



House 'A' Summer Baseball Experience

The House 'A' summer baseball program is committed to providing players and parents of the Foothills Minor Baseball Association (FMBA) an avenue to play competitive ball at a high level with a less commitment level than our AA program. The program is essentially an extension to our House Baseball season.

Playing Summer baseball suggests that certain commitments must be made. These major commitments are time, travel, and financial (which can be reduced via fundraising efforts by individual teams). With only **12** players per team all players are expected to attend all practices, games, and team functions as reasonably possible. If families are taking extended vacations or have high commitment levels in other sports or activities this should be discussed prior to evaluations. We do not want to take away a roster spot from a full-time player for a player that can only play part of the time. Failure to fulfill commitments by any player or parent will result in a review of that players privilege to play in the Summer Baseball program.

Team tryouts will take place end of May or beginning of June depending on availability of diamonds.

What are you Committing to?

- A.** 1 Practice per week in addition to house starting June. 2 Practices/week once house league has ended typically around June 21
 - a. Additional practices are up to the coach
 - b. Additional costs are team's responsibility
- B.** Weekend games and Provincials.
 - a. 2 weekends in July for league games
 - b. Provincials are held on either the third or 4th weekend of July
- C.** Travel throughout the province.
 - a. Schedule and location are determined by Baseball Alberta.
 - b. Distances can range as provincials could be held anywhere in the province but most travel is usually to towns between Okotoks and the Edmonton area.
- D.** Fundraising
 - a. As a member of the House A Summer Baseball program it is expected that team players and parents raise funds to offset costs in the season.
 - b. The level of fundraising is determined by the team manager based on the interest by parents.
 - c. Ideas and opportunities for fundraising will be listed in the managers manual that is given to the team manager once the team has been formed.
 - d. If you wish to forgo fundraising activities all money issued to the team will not be refunded to you but instead will be divided among those player/parents that took part.

Cost

Once placed on a team (after evaluations) an additional fee is collected by FMBA. These fees are utilized to offset the cost of additional facility rentals, Baseball Alberta "A" team fees, provincial fees, and specific team costs.

Teams are also required to prepare their own budgets to cover expenses related to additional equipment, indoor field/batting practice etc. This is most commonly done through a cash call from the team treasurer to parents. Cash call amounts can vary from team to team. This charge is reduced over the course of the year through fundraising.

There will also be an opportunity to purchase branded apparel prior to the season. The cost for these items is not included in estimates and there is a portion of the apparel lineup that is mandatory.

The amount of fundraising activity will have a direct impact on the final cost per player to the families.

Initial FMBA Registration Fee: \$320 - Collected by FMBA for House Regular Season (May thru June)

Summer Ball Fee: TBD (Estimated \$200 – \$250) Collected by FMBA for Summer ball season extension (June thru July)

Team Cash Call: \$100 (estimate only) Collected by Team Treasurer