johnson   Calgary
	• •	2017	Ryan Zens   Cold Lake

#### DORIS TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is presented for post secondary studies to an athlete who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, community service and strong athletic ability as a baseball player with Baseball Alberta.

1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003	Brian Stewart   Stettler Benjamin Sader   Fort Sask. David Wicks   Sundre Jason Brandenburg   Fort Sask. Tim Wood   Drumheller Troy Cleland   Taber Not Awarded Jeremy Reynolds   Airdrie Nick Leswick   Calgary Zach Murray   Bon Accord Matthew Gartner   Fort Sask. Luc Riopel   St. Albert Nathan McLachlan   Edmonton Kevin Geinger   Meyerthorpe Aaron Huber   Spruce Grover	2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018	Marcus Down   Devon John Stempfle   Sherwood Park Pam Fox   Sherwood Park Mitchell Schaafsma   Taber Tara Sliwkanich   Fort Sask. Emerson Csorba   Edmonton Troy Lyster   Mayerthorpe Garett Zimmer   Daysland Tyson Routley   Grande Prairie Chris Spence   Fort Sask. Logan McDonald   Spruce Grove Jackson Wark   St. Albert Brandon Geiger   Fort Sask. Mason Libich   St. Albert Paige Hildebrandt   Edmonton	2019 2020	Jacob Mireault   Edmonton Zoe Lorenz-Boser   Lacombe
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#### **BOB WHITE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is presented annually for post secondary studies to an athlete who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, good sportsmanship, community service and strong athletic ability as a baseball player.

1995	Jeremy August	2007	Sheldon McDonald   Spruce Grove	2019	Roen Helgren   Beaumont
1996	Tim Nelson   Calgary	2008	Dale Anderson   Strathmore	2020	Myles Pallister   Red Deer
1997	Greg Owens   Sherwood Park	2009	Dylan Boyko   Vegreville		
1998	Brad Wolter   Edmonton	2010	Joey Poapst   Stettler		
1999	Aaron Rogers   Edmonton	2011	Matthew McGee   Edmonton		
2000	Jeff MacDonald   Lacombe	2012	Bennett Csorba   Edmonton		
2001	Dave Lesniak   St. Albert	2013	Connor Baron   Spruce Grove		
2002	Devery Van De Keere   Barrhead	2014	Corbin Cooper   Slave Lake		
2003	Aaron Melnyk   Vegreville	2015	Alex Bishop   Calgary		
2004	Warren Thompson   Fort Saskatchewan	2016	Greg Dekinder   Sherwood Park		
2005	Marcus Down   Devon		Kurt Meeberg   Edmonton		
2006	Mitchell Grossell   Edmonton	2017	Levi Muth   Alberta Beach		
		2018	Derek Lofstrand   Lacomb		

#### OWEN JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded annually to a Baseball Alberta player of any age or gender, who has overcome obstacles or hardships in their lives, and has persevered to continue playing baseball. The funds will be awarded to player to help them pursue their future baseball endeavours.

2018 Quinn Tassie | Fort McMurray 2019 Cale Yudepski | Calgary

2020 Not Awarded

#### GORDIE WILSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented to a bantam age player who has demonstrated leadership and athletic abiities in the sport of baseball, to financially assist the individual to attend a baseball development training camp.

1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998	Jesse Hills   Calgary Donovan Roberge   Beaumont Jeremy August   Edmonton Ryan Bartlett   Drayton Valley Steven Meinczinger   Busby Troy Litvinchuk   Spruce Grove Brett Klawitter   Edmonton Dustyn Schesnuk   Edmonton	2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009	Derek Temush   Black Diamond Joshua Hoetmer   Waskatenau David Reiniger   Calgary Dale Anderson   Strathmore Shelby Gordon   Calgary Matthew McGee   Edmonton Paige Wakefield   St. Albert Chance Wheatley   Bawlf	2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020	Paige Hildebrandt   Edmonton Josh Gitzel   Thorsby Kai Reum   Grande Prairie Bradley Atwal   St. Paul Nik Bowzaylo   Athabasca Nolan Dechaine   St. Lina Seth Christie   Edmonton
1999 2000 2001	Shawn Moore   Edmonton Jason Hrabec   Vilna Warren Thomson   Fort Sask. Kris Nelson   Westlock	2010 2011 2012 2013	Luke Hoisington   Grande Prairie Samuel Johnson   Bawlf Austin Latrielle   Westlock Eric Turner   Grande Prairie		

