



Foothills Minor Baseball Association

Outlaws AA Parent Information night



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What Is Outlaws Baseball?

- FMBA's competitive stream of baseball
- Teams play in Baseball Alberta's Provincial "AA" Division
- Increased commitment and travel compared to House league



Commitment

What are you Committing to?

- 2 to 3 weekday Practices weekly.
- Weekend games and tournaments.
 - Usually an average of 3 weekends per month.
 - Season runs from May through to July and possibly August Long weekend.
- Independent Tournament Play.
 - Typically, teams will play in two to three additional tournaments outside of the scheduled league play.
 - These tournaments are normally preseason and also held over May long weekend and a weekend in June (dependant on league schedule). Your team will be notified of the weekends of play for these tournaments when the team selection is complete.
- Travel throughout the province.
 - Schedule and location is determined by Baseball Alberta.
 - As the season progresses you will likely have to travel farther because your team will be placed in a specific tier (tiers are used to even out the talent pool in order for you to play teams of equal talent).
 - 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.



Registration & Cutoff dates

- Registration began January 1st, 2020
- Early bird Deadline was January 29th, 2020
- February 29th, 2020 Guaranteed placement ends

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Evaluations

- The evaluations (tryouts) are conducted under the direction of the Outlaws Director
- Coaches of the Okotoks Dawgs baseball club partake as independent evaluators.
- Evaluations will start the week of March 1st
- Evaluations will consist of two mandatory open sessions where all players will be evaluated.
- Once the second session is completed the players ranked 9-16 in each division will be invited back for a final session.
- The players not invited to the final session will round out the teams in the division or be cut and asked to play house league baseball.
- *All players are required to attend the Evaluation Sessions*
- There is a \$25 fee required and should be paid prior to the first session
- **Outlaws evaluation will be utilizing the TeamGenius app and software for evaluations to further increase our efforts for the most impartial process possible. You can learn more at www.myteamgenius.com**

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March 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--|--|--|--|--------|----------|
| 1 | 2 "AA" 11U Evaluations 7:30pm-9:30pm | 3 "AA" 13U Evaluations 7:30pm-9:30pm | 4 "AA" 15U Evaluations 7:30pm-9:30pm | 5 "AA" 18U Evaluations 7:30pm-9:30pm | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 "AA" 11U Evaluations 7:30pm-9:30pm | 10 "AA" 13U Evaluations 7:30pm-9:30pm | 11 "AA" 15U Evaluations 7:30pm-9:30pm | 12 "AA" 18U Evaluations 7:30pm-9:30pm | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 "AA" 11U Evaluations 7:30pm-9:30pm | 17 "AA" 13U Evaluations 7:30pm-9:30pm | 18 "AA" 15U Evaluations 7:30pm-9:30pm | 19 "AA" 18U Evaluations 7:30pm-9:30pm | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |



Coaching Selection

- Coaching candidates must submit an application.
 - Application located on the FMBA webpage.
- Coaches are paired with teams after evaluations.
 - Coaches will not dictate what team they're child plays on.
- Parent involvement is an integral part of the Outlaws program and you are needed for it to succeed.
- We strongly encourage parents to consider coaching as it is an essential part of our ability to field teams.
- Coaches must meet the certification requirements set forth by Baseball Alberta.
 - <http://www.baseballalberta.com/content/nccp-requirements>
- All Necessary coaching clinics will be scheduled for April.
- Respect in Sport for coaches is also a requirement

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Schedule

- Teams will practice at minimum 2 times per week (Tuesday/Thursday).
 - These will be scheduled by FMBA
- Additional practice (indoor, batting, etc.) is at the discretion of the team.
 - These practices will be at the expense of the team.
- Games are primarily held on weekends and will take up 2-3 weekends per month.
- Season runs from May through July and possibly August long weekend.
- Teams are also placed in two to three additional tournaments outside of league play.



