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2019

Provincial

Championship

Entry Package

Please use the following link to access an online entry form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/KctvxATwXJ9YQcos2>

Please visit our Provincial Championships webpage at:

ballcharts.com/baseballbcprovincial



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Provincial Championships Introductory Letter

January 10, 2019

Baseball BC is pleased to announce details regarding the 2019 Provincial Championships, which will qualify teams for the Western Canada & National Championships.

Consistent with its mandate to provide baseball opportunities to all amateur players in British Columbia, the 2019 Baseball BC Provincial Championships are open to both member and non-member teams. As in the past four seasons, members of Baseball BC receive discounted entry fees, guaranteed berths, and enhanced funding support for Westerns & Nationals.

Kyle Williams, Championships Coordinator, will be the primary contact at Baseball BC for any questions related to Provincial Championships. Kyle is not based in the office but can be reached by email at kyle@baseball.bc.ca or by phone at 778-847-5475. David Laing is also available to answer questions at the Baseball BC office.

We wish you all the best for the 2019 season and hope to see you at our Provincial Championships come summer.

Kyle Williams
David Laing
John Berry

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Executive Director – Baseball BC
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Entry Deadlines

<https://goo.gl/forms/KctvxATwXJ9YQcos2> Use this link to access an entry form.

Teams must enter Baseball BC Provincials by submitting the entry form by the following dates:

18U AAA	March 1
18U AA	June 1
15U AAA	March 1
15U AA	June 1
13U AAA	June 1
13U AA	June 1

Late applications will not be accepted. Payment must be received within seven days of the entry deadline. Failure to submit payment within seven days may result in the team being removed from the Championship. See page 7 for entry fees.

Provincial Championship Dates & Hosts

18U AAA Tier 1	July 11-14	Host: Whalley Chiefs
18U AAA Tier 2	July 4-7	Host: (accepting applications)
18U AA	August 8-11	Host: Burnaby
15U AAA	August 7-11	Host: Ridge Meadows
15U AA	August 8-11	Host: Chilliwack
13U AAA	August 8-11	Host: Burnaby
13U AA	August 8-11	Host: Chilliwack
15U AAA Wild Card/Qualifier	August 1-4 (If necessary, format TBD)	

The day following each Provincial Championship will be used in the event weather prevents the completion of the tournament.

Baseball BC is accepting applications from associations or teams interested in hosting the 18U AAA Tier 2 Provincial Championships. Please contact Kyle for an application form.



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Westerns & Nationals Dates

The Baseball BC Provincial Championships qualify teams for the Western Canada and National Championships.

13U AA

Winner to Westerns	August 16-18	Strathmore, Alb
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13U AAA

Runner-up to Westerns	August 15-18	Cloverdale, BC
Winner to Nationals	August 22-25	Repentigny, Que

Note: If Cloverdale finishes 1st or 2nd in the Provincial, the 3rd place team qualifies for Westerns.

15U AA

Winner to Westerns	August 16-18	Strathmore, Alb
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15U AAA

Runner-up to Westerns	August 16-18	Lloydminster, Sask
Winner to Nationals	August 22-25	Oshawa, Ont

18U AA

Winner to Westerns	August 16-18	Strathmore, Alb
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18U AAA

Tier 2 Winner to Westerns	August 16-18	Red Deer, Alb
Tier 1 Winner to Nationals	August 15-18	London, Ont



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Provincial Championship Entry Fees

The entry fees below apply to all divisions.

Members	\$500 plus performance bond
Non-Members	\$700 plus performance bond

Entry fees are non-refundable.

For 15U AAA the entry fee covers both the qualification tournament, if necessary, and the Provincial Championship.

** Please see the Team Commitment Policy on page 18 for further details regarding the performance bond. **

Babe Ruth, Little League, BC Minor and DLMBA teams are required to individually submit their entry fee to Baseball BC within 7 days of the entry deadline.

PBL teams are not required to submit their entry fee directly to Baseball BC. The PBL will pay Baseball BC on their team's behalf and will collect from their teams in due course.



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Fees for Westerns & Nationals

Westerns - In-Province (13U AAA only in 2019)

Members	\$0
Non-Members	\$100 per player & coach

Westerns – Out of Province

Members	\$250 per player & coach
Non-Members	\$300 per player & coach

Baseball BC will cover airfare costs to all out of province Western Canada Championships for any member or non-member team who qualifies. Teams and players are responsible for their own hotels, meals, and local transportation.

Nationals

Members	\$500 per player & coach
Non-Members	\$600 per player & coach

Baseball BC will cover airfare costs to all out of province National Championships for any member or non-member team who qualifies. Baseball BC will pay the \$4 000 Baseball Canada accommodation fee for the event in addition to hotel costs for the Tuesday night if required. Teams/players are responsible for their own meals.

Baseball BC will book flights for 21 individuals for all out of province tournaments. Should a team not require this number of flights for players and coaches they will be required to pay the full cost of unused flights, which can be resold to parents. The full cost is defined as what Baseball BC paid for the flight, not the subsidized fee above.

All fees for Westerns and Nationals are payable to Baseball BC within five days of qualification.

Baseball BC will select and provide funding for the Chef de Mission at National Championships where one is required.



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Team Classification

The following is the intended classification for each Baseball BC Provincial Championship. Baseball BC reserves the right to re-classify any team.

