



INFORMATION ON THE 2019 BASEBALL PEI PROVINCIAL 14U/16U GIRLS PROGRAM, AS OF 26 APRIL 2019

What is the Provincial 14U/16U Girls Program?

- Starting in May, any girl between the ages of 12- and 17-years-old that is interested will be invited to become a member of the Baseball PEI Provincial 14U/16U Girls Program (this is open to all girls, whether or not they've played competitive baseball in the past, and is open to girls who have played softball or other sports). This group will practice/train at least once a week from May until September. From this group, a team will be put together to represent Baseball PEI at the 2019 Baseball Canada National 16U Girls Championships in Bedford, Nova Scotia in August, and depending on numbers, potentially a team put together to represent Baseball PEI at the 2019 Baseball Atlantic 14U Girls Championships in Moncton, New Brunswick in September.
- As well, it should be noted that the 2020 Baseball Canada National 16U Girls Championships will be taking place in Summerside, PE. While our goal is to create a strong program this year and field a competitive team at Nationals, we are also looking to build a strong team for the Nationals next year, when the Nationals are on PEI and the media spotlight will be strong on girls' baseball.

If my daughter takes part in this program, what does the practice/training schedule look like?

- As of today, here's what we are looking at in terms of practice/training schedule (of course, this is subject to change based on weather, and other factors, and I'm open to going to different fields every once and a while.):
 - o Sunday, 5 May: 12 pm – 2 pm, Centre of Community Engagement, Holland College, Charlottetown
 - o Saturday, 11 May/Sunday, 12 May: Time and location, TBA (we want to avoid going on Mother's Day)
 - o Sunday, 19 May: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Lions Club Field, Summerside
 - o Sunday, 26 May: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Upper York Point Field, Cornwall
 - o Sunday, 2 June: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Lions Club Field, Summerside
 - o Sunday, 9 June: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Upper York Point Field, Cornwall
 - o Sunday, 16 June: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Lions Club Field, Summerside
 - o Sunday, 23 June: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Upper York Point Field, Cornwall
 - o Sunday, 30 June: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Lions Club Field, Summerside
 - o Sunday, 7 July: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Upper York Point Field, Cornwall
 - o Sunday, 14 July: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Lions Club Field, Summerside
 - o Sunday, 21 July: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Upper York Point Field, Cornwall
 - o Sunday, 28 July: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Lions Club Field, Summerside
 - o Sunday, 4 August: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Upper York Point Field, Cornwall
 - o Sunday, 11 August: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Lions Club Field, Summerside
 - o Sunday, 18 August: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Upper York Point Field, Cornwall
 - o Sunday, 1 September: 9:30 am – 12 pm, Lions Club Field, Summerside
- Also, depending on numbers, we may try to fit in a handful of exhibition games prior to Nationals (three or four maybe), realizing that many of the girls will also be playing club baseball and have a lot of games and practices of their own with that team.
- These practices/training sessions are going to follow the same basic model throughout the summer. Players will start with some running and stretching, followed by a throwing program. Then, players will be doing station/drill work on various skills, with some games mixed in to reinforce the skills being taught. There will be some team concept work at most practices, some bullpens for pitchers and catchers, and batting practice. At the end of practice, there will be some light cardio.
- Obviously, Sunday morning is a different time for practice. I understand that. However, this time was chosen as it conflicts the least with other team's schedules (plus it's usually easier to get fields). Obviously, anybody who is a part of the program we want there every week if possible; that being said, we realize there will be occasions players will be playing in crossovers/finals in tournaments with their club team or have other commitments that will force them to miss a practice or two. We understand that! As long as you let us know in advance – which helps with planning – that's all for which we are looking.



From the Provincial 14U/16U Girls Program group, how will we determine who will play on the team that goes to Nationals?

- It depends on the numbers. The girls taking part in the program will be asked whether or not they want to play on the team going to Nationals. The girls who indicate they wish to do so will make up the team that goes to Nationals. If more than 15-18 girls wish to take part in this team, then the coaching staff will make a couple of practices tryouts, and determine the players that will go away to Nationals (the players who want to play on this team but don't make the final roster can still take part in the Provincial 14U/16U Girls Program). We'll be putting together the final roster for this team hopefully in late-June/early-July.

If somebody wants to take part in the Program but doesn't want to go to Nationals (or potentially Atlantics), can they do so?

- Yes! If a girl wants to take part in the program but doesn't want to be on the team heading to the National 16U Girls Championships (or, if we have enough girls, the Baseball Atlantic 14U Girls Championships), they may do so.

Will we be sending a team to the Baseball Atlantic 14U Girls Championships (in Moncton, NB from 6 – 8 September)?

- Depends on the numbers. Three overagers (15-years-old) are permitted to play, then anybody 14-years-old and younger. If we had between 10-12 players total that are eligible and wish to go, we'll send a team. The cost would be for players to cover their accommodations. We will determine whether or not we send a team in mid-July.

Do we have a manager?

- Joelyne Taylor – Michaela's mom – will be our manager this summer (thank you Joelyne!). She is looking to spearhead a few simple fundraising initiatives (an online auction was one idea she had), and she and I will be opening a bank account for the team within the next week or so.

How much will this cost?

- Again, it depends on the numbers. We will keep the costs as low as possible. Players who are just taking part in the program will probably have to pay between \$50-\$100, while players who are taking part in the program and going to Nationals will probably pay between \$250-\$500. Once we figure out how many players we have and our exact costs, we will have a clearer idea (that would be without fundraising – if the group wants to fundraise/gets sponsors, that number will be lower).
 - o Also, there will be options for all players – and parents too, if they wish - to buy apparel (short-sleeve cage jacket, long-sleeved shirt, short-sleeved shirt, shorts, hoodie). Each piece of apparel would have the Baseball PEI Provincial team logo (the old English "P"). Each player will be getting a hat (that will be built into costs for the summer), but other than that, it's up to each individual player/family as to whether they want to purchase all pieces or none. I would prefer that every player going to Nationals also have a cage jacket (it will be the same as ones purchased years before) just so we all have a piece matching, but I will not force anybody to purchase one.

If you have any other questions, don't hesitate to contact me by email – baseball@sportpei.pe.ca – or text/call (902-620-1862). Thank you!

Cheers,

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