2020 League Schedule

13U & 18U "AA"

- May
 - 9th-10th
 - 30th-31st
- June
 - 13th-14th
 - 27th-28th
- July
 - 4th-5th
 - 11th-12th (Tier IV and Lower)
 - 18th-19th (Tier I/II/III)
 - 24th-26th AA Provincial Championship (Tier IV and lower)
 - July 31st-Aug 3rd AA Provincial Championship (Tier I/II/III)

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2020 League Schedule

11U & 15U “AA”

- May
 - 9th-10th
 - 23rd-24th
- June
 - 13th-14th
 - 20th-21st
- July
 - 4th-5th
 - 11th-12th (Tier IV and Lower)
 - 18th-19th (Tier I/II/III)
 - 24th-26th AA Provincial Championship (Tier IV and lower)
 - July 31st-Aug 3rd AA Provincial Championship (Tier I/II/III)

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2019 Tournament Schedule

- **11U (Mosquito) - Two Tournaments**
 - Larry Rindero Tournament - St. Albert
 - May 16-18, 2020
 - Doc Plotsky Tournament - Sherwood Park
 - June 5-7, 2020

- **13U (Pee Wee) - Three Tournaments**
 - Cross The Creek - Vernon, British Columbia
 - May 1-3, 2020
 - Larry Rindero Tournament - St. Albert
 - May 16-18, 2020
 - Doc Plotsky Tournament - Sherwood Park
 - June 5-7, 2020

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2019 Tournament Schedule

- **15U - Three Tournaments**
 - Ice Breaker Tournament - Lethbridge
 - April 24-26, 2020
 - Larry Rindero Tournament - St. Albert
 - May 16-18, 2020
 - Doc Plotsky Tournament - Sherwood Park
 - June 5-7, 2020
- **18U - Two Tournaments**
 - Larry Rindero Tournament - St. Albert
 - May 16-18, 2020
 - Doc Plotsky Tournament - Sherwood Park
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Fees

- Initial fees are collected at time of registration.
 - Will cover basic expenses related to Baseball Alberta, insurance, equipment, etc.
- Once evaluation are complete and teams have been made an Outlaws Baseball fee is collected.
 - These fees are to cover the cost of additional facility rentals, Baseball Alberta “AA” team fees and equipment costs.
- Outlaws teams are also required to prepare their own team budgets.
 - This is used for **umpires**, nonleague tournament fees, additional equipment, indoor field/batting cage rentals, etc.
- There will also be an opportunity to purchase Outlaws branded apparel.
 - These items are not included in estimates.
 - A portion of the apparel lineup is mandatory.

Cost Estimates

- Initial FMBA Registration Fee: \$245-\$315 (depending on division and time of registration) - Collected by FMBA
- Outlaws Fee: \$325 - Collected by FMBA
- Team Cash Call: \$250- Collected by Team Treasurer
- Evaluation Fee: \$25 - Collected at first Evaluation session



Fundraising

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

- As a member of the Outlaws Baseball program it is expected that team players and parents raise funds to offset costs in the season.
- Fundraising is an integral part of the financial success of the team
- The level of fundraising is determined by the team manager based on the interest by parents.
- 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.
- Extra money left over at the end of the season goes back to the parents who took part in the fundraising efforts.
 - This is essentially a refund for the team cash call at the start of the season

Possible fundraising Ideas

- Raffles
- 50/50
- Bottle Drives
- Silent Auctions
- Garage Sales
- Fundraising Dinners

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Parent Volunteer Positions

- Head Coach
 - 1 person
- Assistant Coach
 - 2-3 People
- Team Manager
 - 1-2 People
 - Manage tournaments, pitch count reports, umpire fees etc.
- Team Treasurer
 - 1-2 People
 - Manages all payments, team cash calls, fundraising money etc.



Policies/Training

As a parent you will be responsible for reviewing, signing and taking the following policies/training.

- Parental Code of Conduct
 - One Parent or Guardian must review and sign
- Player Code of Conduct
 - To be review with and signed by the player
- Coaches Code of Conduct
 - Review and Signed if you are either the Head or Assistant coaches
- Respect in Sport Parent Program for Foothills Minor Ball
 - One Parent or Guardian must take the online training module
 - <https://okotoksball.respectgroupinc.com>

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2020 Team Jersey Option

- Teams will have the choice to purchase team Jerseys that players will keep.
- The cost for the Jersey is at the expense of the team or player
 - Fundraising dollars or sponsorship can be used towards the purchase





Outlaws AA Program Fundraiser

- The Outlaws AA program will be taking part in at least one program wide online 50/50 Draw for a \$5000 prize
- Funds raised will go to FMBA to as payment for League hosting weekend diamond rental expenses
- Company being used is called Rafflebox
 - www.rafflebox.ca
- Each team will have a webpage that they can share via email, social media, etc.

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Questions?

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Thank you!!!

Let's have a fun year!



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