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# Baseball BC

## 2020

### Provincial

### Championship

### Entry Package

Please visit our Provincial Championships webpage at:

[ballcharts.com/baseballbcprovincial](http://ballcharts.com/baseballbcprovincial)



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## General Information

This document refers to entry procedures for members of Baseball BC. All previously included language regarding non-members has been removed from this document. Should a non-member wish to participate in a Baseball BC Provincial Championship they should contact Baseball BC in advance of the entry deadline for the division they intend to enter. Entry requirements may differ for non-members. Non-member entries are still welcome.

Baseball BC reserves the right to interpret any aspect of this document as it applies to a given situation. Baseball BC also reserves the right to rule on any item not specifically covered in this document.



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## Provincial Championships Introductory Letter

December 1, 2019

Baseball BC is pleased to announce details regarding the 2020 Provincial Championships, which will qualify teams for the Western Canada & National Championships.

Consistent with its mandate to provide baseball opportunities to all amateur players in British Columbia, the 2020 Baseball BC Provincial Championships are open to both member and non-member teams. As in the past five seasons, members of Baseball BC receive discounted entry fees, assigned berths, and enhanced funding support for Westerns & Nationals.

Kyle Williams, Championships Coordinator, will be the primary contact at Baseball BC for any questions related to Provincial Championships. Kyle is not based in the office but can be reached by email at [kyle@baseball.bc.ca](mailto:kyle@baseball.bc.ca) or by phone at 778-847-5475. David Laing is also available to answer questions at the Baseball BC office.

We wish you all the best for the 2020 season and hope to see you at our Provincial Championships come summer.

Kyle Williams  
David Laing  
John Berry

Championships Coordinator - Baseball BC  
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## Entry Process & Deadlines

BC Minor and PBL teams will no longer apply directly with Baseball BC to enter Provincial Championships. Instead they will gain entry through a process determined by BC Minor and the PBL respectively. Baseball BC will assign berths to BC Minor and the PBL for each Provincial Championship.

Babe Ruth and Little League teams must enter Baseball BC Provincials by submitting the entry form found at <https://forms.gle/eswGwbtNzczCZXNW7> by the following dates:

18U AAA T1 & T2	March 15
18U AA	June 15
15U AAA	March 15
15U AA	June 15
13U AAA	June 15
13U AA	June 15

Late applications will not be accepted.



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## Provincial Championship Dates

18U AAA Tier 1	July 30 to August 2
18U AAA Tier 2	July 31 to August 3
18U AA	August 6 to 9
15U AAA	August 6 to 10
15U AA	August 6 to 9
13U AAA	August 6 to 9
13U AA	August 6 to 9

The day following each Provincial Championship will be used in the event weather prevents the completion of the tournament.

Please see the Baseball BC Hosting Package for information on hosting opportunities in 2020. The deadline to apply to host a Baseball BC Provincial Championship is January 15<sup>th</sup>.



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## Westerns & Nationals Qualification, Dates, and Hosts

The Baseball BC Provincial Championships qualify teams for the Western Canada and National Championships.

### 18U AAA Tier 1

Winner to Nationals	August 20-23	London, Ont
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### 18U AAA Tier 2

1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place to Westerns	August 20-23	Regina, Sask
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### 18U AA

Winner to Westerns	August 20-23	TBD, Sask
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### 15U AAA

2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place to Westerns	August 20-21	TBD, Alb
Winner to Nationals	August 27-30	Okotoks, Alb

### 15U AA

Winner to Westerns	August 21-23	TBD, Sask
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### 13U AAA

2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place to Westerns	August 20-23	Lloydminster, Sask
Winner to Nationals	August 27-30	Windsor, Ont

### 13U AA

Winner to Westerns	August 21-23	TBD, Sask
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## Provincial Championship Entry Fees

The entry fee for all Baseball BC Provincial Championships is \$500.

Entry fees are non-refundable.

Payment must be received within seven days of the entry deadline. Failure to submit payment within seven days may result in the team being removed from the Championship.

The following process will be followed for the collection of entry fees from each member's teams.

### PBL & BC Minor

Baseball BC will invoice the PBL/BC Minor for all assigned berths. The PBL/BC Minor will submit payment to Baseball BC. Baseball BC will issue invoices after each entry deadline.

### Little League & Babe Ruth

Individual teams will submit their entry fee directly to Baseball BC.





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### **Provincial Championship Performance Bond**

The performance bond for all Baseball BC Provincial Championships is \$2 000. This is capped at \$5 000 per association/program.

