



British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

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Rally Cap - 9U - 11U - 13U - 15U - 18U - Junior Mens

Girls Baseball - Challenger Baseball

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BCMBA Spring Workshop/Meeting Minutes - Interior Region

Mar 1st, 2020 (Vernon) 1:00 pm, Fairfield by Marriott 5300 Anderson Way,

Interior Facilitator: Neal Dhaliwal (250) 260-7829

1. Roll Call:

-Kelowna -Salmon Arm -West Kelowna
-Enderby -Penticton
-Kamloops -Vernon

2. Introduction of BCMBA members:

Grant Butler - President Neal Dhaliwal - Interior Region Director
John Braaten - 1st VP James Raymond - Administrative Director
Anne Hayes - Treasurer

3. Presidents report/remarks

Registration and Insurance elements should be in motion for all associations. Should there be questions regarding registrations or insurance please contact Anne Hayes.

New look board includes a chair for each division or committee. Communications for each division or committee should flow through the chair so that they can best direct to the appropriate contact. Chairs can be found on the BC Minor website on the Executives page. There you will find our list of director assignments.

Other changes since the AGM include:

Discipline Chair - Ray Wearing
Eligibility - Tina Baker-Cornett and Neal Dhaliwal as Co-Chairs
18U Chair - Ray Wearing
15U Chair - Anne Hayes
13U Chair - John Braaten
11U Chair - Mike Kelly
9U Chair - John Braaten

Rules - It is critical for all coaches to read and understand the 2020 Rule Book. Any questions need to go through the Rules chair. Prior to contacting the Rules chair, be sure to consult the [BC Minor 2020 Rule book](#).

Dave Garton: rules@bcminorbaseball.org

Discipline - Issues exist through all age divisions with an alarming number of ejections documented in the 11U division alone. Ray Wearing is the current Chair. Pay special attention to rule 13.

Ray Wearing: discipline@bcminorbaseball.org

Umpires - Grant Butler is the current Umpire Liaison. BCMBA and BCBUA currently working on a new contract. The requirements under the contract specific to Provincials will be required reading for all host associations.

Grant Butler: umps@bcminorbaseball.org

Eligibility - Tryout releases are a simple form to be filled out and emailed to the Eligibility chair. Tryout release form can be found on the BC Minor website in the Documents section under the Player Movement tab. If a player is successful in making a team a Player Movement form must also be emailed to the Eligibility chair. It must be filled out in its entirety and signed by both Presidents. When submitting a Player Movement Request, please attach the initial Tryout Release form.

Baseball BC - Continued collaboration between BCMBA and Baseball BC. The Baseball BC Westerns and Nationals Qualifier tournament participation for BC Minor Teams will be determined through the BC Minor postseason.

Berth allotment is still dependent on the total number of teams that will be participating and some of those numbers will not be assigned until much later in the season. (Single Season March 15th/Split Season June 15th) BC Minor will continue to update member Presidents as discussions progress.

BC Minor Baseball will cover the qualifying teams' entrance bonds required by Baseball BC.

NCCP Coach Certification requirements will be enforced this year and are outlined in the BC Minor Baseball Rulebook.

Coaching Conference, Coaching Caravan - Great turnout. 215 coaches registered. 75 players registered. 50+ coaches certified through the attached NCCP training sessions. Marketing worked to provide an updated look with the banners and refreshed program.

For those who attended, please watch for a follow-up survey. The Coach Development and Marketing committees are looking to get the attendees more involved in shaping the content to what is most relevant and important to them. What they are wanting to hear about and what types of speakers interest them.

Comment from the floor (Kamloops) - The process/requirements for approving a female athlete to play down are not covered in the current rulebook. Should we be sending in the applications regardless?

Response from BCMBA - Yes, for tracking purposes. We will also work to address that in the rulebook as we don't really have defined coverage for player move down requests in general.

Boundaries requests are managed by Sanda King boundaries@bcminorbaseball.org

4. 1st VP report (if needed)

A number of divisional meetings underway around the province as we ramp up for spring play.

A Risk Management page is under construction on the BC Minor website. Looking to have standardized Criminal Record Check guidelines. BC Minor is recommending that all associations have their umpires(18+ yrs old) also submit a CRC. As they are also in a position of authority with youth players and officials. There is no downside to having a CRC.

Insurance is slow to get things done. Specifically, when it comes to asking for additions or deletions of members being added to the certificate. D and O coverage has been renewed.

5. 2nd VP report (if needed) - No Report

6. Administrative Directors report

2020 Single Season leagues and team pages are set up. Please have coaches and managers who will be entering scores forward their SportsEngine profile user name (usually their email) so that they can be set up as their page admin. Teams are also asked to submit their team logo so it can be added as well.

All member associations are provided a free banner on the bcminorbaseball.org home page for their association logo. This banner links to their association website. Please forward your updated Association Logo if you haven't already.

James Raymond: administrativedirector@bcminorbaseball.org

7. Division info:

CP - Schedule is locked in and posted online. The Season is ready to launch.