#### **BASEBALL CANADA ALBERTA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

2014	Ron Van Keulen   Calgary	2019	Geoff Hall   Delia
2015	Don Paulencu   Sherwood Park	2020	Not Awarded
2016	Clint Fystro   St. Albert		
2017	lim and Karen Poniewozik I Spruce Grove		

#### **OFF-FIELD MANAGER** OF THE YEAR A

Kevin Campbell | Slave Lake

2018

2019 Sarah Masse | Bashaw 2020 Not Awarded

#### **OFF-FIELD MANAGER** OF THE YEAR AA

2019 Dawn McMillan | Bonnyville 2020 Not Awarded

#### **OFF-FIELD MANAGER OF THE YEAR AAA**

2019 Brenda Bourassa | St. Albert 2020 Not Awarded

## **BASEBALL ALBERTA COACH DEVELOPER AWARD**

2018 Mark Randall | Edmonton 2019 Josh Bishop | Serwood Park

2020 Not awarded

2014

2013

2014

2013

2014

## **BASEBALL CANADA ALBERTA GRASSROOTS COACH OF THE YEAR**

2016 Ashley Helmkay | Grande Prairie

2017 Mickey Heisler | Heisler 2018 Ryan Lucas | Sylvan Lake 2019 Jim Church | Bonnyville

Not Awarded 2020

## ASSOCIATIONS OF THE YEAR

#### **SMALL ASSOCIATION**

Beaverlodge Minor Baseball Eckville Minor Baseball Beaumont Minor Baseball Heisler Minor Baseball Bonnyville Minor Baseball Elk Point Minor Baseball Waskatenau Minor Baseball	2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020	Elk Point Minor Baseball Tofield Minor Baseball Wainwright Minor Baseball Slave Lake Minor Baseball Castor Minor Baseball Not Awarded
St. Paul Minor Baseball		
	Eckville Minor Baseball Beaumont Minor Baseball Heisler Minor Baseball Bonnyville Minor Baseball Elk Point Minor Baseball Waskatenau Minor Baseball	Eckville Minor Baseball 2016 Beaumont Minor Baseball 2017 Heisler Minor Baseball 2018 Bonnyville Minor Baseball 2019 Elk Point Minor Baseball 2020 Waskatenau Minor Baseball

#### **MEDIUM ASSOCIATION**

Beaumont Minor Baseball

Athabasca Minor Baseball

Rimbey/Bluffton Minor Baseball

2006	Camrose Minor Baseball	2015	Drayton Valley Minor Baseball
2007	Lacombe Minor Baseball	2016	Innisfail Minor Baseball
2008	Strathmore Minor Baseball	2017	Wetaskiwin Minor Baseball
2009	Fort Saskatchewan Minor Baseball	2018	Sylvan Lake Minor Baseball
2010	Morinville Minor Baseball	2019	Strathmore Minor Baseball
2011	Leduc Minor Baseball	2020	Not Awarded
2012	Whitecourt Minor Baseball		

#### **LARGE ASSOCIATION**

St. Albert Minor Baseball

Spruce Grove Minor Baseball

2006	Red Deer Minor Baseball	2015	Camrose Minor Baseball
2007	Northeast Zone Sports Council	2016	Foothills Minor Ball
2008	St. Albert Minor Baseball Association	2017	St. Albert Minor Baseball
2009	Okotoks Minor Baseball	2018	Fort McMurray Minor Baseball
2010	South Jasper Place Minor Baseball	2019	Red Deer Minor Baseball
2011	Grande Prairie Minor Baseball	2020	Not Awarded
2012	Spruco Grovo Minor Pacoball		

Spruce Grove Minor Baseball 2012



# **PROUD SUPPORTERS OF BASEBALL ALBERTA**

PRESIDENT Bob Haromy BHaromy@edmontonoilers.com **VICE PRESIDENT** Wally Footz wofoot@yahoo.com

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## **BURSARIES**

Application deadline is October 1st. Bursaries are designed to encourage players, registered with Baseball Alberta, to pursue college or university studies with the ultimate objective of obtaining a postsecondary degree. The bursaries are presented at the annual banquet of Baseball Alberta.

## **Ron Hayter Bursary**

(3 annually for \$5,000 each) This bursary is presented annually by the Edmonton International Baseball Foundation to encourage male players with Baseball Alberta to pursue college or university studies with the ultimate objective of obtaining a degree.

## Millie Warwick McAuley / Betty **Carveth Dunn Bursary**

(1 annually for \$5,000) This bursary is presented annually to a female player registered with Baseball Alberta who has excellent athletic skills pursuing a university or college degree.

