The following process will be followed for the collection of performance bonds from each member's teams.

#### PBL & BC Minor & Little League

The member (PBL/BC Minor/Little League) will underwrite the performance bonds for all of their teams entered. Should a team forfeit any portion of their performance bond, the member will be invoiced by Baseball BC and will be responsible for collecting from their own team.

#### Babe Ruth

Individual teams will submit their performance bond directly to Baseball BC one month prior to the Provincial Championship.

**\*\* Please see the Team Commitment Policy on page 21 for further details regarding the performance bond. \*\***



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## **Fees for Westerns & Nationals**

### Westerns - In-Province

Members \$100 per player & coach (does not apply to host team)

### Westerns – Out of Province

Members \$300 per player & coach

Baseball BC will cover airfare costs to all out of province Western Canada Championships for any member or non-member team who qualifies. Teams and players are responsible for their own hotels, meals, and local transportation.

### Nationals

Members \$500 per player & coach (does not apply to host team)

Baseball BC will cover airfare costs to all out of province National Championships for any member or non-member team who qualifies. Baseball BC will pay the \$4 000 Baseball Canada accommodation fee for the event in addition to hotel costs for the Tuesday night if required. Teams/players are responsible for their own meals.

Baseball BC will book flights for 21 individuals for all out of province tournaments. Should a team not require this number of flights for players and coaches they will be required to pay the full cost of unused flights, which can be resold to parents. The full cost is defined as what Baseball BC paid for the flight, not the subsidized fee above.

All fees for Westerns and Nationals are payable to Baseball BC within five days of qualification. Baseball BC will select and provide funding for the Chef de Mission at National Championships where one is required.

Teams may BC uniforms at National Championships. The team is responsible for ordering and all costs. Teams must wear club uniforms at all Westerns.



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## Team Classification

The following is the intended classification for each Baseball BC Provincial Championship. Baseball BC reserves the right to re-classify any team.

### **18U AAA Tier 1**

Senior PBL

BC Minor College Prep

### **18U AAA Tier 2**

Junior PBL

BC Minor 18U AAA

### **15U AAA**

BC Minor 15U AAA

PBL 15U AAA (including second program teams)

### **13U AAA**

Little League District or Association teams

BC Minor 13U AAA

### **18U AA**

Babe Ruth teams

BC Minor 18U AA



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## **15U AA**

Little League District or Association Teams

BC Minor 15U AA

## **13U AA**

Little League Association teams (or approved merged associations)

Little League District teams (only if 1<sup>st</sup> team entered is AAA)

BC Minor 13U AA



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## **Team & Player Eligibility - All Leagues & Divisions**

Players must meet the Baseball Canada age requirements for their division. No overage players are permitted for any reason except where provided for female athletes.

All out of catchment players must have been approved by the member (Little League, PBL, Babe Ruth, BC Minor) and be permitted under their own transfer rules.

Teams may not add players who have not been part of their local association or club during the spring season per their members rules unless modified in this document.

Unless modified in this document, Baseball BC generally follows a member's own rules to determine the eligibility of athletes and teams.



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## Roster Rules - All Leagues & Divisions

### Roster Size

<u>Division</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>AAA</u>
<b>13U</b>	15	15
<b>15U</b>	15	16
<b>18U</b>	18	18

### Roster Rules

18U AAA Tier 1 & 2 Rosters are due on Monday July 27<sup>th</sup>.

The rosters for all other divisions are due on Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Rosters must comply with rules specific to each member league (see sections below).

The only changes to rosters after submission will be due to injury or other special circumstances prior to the start of the event.

If teams have concerns about the eligibility of athletes on a roster, they are strongly encouraged to immediately bring them to the attention of Baseball BC well in advance of a Provincial. While Baseball BC will review eligibility concerns at any time, generally it takes time to investigate, so it may not be possible to address all issues identified during the event. Games will not be retroactively forfeited due to a player being found to be ineligible unless Baseball BC determines a deliberately falsification of information has occurred.

Baseball BC will provide a roster form. Teams may submit rosters on other league forms provided that the roster includes: first/last name, birthdate, and address, and NCCP numbers for all coaches.



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Players are permitted to play in multiple Provincial Championships provided the championships are on different weekends. For example, a player who is rostered at 15U AAA during the season, could play in the 18U AAA Tier 1 or 2 Provincial as a pick-up and still be eligible to play in the 15U AAA Provincial.



