

## **A. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

## **MINOR CATEGORIES:**

Associations may carry a maximum of 4 – 19 year non collegiate players in any one 18U category A, AA, & AAA, 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):

- 11U May not turn 12 or older in 2022 (recommended 2011 2012 birthdates)
- 13U May not turn 14 or older in 2022 (recommended 2009 2010 birthdates)
- 15U May not turn 16 or older in 2022 (recommended 2007 2008 birthdates)
- 18U May not turn 19 or older in 2022 (recommended 2004 2006 birthdates)

**18U Girls** - May not turn 22 or older in 2022 (recommended 2001 - 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 2022 (recommended 2000 - 2003 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.