



British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

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2023 BC Minor Baseball Fall Workshop - All Regions - Minutes

September 19th, 2023

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/uff-ffxh-wjo>

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Introductions: BCMBA Board of Directors:

Executive: Grant Butler President, Raj Puri 1VP, John Braaten 2VP, Anne Hayes Treasurer, Valerie Greenwood Secretary,

Committee and Division Directors: Alan Forman, Mike Kelly, Steve Coleman, Neal Dhaliwal, Daniel Michaud, Abigail Wong-de Leon, Chris Lund, Veronica Vankoughnett.

James Raymond, Administrative Director

Roll Call: Burnaby Baseball (Cheryl Healy/ Sonja Jeffries-Ellen)), South Burnaby (Peter Lei), Chemainus (Victoria Mahon), Howe Sound (Kevin Read), Kamloops (Earl Cosi), Ladysmith (Grant Dovey), Nanaimo (Ross McElroy), Prince George (Salt Spring Island (Cory Johnson), Surrey (Daniel Michaud) Salmon Arm (Meagan Seibert), Victoria (no record)

Call to Order 7:05

President's Remarks: Grant Butler,

- I'd like to thank all the volunteers in BCMBA member Associations, your time is invaluable.
- Managing the courses needed for coaches' mandatory NCCP training/certification was extremely challenging with many of the coaches not knowing how to get things done or even not caring.
- Continued pressure by coaches and parents on rule interpretations against the spirit of many rules was a continual battle this year. I would note that the BCMBA BoDs did not make the rules, instead the BoDs are mandated to manage the rule book by the member Associations.
- The BCMBA Discipline committee dealt with many ejections, minor and major with more and more parents persisting on making their feeling known at the ballpark to the detriment of the players and officials on the field.
- It's not all bad though as 2023 proved to be another successful season seeing many Associations upping their game. ****

Recognition of Provincial Winners -

11U A - White Rock Tritons (Tiered spring season)

11U AA - Comox Valley Jets ****

11U AAA T2 - Duncan Tigers ****

11U AAA T1 - White Rock Tritons (Tiered Spring Season)
 13U A East - Abbotsford Angels Red
 13U A West - Vancouver Community Mounties
 13U AA - Tsawwassen A's **** (Moved up/won 13U AAA Qualifiers. Won Western Nationals Bronze)
 13U AAA - Ladner Red Sox
 15U A - Vancouver Community Mounties
 15U AA - White Rock Tritons
 15U AAA - Cowichan Valley Mustangs **** (First time)
 18U AA - Vancouver Community Mounties
 18U AAA - North Shore **** (First time)
 18U CP - Ridge Meadows Royals
 26U T2 - Vancouver Minor Expos
 26U T1 - South Delta Brewers **** (3 peat)

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

BCMBA AGM	Sunday, November 19th, 2023 10:00 AM (Virtual)
Deadline for Rule Change Submissions	Sunday, October 1st, 2023 11:59 PM
Scholarship Applications (18U only)	Thursday, November 30th, 2023 11:59 PM
College Prep Team Announcement	Per Chair and Committee
Applications to Host Provincials	Sunday, November 19th, 2023 (AGM)
Association Boundaries Submission (Rule 3.01A)	Sunday, November 19th, 2023 (AGM)
Coaches Conference	February 2-4, 2024
NCCP Coaches Training (Conference promo pricing)	Weekend before Conference
Coaches Caravan	March - April 2024, TBD
Member Affiliation Fees (Rule 1.02C)	April 1, 2024
Member Registration (Rule 1.02D)	June 1, 2024
Player Movement Requests (Eligibility/Submission) (Rule 6.05)	
Single Season and Spring Season	April 1st, 2024
Summer Season	July 1st, 2024
Single Season Declarations (Rule 7.01)	
13U AAA	March 1, 2024 (Except for Interior and North)
15U AA	Wednesday, February 28, 2024
15U AAA	Thursday, February 1, 2024
18U AAA	Thursday, February 1, 2024
Withdrawal from Single Season(Rule 7.01)	March 7th: 15U AA 15U AAA & 18U AAA March 15th: 13U AAA
Single Season Rosters (Rule 7.02)	Prior to April 1, 2024

Please refer to www.bcminorbaseball.org for key dates and registration links of other tournaments and events

DIVISIONAL PROGRAMMING REVIEW

9U - John Braaten, 9U Chair

- Reports of various associations tiering with player “cuts” Please remember BCMBA is grassroots programming that is supplemented with high performance programming 5U through 18U.
- This is being lost with many as had many communications and concerns re: specializing and tiering at younger and younger ages (8U and 9U included). Retention is key and focusing on a select few as opposed to the membership will not help grow baseball for those who are especially late developing/maturing players.

