



Tips for All-star Summer Ball

- ◇ **Most important:** Download a registration form from www.bcminorbaseball.org, fill it out and have it signed by the President of SAMBA before July 1st. The President will fax it to the necessary person at BCMBA.
- ◇ **Coaching Philosophy:** Be very clear about the goals of the team and your coaching philosophy (i.e. playing time, practice expectations, roles, etc.). A newsletter is suggested.
- ◇ Check **tournament costs and locations** on the BCMBA website early (May) as some require early entry. **REGISTER early.** SAMBA will usually pay entry fees up front & have you reimburse in July. The most common tournaments are *Kamloops* (July long weekend) & the *Valley of the Champions* in Kelowna/Rutland (2nd week of July). Book camping early as well.
- ◇ Get a copy of each **player's birth certificate and BC Care Card** to go with the original all-star registration form. These copies should be in place by the first tournament you attend, but are most important by zone play-downs.
- ◇ Check **coaching certification requirements** on Baseball BC website and SAMBA website. Each division and level has different prerequisites.
- ◇ Download the **rules for your division** for summer ball. This will explain things ranging from eligibility to pitching. (BC Minor Baseball website)
- ◇ **Contact the uniform manager** about uniforms (vests, pants) to be borrowed by the team. That person will also provide any belts and socks players purchase from you. Money for socks and belts goes to SAMBA. **Players do NOT wear all-star uniforms (pants or vests) to practices.**
- ◇ Consider contacting **Diana's Monogramming** about hats, and red t-shirts to go under the vests. They will supply samples for you to size up your team. These costs are covered by the players & coaches, and paid directly to the vendor. Order early. If your team would like to get bat bags, warm-up jackets or anything else, this can be done through anyone (e.g., Prostock Rep: Lesley Monk)
- ◇ **Enlist parent support** for dragging diamonds after practices, lining fields for games and doing bookings for camping, etc. Ask former coaches about places to stay. Examples: Camping near Kamloops (Pinantan Lake). Camping near Rutland (Apple Valley). Camping near Lombardy (Bear Creek, Hiawatha RV Park) Some won't accept groups (might want people to book separately).
- ◇ Report results to The Salmon Arm Observer: newsroom@saobserver.net

