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Good Afternoon,

The British Columbia Minor Baseball Association (BC Minor) has been reviewing the current state of the upcoming season, specifically as it relates to the 15U (Bantam) AAA division. BC Minor recognizes that it has mishandled this division from the outset, by attempting to implement a couple different models without proper review of the current program, consultation from the managers/coaches involved and the Association Presidents. The different models that were proposed and implemented were against the current rules that are outlined within our Rule Book, while we attempted to obtain a consensus from our Associations, it seems given this anomaly of a pre-season we have encountered, that the consensus may not be shared by the majority of the membership.

We can all agree that last years model did not meet the level of competition that is needed at this level and the model needs to change. That being said, a clear and defined process needs to take place in reviewing the 15U AAA program, a clear model needs to be developed which would be taken the Annual General Meeting where it would be proposed through various changes to our rule book for implementation the following season(2020).

It has been a difficult couple months in attempting to get our programming off the ground with all possibility of another league being formed and several of our Associations possibly leaving. That being said, BC Minor has made a decision to **"hit the reset button"** on the 15U AAA division, which will mean that the AAA League will be open to **all** Associations, if they wish to field, reverting back to Rule 1.05 – Right to Field Teams. While we are able to allow this, we will continue to leave the boundaries open (which means Releases will not be required), as many teams have already or are in the process of forming their teams and players have committed to various programming – it would not be in the Associations, the teams, nor the players best interest to reverse this decision.

We understand that this may not be a popular decision, but it is a necessary decision to ensure that we are able to move BC Minor in a forward direction and start the planning stages of the 15U AAA division. Please look for further correspondence over the next couple days, that will be requiring Associations to make a final commitment of their participation in the 15U AAA division for the 2019 season.

BC Minor is committed to striking a working committee during the course of the season, with managers, coaches and Association representatives to review the 15U AAA program and prepare a model for consideration at the Annual General Meeting in November 2019 for implementation for the 2020 season. We look forward to working with all our Association is developing a stronger program, showing our commitment to transparency and communication.

If there are any questions please contact me at stuardt@telus.net or by telephone at 604-328-4767.

Yours in baseball,

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