Summer report

- Had concerns from multiple associations of 8U & 9U “super teams” during summer...unfortunately focusing on the present and not what may be best for the future. Associations must take a forward vision in retention and maximizing player participation at the younger levels. Many teams with the number of coaches on field exceeding BCMBA rule limits. Associations need to ensure coaches are forwarded BCMBA Rule Book to read and understand members' rules.
- concerned on how the habits have changed over the usage of alcohol at the field- parents that are drinking still have to drive their kids home
- Presidents will have to manage in the future
- Also of concern is the three (3) ejections at this level too.

11U - Anne Hayes

Spring season: There were 68 teams playing in the 4 divisions in 2023 for a chance to be one of the 40 teams in the Provincials. There were 38 Lower Mainland teams, 15 Island teams, 13 Interior teams and 1 North team. Provincials in 11U A were in Cloverdale, 11U AA in Surrey, 11U AAA Tier 2 in Vernon and 11U AAA Tier 1 in Comba.

13U -

13U A- Marty Van-der-Loos

After a successful summer season, there were 2 very well run provincials hosted by Oceanside in the West and Mission in the East, with 10 teams in each provincial. At the end of the day, Vancouver Community and Abbotsford Red were crowned Provincial Champions for 2023. Players, coaches and parents helped make these tournaments successful with the focus on the play on the field.

13U AAA Provincial Championship - Abigail Wong-de Leon

The tournament was well organized, and everything went very well. Thanks to Chilliwack for hosting. 2 coaches were ejected during the semi-final game, but no suspensions were given. Received ejection reports from Chilliwack UIC. Provincial Winner – Ladner Red Sox, Runner Up – Kelowna Sun Devils. Cloverdale Rangers and Nanaimo Pirates played for the BC Qualifier against the Tsawwassen A's AA who won to go onto the Western Nationals.

John Main Tournament

The John Main returned to its traditional weekend following the May Long Weekend. The format is going to need to be reviewed as the AAA teams more or less beat up on the AA teams.

15U -

15U A, Neal Dhaliwal

This year's summer season of 15UA had 20 teams with games playing in July for a chance at a berth in the Provincials. There were 12 Lower Mainland teams, 4 Interior teams and 3 Island teams and 1 North team.

15U AA, Abigail Wong-de Leon

This year's 15U AA had 22 teams playing a 40-game schedule. The teams were divided into 2 tiers, with consideration given to traveling teams. The top 4 teams from Tier 1, top 3 teams from Tier 2, and the host, Nanaimo were given berths to the Provincials, the other 2 teams came from the wildcard tournament played in North Delta. There were 2 teams from Tier 1 and 2 teams from Tier 2 in the Wildcard.

15U AAA, Hugh Gurney

This year's 15U AAA had 12 teams playing a 44-game regular season schedule. The top 6 teams from the standings gained automatic berths into the 8 team Provincial Championships, and a 4 team Wildcard tournament to decide the final 2 teams to qualify for the Provincials.

18U - Chris - College Prep working with selection committee on which teams will be selected

18U AA - Raj Puri

On May 31, 2023, we had the 18UAA Pre-Summer Season meeting to review processes and accompanying due dates. This year 12 Lower Mainland Teams declared for the summer season as well as two teams from the Interior. Lower Mainland teams have been playing an eleven-game schedule while Interior will coordinate their own interlock to determine the Interior berth for the provincials. Mission Minor Baseball Association will host the 2023 BCMBA 18UAA Provincials scheduled for July 27 – July 31 and will be an 8-team tournament.

18uAAA Chris Lund

Provincials were hosted in North Langley who did a fantastic job hosting the Provincials. 8 Teams including: Penticton, North Island, Cloverdale, Ridge Meadows, North Shore, Township, North Fraser and Richmond City. North Shore edged out Penticton in a close game 4-3 in the final. North Shore moved on to the Western Championships and went 1-3 in some close competitive games. Scheduling a wrap-up meeting with the teams next week to discuss the season and get suggestions for any changes.

