



**Swift Current Minor Baseball
Provincial Teams Meeting
Feb 15, 2024 7:00 at the 57's Clubhouse**

Welcome to everyone.

Congratulations and thank-you to our Provincial Coaches:

11U AAA- Mark Reiter
11U AA- Chad Duckworth
13U AAA- Wyatt Harkes
13U AA- James Jacobson
15U AAA- Shawn Irwin
18U AAA- Kurri Darby

Umpires- Clayton Obst is our coordinator. He would like to encourage all players to become umpires since we are very short of umpires. It would be great for all players to really consider becoming an umpire. We are in need of ump's for the 15U and 18U level

Please encourage your players to contact Clayton at 306-750-0966 to register for umpire training. Clayton will offer all levels of training. We will also host training here on the May long.

We are using the Official Assignor Program from RAMP to help with scheduling umpires this year. Umpire fees will be increasing this year. We will get the amount to you by the end of March.

Equipment-

Jerseys and apparel packages will be picked up together. You will be notified when it is ready. The players will get to keep their orange jerseys this year, so you can put name bars and sponsorship names on them. Butter offers this service for an additional charge. Green jerseys will be returned at the end of the season.

Teams will be allocated chalk and game balls at the beginning of the season. Anything not used at the end of the season can be returned and their team will be charged or refunded accordingly.

There will be 3 buckets of balls in the garage that are to be used strictly for the batting cages only. They must be cleaned up and put back in that garage after use.

Chalk- try to use ½ bag per game.

There is a white board in the shed. Please mark down what you take, and if you are short on something, either try to get a hold of Butter (306-750-1159) and/or mark it on the white board.

Tractors- There is a little book that is used to log the time on the tractor. Please use it every time. Also, do not ramp the tractor off the side of the curb. We are in the works of getting a shed put on the 11U side, but for now, please take the time to drive around.

Take inventory at the beginning of the season and let Butter know if you are missing anything or if you need anything. We will also require an inventory to be taken at the end of the season as well.

City is responsible to bring in shale. Toni will ask to bring in shale especially for the 13U diamond.

Try-outs- Let Butter know what you need for equipment for try-outs.

If hitting in the stockade, don't use the regular balls. Only use those for throwing/pitching.

Budget sheet- At the end of the notes, there will be an example budget sheet. Please only input the necessities on the budget sheet. Do not include extras like pizza parties etc. on the budget sheet that will be handed into SCMB. These forms must be filled out and payment must be made to Conrad Funk by **May 1, 2024**. Sponsorship will only cover the actual operating costs of the team, and this year SCMB will be keeping a percentage to help pay for upgrades. This year we are upgrading the batting cages. In the next years we hope to upgrade the bathrooms/concession, and possibly bathrooms on the 11U side.

Sponsorship will be mandatory again this year. Teams are not able to make above what team fees were collected. More information will be emailed at a later date. We kept all signs from last year.

Team Selection- AAA and AA try-outs will be together. Ask for help from other divisions.

Assistant coached and managers should be picked after try-outs. Spouses are not to be team managers.

There will be a \$30 team try-out fee. This will be well known when the player registers for this season. Players are not allowed to try-out unless their registration and try-out fee are paid. If an out-of-town player does not make a team, we will reimburse the registration fee, but not the try-out fee. Someone from the board will be there to make sure all fees are paid before the try-out.

Try-outs must be completed by March 23.

We encourage coaches to have practices at the stockade until we are able to get outside. All fees associated with indoor practices will come out of the team fees.

We hope players will be able to make all try-outs, but we do understand other activities get in the way, so we require at least 1 practice preferably 2. Coaches reach out to division heads to get a number of players registered and interested.

Managers- you must have a manager. Forward this info to Toni and Conrad.

Scheduling- Scheduling meetings for the Premier League will be sent as soon known (15U and 18U) For the Regina League (11U and 13U) please send in blackout dates. There will also be a league meeting before the season starts.

Coach's clinic- we are still waiting to hear back about this.

Provincials- teams are responsible for submitting the fee by the deadline on the Sask Baseball site.

Clothing- There will be orange and green shirts again. Hoodies and hats will be Under Armour. Socks and belts can be purchased at Butters store- Southwest Sports Excellence. SCMB will offer a night to try-on clothing for players and parents.

We will offer cage jackets for coaches- long and short sleeve.

Diamonds- Each team is responsible for the upkeep on their diamonds.

We will get a cleaning schedule for the bathrooms. Please send your game schedules to Toni and Clayton. She will make the cleaning schedule if the City won't clean and lock/unlock the bathrooms for us.

Coaches Code of Conduct- Please submit those forms ASAP along with Safe Places.

NCCP Certification- we are still waiting to hear about having a 2 day course in Swift Current.

Other- Bank accounts are set up. You may be required to put names on the account.

Tournaments- If you need to register and pay right away, SCMB will pay upfront, and you can reimburse once team fees are paid.

Home tournaments- Baseball Sask is looking for someone to host 15U Provincials.

15U – June 8th weekend

13UAAA- 1st weekend in June

13UAA- 2nd weekend in June

11uAAA- June 7-9

11UAA- June 28-30

RC- June 15

We will try to get the City to cut the grass the Thursday before the tournament.

Weeds- please ask us and we will advise when to do it.

Beer Gardens- SK Baseball is not for it, but it doesn't mean we can't do it, we just need approval.

Canteen- if you want someone to work the canteen please let Toni know. We have the same people from last year that would run it again. If you want to get food trucks, they have to be registered with the City, and there will be a fee if they use electrical.

We will give the City the coached contacts so the City can contact the coaches if there is any issue with the diamonds- ex. Weather.

Diamonds open May long, but we are able to get on earlier. We rent them from the beginning of April.

Big 57's- They want a team to walk out with them every game. Send your preferred dates to Toni, and she will try and make it happen. We would like to get some of the older players to help out the Rally Cap/t-ball division. Kids can get volunteer hours.

Social Media- we have Ashley Langen doing our social media. Please email her at ashley.langen@shaw.ca You can send anything you would like posted on facebook regarding your team. Please send your schedules to Ashley and Quinton.

Game Day- we can request to have the street closed.

Please put out the street signs during your games. This is mandatory.

Coaches contact info: