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Annual General Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2019
10:38 am

Meeting called by: Grant Butler, BCMBA Interim President

Type of meeting: Annual General Meeting

Minute taker: Val Greenwood, BCMBA Secretary

Attendees:
BCMBA Directors:
G. Butler, V. Greenwood, M. Kelly, J. Braaten, A. Hayes, T. McGuire, C. Martin, M. Holyk, I. MacIntyre, A. Wong-de Leon, S. King (late arrival), D. Garton, M. Hall, R. Puri, R. Wearing.
(originally 14, 15 after S. King arrival)

Member Associations:

Abbotsford, Agassiz, Aldergrove, Burnaby Baseball, South Burnaby, Chemainus, Chilliwack, Cloverdale, COMBA, Comox Valley, Coquitlam-Moody, Duncan, Enderby, Kamloops, Ladner, Ladysmith, Mission, Nanaimo, Newton, North Delta, North Langley, North Shore, Port Coquitlam, Prince George, Richmond City, Ridge Meadows, Salmon Arm, Salt Spring Island, SOMBA, Surrey, Tsawwassen, Vancouver Community, Vancouver Minor, Greater Victoria, West Kelowna, White Rock, (36)

Conference Call: Not available

Absent: BCMBA Directors: P. Weatherill and L. Szabo

Guest(s) : James Raymond, BCMBA Administrative Director

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:38 am

1. Roll Call, Val Greenwood, BCMBA Secretary

- As there are no Constitutional or bylaw changes the quorum needed to pass any rule change motions will be 27.

2. Presidents Welcome;

- Grant thanked the BCMBA Board of Directors and the member Associations board for their time and efforts during the year
- Grant noted that Les Szabo, Mike Holyk and Iain MacIntyre are leaving the board wishing them well.
- Welcome to our newest Association – Enderby

2. Additions to Agenda.

- None
- MOTION: SOMBA / Prince George**
Motion to accept 2019 agenda as presented.

M/S/C

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes

- **MOTION: SOMBA / Vancouver Minor**
Motion to accept 2018 Annual General Meeting's minutes as distributed. M/S/C
- **MOTION: SOMBA / Vancouver Minor**
Motion to accept minutes of Special General Meeting of February 16, 2019 as distributed. M/S/C

4. Presidents Report

- As distributed, see BCMBA Committee and Division Reports attached.

5. Correspondence

- Boundary Maps: South Burnaby, Ridge Meadows, Kamloops, Cloverdale,
- Executive Rosters: Greater Victoria
- BCBUA: Ms. Rhonda Pauls, New President of BCBUA
 - Letter regarding opt-out clause to cancel existing contract and request to create a new contract
 - Tabled to December's BoD meeting

6. Treasurers Report

- Anne Hayes, BCMBA Treasurer:
 - Financials have been reviewed by an Accountant who's finding are that all is in order
- **MOTION: Kamloops / SOMBA** Motion to accept Treasurer's report for 2019 as distributed. M/S/C

7. Committee and Division Reports

Committee and Division Reports as distributed: Presented by Grant Butler as follows

- **Governance (Rules/Discipline)** – As distributed
 - This Committee will be separated as they were never put together prior to this year.
 - The BoD is considering creating a listing showing discipline events to identify repeat offenders and identify Association shopping by those individuals.
 - I did reach out to BC Soccer and found that they do not publish anything involving minors
- **Appeals** – As distributed
 - Sanda King has researched options for the appeal process as the existing one creates much divisiveness on the BoD's.
 - The BCMBA BoD's believes that the process should be kept in our control and may look into a process that would include member Association President's.
- **Eligibility** – As distributed
 - Need more help from the coaches in keeping their Association informed on in-coming players
- **Girls Baseball** – As distributed
 - Need more communications with Associations – Baseball BC has moved select teams to High Performance to keep equity with male teams – cannot contact unknown players, need help from the Associations in getting word out to new players.
 - Congratulations to the 16U team who won first Gold medal in nine (9) years.

- **Umpire** – As distributed
 - Sent letter notifying BCMBA that the BCBUA Board voted to cancel current contract, using the existing optout clause, and look forward to negotiating a new one.
 - An ad-hoc committee including Baseball BC members (BCMBA, PBL, LL and Babe Ruth) is exploring a way to improve umpire relations and accountability regarding complaints about umpires.
- **Caravan** – As distributed
 - Deadline to apply for the caravan is November 30th – can only accept five (5) or six (6) more stops
 - The schedule will be done once stops are full
 - If you wish NCCP, register with Baseball BC first as they will then send facilitator to caravan stop
- **Coaches Conference** – As distributed - February 7th - 9th, 2020
- **Marketing** - As distributed
- **Web Site** – As distributed
 - Request from the floor: “Can a documents bar be put in place?”
 - James Raymond: Still a work in progress
- **Awards** – As distributed
- **Scholarships** – As distributed
 - Six (6) recipients have been chosen will be discussed at December board meeting
- **High Performance** - As distributed
 - 16U Selects – As distributed
- **Boundaries** – As distributed
- **Divisions:** – As distributed
 - **25U Jr. Men’s**
 - **18U AAA**
 - **18U AA**
 - **18U College Prep League**
 - **U15 AAA**
 - **13U** - Number of AAA teams down due to the change of numbers need for fielding teams
 - **11U** – had sixty-three (63) teams this past summer

See following Detailed Committee and Division Reports

8. General Business

Proposed rule changes – As distributed, presented by Dave Garton, BCMBA Rules and Discipline Chair

- Total Voting delegates: 15 Directors and 36 member Associations = 51
- Motions for Rule Changes will pass with 50%+ 1 = 27 votes needed to Pass

See following Edited Rule Change Package showing voting details



Proposed Rule Changes for Annual General Meeting

NOVEMBER 16, 2019

DAVE GARTON – RULE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The British Columbia Minor Baseball Association is circulating these rules for consideration at the Annual General Meeting on November 16, 2019.

The process for handling all Rule changes at the Annual General Meeting will follow the following process, which will be Chaired by a combination of the President or Rules Committee Chairman.

1. Introduction of the Proposed Change
2. Mover will be Invited to Speak to Motion
3. Secunder will be invited to Speak to Motion Speak
4. Open Discussion amongst Voting Delegates
5. Amendments may be brought to the floor for consideration, only if the Chair deems the Amendment does not change the face of the original motion
6. Call to Question

Note 1: Only registered Voting Delegates are permitted to speak to motions

Note 2: Voting Delegates may speak a second time on a motion, only after all other delegates have been afforded the opportunity to speak

Note 3: All questions must be addressed through the Chair

Note 4: The Chair at his/her discretion may place a time for discussion on some or all motions

Constitutional and By-Law Changes

No Constitutional and By-Law motions have been submitted ☹

Rule Changes

- Twenty-three (23) Rules Changes have been submitted
- Rule change 23 has two options of which only one will be passed
- 50%+ 1 of Membership and Board of Directors in Attendance to Pass Board of Directors are Eligible to Vote

Additional rule updates will occur before the rule book is finalized for 2020. These updates will be for spelling, grammar or language clean up that do not change the meaning of any of the rules as currently written. There will also be divisions added to listings for divisions that currently exist but are not in the rule book (i.e. 18U College Prep).



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Rule Change # 1

1. Existing Rule	1.04 Conditions of Membership for New Associations (D) New or existing B.C.B.A. associations that do not offer programming at all age levels will have their catchment area at those age levels not offered be deemed open territory. Players from these areas will not be deemed imports. These players will require a release.
2. Rational for Change	Rationale: To inform associations where players in their areas are playing ball without the work of doing releases.
3. Proposed Change	(D) New or existing B.C.M.B.A. associations that do not offer programming at all age levels will have their catchment area at those age levels not offered be deemed open territory. Players from these areas will not be deemed imports. A list shall be sent to BCMBA's eligibility representative & home association president of these players.
Mover:	Mary McCann, Vancouver Minor Baseball
Second:	Peter Lei, South Burnaby Metro Club

FOR - 10

AGAINST - 22

ABSTENTIONS - 4

MOTION DEFEATED



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Rule Change # 2

1. Existing Rule	2.03 Per Summer League Team (due July 1) 10U, 11U, 13U A, 15U A - \$ 150.00 13U AA, 18U AA - \$ 300.00 13U AAA - \$600.00
2. Rational for Change	Rechange Rule wording, increase fee amount and reduce another fee amount
3. Proposed Change	2.03 Per Summer League Team Fees (due July 1) 10U, 11U, 13U A, 15U A - \$200.00 13U AA, 18U AA - \$ 300.00 13U AAA - \$300.00
Mover:	Abigail Wong-de Leon, BCMBA Director
Seconded:	Trevor McGuire, BCMBA Director

FOR - +27 , AGAINST - __ , ABSTENTIONS - __
MOTION CARRIED



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Rule Change # 3

1. Existing Rule	<u>Rule 3: Association Boundaries</u> 3.01 General
2. Rational for Change	ADDITION: Advertisement regarding baseball registration shall only be within your own boundaries. This will prevent confusion regarding player registration in neighbouring boundaries.
3. Proposed Change	NEW 3.01 (J) Advertisement regarding baseball registration shall only be within your own boundaries.
Mover:	Peter Lei, South Burnaby Metro Club
Second:	Mary McCann, Vancouver Minor Baseball

FOR - 6
AGAINST - 25
ABSTENTIONS - 6 (COMBA)
MOTION DEFEATED

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1. Existing Rule	<u>Rule 7: Single Season Procedures: 15U AA 15U AAA & 18U AAA</u> 7.01 Declaration Dates Associations playing in either division must provide, via the Association President, written notice to B.C.B.A. by December 1st for 15U AAA, January 1st for 15U AA and February 1 for all other Single Season divisions.	
2. Rational for Change	To put rules in place for the 2021 Single Season 15U (Bantam) Selects, addition of wording Elite ↓	
3. Proposed Change	<u>Rule 7: Single Season Procedures: 15U AA 15U AAA 15U Selects & 18U AAA</u> 7.01 Declaration Dates Associations playing in either division must provide, via the Association President, written notice to the B.C.M.B.A. Division Chair by December 1st for 15UAAA, January 1st for 15U AA and February 1 for all other Single Season divisions. 15U Selects application will be submitted no later than BCMBA AGM with selection reporting being made by December BCMBA board meeting. Elite ↑	
Mover:	Trevor McGuire, BCMBA Director	
Seconder:	Abigail Won – de Leon, BCMBA Director	

Motion to amend to read "Elite" instead of "Selects" M/S/C

To the Amended Motion: M/S/C (For 33, Against 4, Abstentions 2 (S.Bby))
AMENDED MOTION CARRIED



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Rule Change # 5

1. Existing Rule	7.04 Deletion of Players from Roster Any player on a single season roster may drop down to the A or AA level until June 1 of the current playing season. (one level drop only)
2. Rational for Change	This was not intended to improve a team or make up for poor coaching, which is how it has been used.
3. Proposed Change	REMOVE the Rule
Mover:	Pat Weatherill, BCMBA Director
Seconded:	Tina Baker, Duncan Junior Baseball

FOR - 6
AGAINST - 17
ABSTENTIONS - 6
MOTION DEFEATED

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1. Existing Rule	8.07 11U (Mosquito) Tiered teams not permitted.	
2. Rational for Change	Players are getting better at a younger age, which creates a large separation between the top players and the beginner players.	
3. Proposed Change	Associations are allowed to tier internally, provided they do not play in league games or tournaments outside of their association for the spring season. Programs such as MSET and Prospects are permitted, however associations may not do both tiering and the MSET or Prospect programs. Teams may participate in MSET or Prospects tournaments, provided their association has offered this program in the spring. Associations must notify BCMBA of their intentions, by April 1st, before the start of each spring season.	
Mover:	Glenn Kirkpatrick, White Rock	
Seconders:	Mike Dance, Cloverdale	

FOR - 22
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Rule Change # 7

1. Existing Rule	10 Managing and Coaching 10.02 General (A) Two coaches may be used on the baseline as base coaches. (B) Should only one coach be in attendance, only eligible players in uniform may be used as the other base coach or as coach (C) A coach or coaches may not switch coaching boxes during an inning. (D) Players, managers and coaches must remain in the dugouts, on the benches or in the prescribed areas throughout the game.
2. Rational for Change	Have seen an increase of on-field coaches using cell phones during games. This is a dangerous scenario as it can/is occurring during game play and focus is taken away from players which can lead to injury (players or themselves) because of lack of focus.
3. Proposed Change	NEW (E) Cell phones are not permitted to be used on the field during play. Note: Cell phones may be used in the dugout/bench area to obtain medical attention for emergencies and other non-game related purposes.
Mover:	John Braaten, BCMBA Director
Seconder:	Anne Hayes, BCMBA Director

FOR - +27 , AGAINST - __ , ABSTENTIONS - __
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1. Existing Rule	10 Managing and Coaching	
2. Rational for Change	Have seen an increase of rostered coaches on field which leads to overcrowding and confusion over communication on sideline/bench. When Zone Qualifier and Provincial Championships tournaments are played the number of official on-field coaches should be limited in game to three (3). This also lines up with Baseball Canada Nationals and Westerns format.	
3. Proposed Change	NEW 10.04 Number of Coaches There is no limit to the number of coaches that may be on a roster. However, the number of coaches allowed on a roster for a Zone qualifier or Provincial Championship is three (3). If a team has more than three coaches on their roster prior to a Zone qualifier or Provincial Championship, they must declare the three that will attend as official team coaches.	
Mover:	John Braaten, BCMBA Director	
Second:	Anne Hayes, BCMBA Director	

Motion to amend: change "three(3) to "four (4)"

Newton / Van Minor M/S/C (For 27, Against 9 Abstentions 4)

Motion to amend: change all "roster" to "line up card" except for first line,

Van Minor/ Iain MacIntyre M/S/C (For 43 – Against 1 – Abstentions 1)

Motion as amended, M/S/C (For 47 – Against 0 – Abstentions 0)

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED



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Rule Change # 9

1. Existing Rule	12.01 Playing in other baseball programs Players selected for any Association team in accordance with provisions set forth in the "Player Selection Plan" adopted by the local Association will prohibit any player from participating on any team in another baseball program. The primary purpose of this rule is to prevent any possible injury to a young ball player, particularly in the case of pitchers. <u>Approved Ruling:</u> A baseball team/program attached to a public or private educational institution (school) is not interpreted as a baseball program for the purpose of this rule. Exception: 15U (Bantam) AAA players may practice with PBL programs at the discretion of their home association when that association chooses to establish a relationship with one (or more) PBL programs for the purpose of player development. <u>Approved ruling:</u> Playing in any exhibition, tournament or league games is not permitted.
2. Rational for Change	To change the wording for 15U AAA teams Exception and Approved ruling
3. Proposed Change	Exception: 15U (Bantam) AAA players and 15U (Bantam) Selects team may practice and play games with PBL programs at the approval of the 15U Division Chair Director to establish a relationship with one (or more) PBL programs for the purpose of player development. <u>Approved ruling:</u> Playing in any exhibition, tournament or league games not sanctioned by B.C.M.B.A. is only permitted by approval of the 15U Division Chair Director.
Mover:	Trevor McGuire, BCMBA Director
Seconded:	Abigail Wong-de Leon, BCMBA Director

FOR - 3 AGAINST - 30 ABSTENTIONS - 6
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Rule Change # 10

1. Existing Rule	19.04 Bats 15U (Bantam) A/AA 2 3/4-inch max diameter, 42-inch max length, max -10 weight to length ratio, composite, aluminum or wood combination 15U (Bantam) AAA -10 max length/weight drop, Wood, Bamboo or Wood Composite
2. Rational for Change	Existing rule for 15U A, AA & AAA calls for -10 max. weight to length ratio. This is identical to 13U division. The players entering the 15U division should be using a heavier bat for the 2 years to condition themselves for 18U division. -8 bats are also readily available.
3. Proposed Change	15U (Bantam) A/AA 2 3/4-inch max diameter, 42-inch max length, max -8 weight to length ratio, composite, aluminum or wood combination 15U (Bantam) AAA -8 max length/weight drop, Wood, Bamboo or Wood Composite
Mover:	Peter Lei, South Burnaby Metro Club
Seconder:	Mary McCann, Vancouver Minor Baseball

FOR - 7 AGAINST - 31 ABSTENTIONS - 3
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1. Existing Rule	19.06 Uniforms 7U (Rally Cap/T-Ball) and 9U (Tadpole) – Sweater with distinctive number and cap. All other divisions – Conventional baseball uniforms including a shirt, pants, and socks. Coaches must wear at least a team cap in Spring season play. Managers or coaches occupying a coach’s box, must be dressed in full uniform except that they will be allowed to wear matching color coordinated long pants which differ from their players. Coaches and Managers not complying with this rule will not be allowed on the field during the game.	
2. Rational for Change	The purpose of this is to communicate to all players, coaches and team managers a uniform policy to be followed and ensure consistency amongst all teams.	
3. Proposed Change	19.06 Uniforms 7U (Rally Cap/T-Ball) and 9U (Tadpole) – Sweater with distinctive number and cap. All players, coaches and team managers are not permitted to wear any clothing other than described in the following articles for games. All other divisions – Conventional baseball uniforms including a shirt, pants, and socks. Coaches must wear at least a team cap in Spring season play. Managers or coaches occupying a coach’s box, must be dressed in full uniform except that they will be allowed to wear matching pullovers, cage jackets or warm-up jackets and color coordinated long pants NO SHORTS, NO SLEEVELESS SHIRTS AND NO CUT OUT SLEEVES JERSEY. Coaches and Managers found not to be adhering with this rule will not be allowed on the field during the game.	
Mover:	Abigail Wong-de Leon, BCMBA Director	
Seconder:	Trevor McGuire, BCMBA Director	

FOR - 28 AGAINST - 8 ABSTENTIONS - 2
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Rule Change # 12

1. Existing Rule	21.03 Forfeit Fine Failure to participate in a scheduled game or event will result in the offending team's Association being fined \$500.00 per game or may result in a \$ 500.00 fine per event by B.C.B.A.
2. Rational for Change	To add wording and bring clarity what is included in the fine structure.
3. Proposed Change	21.03 Forfeit Fine Failure to participate in a scheduled game or event (i.e. opening ceremonies) will result in the offending team's Association being fined \$500.00 per game or may result in a \$ 500.00 fine per event by B.C.B.A.
Mover:	Trevor McGuire, BCMBA Director
Second:	Abigail Wong-de Leon, BCMBA Director

FOR - 42 AGAINST -1 ABSTENTIONS - 0
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Rule Change # 13

1. Existing Rule	23.02 Summer Play (all bat) – 10U & 11U (all levels); 13U A & AA; 15U A 23.03 Summer Play (9-man ball): 13U AAA; 15U AA & AAA; 18U AA & AAA
2. Rational for Change	RULE CHANGE: 18U AA - All players on the roster to bat and follow fair play rules. Existing rule for 18U AA is 9-man ball during summer play. AA is essentially “house” league as A does not exist. 9-man ball should only be at the higher tiers, AAA and College Prep. 18U AA should be included in Summer rules 23.02. With this change, I believe there will be more player interest, therefore more teams joining the summer league.
3. Proposed Change	23.02 Summer Play (all bat) – 10U & 11U (all levels); 13U A & AA; 15U A, 18UAA 23.03 Summer Play (9-man ball): 13U AAA; 15U AA & AAA; 18U AAA (18U AA removed)
Mover:	Peter Lei, South Burnaby Metro Club
Seconder:	Mary McCann, Vancouver Minor Baseball

FOR - 26 AGAINST - 17 ABSTENTIONS - 5
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Rule Change # 14

1. Existing Rule	26.06 Infield Fly The Infield Fly Rule applies in all divisions.
2. Rational for Change	Remove the infield fly from 11U and 9U as umpires are level 1 and that rule is not taught till level 2 umpire clinics.
3. Proposed Change	26.06 Infield Fly The Infield Fly Rule applies to divisions 13U and up.
Mover:	John Braaten, BCMBA Director
Second:	Dave Garton, BCMBA Director

Motion to amend: to read "Except for 11U and under in spring"

R. Wearing / J. Braaten M/S/D (For 11, Against 27, Abstentions 6)

Original Motion: M/S/D (For 25 – Against 21 – Abstentions 3)

ORIGINAL MOTION DEFEATED



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Rule Change # 15

1. Existing Rule	31.03 (V) Pitchers can only pitch a maximum of six (6) innings per pitching week.
2. Rational for Change	Currently there are no pitch count limits for the division unlike 11U and above. This change would allow some basic guidelines for the 9U (Tadpole) division as they have not been updated in many years. Feedback from recent Fall Workshops was for some form of basic pitching rules for 9U
3. Proposed Change	(V) Pitchers in 9U may only pitch one inning per game to a maximum of 35 pitches (after delivering one (1) pitch to a batter, that player shall not pitch in any other inning that game). (V i) a pitcher may pitch in two (2) games in a single day so long as the total number of pitches in the first game is 25 or less; (V ii) a pitcher may pitch in consecutive days , so long as the total number of pitches the previous day is 25 or less; (V iii) a pitcher may not pitch three (3) days in a row
Mover:	John Braaten, BCMBA Director
Second:	Dave Garton, BCMBA Director

FOR - +27 , AGAINST - __ , ABSTENTIONS - __
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Rule Change # 16

1. Existing Rule	Rules 31 – 9U Specific Rules 31.03 General (K) 3 outs or a maximum of 4 runs per inning, with the last inning of play having a (10 run) maximum limit. (O) All teams will take their last bats, no matter what the score is. There is no mercy rule in effect. (BB) Any pitcher that hits 2 batters must be removed from the pitching mound. (CC) Base stealing is allowed. Runners may advance if there is an attempt to throw out a runner; the play is live until the pitcher has possession of the ball on the mound. However, if there are runners at 1st and 3rd base, the catcher may attempt to throw out the runner at second base but the runner at 3rd base cannot steal home. A runner at third must be hit home to score. (OO) Players will be called out for throwing their bat.
2. Rational for Change	Update some of the 9U rules
3. Proposed Change	(K) 3 outs or a maximum of 4 runs per inning, with the last inning of play having a (10 run) maximum limit. See mercy exception in 31.03 (O). (O) The home team will only take their last bats if the run differential is less than 10, if the run differential is 10 or more then the mercy rule will apply. If in their last bats the home team goes ahead by 10 or more runs, the game will end. (BB) Any pitcher that hits 3 batters must be removed from the pitching mound. (CC) Base stealing is allowed. A base runner can never go home based on a throw during an attempted stolen base. Base runners may only score when the ball is initially hit into play, or when forced home (by a walk, hit batter, catcher interference, etc.). (OO) Players will be called out for throwing their bat. If the batter is called out; no base runners will advance on the play.
Mover:	John Braaten, BCMBA Director
Second:	Dave Garton, BCMBA Director

Motion to amend: eliminate clause (BB)

South Burnaby / Salmon Arm M/S/C (For 28, Against 17 Abstentions 0)

Motion as amended, M/S/C ((For + 27 , Against __ , Abstentions __))

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED



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Rule Change # 17

1. Existing Rule	19.04 Bats Article XX was used by the BCMBA board at our May 2019 meeting
2. Rational for Change	Baseball bats stamped with either USABB and/or BPF 1.15 are both the same measurement of the Bat Performance Factor (trampoline effect). Given the change in the Baseball Canada's rule in 2017 there are still baseball bats being used with the BPF 1.15 that are not stamped USABB. This allows players at this time to still use a safer approved baseball bat even though not specified "USABB".
3. Proposed Change	7U (T Ball/Rally Cap) 30 inch, 2 5/8-inch max diameter, unlimited length/weight drop – bats with greater than 2 ¼ in. barrel diameter must be marked "USABB" or stamped with "BPF 1.15 (Bat Performance Factor)" 9U (Tadpole) 30 inch, 2 5/8-inch max diameter, unlimited length/weight drop - bats with greater than 2 ¼ in. barrel diameter must be marked "USABB" or stamped with "BPF 1.15 (Bat Performance Factor)" 10U & 11U (Mosquito) 32 inch, 2 5/8-inch max diameter, unlimited length/weight drop - bats with greater than 2 ¼ in. barrel diameter must be marked "USABB" or stamped with "BPF 1.15 (Bat Performance Factor)"
Mover:	ARTICLE XX Required to bring to BCMBA AGM
Second:	N/A

FOR - 46 , AGAINST - 0 , ABSTENTIONS - 0
MOTION CARRIED



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Rule Change # 18

1. Existing Rule	8.09 15U (Bantam): Addition of (E) for 15U AA tiering
2. Rational for Change	To put in place tiering for 15U AA (Bantam) for the 2020 season, will allow for more competitive play at both levels and player retention.
3. Proposed Change	NEW 8.09 15U (Bantam) (E) 15U AA Single Season will be tiered to Two (2) levels, Associations that already have declared a 15U AAA team for a Single Season will be placed into Tier Two (2) level for a 15U AA team from same Association. Associations placing only a 15U AA team for a single season will be placed into Tier One (1) level. Consideration will be given by Division Directors for move up or move down request's by Associations prior to season schedule being finalized.
Mover:	Trevor McGuire, BCMBA Director
Second:	Abigail Wong-de Leon, BCMBA Director

FOR - +27 , AGAINST - __ , ABSTENTIONS - __
MOTION CARRIED

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1. Existing Rule	9.04 Adding information for Girls 16U program/team	
2. Rational for Change	To establish a paragraph for Girls Baseball rules	
3. Proposed Change	NEW 9.04 (E) Girls Baseball Summer/Single Season Baseball Affiliated with Baseball BC. (A) For Summer/Single Season Play the Girls 16U team affiliated with Baseball BC shall not be subject to Player movement forms. (B) For Sumer/Single Season Play the Girls 16U team players shall be permitted to be on (2) two rosters during season and playoff games. (C) For Provincial Play the Girls 16U team will submit an approved roster no later than 7 days prior to games commencing directly to Division Chair. (D) The 16U Girls team will be allowed to have up to have up to 25 players making up the team for Summer/Single Season play. (E) The 16U Girls team final approved roster for Provincial play will consist of no more than (15) fifteen players and coach's for Provincial Play. 15	
Mover:	Val Greenwood, BCMBA Director	
Seconder:	Trevor McGuire, BCMBA Director	

Motion to amend: to read 15 players plus coaches

Kamloops / Iain MacIntyre M/S/C (For +27 , Against __ , Abstentions __)

Motion as amended, M/S/C (For +27 , Against __ , Abstentions __)

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED



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Rule Change # 20

1. Existing Rule	New Rule
2. Rational for Change	11U Division is grassroots and developmental programming. Brings in line with other Province's 11U divisional rules (Baseball Alberta & Baseball Saskatchewan for example).
3. Proposed Change	No intentional walks permitted in 11U Division.
Mover:	John Braaten, BCMBA Director
Seconder:	Dave Garton, BCMBA Director

FOR - +27 , AGAINST - __ , ABSTENTIONS - __
MOTION CARRIED



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Rule Change # 21

1. Existing Rule	19.05 Ball The ball must weigh not less than five nor more than five and one quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine or more than nine and one quarter inches in circumference. A soft or resilient ball is recommended for 7U (Rally Cap/T-Ball) and 9U (Tadpole).
2. Rational for Change	Small ball be the official size ball for 9U and 11U The hand size of a player in the 9U and 11U divisions is much smaller than an adult. Adults use a 9 - 9 1/4" circumference, 5-5 1/4-ounce ball. A small ball is 7 1/2" in circumference and weighs 4 1/2 ounces. As the players in these divisions have smaller hands and less developed arm strength the use of a smaller ball that is lighter allows for proper teaching of the grip and less stress on their young arms. The small ball also sits in a smaller glove easier making fielding more successful.
3. Proposed Change	19.05 Ball The ball must weigh not less than five nor more than five and one quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine or more than nine and one quarter inches in circumference. A small hardball of 7 1/2" circumference and 4 1/2 ounces shall be the official ball for game play. This rule applies only to 9U and 11U divisions. A soft or resilient ball is recommended for 7U (Rally Cap/T-Ball).
Mover:	Dan Williams, Mission Minor Baseball Association
Seconder:	Trevor McGuire, BCMBA Director

FOR - __ , AGAINST - +27 , ABSTENTIONS - __
MOTION DEFEATED

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1. Existing Rule	None	
2. Rational for Change	BC Minor Baseball's Rule Book currently does not have any type of rule and adds a layer of protection for our member associations.	
3. Proposed Change	NEW Rule 1.11 CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY All employees and volunteers of BC Minor Baseball are expected to arrange their private affairs in a manner that will prevent conflicts of interest from arising or appearing to arise. They should not place themselves in a position where they are under obligation to any person who might benefit from special consideration or favour on their part or seek in any way to gain special treatment from them. Equally, employees and volunteers should not have a pecuniary or other interest that could conflict or appear to conflict in any manner with the discharge of their duties and responsibilities	
Mover:	John Braaten, BCMBA Director	
Seconded:	Anne Hayes, BCMBA Director	

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MOTION CARRIED



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Rule Change # 23a

1. Existing Rule

None

2. Rational for Change

To reinstituted NCCP certification requirements for BCMBA play.

3. Proposed Change

NEW

11.02 Coaching Certification

(A) Coaches and Managers Certification

Division	Head Coach	Assistant Coach
9U	Association defined requirements or BCMBA Coaching program (1.5hr workshop)	Association defined requirements
11U	Association defined requirements or BCMBA Coaching program (1.5hr workshop) Provincials – Initiation trained	Association defined requirements
13U A	Initiation Trained	Initiation online
13U AA, AAA	Regional Trained	Initiation Trained working toward Regional Trained
15U A	Initiation Trained	Initiation online
15U AA, AAA	Regional Certified	Initiation Trained working toward Regional Trained
18U AA	Initiation Trained	Initiation online
18U AAA	Provincial Coach	Regional Trained working toward Regional Certified
18U College Prep	Provincial Coach	
BC Select Coaches	Meet Nationals requirements	Meet Nationals requirements

	RULE 23a continued Any association entering a team in post season play (Zones, Wild Card or Provincials) without field staff meeting the above qualifications will be subject to a fine of \$200.00 for each coach not properly qualified. This fine will double every time the coach is fined for repeat offences. (B) Westerns and Nationals Certification Teams travelling to Western Canadian or National Championships must have the prescribed number of certified field staff as defined by Baseball Canada. Failure to have this certification will result in BCMBA, in conference with the affected association, replacing non-certified field staff with certified field staff.
Mover:	Grant Butler, BCMBA Director
Second:	Dave Garton, BCMBA Director

MOTION RESCINDED

BY Grant Butler, BCMBA Interim President



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Rule Change # 23b

1. Existing Rule

None

2. Rational for Change

To reinstituted NCCP certification requirements for BCMBA play.

3. Proposed Change

NEW

11.02 Coaching Certification

(A) BCMBA Post-Season, Coaches and Managers Certification

Division	Initiation Online	Initiation Trained	Regional Trained	Regional Certified	Provincial Trained	Provincial Certified
11U	Other Coaches	Head Coach				
13U A	Other Coaches	Head Coach				
13U AA 13U AAA		Other Coaches	Head Coach			
15U A	Other Coaches	Head Coach				
15U AA, 15U AAA			Other Coaches	Head Coach		
18U AA	Other Coaches	Head Coach				
18U AAA				Other Coaches		Head Coach
18U College Prep				Other Coaches		Head Coach
BC Selects						All Coaches

	RULE 23b continued Any association entering a team in post season play (Zones, Wild Card or Provincials) without field staff meeting the above qualifications will be subject to a fine of \$200.00 for each coach not properly qualified. This fine will double every time the coach is fined for repeat offences. (B) Westerns and Nationals Certification Teams travelling to Western Canadian or National Championships must have the prescribed number of certified field staff as defined by Baseball Canada. Failure to have this certification will result in BCMBA, in conference with the affected association, replacing non-certified field staff with certified field staff.
Mover:	Grant Butler, BCMBA Director
Second:	Dave Garton, BCMBA Director

FOR - +27 , AGAINST - __ , ABSTENTIONS - __
MOTION CARRIED

9. Election of Officers: Presented by Iain MacIntyre, BCMBA Interim 1st VP

Grant Butler: As four (4) member Associations have departed the meeting there are now 32 voting delegates present for Director and Executive Elections. 17 votes (50%+1) will be needed when balloting.

Island Director:

- Tina Baker Cornett and Hugh Gurney were nominated and let their names stand
- Tina Baker Cornett was elected as an Island director for 2 years
- Motion to destroy Island voting ballots: S. King / Vancouver Minor M/S/C

Interior Directors:

- Neal Dhaliwal was nominated and acclaimed as an Interior Director for 2 years
- Ron Miciuk was nominated and acclaimed as an Interior Director for 1 year

Lower Mainland Directors:

- Mike Kelly was nominated and acclaimed as a Lower Mainland Director for 2 years
- John Braaten was nominated and acclaimed as a Lower Mainland Director for 2 years
- Val Greenwood was nominated and acclaimed as a Lower Mainland Director for 2 years
- Abigail Wong-de Leon was nominated and acclaimed as a Lower Mainland Director for 2 years
- Sanda King was nominated and acclaimed as a Lower Mainland Director for 2 years
- Steve McCann was nominated and acclaimed as a Lower Mainland Director for 2 years
- Doug Crone was nominated and acclaimed as a Lower Mainland Director for 1 year

Provincial Directors:

- Grant Butler was nominated and acclaimed as a Provincial Director for 2 years
- Hugh Gurney was nominated and acclaimed as a Provincial Director for 2 years

Executive ballots

President

- Grant Butler was nominated and acclaimed as President for 2 years

1st Vice President

- John Braaten and Sanda King were both nominated and let their names stand
- John Braaten was elected as 1st Vice President for one year.
- Motion to destroy 1st Vice President voting ballots; Greater Victoria / West Kelowna M/S/C

2nd Vice President

- Sanda King, Ray Wearing and Steve McCann were nominated and let their names stand
- Steve McCann was eliminated in the first round of balloting
- Ray Wearing was eliminated in the second round of balloting
- Sanda King was elected 2nd Vice President for 1 year
- Motion to destroy 2nd Vice President voting ballots; Enderby / M. Hall M/S/C

Treasurer

- Anne Hayes was nominated and acclaimed as Treasurer for 1 year

Secretary

- Val Greenwood was nominated and acclaimed as Secretary for 1 year

The 2019 – 2020 Board of Directors:

Executive

- Grant Butler – President
- John Braaten – 1st Vice President
- Sanda King – 2nd Vice President
- Anne Hayes – Treasurer
- Val Greenwood – Secretary

Directors

- Dave Garton – Island Region
 - Hugh Gurney – Provincial Director
 - Marty Hall – Provincial Director
 - Mike Kelly – Lower Mainland
 - Trevor McGuire– Lower Mainland
 - Carmen Martin – Northern Region
 - Raj Puri– Lower Mainland
 - Ray Wearing– Lower Mainland
 - Pat Weatherill– Lower Mainland
 - Abigail Wong-de Leon– Lower Mainland
 - Steve McCann – Lower Mainland
 - Neal Dhaliwal – Interior Region
 - Ron Miciuk – Interior Region
 - Doug Crone– Lower Mainland
 - Tina Baker Cornett – Island Region
 - Open – Provincial Director
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- **James Raymond – Administrative Director**

10. New Business

- 2020 Provincial Championship Tournament Pathway to Nationals and Westerns
 - Pathway Committee will be meeting with Baseball BC members next week, Nov 16.
- 2020 John Main Host – Open
- 2020 Provincial Championship Hosts – Many are still open
- Award Association of the Year – Prince George, Carmen Martin accepted the Award.
- **Next AGM: Saturday, November 14th, 2020, location to be determined**

Motion to adjourn: 3:40 PM – Prince George / Vancouver Minor M/S/C



Committees and Divisions Reports



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Interim President Report – for the BCMBA AGM

Let me start off by saying that, yes, I have enjoyed taking on the role of Interim President and hope that my approach to the business of BCMBA Baseball has been acceptable to our member Associations, their volunteers, coaches and players. There of course have been many situations that needed to be sorted and the changes to the Bylaws, specifically Article XX, made some of those challenging. I trust that those involved appreciate the time and effort by the volunteer Board of Director's as I do in these matters.

As with any organization you get the good with the bad, if the latter being the bad, then the good would be another successful 2019 Summer Season and Provincial Championships across the Province providing competitive baseball from 9U to Junior Men's and every division in between. Congratulations to all the teams that entered summer play in the Lower Mainland, Island and Interior and thank you to all the volunteers that stepped up to support the hosts of the Provincial Championships. There are a lot of happy faces on those players and teams that took home gold as shown scrolling across our webpage since the summer.

Going forward and, as BCMBA has re-affiliated with Baseball BC, we are actively working with Baseball BC in an effort to reorganize the qualifier tournaments to Baseball Canada's Nationals and Westerns.

A new BCMBA Board of Directors will be elected today and I can't thank those Directors that may be leaving the board today, or those that may have left during the year, enough for their time and thankless efforts needed over the past year or years.

Finally, I'm looking forward to seeing where BCMBA can take baseball in the years to come and trust that you too will endeavor to keep this game about the players and their successes on and off the field while providing a safe, competitive and fun place to play baseball.

On behalf of the BCMBA,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G Butler".

Grant Butler, BCLS
2019 BCMBA Interim President
2019 18U College Prep Director
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2019 BCMBA AGM – Secretary Report

This year, as with most, included many of the usual filing and reports but also had the Special AGM in February. These would include but not be limited to the following;

- Filing of Society papers with the Government
- Receive annual league registrations and executive rosters from the Associations.
- Receive Association team rosters.
- Arrange monthly Board of Director's (BOD's) Meetings
- Take the minutes of the monthly BOD's meetings, compile and vet them with the President (and Interim President's) and the BOD's and then distribute them to the member Associations.
- Answer general questions from Association members, if I could not answer them they were forwarded to a Director who could.
- Receive registration for the Coaches Conference and put welcome packages together
- Accept nominations for Association of the Year, Coach of the Year, Team of the Year, Player of the Year and Roll of Honour
- Arrange the 2019 AGM and send out the 2018 BCMBA minutes with the Feb 2019 Special Meeting minutes, 2019 Financial Reports and the 2019 proposed rule change package.

Respectfully submitted

Val Greenwood
BCMBA Secretary



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2019 BCMBA Governance / Discipline Committee – Report for AGM

Governance / Rules

This year started with some off the field turmoil as most of you know. There was talk of some teams leaving BC Minor Baseball Association (BCMBA), we had our President step down, we had a Special General Meeting (SGM) in February (including an election of a new President), and then we had our new President step down. And all this happened before the first pitch of the season.

At the SGM mentioned above we made some changes that included:

- The election of officers (President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary and Treasurer) to be determined by the member associations;
- Changes to Article XX and the Board of Directors (BoD) abilities to make changes or exceptions to the rules governing BCMBA; and,
- A resolution for the BoD to work on rejoining Baseball BC.

The new Article XX was used three times by the BoD since the February SGM, and they included:

- April 2019 – 11U Tiering;
- May 2019 – Bats (include bpf 1.15);
- June 2019 – Roster size for 15U Girls program.

Discipline

I'd like to start by saying thanks to Nicholas Van Dyk and Cathy Wade for their work during the 2019 season as the discipline committee with myself. Nick and Cathy both stepped down in August, leaving me as the last one standing to report to you.

Ejections this year were 171 (including 7 at Provincials). Majority of those ejections resulted in just the automatic 1-game suspension, but there were some multiple game suspensions.

These numbers are up from previous years and the most alarming thing to me was the apparent disregard for the umpires by several coaches and players. In my opinion this is completely unacceptable and we as the BoD, association presidents and those overseeing baseball in the Province need to work to change this mentality or the number of umpires available will continue to decline and more games will not have officials.

Dave Garton, BCMBA Governance, Discipline and Rules Committee Chair



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2019 BCMBA AGM Report – Appeal Committee (August 24, 2019)

Appeals Report

I did not chair any appeals since our last board meeting and am not aware of any pending appeals.

Discipline and Appeals Review

Since the time that Grant tasked me with this review, I have had a few meetings with Baseball BC to discuss this matter. I appreciate Grant's forethought into recognizing that a review would be appropriate, because as I brought this topic up with Baseball BC a few months ago, Baseball BC was in the midst of forming an ad hoc committee to review umpire/coach relations (discipline), which is certainly a part of why our review was initiated. In conversations throughout the baseball community, this is certainly a hot topic so we are definitely on the right page to be looking at this.

This ad hoc committee will be meeting later in September to determine its mandate and has members on it from our league as well as others.

Internally, and in discussions with Baseball BC, I believe as a board our initial task is to determine what option we want for BC Minor (options outlined below). Once this is determined, my plan is to put together language that I recommend for implementing that option, which then can be reviewed and discussed by the board, then presented as rule changes to the membership. Much of this language is already drafted and just needs some minor work.

As a general concept, BCMBA would maintain an appeals process for non-disciplinary matters. I.e, player movements, other rule challenges that don't involve discipline and suspension. Language would need to be drafted to distinguish this appeals process versus disciplinary appeals process.

Also as a general premise, and based on the reasoning of why this review began, we want to look at a process that preserves the board in a healthy manner to allow the board to work together for the many activities we are involved in, which may or may not include the disciplinary process, depending on what option is chosen.

Options

- 1) **Maintain the system as it is.** This means first level discipline decisions as well as appeals will be kept within the decision making of BCMBA board through its discipline committee and appeals committee.

If this option is chosen, there would be tweaking of some of the wording of clauses. As well, I would draft some training materials/checklists to use for whomever would be part of these committees so that all directors received training on being on these committees. This will help to establish consistency in decision-making and is healthy for a board to have this. Also helps with transparency to the membership because there would be a consistent process/procedure in place.



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Pros and Cons (I'm listing these points together as whether it's a pro or con is in the eye of the beholder)

- control is maintained within BCMBA
- potential for conflict among directors or people taking things personally if decisions differ between discipline to appeal etc.
- whatever decisions made affects membership. If there is disagreement then BCMBA is targeted or blamed which can cause poor relations between BCMBA and members.
- time consuming depending on how many issues come up.

- 2) **A Hybrid System – Discipline internal/Appeals external.** This means maintain an internal discipline process and if members don't agree with discipline decision, they can appeal to Baseball BC.

If this option is chosen, again, as in option one, I would draft training materials/checklists to assist with training directors for internal discipline committee and same info applies as from option 1 regarding transparency. The appeal process would be drafted in conjunction with Baseball BC and I believe possibly part of the ad hoc committee. I have ideas and parts of those drafted already. Could be possible to have participation in the appeal process, perhaps with having a director on the appeals committee as well.

Pros and Cons

- allows BCMBA to have some control with still dealing with internal discipline initial process
- allows members to go to another entity, Baseball BC, to process the appeal.
- Gives a sense of impartiality
- still time consuming for discipline committee
- any costs for appeal would be dealt with directly between member and Baseball BC

- 3) **External discipline/appeal process. Move all discipline and appeal decisions to Baseball BC.** If this option is chosen, I would still work closely with Baseball BC to draft a process that is acceptable to BCMBA. This would be reviewed and approved by BCMBA.

Pros and Cons

- removes this process from BCMBA
- time would not be consumed on having discipline committee, and the appeals committee would only be for other rule issues, not discipline
- could possibly still have input by having one director involved on a Baseball BC committee (ie, one gives input, but on a panel of 3, would not be majority.)
- would still have input in actually drafting the process
- any costs would be directly to membership and Baseball BC
- although removes control from BCMBA, it also removes criticism for whatever decisions made from BCMBA to Baseball BC. Possibly would help with member relations.
- would help to unify the sport in this area so that discipline/appeal would be handled more consistently



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- 4) As a side note, with any of these options, we also need to ensure a process of reporting/storing/accessing information about discipline of coaches, players etc. We have alluded to this, and we will need to draft something that covers how these matters are reported and to whom.
- 5) Another note is that any and all drafts would be reviewed by the board to ensure good input and varying perspectives. Ultimately, the changes would come before the membership for approval.

My hope is that we may be able to create a process that possibly could be adopted among other leagues if we choose 2 or 3. This may help significantly with relations with BCBUA and other leagues when we can begin to be more uniform in decisions, and may help to reflect this sport as coming together under Baseball BC. In this process, we have begun to look at other sports and their disciplinary processes, which I think helps to understand what works and doesn't work in the amateur sports community.

If this decision of which option can be made at the August 24 meeting (I unfortunately cannot attend) then I think I am better equipped going into the ad hoc committee meeting knowing what position BCMBA has and can begin working on drafts of language to present to the board at the next meeting.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sanda King



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Eligibility Committee Report - for 2019 BCMBA AGM

To date have received, and granted one try out release.

Have one request for release, which will be discussed at December board meeting, as has been dealt with in previous years.

There are NO requests for association mergers, at any level.

Pat Weatherill

Eligibility Chair (Interim)

In support of the Eligibility Committee and Pat Weatherill, this year presented many challenges in regards to historical policies that, while up holding the intent of many of the eligibility issues and rules, were not written into the rules or had been added as a marginal note since the time said policies were adopted.

Two of these policies were set out this season and will, subject to any Rule Changes brought forward at the AGM, continue to be the policy on the following issues;

- Summer Ball Move Up – Non-Pitching Policy (15 June 2019)
- Summer Ball Move Down Approval and Non-Pitching Policy (19 June 2019)

When these policy issues came to light, due to historical policies, the push back from some of the BCMBA Governance (Rules & Discipline) Committee created a completely unacceptable climate between themselves and Pat, and as such Pat submitted his letter of resignation.

Acting as I believed to be in the best interest of BCMBA, and its member Associations, I did not accept Pat Weatherill's resignation, thus the Interim label used since by Pat. Said policies were agreed to by both Committees.

The new BCMBA Board of Directors elected today will be mandated to adhere to acceptable decorum and communication policies.

In support of the Eligibility Committee

Grant Butler, BCLS

BCMBA Interim President



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2019 BCMBA AGM – Girls Baseball Report

The 2019 season for the girls baseball program was a very successful with more female players coming out than ever before.

The 16U team once again played in the BCMBA 15U summer league finishing a respectful 9th. The team was comprised of the core 16U players and had many of the 14U girls coming out to fill the roster.

At the three (3) day Selects camp there were 40 -14U players and 18 -16U girls come out.

The girls work hard at the camp in hopes of being selected to the 14U Team BC going to the Western Canada Championships where they finished 3rd.

The 16U team comprising of 14 players went to Nova Scotia for the Baseball Canada Invitational Tournament. The team ended with a perfect 6 – 0 record with 4 shut out games winning the Gold medal for BC.

Congratulations to Head Coach Marty van der Loos and his coaching staff of Rob Ross and Andres Losin and the players on their victory, the first gold in nine (9) years.

As the season ends I am ending my tenure as the chairman of the Baseball BC Girls program. After 13+ years it's time to get some new blood and ideas to guide the program in the future. Stacey Matkowski will be the new chairman of the program and I wish her much success.

I will continue in the program managing the 16 U team.

Respectfully submitted

Val Greenwood



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2019 BCMBA Umpire Report for AGM

Effective October 26, 2019, Ms. Rhonda Pauls was elected as President of the BCBUA for a 2-year term. We look forward to working with Rhonda and her team going forward.

During the year BCMBA was in contact with BCBUA several times regarding the current contract, their messaging and reporting.

Upon review of the current contract both parties found it would mutually beneficial to exercise the op-out clause and begin the process of building a new contract for the coming year. The BCBUA voted, during their Oct 26 AGM, to opt-out of the current contract and notified BCMBA that the current contract will be terminated January 27, 2020. No meetings are currently scheduled but the BCMBA Umpire Committee will work towards a new contract with the BCBUA once the new Board of Directors is in place following our AGM.

From what we heard from many of the ejection events this year is that there needs to be a more consistent message/level of tolerance from the umpires regarding ejections from what could be described as bad behaviour/habits to outright abuse by member Coaches and players.

We also found some umpire reports to poorly done with little or no ownership from the BCBUA as to the repercussions from said poor reporting. BCMBA feels that there needs to be some sort of reporting from the BCBUA that they too discipline their members for bad behaviour/habits to outright abuse.

The BCBUA also voted to increase their membership fees which have not changed in 10 years. U14 will go from \$ 25 to \$35 while 14+ will go from \$50 to \$65. Those Associations that reimburse your umpires will need to adjust your budgets accordingly.

Grant Butler
BCMBA President

For 2019 there were 171 ejections for both Spring/Summer seasons, 7 ejections through Provincials and 1 Ejection during 18U Fall Classic Tournament. These numbers are similar to past years.

Pat Weatherill
BCMBA Umpire Committee
BCMBA Eligibility Chair



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2019 BCMBA AGM - HP Committee Report

Committee:

Chair - Marty Hall

Members - Mike Kelly, John Braaten, Ray Wearing, Iain MacIntyre, James Raymond

ID Camps

- 13U - 214 registrants
- 15U - 95 registrants
- 16U - 31 registrants

Development Camp

- 13U - 60 player participants - player to coach ratio 8-1
- 16U - 28 player participants - player to coach ratio 4-1
- 15U - 52 player participants - player to coach ratio 7-1

Team Results

- 13U Bronze medal (3-2)
- 15U Semi-Final loss (5-1)
- 16U Semi-Final loss (3-1)

Marketing

James Raymond, BCMBA Administrative Director, ran a full campaign including but not limited to;

- ID Camp call outs
- On-site event coverage for 13U/15U/16U Interior ID Camp, 15U Development Camp and 16U Tournament.
- Remote event coverage of 13U/15U/16U Lower Mainland and Island ID Camps, 13U/16U Development Camps and 13U/15U tournaments.

- Recommend a strong effort to secure a sponsor(s) to help offset the cost of programming and to provide more at the same or less cost to future participants. Given that this is a product that involves youth, community, and sport it should be a natural match for a number of key sponsorship opportunities.

Logistics

Managed and coordinated by James Raymond, Administrative Director, supported by Anne Hayes, Treasurer (Flights and Transportation), Mike Kelly, John Braaten, and Marty Hall (Coaches, Team Selections, and on-site implementation)

- Online registration and payment for ID Camps, Development Camps, Team BC Tournament
- On-site player check-in (player ID, payment collection at ID Camps)
- Development camp, team selection, travel requirements information and registration, tournament schedule and rule communications
- Liaise with Chef de Mission and Team BC Coaches/Managers prior to, and during tournament travel and events
- Quotations and booking of accommodations
- Liaise with tournament and accommodation logistics company to provide all required player/traveler information
- Tournament registration and Team BC Selects 13U/15U/16U roster submissions

Coaching and Evaluations

We would like to adjust the number of Instructors/coaches/assistants prior to the camp, based on the player pre-registration leading up to the development camps. We would need a pool of individuals prepared to attend and help and whether that would be for 1-2-3 days.

The coaching quality was consistent throughout the 3 camps. The coaches all had playing experience and coaching experience that was easy to see and for the players to respect. The efforts put forward by the coaches, from ID Sessions to Team Selections, were in line with the excellence and commitment to players and their development that BC Minor Baseball works hard to cultivate.

The evaluation component is an area where BCMBA needs to take over and control in a transparent fashion. At all 3 camps, certain evaluators maintained their evaluation forms but at the end of the camp, they handed them to a selection coordinator for final compilation. The coordinator kept them and included the coaches/evaluators as per team selection. I felt the process was not the most open method and it was done in a cramped approach (car park, restaurant, email), however, the teams were competitive, and this is an area that we can easily improve.

Overall, I feel the coaches applying for Coaches/Managers of the Selects program should know at the application process of how the final selection procedures will be handled for choosing the team.

Some suggested apps/software that assist in player evaluations that can be done on the field on their mobile devices include, Skillshark, Team Genius and Teambuildr. This information can be stored, shared, and used for future needs.

Recommendations when players register, assign them to a team with a team colour for the 3 days. This will eliminate the time it takes to manage the players at/on the field.

The 13U camp should have a Major League player or Coach - identical to the 15U & 16U camps. We're building a brand that needs a consistent approach throughout the Selects programming.

Development Camps

My role was to observe the process in its entirety and while I wasn't asked to do anything specific, I helped with the Pitching evaluations and I managed to take the opportunity to talk with the coaches and parents. As this being a new role for me, it was of significant benefit for me to observe unhindered by the commitment to man a specific drill or to manage an inter-squad team

The overall appearance when walking up to the camps provides us with a great opportunity to implement media and tools that speak of who we are, our brand, sponsors. We can designate and mark general areas for players to sign up, and an outline for the families as to where to go, what to expect, break times, introduction by BCMBA. A general weekend itinerary would be a welcome communication for all involved.

Recommendations:

- All the coaches should have matching apparel representing BCMBA, a dedicated area for personal belongings and equipment and an outline specifically for their use with a detailed breakdown of their roles and duties.
- All camps need water stations.
- All camps to implement an accepted warm-up routine (running, stretching, and a cool-down process)
- All camps should follow a regimen for throwing with the time and distance for throwing
- All camp participants should leave the camp with an evaluation that speaks to them directly with their evaluation score and areas for improvement

Coach Application and Selection

Online applications submitted for 13U and 15U. Reviewed by HP Committee.

- 13U Randy McKinnon, Rob Burnett
- 15U Jason Boldt, Mike Ferguson
- 16U J.J. Hyde, Justin Hyde

Celebrity Coach ID and Recruitment

- 15U Reggie Smith
- 16U Ernie Young and Aaron Myette

As stated above in the recommendations, the HP Committee is discussing and planning better ways to educate and promote our brand with the players and families. The HP Selects program delivers an outstanding product and more people need to know.

Another area to focus on is promoting our special instructors. Not only do the players enjoy being around these guys, the families know nothing about them, and they always have questions for them but they're kept at arm's length. We should find an hour for Q & A. The parents (some) were former players and they have questions that they wished to ask and for everyone to hear the answer. Whether or not the time can be moved away from the player instruction to accommodate

a Q & A session is yet to be discussed by the HP Committee

Media

Website, Twitter, Facebook. Full coverage of Camp Invitations, Team Selections, and Team BC Selects progress/results

The overall coverage can be limited to the work that the BC Minor Marketing committee provides. We will look to local associations hosting and who have players attending to connect with their local media outlets for promotion and coverage. I feel the players might want to add to their own media platforms with a picture of them with the special instructor or coaches, things they may want to have highlighted from their camp. This approach spreads like wide fire and will populate throughout the kids' media accounts.

Marty Hall, BCMBA HP Chair

On Behalf of

2019 BCMBA High Performance Committee



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Team BC 16U Selects Event Report

Event: [GSL Tournaments St. Martin's Summer Series](#)

July 4th - 7th, 2019

Olympia WA

The venue was top notch with excellent fields and equally excellent ground crews prepping the fields

Transportation and accommodations were good and all went smoothly with logistics

Coaches: J.J. Hyde
Justin Hyde

Chef de Mission: James Raymond

Team Roster:

Alex	McLauchlan	Nanaimo
Brady	Sandes	Cloverdale
Brett	MacDonald	Kamloops
Caleb	Freer	Ladysmith
Connor	Dawson	Nanaimo
Dru	Wright	Ladysmith
Dylan	Glowinkowski	Coquitlam/Moody
Ivan	Porter	North Shore
James	Joyce	Ladysmith
Jayden	Mah	Nanaimo
Kaj	Burgess	North Vancouver
Lucas	Dejong	Surrey
Matthiew	Coxon	Kamloops
Quinn	Myles	North Shore

Game Results:

Fri. July 5th 8:00 AM	New Level DJaxx	0	Team BC	8
Fri. July 5th 3:30 PM	FW Knights	2	Team BC	7
Sat. July 6th 3:30 PM	Team BC	13	FW Knights	3
Sun. July 7th 8:00 AM (Semi-Final)	Team BC	6	Reality Sports	7

Summary:

Team BC dynamics were obvious from the outset with the distribution of uniforms and a light “meet and greet” practice the eve of the tournament. Coach JJ and Justin ran the crew through some basic infield, outfield, and BP work. The players and coaches were loose and comfortable with each other at the outset and demonstrated legitimate respect for what each was bringing to the team.

Coach JJ set the tone early in the first team meeting explaining the purpose of the program and the value of the events. The team responded in kind and demonstrated a mandate to compete to win as they represent some of the best young talents in the province at their age. James Raymond spoke briefly on expectations of BC Minor and to recognize the results of the hard work put in to date.

On field, the team quickly set a reputation as a hard-nosed and talented group of players. It was obvious by their play that they were skilled, intelligent, driven, and enjoying every moment in the game. As the only team swinging wood bats the crew knew they would have to play flawless defence and be predatory on the bases. They did not disappoint winning their first three and losing the Semi-Final 7-6 in extra innings.

Off field, the players and parents as a team represented BC Minor Baseball and our member associations with the highest level of class, relentless pursuit of excellence, and respect for the traditions of the game. Feedback from the parents, players, and coaches was supportive of continued programming of this type for our membership.

Recommendations:

Try to secure a wood bat tournament within reasonable driving distance for future events

Try to secure a key sponsor to help reduce the costs of the program to all involved including the ID Sessions and Development Camp. This event is a great sponsorship opportunity as the quality of the coaches and players represents the high standards of BC Minor Baseball membership.

2019 BC Minor U-16 Provincial Team Report

Head Coach: J.J. Hyde

Pitching/Assistant Coach: Justin Hyde

Chef de Mission: James Raymond

This year's program was more successful and overall better from quite a few points of view. We had an excellent three-day Development/ID camp in North Delta and the GSL Tournament was very successful.

The camp was better this year for a variety of reasons; the main reason being I knew what I was doing and knew what to expect. I was able to add a coach, Jason Rich, and we basically turned over last year's staff. The group gelled together, had fun, worked hard and provided the kids with lots of knowledge and guidance. As this was my second year, I was able to have more input into the practice plans and adjusted a few things to be more efficient, more active, and allowed a better flow. This included more time to scrimmage. The location was great, but my caution is that it would have been a struggle if the weather had turned on us, like last year. In Aldergrove last year we had access to the batting cages, which saved us we did get some rain. I do not believe, North Delta has batting cages at the field. I have a few recommendations for next year:

- I would like to bring out a couple of guest coaches, possibly 1 or 2 young coaches who can learn from the awesome staff we have collected and get involved in the program
- I agreed to a two year term this winter, if next year is to be my last then can we put out a call for the next head coach and part of his acceptance is to be part of the 2020 Development Camp
- We had a third coach for the camp and tournament, Jason Rich, but unfortunately, he had to back out of the tournament at the last minute. I still believe that a third coach and the right coach would be of huge value to the overall program
- We get a sizing set from Prostock, and size all the kids (with number preferences) at the beginning (registration). This means we can do the ordering sooner.

The GSL Tournament was good, especially the close location (Olympia) and the fields we played at. It would be nice to have a wood bat tournament, to level the playing field, but it was cool that we were the only team to do so. Having James along with us was awesome, it allowed me to focus on baseball rather than logistics. He was super helpful and a pleasure to have. Next year, I will try and have a practice the night before, the only issue is that it means out-of-town parents might need to spend a night in the lower mainland before heading down, but it would allow us to work some things out (strategically) before the tournament starts. We were the number 1 seed coming out of the round robin portion (2-0), won our quarter-final game and lost in extra innings in the semi-finals. We only gave up 9 hits in the first three games, that would have been less if the other team were using wood bats. The boys played very well and we were the best team in the tournament, just two errors at the wrong time hurt us. All the boys behaved themselves and represented BC Minor very well.

It was an excellent experience and thank you for the opportunity. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like more info or have any questions. I would like to have Grant Rimer involved again, as he loves the program and is a great asset in preparing and running the camp.

Sincerely,

J.J. Hyde

CC: Marty Hall

Grant Butler

James Raymond



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Boundary Committee Report - for 2019 BCMBA AGM

As of November 10, 2019, boundary information has been received from 4 associations as well as one boundary extension request from Vancouver Minor Baseball.

There is another request coming forward, Enderby, but request will be after AGM, as pending meeting with district is after AGM.

As requests are on a yearly basis, see Rule 3.01 (A) below, all boundaries and previous extensions, with the exception of those received prior to or at the November 16, 2019 AGM, may be deemed expired.

Pat Weatherill
Boundary and Affiliation

Rule 3: Association Boundaries

3.01 General

(A) Each Association will provide their boundaries at the B.C.M.B.A. AGM and B.C.M.B.A. will identify all boundaries by February 1st of each year (as per Article XVIII).

(B) All association boundaries will be posted on the B.C.M.B.A. website and sent to all member associations. In the event of any overlapping boundaries or boundary disputes, the B.C.M.B.A. will seek a resolution with the affected associations prior to March 1st.

(C) It is expected that each person residing within the Association boundaries, as approved by the B.C.M.B.A. will be given an opportunity to become a player candidate for the Association.

(D) Association boundaries shall be determined by the administrative directors of the Association and approved by the Association as per By-Laws, Article XVIII, Sec. 1.

(E) Unless specifically stated otherwise, the center of the street shall be considered the actual dividing line when streets are used as boundaries.

(F) Maps must indicate specific boundaries such as streets, railroad tracks, rivers, etc., or school districts, postal zones, city limits, or similarly specified areas. A definition of boundaries such as "five-mile radius" is not acceptable.

(G) The B.C.M.B.A., based upon the recommendation of the Area Supervisor or Committee Chairman as the need may arise, reserve the right to adjust boundaries in the event of overlapping of territorial requests, or because of inequitable conditions.

(H) Though boundaries are not specifically restricted by population or area, both will be considered when boundaries are submitted to the B.C.M.B.A. for approval.

(I) B.C.M.B.A. only recognizes B.C.M.B.A. boundaries, and only recognizes these boundaries for associations at the divisions in which they offer B.C.M.B.A. programming. The boundaries for each age division shall be identical.



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2019 Coaches Caravan Report

Origins

The BC Minor Baseball Association's Coaches Caravan first saddled up and rolled out in 2011 with the goal of celebrating the game of baseball in local communities around the Province. At that time, Mike Kelly (Coaching Development Director, BCMBA) and the BC Minor Board of Directors felt a compelling responsibility to lace up their spikes and get out to member communities in person. The mandate was and still remains, to promote and foster the growth of youth baseball in British Columbia.

2019 Tour

Mar. 30 - Surrey	Apr. 6 - Chilliwack	Apr.14 - Port Alberni	Apr. 20 - Oceanside
Mar. 30 - North Langley	Apr. 7 - Prince George *	Apr.14 - Nanaimo	
Mar. 31 - White Rock	Apr. 8 - Salmon Arm	Apr.15 - Comox	
Apr. 1 - Aldergrove	Apr. 9 - Revelstoke	Apr.16 - Campbell River	
Apr. 2 - Ladner	Apr.10 - Osoyoos	Apr.17 - Salt Spring	
Apr. 3 - Ridge Meadows	Apr.11 - Kelowna	Apr.18 - Lake Cowichan	
Apr. 4 - South Burnaby	Apr.12 - Penticton *	Apr.19 - Duncan	
Apr. 5 - Tsawwassen	Apr.13 - Mission	Apr.19 - Ladysmith *	

**Team BC Selects ID Camps also hosted at Prince George, Penticton, and Ladysmith events.*

Budget

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Hotels	5,594.00	5,898.01
Per Diem	3,550.00	4,050.00
Instructors	19,200.00	20,858.78
Ferry	264.00	319.80
Mileage	1,600.00	1,887.50
Flight	517.00	<u>908.86</u>
Equipment	<u>502.10</u>	
	30,725.00	34,425.05

Format

A crew of five highly qualified BCMBA Caravan coaches hit the road on a four-week tour of the Province. Each community event is a three hour stop. The BCMBA Caravan Coach crew gather players and parents from age 1 - 99+ and immerse them in a nurturing environment of instruction and play, but mostly play. The BCMBA team provides an opportunity for participants to pick up great ways to learn and teach the most fundamental skills and drills of youth baseball. We also teach coaches and parents how to dialogue with players and support their learning experience while at the same time, emphasizing the key focus of youth baseball... Fun!



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2019 Coaches Caravan Report cont'd

What to expect for 2020

2020 marks the 10th consecutive year for the BC Minor Baseball Coaches Caravan. This year looks to be an even bigger event for our dedicated team of road warriors. This event will provide host associations with the ideal primer to launch the spring season and ignite the passion in players and parents alike.

The energy is contagious, the smiles are abundant, and the memories are limitless. There simply is nothing else like it! If you haven't applied to have your association host this event, we strongly encourage you to do so. (There is no cost to host except the cost of your venue rental, everything else is built into your annual BCMBA affiliation fees.) Then get on social media and let your members know, tell the media, and let the magic happen!

Without a doubt, this is the Greatest Travelling Baseball Show on Earth!

Click here to apply: <https://forms.gle/9yMHjaEbvqRSFeif8>

For more information about the BC Minor Baseball Coaches Caravan contact Ringmaster Mike Kelly at okpal@yahoo.ca



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2019 Coaches Conference Report

Overview

The BC Minor Baseball Coaches Conference is the largest Baseball Coaches event in Western Canada, bringing over 270 coaches and players under one roof over three days. This event provides an opportunity for attendees to learn from some of the game's most talented minds. Our instructors' list includes former MLB, International, and Minor League professionals from all corners of the diamond to the clubhouse. Names like Reggie Smith, Roberto Alomar, Aaron Myette, Larry Young, Bruce Brown, Dave Turgeon, Andre Lachance, are just some of the brains attendees get to pick!

2019 Speakers List

Jerry Weinstein - Jerry Weinstein is a baseball manager. He is the manager of the Hartford Yard Goats, a Double-A minor league baseball team in the Eastern League, in the Colorado Rockies organization.

Reggie Smith - Reggie Smith is a former professional baseball player. He played in Major League Baseball as an outfielder and afterwards served as a coach and front office executive.

Dave Turgeon - Dave Turgeon spent 13 years playing professional baseball, in at least five different countries, before becoming a minor league manager and then a college coach

Pete Caliendo - Pete is currently the President of Caliendo Sports International, a global baseball organization specializing in the training of individuals, teams and coaches, as well as dealing with professional baseball operations worldwide

Jeff Krushell - Jeff is regarded as a noted expert in the area of performance and talent development and through his work, has gained unique insights into the process of improving human performance. Former Strength and Conditioning coach for the Toronto Blue Jays, current Strength and Conditioning Consultant for Major League Baseball International

Pete Wilkinson - Founder and lead instructor of The Wilkinson Academy, perhaps the nation's most successful life skills and athletic development program

Larry Young - Larry Young is a former umpire in Major League Baseball. After beginning his career in the American League in 1985, he worked throughout both leagues from 2000 until his retirement following the 2007 season.

Nick Holmes - Coach Holmes has spent his life in the game of baseball as a player, professional coach and scout, recruiting expert and player advisor. He has worked with thousands of amateur and professional players in 15 different countries on four continents in every aspect of the game.

Andre Lachance - The former Canadian Women's National Team manager as far back as 2004 when the national team was assembled to compete in the first-ever Women's Baseball World Cup in Edmonton. Canada came away with a bronze

medal at that event and has since added two more bronze (2006, 2012) and two silver (2008, 2016) medals for a total of five in seven all-time Women's Baseball World Cup events.

Aaron Myette - Myette attended the University of Washington, where he played college baseball for the Huskies in 1996. He was selected by the Seattle Mariners in the 17th round of the 1995 Major League Baseball draft (454th overall), and then by the Chicago White Sox in the first round of the 1997 Major League Baseball draft (43rd overall), and subsequently played for the White Sox (1999–2000), Texas Rangers (2001–2002), Cleveland Indians (2003) and Cincinnati Reds (2004)

Al Foreman - National Coaching Certification Program Master Facilitator Instructor, Grassroots National Coach of the Year 2010 for Canada, Coached at the 16 to 18 level Select Boys and won gold and silver medals

Budget

2019 Convention Budget			2019 Convention Actual		
<u>Revenue</u>			<u>Revenue</u>		
Coach/Player			Coach/Player		
Registrations	220	13750	Registrations	279	22260
Exhibitor Fees		1200	Exhibitor Fees		1300
		14950			23560
<u>Expenses</u>			<u>Expenses</u>		
Speakers/Instructors	-21371		Speakers/Instructors		-19501
Facilities/Luncheon	-10673		Facilities/Luncheon		-13315
BCMBA Operations	-3124		BCMBA Operations		-8034
		-35168			-40850
	Balance	-20218		Balance	-17290

Feedback

The following table demonstrates the feedback received through our post Conference survey. This survey was distributed via email to all participants.

Question	Score	Question	Score
How satisfied were you with the Conference event?	4.3/5	How satisfied were you with the time allotted to presenters to cover their topics?	4.1/5

How satisfied were you with the Player Clinics?	4.8/6	Do you plan to attend next year's event?	Yes 94.6%
How effective do you feel this event is at delivering the content you are interested in?	4.1/5	Would you refer this opportunity to your peers?	Yes 91.9%

What to expect for 2020

More! Expect more great speakers, more great instructors, more great content, more learning, more fun. The audio was an area that several respondents identified for improvement. 2020 will see that addressed. We will also introduce the new Coaches Clubhouse, an online archive of the speakers' presentations, exclusive access to this portal will be included in the cost of your registration. See the 2020 Coaches Conference Flyer for more information!

Registration to go live November 12th, 2019

For more information about the BC Minor Baseball Coaches Conference, please contact Coach Development Committee Chair Mike Kelly at okpal@yahoo.ca



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The 2019 Marketing committee:

Chair - Tom Katelnikoff (Resigned)

Chair - James Raymond

Member - John Braaten

Member - Abigail Wong-de Leon

Member - Les Szabo

Current and continued focus:

Support and promotion of current BC Minor Baseball events - This season saw a significant effort put toward the promotion and coverage of:

- Coaches Conference
- Coaches Caravan
- HP Selects Program
- John Main Tournament
- Fall Classic Tournament
- Regular Season and Summer Season play
- Provincial Pathways and Championship events

This was achieved by the provision of "Call to Action" and "Shout Out" media distributed via direct email campaigns to Presidents and past event attendees, as well as the BC Minor Baseball website, Twitter, and Facebook.

Real-time event coverage was provided by BCMBA BoD members on-site and posted by the Website Committee. The coordination and effectiveness were relatively smooth and streamlined, providing families and BCMBA members current and accurate information.

Look for this to continue and for the committee to increase member engagement further.

Develop plans to support and promote member associations - The 2019 season saw an effort to promote member associations through cooperative social media campaigns and direct email campaigns.

We intend to build around the 2020 events timeline as our role will be to assist our member associations with the promotion of their Association and Members.

A prioritized focus will be brought to member associations hosting BCMBA events such as the Caravan, John Main, HP Selects, Provincials, and Fall Classic. However, we will look to assist our member associations in their efforts to promote their events and drive new memberships.

We hope to establish and maintain dialogue to identify the most critical areas of support including templates, press release kits, for events that will bring focus to BCMBA events in local communities

Develop and create sponsorship package - This is a promotional tool designed and built to help present BCMBA events to potential sponsorship revenue opportunities.

Initial efforts will be to present the Coaches Conference, Coaches Caravan, John Main, Team BC Selects, Provincial Championships, 18U Fall Classic as sponsorship opportunities.

If successful, we hope to see those monies go to freezing or reducing the costs of attending and/or hosting these events with the specific distribution of funds to be determined by the BCMBA BoD.

Consultation with member associations - Members of the marketing committee see coordination with BCMBA member associations as a crucial part of effective marketing support. We actively encourage our member associations to convey ways and means that we, as BCMBA, can assist the effort to reach their marketing goals.

We look to step up our support to include an online survey and direct contact with member associations to discuss their needs and what they have found beneficial. By doing so, we anticipate the ability to help our members with a broader range of potential solutions and ideas.

Long Term Needs:

Research and development of BC Minor strategic growth plan - The marketing committee will look to create a SWOT analysis to identify Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. This will help guide us in the development of both short term and long term strategic growth plans.

The hope is to incorporate a scalable model that can be used at the community level, as well as at the provincial level.

Key event sponsor partnerships - We recognize the rising costs to families and member associations in delivering a high-quality youth baseball experience.

Addressing the competitive pressure, along with the genuine desire to provide better and more effective training supports (coaches, clinics, facilities, equipment), equates to a greater need to offset the price of doing so. BCMBA events provide an ideal opportunity for sponsorship revenues. The committee's ongoing effort to secure sponsors for key events will help the continued delivery of quality programming to our members.

Development of Sponsorship guidelines - Along with the effort to secure key sponsors, the BCMBA Marketing committee will develop a set of guidelines that identify candidate organizations that parallel BCMBA standards and messaging that match our commitment to the families and communities of our Member Associations.

Branding program - With the success of the Provincials branding logo pilot launched in 2018, we doubled up the effort for 2019 by introducing a new John Main Invitational logo, an update of the 2019 Provincials medals incorporating the new Provincials logo, and the introduction of the 18U Fall Classic Logo.

2020 will see the introduction of a new Coaches Conference logo, new Coaches Caravan logo, and an update of the Team BC Selects logo.

The development of logos for these events assists our effort to brand these key events and promote them more effectively.

Media communications plan and package - A critical element in successful marketing is messaging.

The development of a communications plan and templated documents and processes will allow more consistent and wider audience messaging.

The goal is to include elements like contact lists and ideas, press release templates, community announcement kits, and a collective database of approaches to assist our Member Associations in developing their messaging strategy.



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August 24, 2019 Board meeting

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Website – August 24, 2019

- summer schedules for all divisions were uploaded via template as provided by James (point person)
- BC Minor Facebook traffic July 17 – August 13
 - o 825 views
 - o 51 more page “likes”
 - o article posts reached 10,363 people (+162% over last month)
 - of those 4,782 had engagement with articles (comments, likes, etc.)
 - o Top 3 posts “reach”
 1. 13U A East Champs
 2. 13U A West Champs
 3. 13U AAA Champs

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2019 BCMBA AGM – Awards Committee Report

The awards committee received six (6) nominations for Association of the Year, Kamloops, Mission, North Langley, Prince George, Salt Spring Island and SOMBA.

The committee discussed all the nominations in depth and is pleased to announce Prince George as the BCMBA Association of the Year for 2019.

The award will be presented during the AGM this November 16, 2019.

There have been recent discussions around creating three Association of the Year awards, one each for the Lower Mainland the Island and the North/Interior. As such, recommendations will be brought to the board and if a process of selection and choice can be determined the awards may be in place for 2020.

Coach and Team of the Year nominations have been received and will be announced at the February Convention in Langley during the Luncheon.

Respectfully submitted

Awards Committee

Val Greenwood (chair)

Mike Kelly

Raj Puri



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Scholarship Report

The Scholarship application closed on September 30, 2019, with 14 applications received by the Scholarship committee. To date, this number of applications has surpassed previous years' submissions with applications coming from the following Associations/teams: Abbotsford, Chilliwack, BC Girls, North Island Cubs, North Shore, Richmond, North Fraser Nationals, Vancouver Minor, and Port Coquitlam Minor.

As a result of the overwhelming response received, the committee sought approval from the board of BC Minor for an additional \$500.00 to the scholarship fund. With support from the board, the scholarship fund was increased by \$500.00 for a total of \$3000.00 for 2019.

A review is currently underway, and a total of six deserving applicants will be receiving \$500 each towards their post-secondary education. The committee will send their selections to the BC Minor board for approval in January, and the scholarship is to be presented at the coaches' convention in February 2020.

Abigail Wong-de Leon
15UA/15UAA Division Director
Scholarship Chair
BC Minor Baseball Association



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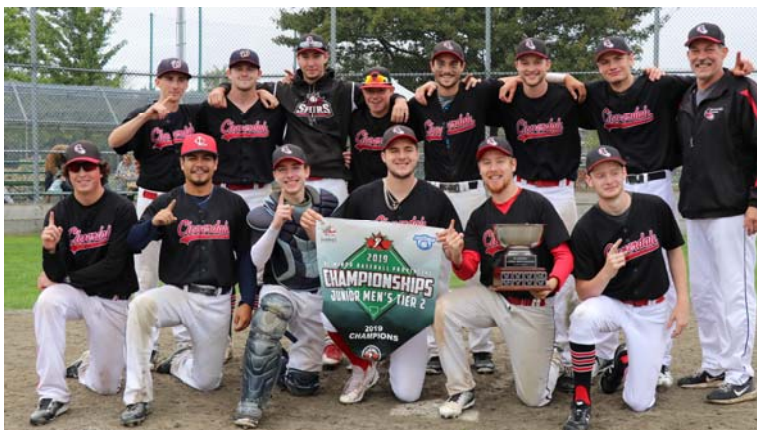
2019 BCMBA 25U Junior Men's – Report for AGM

This year's Junior Men's Division had 14 teams this year with games starting in May on Sunday's with Wednesday night games being added when more light allows a 9 inning game. Many thanks go out to all the volunteers, coaches, players and umpires that participated in this recreational division. At the end of the season the overall standings were used to create two pools for the playoffs. Many thanks to the Tsawwassen Baseball volunteers (with no team in the Finals) for hosting the Finals at Winskill Park.

Tier 1

Theo Avery's Aldergrove Astros won their semi final over the Ridge Meadows Royals and met the Aldergrove Dodgers who defeated White Rock to make the Final. The Final was to be Theo's final game as a coach and his team did not disappoint winning the final 7-5.

Thank you, Theo, for all you brought to Aldergrove Baseball



Tier 2

The Cloverdale Spurs Too were a first-year team and won their semi final over the Richmond Chuckers and then beat them again in the final as Richmond had not lost in the double knock format for Tier 2. Richmond beat Tri City Brewers in their second semi-final game to make the final.

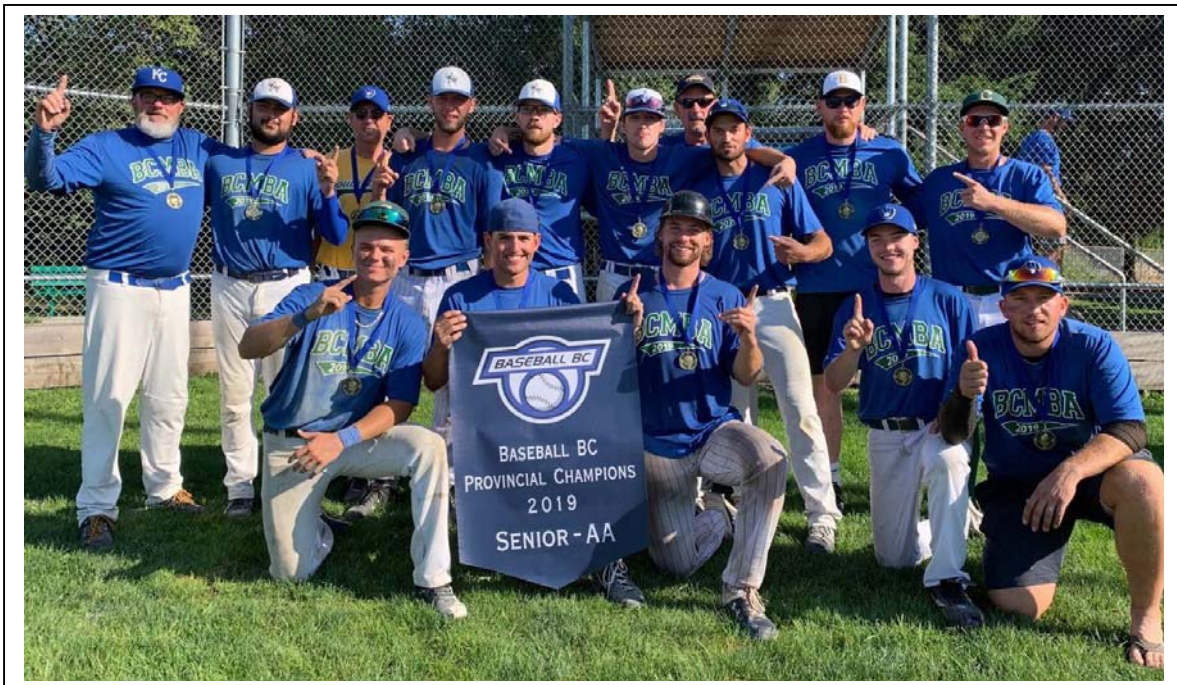


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Baseball BC Senior AA Provincial Tournament

An opportunity to place a team in the Baseball BC Senior AA Provincial Tournament held in Ridge Meadows was taken up by a combined Ridge Meadows and Tsawwassen Team. The team showed extremely well as the youngest team in the tournament who went 6-0 to win the Tournament beating the Howe Sound Cannons 7-4 in the final.



Congratulations to Ridge Meadows and Tsawwassen for taking the time and effort to put BCMBA's Junior Men's Program on show.

Anne Hayes, BCMBA 25U Junior Men's Chair



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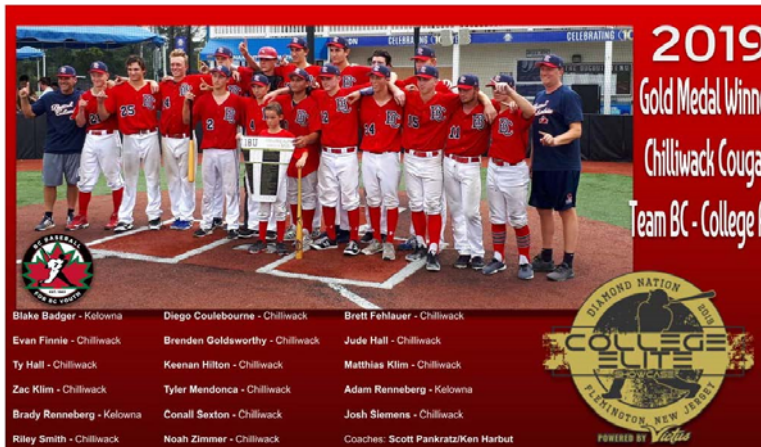
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2019 BCMBA 18U College Prep – Report for AGM

Final 4

Many thanks to the Richmond City Baseball volunteers (with no team in the Final 4) for hosting the Final 4 Championship Tournament at Latrace Field.

The Final 4 did not disappoint, with 3 teams tied for 1st place after the round-robin portion of the tournament, the Chilliwack Cougars, who finished as the top team in the single-season, won the tie-breaker over the COMBA Sun Devils and went on to win the final over the Ridge Meadows Royals. The Cloverdale Nationals rounded out the Final 4.



Team BC - Flemington New Jersey

Chilliwack, now Team BC, did BCMBA proud at the Diamond Nation 17/18U College Elite Showcase Wood Bat Tournament held in Flemington New Jersey August 19, 20 and 21st by winning the tournament for the 2nd time in 3 years, Cloverdale took Silver in 2018.

They did it this year with an impressive 6-0 record in the Showcase Tournament with many of the players gathered interest from the College scouts during the tournament.

18U Fall Classic Tournament (All 18U eligible players)

The 18U Fall Classic was held at Latrace and Blundell Fields in Richmond on September 27-29. The Tournament included 12 teams and allowed many of the up and comers to the 18U AAA and College Prep Divisions to show their stuff.

Applications for 2020

Nine applications were received by the November 1, the teams have been notified. Joining the CP division for 2020 will be Nanaimo as the VI Mariners and Burnaby as the North Fraser Nationals.