18uCP Chris Lund

Provincials were hosted in Ridge Meadows who also did a great job hosting. Due to the extra week added to the schedule we had 8 Teams including: North Fraser, Cloverdale, North Shore, Kamloops, Ridge Meadows, Chilliwack, Kelowna and Vancouver Island. Ridge Meadows won against North Fraser in the Final to go onto the Baseball BC Qualifiers in Richmond. Mid-Island PBL team ending up beating out Ridge Meadows in a best of 3 format. Scheduling a wrap-up meeting with the teams next week to discuss the season and get suggestions for any changes.

Applications are now in for 2024 College Prep Teams. 11 Teams have applied: Chilliwack, Cloverdale, COMBA, Kamloops, North Fraser, North Shore, Penticton, Richmond City, Ridge Meadows, Trail and Vancouver Island. Will be setting up meetings with the committee to work on selecting next year's teams. Decision to be made no later than September 30, 2023

26U (Junior Men's) - Anne Hayes

This year's Junior Men's Division had 12 teams with games starting in May once the players had returned from college. Many thanks go out to all the volunteers, coaches, players, and umpires that participated in this recreational division. In August the teams were broken into two tiers for the playoffs. Many thanks to the Tsawwassen Baseball volunteers and coaching staff for hosting the Finals at Winskill Park. The South Delta Brewers and Ridge Meadows Royals had a hard-fought game between the two top teams in Jr Men's with the South Delta Brewers coming out on top 11-9. This was a repeat of the Saturday semi-final game.

BC Minor Baseball 2023 Year End Discipline Report - Ryan Hall

Suspensions by Age Category

9U – 3	15U A – 10	18U AA – 15
11U – 3	15U AA – 15	18U AAA – 20
13U A – 10	15U AAA – 12	18U CP – 8
13U AA – 1		
13U AAA – 6		

Of the 102 suspensions:

- One received a five-game suspension.
- Two were mandatory three-game suspensions for second offenses. One involved a coach.
- Four involved umpires being questioned or called out by players or fans off the field.

Safesport Policies

- Baseball BC's Safe Sport Policies were adopted this year by BCMBA.
- Baseball BC conducted a review of one organization's game and ongoing issues between parents within that organization. Multiple game suspensions were given.
- BCMBA had one Safe Sport investigation in which there was insufficient grounds to act.
- BCMBA has one open file within Safe Sport Policies to assist an Association with a removed volunteer.

Recommendations:

- Proposed changes to Rule 13 to lay out one, two and three game suspensions.
 - Three games would be for accosting an umpire off the field, as in a parking lot.
 - Two games would be for excessive arguing, such as covering home plate in dirt.

- 2024 will involve an excel spreadsheet and a ticket system for complaints and suspension to provide better tracking and oversight.
- **Grant Butler** -Proposing a change on automatic suspensions for coaches. Change 1+1 to 1+3.
- Would like association support on this
- Rule book unfortunately didn't get done, got ghosted by guy that offered to help
- BCMBA has Adopted Baseball BC Safe Sport and will be adding language to the rule book to incorporate the policies. See the link on their web page covers things not in our rule book - assaults, beer gardens, hazing, air quality etc. (ie: AA Westerns canceled in Kelowna due to wildfire poor air quality)

ROUND TABLE

Discussion

Earl (Kamloops) - are ejections growing?

Grant Butler - Not sure actually, there will be a full report for the AGM.

Raj Puri

- recruitment and retention of umpires is necessary
- discipline - Associations must review their policy and procedures or constitution
- follow due process
- if appeal comes to us - if it fits within our rule book we will deal with it - if not then we will go the Baseball BC and from there to Baseball Canada

Grant Butler - Described a recent situation where parents will just not let go. Even after going through an appeal process, still won't let go

Ross (Nanaimo) - have dealt with the same type of situation with parents not letting go of a decision

Grant Dovey (Ladysmith) also detail with similar situation - would be great if BCMBA has something in the rule book.

Grant Butler - there are only four (4) situations for appeals - if these are not met BCMBA will send it back to the Association.

Ross (Nanaimo) - **set schedules** early - so teams aren't playing same time - 13U is different

than

11U - 15U is different than 13U - 18U different from 15U

-If they are playing same time you lose a lot of umpires for those games

Cheryl (Burnaby) - had 100+ girls in the program this year and it affected the numbers for summer

as most of the girls didn't play and there were no all girl summer teams this year

Need separate program for the girls

Grant Butler - will look at the issue concerning the number of girls in the summer, suggested Cheryl work with Anne or another president for rule change for the girls

John Braaten - Covid has interfered with the skills of players - there were a lot of associations that wanted to move down. Associations need to work on the skills of the

players so that they are placed in proper levels of play based on the Rule Book, player affiliation information for respective division/tier

Ross (Nanaimo) NCCP - good at getting the coaches through. Would BCBA be able to support Nanaimo in holding a “single” weekend clinic to help the 11U?