## **EIBF Ron Hayter Bursary**

2020	Colin Campbell, Edmonton	2010	Emerson Csorba, Edmonton
	Evan Mulder, Edmonton		Boston Langley, Edmonton
	Jacob Mireault, Edmonton	2009	Adam Paulencu, Sherwood Park
2019	Sean Dunn		Mitchell Grossell, Edmonton
	Jack Yurko	2008	Dale Anderson, Strathmore
	Joshua Bentley		David Reiniger, Sherwood Park
2018	Aidan Schafer, Red Deer, AB	2007	Brandon Strocki, Stony Plain
	Tauren Langley, Edmonton, AB		Daniel Jackson, Elnora
	Eric Pankiw, Edmonton, AB	2006	Greg Bosse, Innisfail
2017	Brandon Geiger, Fort SK		Dustin Reschny, Calgary
	Darin Fodor, Mirror	2005	Ryan Campbell, Cold Lake
	Braden Bendfeld, Oyen		Travis LIndquist, Elk Point
2016	Justin Church, Bonnyville	2004	Joel Leckie, Elk Point
	Matt Andreassen, Camrose		John Andreasson, Camrose
	Curtis Babiuk, Edmonton	2003	Michael Preston, Edmonton
2015	Matthew Quartel, St. Albert		Warren Thompson, Fort Sask.
	Ryan Dunn, Fort McMurray	2002	Doug Thompson, Whitecourt
	Bennett Csorba, Edmonton		Nathan McLachlan, Edmonton
2014	Tanner Babiuk, Edmonton	2001	Miki Kawahara, Red Deer
	Joel Mazurkewich, Red Deer		Ryan Kenny, Edmonton
	Cooper Langley, Edmonton	2000	Brad Wolter, Edmonton
2013	Brett Coutney, Wetaskiwin		Bret McLeod, St. Albert
	Logan McDonald, Spruce Grove	1999	Michael Poelzer, St. Albert
2012	Corbin Cooper, Slave Lake		Brad Wolter, Edmonton
	Lucas Church, Bonnyville	1998	Paul Jones, Edmonton
2011	Brenden Watamaniuk, Westlock		Michael Hanson, Stettler
N. 174 W	Shane Zimmer, St. Albert		

## **EIBF Bill Chmiliar Award of Merit**

	2019	Jason Murphy	1992	Orest Babiuk, Edmonton
	2017	Harold Northcott, Didsbury	1991	Wally Footz, Edmonton
ľ	2016	Jim Church, Bonnyville	1990	Dr. Gerald BEckie, Taber
	2015	John Bresler, St. Albert	1989	George Stoll, Wabasca-Demerais
	2014	Wayne Duke, Stony Plain	1988	Elmer Schiekle, Provost
1	2013	Richard Kampjes, Edmonton	1987	Nick Bocahnesky, Edmonton
1	2012	Doug Bassett, Elk Point	1986	Murray Service, Calgary
:	2011	Dan Rude, Edmonton	1985	Joe Goshko, Vegreville
:	2010	Lionel Stenberg, Edmonton	1984	Rollie Ulmer, Edmonton
:	2007	Don Bailey, Tomah <mark>aw</mark> k	1983	Robert White, Edmonton
1	2006	Chuck Keller, Westlock	1982	Allan Wilson, Edmonton
- 2	2005	Don Benson, Edmonton	1981	Gordon Bligh, Leduc/Edmonton
:	2004	Hugh Allen, Bon Accord	1980	Vic Mah, Edmonton
	2003	Ross Speers, Sherwood Park	1979	Harold Knight, Irricana
:	2002	Gary Macyk, Waskatenau	1978	Joe Lebeuf, Wanham
1	2001	Patrick Duffy, Grande Prairie	1977	Paul Hargas, Warburg
	2000	Murray Steeves, Innisfail	1976	Doris Taylor, Pincher Creek
	1999	Verlyn Olson, Armena	1975	Larry Smith, Lethbridge
	1998	Don "Doc" Cody, Calgary	1974	George Behm, Edmonton
	1997	Norm Heemeryck, Wetaskiwin	1968	Dave Plotsky, Sherwood Park
	1996	Rex Schneider, Taber	1967	Ron Hayter, Edmonton
ŀ	1995	Les Long, Calgary	1966	Harvey Doherty, Westlock
	1994	Ma <mark>rgaret</mark> Chalifoux, St. Albert		
	1993	Paul Riopel, St. Albert		