Grant Butler, BCMBA College Prep Chair



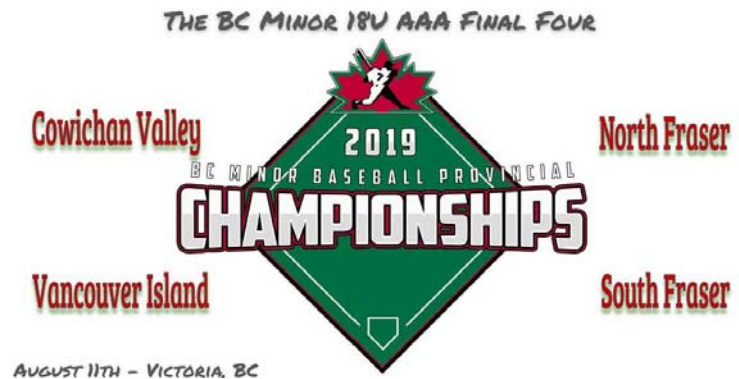
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2019 BCMBA 18U AAA – Report for AGM

Congratulations to all 14 teams that made up the 18UAAA League this year. Many thanks to the Greater Victoria Baseball Association for hosting the 18U AAA Provincial Championships made up of the top 7 teams and host;

Cowichan Mustangs (33-5)
North Fraser Nationals (32-6)
VI Mariners (27-11)
South Fraser Giants (24-14)
Penticton Tigers (23-15)
Ridge Meadow Royals (22-15)
North Island Cubs (22-16)
Victoria Seawolves (Host)



Final 4

Pool play went as expected and the top 4 in league play advances to the Final 4 Championship play.

All but 3 games with a run differential of 3 or less and only one team got to =double digits in score.

The Provincial Champions Vancouver Island Mariners knocked off the 1st and 2nd seeds to claim the title.



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Ray Wearing, BCMBA 18U Chair and 18U AAA Director



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2019 BCMBA 18U AA– Report for AGM

Midget AA Report

This year we had 13 Lower Mainland teams participate in the 18U AA summer season. There were two teams in the Interior and no teams from the Island in this division.

The 2019 18U AA Midget Provincial Tournament was hosted by COMBA and took place in Kelowna August 1-4, 2019. The ten-team tournament included the following teams:

1. Prince George
2. Ladner
3. Burnaby
4. Vancouver-1
5. Mission
6. Tsawwassen
7. Tri-City
8. Vancouver-2
9. Kelowna
10. Penticton

Games were played at Lombardy and Edith Guay Parks and featured Prince George against Vancouver-1 in the final. **Congratulation to the Prince George Knights for capturing the 2019 18U AA Midget BCMBA Provincial Title.**

There were no major issues with any of the games in the tournament. COMBA's Dave Marshall and his parent volunteer group did a fabulous job hosting. Chris Connelly from KMBA was the UIC and was eventually able to coordinate umpires for all games.

As the number of teams participating in the summer season in this division is significantly lower than the number of teams involved in the interlock spring schedule, there has been a resolution put forward to move away from 9-man ball in the summer to help increase participation.

Raj Puri
BCMBA Midget AA Director



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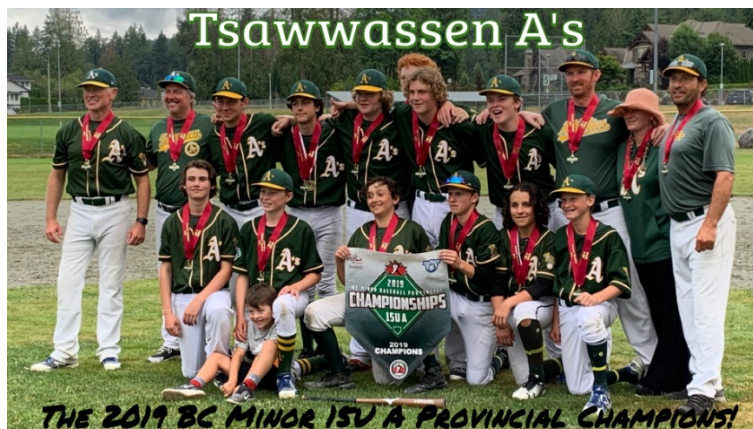
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AGM 15U Division Yearly Report

15U A

The Summer program for this level in 2019 saw 17 teams from the Fraser Valley area, two teams from the Interior, seven teams from Vancouver Island, and one team from Northern BC participated. The summer season consisted of 14 games for the Fraser Valley, including the Girls Baseball team. Interior and Vancouver Island had zone playoff formats, and Northern Team gained a berth to the Provincials. Mission hosted a 12-Team Provincial Championship on Aug 07 -11, games fought thru rainstorms and concluded with all games played. Tsawwassen A took home the gold medal and Vancouver Community Viper taking home silver.

Operating BC Minor Baseball Director for this division 2019 is Abigail Wong-de Leon.



15U AA

The Single Season for AA ball started on April 06, 2019, and ended on July 21, 2019, with a 36-game season. Nineteen teams interlocked for the scheduled season from the Fraser Valley and Interior, six teams from Vancouver Island, and one team from Prince George. Vancouver Island had a Zone playoff for the two berths allotted to them, and Prince George was granted a berth for the Provincials. 2 Provincial Berths were determined by an eight-team Wild Card tournament held in Burnaby with Vancouver Minor Expos and Vancouver Vipers taking these berths. The Provincial Championship was a 12-team tournament held in Prince George on August 01 – 06, 2019, 6 games were eliminated from the schedule because of a 2-day rainstorm that passed through. The winner of 2019 15U AA provincial was Prince George Knights and Cowichan Valley Mustang, taking home silver.



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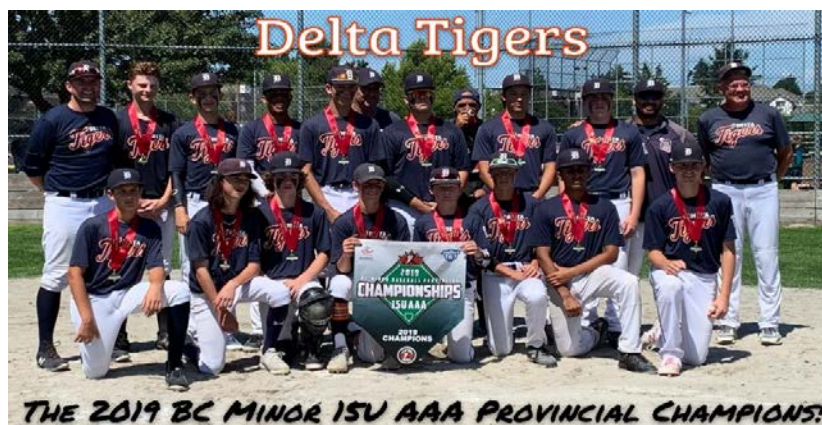
Operating BC Minor Baseball Directors for this division 2019 is Abigail Wong-de Leon and Trevor McGuire.



15UAAA

The Single Season was a 36-game season starting on April 06, 2019, and ended on June 26, 2019, resulting in an 8-team qualifier round and four teams advancing to the Final Four Tournament. The season saw 11 teams participating through the schedule; the final 4 took place in Tsawwassen. Games were played July 17 – July 19, 2019, and seen some great effort by the four teams to move to the first spot. The Delta Tigers took home the gold medal and Chilliwack Cougars taking silver.

Operating BC Baseball Director for this division 2019 is Les Szabo.





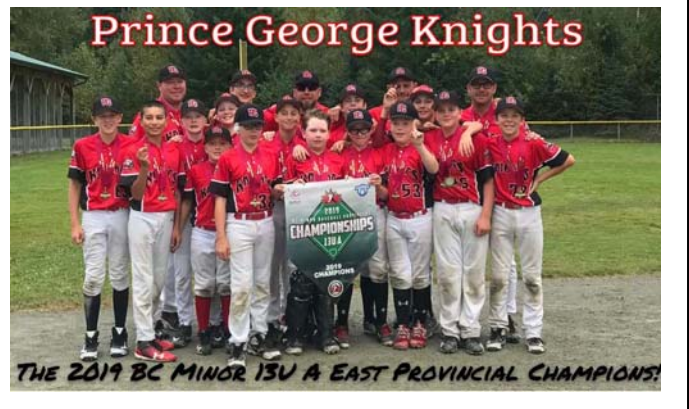
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2019 BCMBA AGM - 13U Div Report

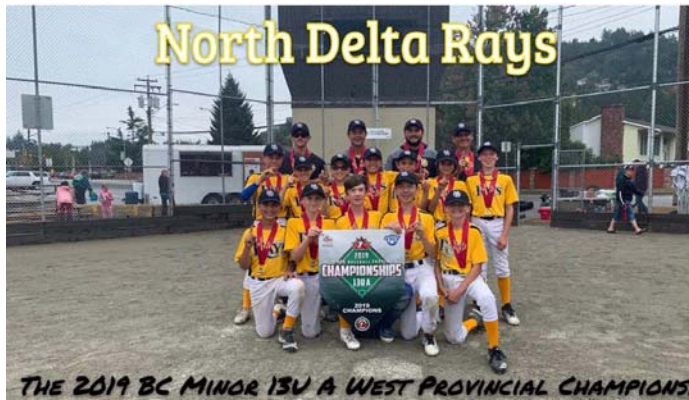
The **BCMBA 13U A EAST Championship** was held in Mission supported by another fantastic volunteer group, thank you

Trevor McGuire, BCMBA 13U East Director



The **BCMBA 13U A West Championship** was held in Abbotsford, thank you to the volunteer group for the great work.

Sanda King, BCMBA 13U West Director



The **BCMBA 13U AA Championship**
Oceanside Hosted a great 13U AA tournament where the Aldergrove Dodgers took home the gold

Nick Van Dyk, - BCMBA 13U AA Director



The **BCMBA 13U AAA** was held in Victoria, thank you to the volunteers where the Penticton Tigers took home the Gold

Marty Hall, BCMBA 13U AAA Director





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2019 11U Division - AGM Report

This was my first year as division chair in 11U. I had previously assisted Grant Butler in the division. Grant provided and passed along great historical and structure information. I used this to be proactive in communication to associations and division coaches throughout the year.

To start the season I attended the Lower Mainland MSET meeting where approximately one dozen associations were represented. This did not mean all participated, but were there to gather information and see how the exhibition program would be run through May long weekend.

Because a couple of associations were internally running tiered programming along with two different exhibition programs (MSET and Prospects) I put forward a motion which passed in April using Article XX to have tiering allowed for the upcoming season as this was previously outside of the rule book.

Also at the start of the spring interlock season I received numerous inquiries regarding BC Minor Baseball's bat rules. Again, I put forth a motion under Article XX to allow different brands as long as they complied with the BPF 1.15. So much confusion as people do not check the BC Minor Baseball Rule Book prior to buying bat "deals" in the off season. We are looking at updating the bat rule.

There were 63 summer team declarations for the 2019 summer all-star season within the four tiers. There were four teams approved to move down. Two teams withdrew during summer play. This affected one regional zone berth, which was not communicated to the division and fortunately was corrected. Another big historical issue are coach's general lack of knowledge of divisional rules for summer play. This was found to be true by the 200+ e-mails asking questions directly from coaches in July. Coaches need support of their association to help them along in understanding them to provide the best experiences for the players.

Following my post provincial championship report about the disparity in skill and competition at each of the respective four tiers I took this message to each of the three regional Fall workshops. There was consensus throughout each meeting that each association should have the flexibility to be responsible for their own programming at 11U. If this means internal tiering or not, it would be up to each respective association to deem what is best for their members. Team move down requests in 11U was another hot topic and discussed, this is now under advisement by the division because of the "pressures" it puts on traditional smaller associations.

Overall, I can say I am pleasantly surprised at the skill level of teams throughout the province as compared to when I started coaching at that level in 2008 for the first time. I was able to watch many association teams at 11U this year and with the structured programming, association support and coach development BC Minor Baseball member associations have come a long way. This is key to provide players with skill development, engagement and a positive environment to enjoy at this great game.

John Braaten

Interim 2nd Vice President
11U Division Chair