

1. **2014 Fielding Projections:**

- **NOTE:** The minimum ratio of Pee Wee AA to A teams is 33% (1-AA to 2-A) to match B.C. Minor rules. Bantam ratio remains at 25% (1AA to 3-A). These rules now governs the minimum allowable ratio of single A to double AA teams that associations must field in order to participate in the Interlock group.

2. **Scheduling:**

- **NOTE-** Each Association will be assessed an Interlock scheduling fee of \$25 per AA team. Scheduling fee and trophy fee will be invoiced in April, with payment due by May 15th. Associations failing to pay this invoice by May 15th may be left out of the playoff schedule.
- David Barry (Newton) will do scheduling for Pee Wee AA & Bantam AA levels.
- Schedule should include approximately 20 games. Schedules MAY be unbalanced if required, with unbalanced games being played against teams closer to home.
- Longer distance games to be scheduled for weekend play whenever possible.
- Pee Wee AA & Bantam AA games usually scheduled for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday @ 12:00 PM.
- All associations **MUST** submit field availability and team contact information to David Barry by **March 7th**
- The attached **SCHEDULER INFORMATION FORM** will be used to submit the following for EACH team:
 - Association Name
 - Division name and Division Coordinator contact info
 - Number of teams being fielded at each Interlock level
 - Field information (Park name, address/location)
 - Field availability (dates and times)
 - Field/team blackout dates/times
 - Team name
 - Name of Head Coach
 - Name of Asst. Coach(es)
 - Team contact's phone numbers (home and cel whenever possible)
 - Team contact's e-mail address
- Preliminary DRAFT schedules should be ready for review by ~March 23rd.
- Once the final schedule has been issued, it will be up to individual teams/associations to deal with game rescheduling. However, it is strongly recommended that games schedules are not changed unless absolutely necessary, as schedule changes impact teams, umpires, concessions, etc.

3. **Game Start Times:**

- All weekday game will start at **5:30 PM in month of April**, changing to **6:00 PM on May 1st**.
- Weekend game times are 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM. (9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 2:45 PM and 5:30 PM in month of April).
- Associations with lit fields may schedule games later on weeknights.

4. **Standings:**

- B.C. Minor to administrate online standings for Pee Wee AA and Bantam AA Interlock.
- Standings will be available on BCMBA's website.

5. **Reporting Scores:**

- BCMBA to administrate an online reporting system for game results. Coaches will be issued a password to allow online reporting of scores.
- Reporting game results will be the responsibility of the HOME team, and should be reported within 24 hours. If not reported after 24 hours, the visiting team can update the score instead.
- Each association's Division coordinators to monitor standings and ensure that game results involving their teams are kept up-to-date.
- Division coordinators will be responsible for settling disputes involving game scores.

6. **Playoffs:**

- Regular season standings will be determined by winning percentage.
- Cut off for regular season to be Sunday June 1st. All game results must be posted by 9:00 PM that night to count in final standings and playoff seeding. Playoffs will begin the following week.
- All Interlock playoffs will be Round Robin format, with home games being split amongst all teams. In case of odd number of Round Robin games, higher placing teams will get extra home game. The top 2 teams in each pool will advance to cross-over semi-finals, followed by a final.
- Playoffs to be complete by ~ Sunday June 22nd
- Pee Wee AA & Bantam AA playoffs will have 2 tiers (upper and lower) providing there are a sufficient number of teams (minimum 12). Each division will be split as close to the middle as possible while

attempting to keep even numbers of teams in each tier. Each tier will then be split in to 2 equal pools (eg. 1-4-5-8-9 and 2-3-6-7-10). Playoff format will be conformed once final team numbers are received.

- For neutral site games or games being played in visitor's park, "home" team is responsible for cost of umpires. Local association to book the umpires and charge cost to the home team.

7. Awards:

- Medallions for 1st and 2nd place regular season – Pee Wee AA (2 sets), Bantam AA (2 sets)
- Trophies for 1st and 2nd place in playoffs - Pee Wee AA (4 sets), Bantam AA (2 or 4 sets)
- Cost sharing will be based on percentage of teams participating from each association and level.
- The Interlock Coordinator will place order for all Interlock awards with Winner's Circle Trophies (Troy Hertz), and will pay Winner's Circle directly with funds collected from each association by May 15th
- Each association or team will be responsible for picking up their awards directly from Winner's Circle Trophies (14162 – 109th Ave., Surrey). Contact Troy Hertz at 604-584-0544 to make arrangements.

8. Interlock Playing Rules:

NOTE-Please ensure that a copy of the attached Interlock Guidelines and Rules are circulated to all Umpires and Coaches so that they are aware of the following:

- **Protests-** No protests allowed during regular season Interlock play.
- **Balks-** Pee Wee AA – 1 warning per pitcher in April, all balks called in May and June.
Bantam AA – all balks called.
- **Run Limit-** Pee Wee AA – 5 run limit in 1st and 2nd inning, remaining innings open.
Bantam AA – No run limit (all innings open)
- **Ending Game-** Umpire's discretion due to darkness. No new innings to begin after **2 hrs. 15 min.** Time limit applies to all games regardless of light issues, following games, etc.
- **Extra Inning-** In the event of a tie, ONE extra inning can be played if time limit and light permits.
- **Rain-outs-** Home team must contact the Visiting team within 72 hours to re-schedule a rain-out. They must offer a make-up date taking both team's schedule/availability in to account. If the Visiting team can't play first date, Home team must offer an alternative date. If the visiting team refuses second date, game may be scored as a default win for Home team. Conversely, if Home team does not contact the Visiting team within 72 hours, the Visiting team should advise Division Manager to request assistance as required in rescheduling of rainouts. If Home team refuses to provide a date for make-up game, then game may be scored as a default win for the Visiting team.

9. Dispute Resolution:

- Where possible, disputes should be settled locally by Division coordinators of the associations involved. Where this is not successful in resolving disputes, the Division coordinators of the uninvolved associations will be called on to resolve it.

10. Reporting of Umpires:

- Umpire issues should be dealt with locally by Division coordinator and Umpire-in-Chief of association. It should not be necessary to be contacting association Presidents with umpire complaints.

11. Code of Conduct:

- All associations should make it a priority to inform all coaches, players and spectators of the proper Code of Conduct for minor baseball.
- Zero tolerance of abuse should be standard practice in all parks, and should be enforced.
- For first offence, the umpire will issue a warning. For second offence, the umpire shall stop game and instruct the coach of the offending team that the game will not proceed until the offending individual (coach, player or spectator) has left the park.
- It is important that coaches of BOTH teams should be seen to be supporting the umpire in these decisions, instead of it looking like a "home" umpire issue.