18U AAA - Schedule is out for final review, will be posted by March 2nd, 2020

15U AAA - Schedule is out for coach review, will be posted by March 2nd 2020

15U AA - Schedule is in progress. The new tiering system is a challenge and may provide further complications for upcoming seasons. 10 Team Provincial with two berths determined by Wild Card tournament. Berth allocation will go as follows:

Top 2 teams from the Island tier

Top 2 teams from Tier One

Top 2 teams from Tier Two

Prince George (bye)

Host Association

13u - Regional Workshops and Divisional Meeting for the Lower Mainland will set the regional interlocking schedules. Kelowna and Kamloops will be fielding two AA teams in the interior region. All associations fielding more than one AA team must balance their teams (13U Chair, Directors, and Regional Representatives will be monitoring to confirm that teams are balanced for Spring Season play). This year will see an effort to link regional interlock game results and team standings on the BC Minor website. There have also been reports of recruiting happening. We want to remind everyone that Recruitment is forbidden. The John Main 13U AA Invitational is full with 16 teams and 6 teams on the waiting list.

13U AAA - is being looked at in consideration of running a single season for this division in 2020/21.

Comment from the floor (Kamloops) - we feel that the season for 13U AAA as a Summer Program is too short of a season. If we are looking at changes it will need to come from the top down so as to motivate associations to limit their game schedules to end sooner. We support change at this division, if not single season perhaps two "half" seasons.

Comment from the floor (Kelowna) - we would support it as well. There is already a similar program that runs a single season at 13U (Junior Coyotes)

11u - Tiering advisory has been sent out as a reminder that it was defeated at the AGM. The current rulebook states there is NO tiering allowed. There are a number of 11U development programs that do not require tiering. The advisory acts as a checklist to help associations avoid the practice of tiering.

9u - Restructuring of the rules for 9U as we have moved to a new pitch count guideline.

8. HP reports - New regional trial this season. Four regional teams Island/Interior/Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley. Each regional team will have 15 players. The Interior region is being explored as a three-day camp Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. 13U/15U/16U Camps happen at the same time. From the regional camps, 15 players from the 13U and 15U divisions will be selected to represent the region and attend the Team BC Selects 3-day development camp. 16U will be slightly different due to the smaller turnouts at the 16U level.

Still looking for Regional and Team BC Selects coaches. The application is online under the High-Performance page.

15U - Team BC Selects tournament has been moved to a more local venue. It enhances the experience by allowing families to go with the players. It helps reduce the stress of the travel logistics on the players and allows more focus on the game. It also provides a significantly smaller cost to participate across the board.

The purpose of the regional model is to offer more players access to high-level ball over a longer period of time.

Guest coaches for the Team BC Development Camps:

13U Pete Caliendo

15U Pete Wilkinson

16U Ernie Young

Baseball BC - PBL Now has a program that offers development teams. We are not sure what their role is as they don't actually participate in a season schedule.

Comment from the floor (Kelowna) - The A's are not running a Junior program. Instead, they are offering a practice squad that will practice with the Senior program but will not actually participate in league games.

John Braaten - The model he has witnessed is a Development team that will participate in 55 games plus tournaments at the cost of \$2100. In comparison, PBL Bantam prep does not play that many games. These development teams are contacting 15U BC Minor players in an effort to attract more Development team players.

Comment from the floor (Kelowna) - Junior Coyotes (13U AAA) also offer the same program. They do not play in a league they play in tournaments. In essence, a travel team. The first year was not overly successful but they are tapping down into 11U to market to them for the Junior Coyotes.

John Braaten - This is the motivation to enter into discussions considering a change to our 13U AAA program.

Anne Hayes - We have received calls from a Bantam Development Team (PBL) seeking games with BC Minor teams and they were told that there are no upsides BC Minor teams providing games for the Bantam Development teams recruiting BC Minor members.

9. Round Table:

Comment from the floor (Kamloops) - We need to integrate Prince George into the single-season play. More neutral site games perhaps, but travel is part of the High-Performance aspect of baseball.

Comment from the floor (West Kelowna) - I would suggest that the board work hard at introducing better solutions at the 13U/15U/18U AAA levels for the next AGM. We don't want to see what is happening in Ontario with Travel teams and the decimation of grassroots community baseball.

Anne Hayes - 13U AAA should be relatively straight forward. However, we are going to have a problem with 15U for next year as we are going to end up with FIVE tiers of baseball. That means five Provincials. Do we flip 15U AAA to an application program and set the standard where it needs to be? Five leagues in one age division is impossible.

Comment from the floor - Five tiers are too many

Comment from the floor (Kelowna) - We feel strongly that PG play teams that will compete at Provincials should be playing the rest of the BC Minor teams. Otherwise, how do we seed them for Provincials or event where they should be playing for Summer Season.

Anne Hayes - The original 18U AAA schedule included PG playing each team once. Not sure what happened between then and now. Not sure why Ray and Hugh changed up the schedule.

Comment from the floor (Kamloops) - Based on the 18U AAA pre-season meeting. Travel to play PG didn't seem to meet much resistance.

Question from the floor (Vernon) - What is the standard for NCCP this year and is it being enforced. It has always been a challenge for us to get a clinic together due to the cost of and availability of the trainers.

Comment from the board - Baseball BC has committed to assist in that effort. David Laing will be able to bridge the gap in order to provide the needed supports for training. The key is to host the weekend and communicate with the local Presidents to send down their coaches.

Anne Hayes - Please don't forget to send in your full registration as it is required for insurance purposes. Without those details, the insurance company won't even talk about it until all the details of membership are confirmed.

Break at 2:05 p.m

Interior Region Interlock Scheduling Sessions