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## **Team & Player Eligibility PBL Specific**

Players must be eligible under PBL rules to play in the division and for the team they are rostered with for participation in a Baseball BC Provincial Championship. Such PBL rules may include but are not limited to: limits to the number of games played at a higher level, minimum participation levels, and release procedures.

### **18U AAA Tier 1**

Programs may create a roster of any combination of players from within their program (SR, JR, 15U).

### **18U AAA Tier 2**

Programs may create a roster of any combination of players from their Junior or 15U teams.

### **15U AAA**

PBL 15U AAA teams are not able to add pick-ups to their PBL regular season roster. Teams with extended, flexible, rosters of more than 16 players, or programs who have a second team not playing in the league, may select any 16 of these players on their final roster.





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## **Team & Player Eligibility**

### **BC Minor Specific**

Players must be eligible under BC Minor rules to play in the division and for the team they are rostered with for participation in a Baseball BC Provincial Championship. Such BC Minor rules may include but are not limited to: limits to the number of games played at a higher level, minimum participation levels, and release procedures.

Exceptions to BC Minor eligibility rules are as follows:

#### **18U AAA Tier 1**

BC Minor College Prep teams may create a roster of any combination of players from within their program (18U CP, 18U AAA, 18U AA, 15U.)

#### **18U AAA Tier 2**

BC Minor 18U AAA teams may create a roster of any combination of players from within their program except that players rostered at College Prep are not eligible.

#### **All Other Divisions**

Teams may add pick-ups from a lower division to their roster by the submission deadline. For example, a 15U AA team may add a player from 15U A or from 13U. Teams may not cut players from their roster for the purpose of adding pickups.



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## **Team & Player Eligibility Little League Specific**

Players must be eligible under Little League rules to play in the division and for the team they are rostered with for participation in a Baseball BC Provincial Championship. Such Little League rules may include but are not limited to: limits to the number of games played at a higher level, minimum participation levels, and release procedures. Little League age eligibility is based on the actual age of the athlete and not the division they participated in during the season.

### **15U AA**

An Association may choose to enter a team, consisting of players who reside within their boundaries. A District may apply to Baseball BC to field a team, consisting of any combination of players from within their District's boundaries. These applications must be received with their registration form by June 15th. Baseball BC will consider such applications on a case by case basis.

### **13U AAA**

An Association may choose to enter a team, consisting of players who reside within their boundaries. A District may choose to enter a team, consisting of any combination of players from within their District's associations.

### **13U AA**

An association may choose to enter a team, consisting of players who reside within their boundaries. Two associations may apply to Baseball BC to merge and field a team consisting of any combination of players from within their association's boundaries. These applications must be received with their entry form by June 15th. Baseball BC will consider such applications on a case by case basis.

A District may choose to enter a team consisting of any combination of players from within their association's team, if the District has entered a team at the AAA level.



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## **Team & Player Eligibility**

### **Babe Ruth Specific**

#### **All Divisions**

An Association may choose to enter a team, consisting of players who reside within their boundaries.

A District may apply to Baseball BC to field a team, consisting of any combination of players from within their District's boundaries. These applications must be received with their registration form by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Baseball BC will consider such applications on a case by case basis.

In order to be eligible, athletes must be registered/chartered in a Babe Ruth program by May 15<sup>th</sup> and play a minimum of six games during the spring season.

Babe Ruth age eligibility is based on the actual age of the athlete and not the division they participated in during the season.

Athletes who dual register and are on the roster of a team at a higher level (SR or JR PBL & College Prep/18U AAA) are not eligible. Players who are initially on a roster of a team at a higher level but leave that team by May 1<sup>st</sup> retain their eligibility.



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## Provincial Championship Details

Baseball BC will announce the size of each Provincial Championship, the number of berths awarded to each member, the Provincial Championship format, seeding process, and schedule after the entry deadline for each division.

## Scheduling Conflicts

### Little League & Babe Ruth

A date overlap conflict may exist for the Little League or Babe Ruth teams who qualify for their own National Championships. In the event this occurs, Baseball BC will allow the team to withdrawal from the Baseball BC Provincial Championship, without financial penalty, in order to attend their National Championship. The team's entry fee and bond will be returned.



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## Team Commitment Policy

Teams entering Baseball BC Provincial Championships are required to put forth a \$2 000 performance bond as a guarantee on their team's commitment.

Teams may forfeit their performance bond for one of three reasons:

- 1) Failing to play all games in a Provincial Championship or Qualifier.
- 2) Withdrawing from a Provincial Championship or Qualifier less than one month prior to the start of the event.
- 3) Failing to attend any post-Provincial tournament (Western or National) that they have qualified for with a minimum of 50% of their athletes rostered for Provincials. Additionally, should a team that qualifies for a Western or National Championship, choose or be unable to attend, their entire coaching staff may face additional sanctions regarding their future eligibility to participate in all Baseball BC programming and their program/association may face sanctions related to their eligibility to participate in future Baseball BC Provincial Championships. Teams must ensure player commitment for Westerns and Nationals prior to entering. Teams only interested in attending Nationals (with the exception of 18U AAA Tier 1) should not any Championship where Western berths are at stake.

The following violations will result in a specific penalty against the team's performance bond:

- a) Failure to participate in the pre-tournament conference call. \$100 penalty.
- b) Failure to submit a team's roster by the deadline. \$100 penalty per day.

Teams that have not submitted their roster 48 hours prior to a Provincial are subject to removal.

An association who has a team forfeit a performance bond may be subject to increased performance bonds in future seasons.



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## Westerns & Nationals Pick-up Procedure

Teams that qualify for Western and National Championships are permitted to add pick-ups to their roster.

The decision to add pick-ups is a team choice. Baseball BC will not mandate that teams add to their roster except that the minimum is roster 15 players.

Pick-ups may come from any member or non-member program who may or may not have participated in a Baseball BC Provincial Championship.

Pick-ups for National Championships and AAA Westerns may have played at a higher level during the season and essentially 'play down' as a pick-up. For example, the winning 15U AAA team may add a Junior Premier player as a pick-up, as long as the player is age eligible. Similarly, the winning 13U AAA team may add a player who played at the 15U level, again, as long as they player is age eligible.

Teams may not "cut" players from their Provincial roster for the purpose of creating additional pick-up opportunities for Westerns or Nationals.

Pick-ups for AA Westerns cannot have played at a higher level during the season.

Players may only attend one Western or National tournament as a **pick-up**. The purpose of this policy is to provide post-provincial opportunities to as many athletes as possible. A player who is on the roster of a team that has qualified for a Western Canada Championship may play in Nationals as a pick-up.

Players may decline an invitation to play as a pick-up at Nationals and remain eligible to be selected as a pick-up for Westerns. The purpose of this policy is to recognize that there may a difference in player availability as the events may fall on different weekends. Players who decline an invitation to attend Westerns with one team are ineligible to be selected as a pick-up by another team attending that same Championship.



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## NCCP Requirements

Over the past seasons Baseball BC has not had any formal NCCP requirements at Provincials Championships and as a result numerous teams have been unprepared to travel to Western and National Championships as coaches lacked the required certification. Therefore, to ensure that teams are prepared for post-provincial play and to help ensure athletes receive a higher level of coaching, Baseball BC is implementing a hybrid model of coaching certification requirements for our Provincial Championships in 2020.

The following will be Baseball BC's Provincial Championship NCCP requirements for the 2020 season.

<b><u>Division</u></b>	<b><u>Certification Required</u></b>
18U AAA T1/2	One coach Certified Provincial. One coach Trained Provincial. Other coaches must have completed the initiation online module.
18U AA	One coach Certified Regional. One coach Trained Regional. Other coaches must have completed the initiation online module.
15U AAA	One coach Certified Provincial. One coach Trained Provincial. Other coaches must have completed the initiation online module.
15U AA	One coach Certified Regional. One coach Trained Regional. Other coaches must have completed the initiation online module.
13U AAA	One coach Certified Regional. One coach Trained Regional. Other coaches must have completed the initiation online module.
13U AA	One coach Certified Regional. One coach Trained Regional. Other coaches must have completed the initiation online module.

Please note that in order to participate in a Western or National tournament one coach must have the level of certification highlighted in yellow while all coaches will require the level of certification highlighted in green. The online module will only suffice for our Provincial.



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Member leagues are strongly encouraged to check the qualifications of their coaches at the beginning of single season and summer leagues and proactively encourage coaches to complete their certification at an early date. Often NCCP courses are not available in July.

Coaches must submit their NCCP number on their team's roster. Baseball BC will check certification. Any team found to be in non-compliance will forfeit \$500 from their performance bond. Additionally, the team will need to add a certified coach to their roster, who must be present for all games, in order for the team to participate in the Provincial. Teams who add a certified coach to their roster who has not been coaching the team, for the purpose of becoming compliant with this rule, will be fined \$500 but will be eligible to participate in the Provincial.

Any coach who has not completed the online initiation module will be deleted from their team's roster and not permitted on the field.