Anne Hayes - 11U only needs two (2) courses

- will be offering them again for free in the spring
- difficult to send 11U coaches early as most associations don’t know what levels and what coaches are going to be needed for the summer.

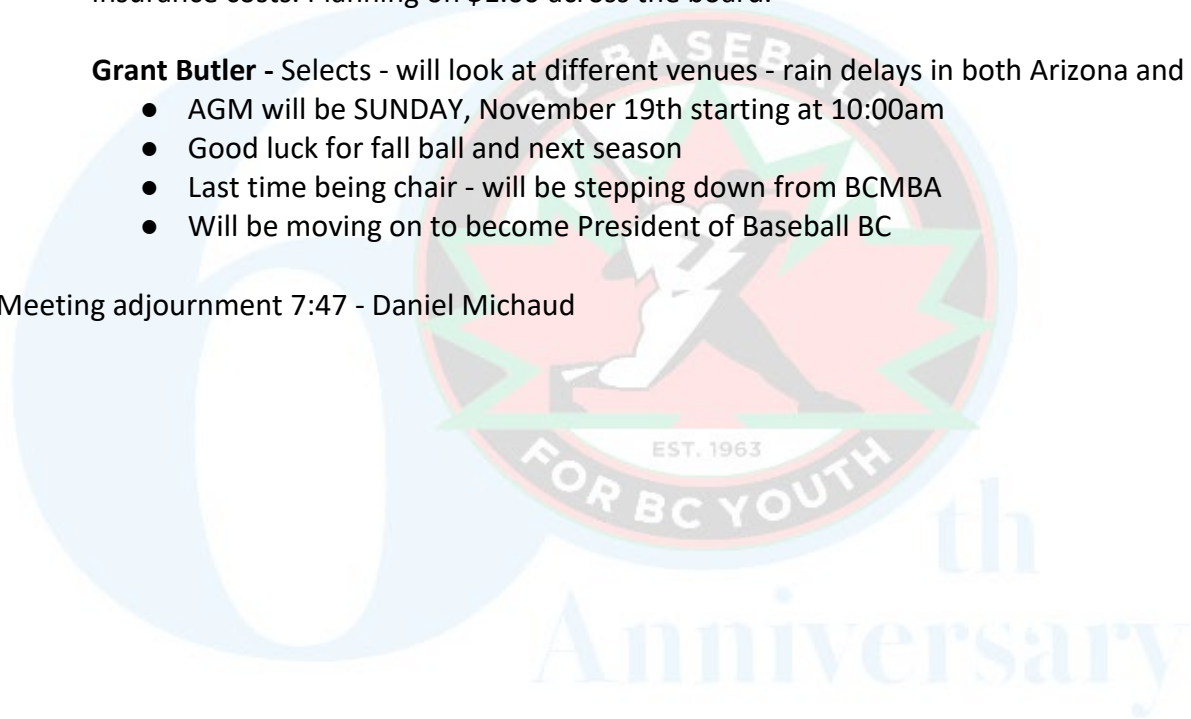
Grant Butler - all courses are held the weekend before the convention

Anne Hayes - Insurance - Will be bringing an affiliated fee increase to cover the increase of insurance costs. Planning on \$1.00 across the board.

Grant Butler - Selects - will look at different venues - rain delays in both Arizona and Las Vegas

- AGM will be SUNDAY, November 19th starting at 10:00am
- Good luck for fall ball and next season
- Last time being chair - will be stepping down from BCMBA
- Will be moving on to become President of Baseball BC

Meeting adjournment 7:47 - Daniel Michaud



IMPORTANT LINKS

Rule Change Submissions - [https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/ebbf-2779616/BCBA Rule Change Form - AGM - Fillable PDF.pdf](https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/ebbf-2779616/BCBA_Rule_Change_Form_-_AGM_-_Fillable_PDF.pdf)

Scholarship Applications - [https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/1d88-2272199/2023 BCMBA Scholarship Package w Fillable Form.pdf?_gl=1*ixorpy*_ga*MTkyNDA1MTY2OS4xNjU0Mzc3ODUz*_ga_PQ25JN9PJ8*MTY5NDcxMjkwOC45NC4xLjE2OTQ3MTM4MjUuMC4wLjA.#_ga=2.64562988.222702380.1694713825-1924051669.1654377853](https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/1d88-2272199/2023_BCMBA_Scholarship_Package_w_Fillable_Form.pdf?_gl=1*ixorpy*_ga*MTkyNDA1MTY2OS4xNjU0Mzc3ODUz*_ga_PQ25JN9PJ8*MTY5NDcxMjkwOC45NC4xLjE2OTQ3MTM4MjUuMC4wLjA.#_ga=2.64562988.222702380.1694713825-1924051669.1654377853)

Coaches Caravan Host Applications - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgBD5bXXDEzgeY5fi1M9Y_1hTyr_ECAQimPL2MeqOBxbR5YQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Provincial Host Applications - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyz8HwuI14tQ9OyTT3lrGQ-u0XQwZhrGQy6JVjo-k0bcfbkA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Boundaries Declaration Form - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOu7HgV3mF0Mh69mlgTliruG6CR3DCxqFRawQmnOhVFW3zfg/viewform>

Single Season Affiliation Form - [https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0518-2148039/BC Minor Baseball 202 Single Season Affiliation Form Updated 9.15.23.pdf?_gl=1*xzl1kw*_ga*MjAzMTAxMTQxNi4xNjg5MjkxOTY1*_ga_PQ25JN9PJ8*MTY5NDc5NDA3Ni4xND AuMS4xNjkONzkOMTYzLjAuM C4w#_ga=2.192128686.504502084.1694714681-2031011416.1689291965](https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0518-2148039/BC_Minor_Baseball_202_Single_Season_Affiliation_Form_Updated_9.15.23.pdf?_gl=1*xzl1kw*_ga*MjAzMTAxMTQxNi4xNjg5MjkxOTY1*_ga_PQ25JN9PJ8*MTY5NDc5NDA3Ni4xND AuMS4xNjkONzkOMTYzLjAuM C4w#_ga=2.192128686.504502084.1694714681-2031011416.1689291965)

18U CP Scheduler Form - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4uhvRDsuqkRViRkP-dJ4dvG-gbpmCVmsw-zMIHTAxwTig/viewform?usp=sf_link

18U AAA Scheduler Form - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgYkYQIQpkiiu1ixG22GE1khyiWg1KOBK-LZN6A812z6lv5A/viewform?usp=sf_link

15U AAA Scheduler Form -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_naq2yg0Klgyh--QEkwXWnnepJ1nI5QFq_ApttbDV4pl_yQg/viewform?usp=sf_link

15U AA Scheduler Form -

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13U AAA Scheduler Form -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhKQy3C1O6DrOPI98DM9ccSzkzUc6yqaQljGxK7dmvywDdeA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Team Roster Form -

https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/7278-2660436/OnlineTeamRosterForm_-_Fillable_PDF_Updated_1.30.23.pdf?_gl=1*1v7g7j1*_ga*MjAzMTAxMTQxNi4xNjg5MjkxOTY1*_ga_PQ25JN9PJ8*MTY5NDc5NDA3Ni4xNDAuMS4xNjk0Nzk1MTYxLjAuMC4w

2024 Member Affiliation Form -

https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/90c0-2586955/BC_Minor_Baseball_2024_Member_Player_Affiliation_Form_Updated_9.15.23.pdf?_gl=1*11jesyn*_ga*MjAzMTAxMTQxNi4xNjg5MjkxOTY1*_ga_PQ25JN9PJ8*MTY5NDc5NDA3Ni4xNDAuMS4xNjk0Nzk1MjU4LjAuMC4w#_ga=2.230473752.504502084.1694714681-2031011416.1689291965

2023 Executive Roster Form -

https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/ddb0-2317999/BC_Baseball_Executive_Roster_Form_Fillable_.pdf?_gl=1*1u3un3n*_ga*MTkyNDA1MTY2OS4xNjU0Mzc3ODUz*_ga_PQ25JN9PJ8*MTY5NDc5OTMwNS45NS4xLjE2OTQ3OTkzMjluMC4wLjA

Player Tryout Release Form -

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVbF5qd2t-jLHq9VjwwHt9ykQxakjyymjxvuhdJyGTT Rasw/closedform>

Player Movement Request Form - https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/be3f-2383941/Player_Release_Form_2020.pdf

BCMBA Resources Page -

<https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/resources>