## EIBF Millie Warwick McAuley/Betty Carveth Dunn Bursary

2020	Zoe Lorenz-Boser, Lacombe	2010	Paige Wakefield, St. Albert
2019	Carrie Jespe <mark>rsen, Spruce Grove</mark>		Heidi Northcott, Rocky Mt. House
2018	Hayley Lalor, Red Deer, AB	2009	Shelby Gordon, Calgary
2017	Saige Hall, Delia	2008	Nicole Luchanski, Edmonton
2016	Kelsey Lalor, Red Deer		Tara Sliwkanich, Fort Sask.
2015	Christine Suomin <mark>en, Lacombe</mark>	2007	Kristen Meyer, Edmonton
2014	Kandi Wyatt, Edm <mark>onton</mark>	2006	Kaley Gilham, Red Deer
2013	Kelly Harke, Leduc	2005	Pam Fox, Sherwood Park
	Caterina Rylance, Edmonton	2004	Shannon Szabados, Edmonton
2011	Rachelia Pawluk, St. Albert	2003	Pam Fox, Sherwood Park

# GRASSROOTS

## WINTERBALL - GRADES 1-6

The Winterball Program promotes an active and healthy lifestyle for elementary kids, while encouraging them to participate in sport. It teaches the fundamentals of baseball, while promoting a safe and non-competitive enviornment that provides children with a fun sport experience that is inclusive of everyone, regardless of gender or physical ability.



## RALLY CAP - AGES 4-7

A grassroots program designed to create an enviornment in which children aged 4-7 and adults can have fun together learning the game of baseball. It teaches the skills, rules and strategies of baseball to our kids and coaches. The program puts an emphasis on good sportsmanship while also teaching competitiveness. Rally Cap ultimately promotes an increase in self-esteem and confidence throughout our young players and coaches as they learn the different aspects of baseball together.



# DEVELOPMENT

# 9U - ROOKIE BALL - AGES 8 & 9



The 9U Rookie Ball program is designed to promote physical development of children through the game of baseball. The program helps develop physical literacy by using a modified game to teach the basic baseball skills to children and ensure success. Check out the 9U Rookie Ball page on our website for the Baseball Alberta Programming Manual developed by Lacombe Minor Baseball and Darcy Warawa.

# MY FIRST PITCH - AGES 10 & 11



My First Pitch is the official introduction to Baseball Canada's pitching program. The program is designed to assist baseball coaches of players ages 10 and 11 and aims to increase interest in baseball. My First Pitch introduces topics such as grips, pitching mechanics and proper throwing techniques while demonstrating multiple drills to identify and correct major pitching flaws. The program also helps coaches, athletes and parents understand the Baseball Canada pitch count approach. This program is accessible by registering at nccp.baseball.ca.

For more information on any of these programs, visit: www.baseballalberta.com



## GETTING YOUR CHALLENGER BASEBALL PROGRAM STARTED

#### STEP 1

Establish your **LEADERSHIP TEAM** including a) A League Coordinator (that's you!) and b) A Volunteer Coordinator to assist in the sustainability of the new Program

#### STEP 2

BUILD A CONNECTION with the Jays
Care Foundation and your Challenger
Baseball Provincial Coordinator by
contacting Alysha Socha at
Alysha.Socha@bluejays.com. You'll be
introduced to key stakeholders to help the
Program be successful!

#### STEP 3

Attend the Jays Care Foundation

CHALLENGER BASEBALL TRAINING

WEEKEND for your province. For information on Training Date or to obtain the Training Materials, contact

Alysha.Socha@bluejays.com

## STEP 4

Generate Interest and VOLUNTEER
SUPPORT from your local community. Use
the Fillable PDF Poster provided by the Jays
Care Foundation, and contact your local
sporting organizations and/or school systems.

## STEP 5

Develop your **VOLUNTEER SYSTEM**.

At Challenger Baseball, we do our best to provide a 1:1 Athlete-Buddy ratio.

## STEP 6

GAIN SUPPORT from your local Baseball/ Softball League. This will be an important connection to establish for many aspects of your program, including volunteers, field space, uniforms, equipment, etc...

#### STEP 8

Attain a START-UP EQUIPMENT KIT from the Jays Care Foundation by contacting Alysha, Socha@bluejays.com,

#### STEP 7

CHARTER YOUR CHALLENGER
BASEBALL PROGRAM with Little League
Canada (LLC). Contact Wendy Thomson at
(613) 731-3301 or wthomson@littleleague.ca.
LLC will provide more information on yearly
Criminal Record Checks (CRC) for all
Coordinators, Coaches and Volunteers, and
Adequate Liability Insurance
for your Program.

## STEP 9

Have questions? **WE'RE HERE TO HELP!**Contact the Program Specialist, Challenger
Baseball with the Jays Care Foundation at
(416) 341-1463 or Alysha.Socha@bluejays.com.

