



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 will take place in the spring Due to COVID-19
- You must register for tryouts and pay the evaluation fee
- Evaluations are tentatively scheduled for the week of February 22nd

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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 February 22nd (tentative)
- Evaluations will consist of two mandatory open sessions where all players will be evaluated.
- The players that do not make an Outlaws team will be asked to play house league baseball.
- *All players are required to attend the Evaluation Sessions*
- A fee Of \$25 is required and should be payed 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**

OUTLAWS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	February 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16				20
21	22	23	24 "AA" 11U Evaluations 7:30pm-9:30pm	25 "AA" 13U Evaluations 7:30pm-9:30pm	26 "AA" 15U Evaluations 6:00pm-7:45pm "AA" 18U Evaluations 8pm-9:30pm	27
28	March 1	2	3 "AA" 11U Evaluations 7:30pm-9:30pm	4 "AA" 13U Evaluations 7:30pm-9:30pm	5 "AA" 15U Evaluations 6:00pm-7:45pm "AA" 18U Evaluations 8pm-9:30pm	6





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.



2021 League Schedule Scenarios

SCENARIO #1

- Similar to 2020 season
- Cohort application would be in place
- Cohort limit of 50 (subject to change)
- Cohort limit does not include coaches / officials / staff (further AHS requirements apply to these individuals)

SCENARIO #2

- Cohort limit of 50 (subject to change)
Teams will be placed in cohorts for set number of play weekends
- Following each SET of play weekends , teams will have a 2 week break where they will be limited to activities strictly within their team
- Newly formed cohorts will continue following the 2 week break

SCENARIO #3

- Similar to 2019 season (late entry, tiering , Provincial Championships)
- Schedules would be created with teams having the ability to play each other without cohort restrictions
- Potential to attend Post-Provincial Championships (dependant on Baseball Canada)



2021 League Schedule Scenarios

Scenario #1

- Start date for season - May 8th
- End of season August 22nd (this would allow for a 2 week break prior to the start date of Fall Ball.)
- Scheduling in this scenario will be done by Baseball Alberta to ensure a desired number of games are being played by all teams, however, individual teams will be able to schedule extra games with their cohort.
- Baseball Alberta will assign umpires to the scheduled games.
- Provincial Championships will not be possible with the cohort restrictions and tournament formats not being permitted.

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Scenario #2 - A

This scenario would have teams placed in their cohorts for 2 weekends of play before being required to take a MANDATORY 14 DAY BREAK and then being placed into a new cohort. This scenario would allow teams to play against greater number of teams over the course of the summer. Baseball Alberta will schedule a minimum number of games to be played within each cohort. Baseball Alberta will assign umpires to the scheduled games.

- May 8th – 23rd – First Cohort
- May 24th- June 7th - BREAK from cohort play
- June 8th – June 20th – Second Cohort
- June 21st - July 5th – BREAK from cohort play
- July 6th - July 18th – Third Cohort
- July 19th – August 2nd – BREAK from cohort play
- August 3rd – August 22nd – Final Cohort (additional week of play for final cohort)



2021 League Schedule Scenarios

Scenario #2 - B

This scenario would have teams placed in their cohorts for 3 weeks of play before being required to take a MANDATORY 14 DAY BREAK and being placed into a new cohort. Baseball Alberta will schedule a minimum number of games to be played within each cohort. Baseball Alberta will assign umpires to the scheduled games.

- May 8th – May 30th – First Cohort
- May 31st- June 14th - BREAK from cohort play
- June 15th – July 11th – Second Cohort
- July 12th – July 26th - BREAK from cohort play
- July 27th – August 22nd – Third Cohort



2021 League Schedule Scenarios

Scenario #3

11U & 15U AA

- May 8th – 9th
- May 22nd – 23rd
- June 12th – 13th
- June 19th – 20th
- July 3rd – 4th
- July 10th – 11th (Tier IV & Below)
- July 17th – 18th (Tier I/II/III)
- July 23rd – 25th - Provincial Championship – (Tier IV & Below)
- July 30th – August 1st – Provincial Championship – (Tier I/II/III)



2021 League Schedule Scenarios

Scenario #3

13U & 18U AA

- May 8th – 9th
- May 15th – 16th (18U Optional Only)
- May 29th – 30th
- June 5th – 6th (18U Optional Only)
- June 12th – 13th
- June 26th – 27th
- July 3rd – 4th
- July 10th – 11th (Tier IV & Below)
- July 17th – 18th (Tier I/II/III)
- July 23rd – 25th - Provincial Championship – (Tier IV & Below)
- July 30th – August 1st – Provincial Championship – (Tier I/II/III)



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2021 Tournament Schedule

- No Scheduled Tournaments at this time due to COVID-19

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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

- FMBA Registration Fee: \$320 - Collected by FMBA
- Outlaws Fee: \$300 - Collected by FMBA
- Team Cash Call: \$250- Collected by Team Treasurer
- Evaluation Fee: Cost \$25 - Collected at by FMBA



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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2021 Team Jersey Option

- Teams will receive personal team Jerseys that players will keep.
- The cost for the Jerseys has been paid via generous donation by H2Safety





Outlaws AA Program Fundraiser

- The Outlaws AA program will be taking part in at least one program wide online 50/50 Draw for a cash 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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