18U AAA Tier 1

Senior PBL

BC Minor College Prep

DL MBA Collegiate

18U AAA Tier 2

Junior PBL

BC Minor College Prep *(see eligibility notes on page 12)

DL MBA Collegiate * (see eligibility notes on page 13)

BC Minor 18U AAA

DL MBA 18U AAA

15U AAA

BC Minor 15U AAA

DL MBA 15U AAA

PBL Bantam AAA

13U AAA

Little League District teams

BC Minor 13U AAA

DL MBA 13U AAA

18U AA

Little League teams (District or Association)

Babe Ruth teams

BC Minor 18U AA

DL MBA 18U AA



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15U AA

Little League teams (District or Association)

Babe Ruth teams

DLMBA 15U AA

BC Minor 15U AA

13U AA

Little League Association teams (or approved merged associations)

Little League District teams (only if 1st team entered is AAA)

BC Minor 13U AA

DLMBA 15U AA

Babe Ruth teams



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Team & Player Eligibility - All Leagues & Divisions Provincial Championships

Players must meet the Baseball Canada age requirements for their division. No overage players are permitted for any reason except where provided for female athletes.

All out of catchment players must have been approved by the member/non-member (Little League, PBL, DLMBA, Babe Ruth, BC Minor) and be permitted under their own transfer rules.

Teams may not add players who have not been part of their local association or club during the season.

Roster Limits

<u>Division</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>AAA</u>
13U	15	15
15U	15	16
18U	18	18



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Team & Player Eligibility

PBL Specific

18U AAA Tier 1

Programs may create a roster of any combination of players from within their program (SR, JR, 15U).

18U AAA Tier 2

Programs may create a roster of any combination of players from their Junior or 15U teams.

15U AAA

A program who has two 15U AAA teams may choose to enter both teams but their rosters must remain as per league rules.

Any player who has played more than 10 games at the JR/SR levels is no longer eligible to play at 15U per PBL rules and is therefore not eligible to play in the Championship.

PBL Bantam teams are not able to add pick-ups to their roster of 16 as approved by the PBL. Teams with extended, flexible, rosters of more than 16 players, as approved by the PBL, must chose 16 players by the roster deadline.

Players are permitted to play in multiple Provincial Championships. For example, a player who is rostered at 15U AAA during the season, could play in the 18U AAA Tier 1 or 2 Provincial (or both) as a pick-up and still be eligible to play in the 15U AAA Provincial.



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Team & Player Eligibility

BC Minor Specific

18U AAA Tier 1 & 2

BC Minor College Prep and 18U AAA teams may choose to enter either the Tier 1 or 2 Provincial. Baseball BC reserves to reclassify a team who enters Tier 2 if they are clearly stronger than the best Junior PBL teams. Associations with College Prep and 18U AAA teams may enter a roster of any combination of these players. Teams may add pick-ups to their roster, by the roster submission deadline, from within their association's the 18U AA or 15U division.

15U AAA

A program who has two 15U AAA teams may choose to enter both teams but their rosters must remain as per BC Minor rules. Teams may add to their roster, by the roster submission deadline, from the 15U AA/A division or from 13U. Any player who has played more than 8 games as a pickup at the 18U level is no longer eligible to play 15U per BC Minor rule 5.06 and is therefore not eligible to play in the Championship.

13U AAA

Teams may add to their roster from the 13U AA/A division, by the roster submission deadline, or from 11U. Any player who has played more than 3 games plus one tournament as a pickup at the 15U level is no longer eligible to play 13U per BC Minor rule 5.06 and is therefore not eligible to play in the Championship.

18U AA, 15U AA, 13U AA

Teams may add to their roster, by the roster submission deadline, from the "A" level within their age division or from the next age bracket down (18U from 15U). BC Minor rule 5.06 applies in terms of player eligibility at each level.



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Team & Player Eligibility

Diamond Baseball Specific

18U AAA Tier 1 & 2

DLMBA collegiate and 18U AAA teams may choose to enter either the Tier 1 or 2 Provincial. Baseball BC reserves to reclassify a team who enters Tier 2 if they are clearly stronger than the best Junior PBL teams. Associations with Collegiate and 18U AAA teams may enter a roster of any combination of these players. Teams may add pick-ups to their roster, by the roster submission deadline, from within their association's 18U AA or 15U division. Any player who has played more than 8 games (plus one tournament) in adult baseball is no longer eligible to play 18U per DLMBA Article E.6 and is therefore not eligible to play in the Championship.

15U AAA

A program who has two 15U AAA teams may choose to enter both teams but their rosters must remain as per DLMBA rules. Teams may add to their roster from the 15U AA/A division or from 13U. Any player who has played more than 10 games (plus one tournament) at the 18U level is no longer eligible to play 15U per DLMBA Article E.6 and is therefore not eligible to play in the Championship.

13U AAA

Teams may add to their roster from the 13U AA/A division or from 11U. Any player who has played more than 8 games (plus one tournament) at the 15U level is no longer eligible to play 13U per DLMBA Article E.6 and is therefore not eligible to play in the Championship.

18U AA, 15U AA, 13U AA

Teams may add to their roster from the "A" level within their age division or from the next age bracket down (18U from 15U). DLMBA Article E.6 applies in terms of player eligibility at each level.



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Team & Player Eligibility

Little League Specific

18U AAA – 15U AAA – 13U AAA

An Association may choose to enter a team, consisting of players who reside within their boundaries.

A District may choose to enter a team, consisting of any combination of players from within their District's associations.

18U AA

An Association may choose to enter a team, consisting of players who reside within their boundaries.

A District may apply to Baseball BC to field a team, consisting of any combination of players from within their District's boundaries. These applications must be received with their registration form by June 1st. Baseball BC will consider such applications on a case by case basis.

15U AA – 13U AA

An association may choose to enter a team, consisting of players who reside within their boundaries. Two associations may apply to Baseball BC to merge and field an AA team. These applications must be received with their registration form by June 1st. Baseball BC will consider such applications on a case by case basis. A District may choose to enter a team consisting of any combination of players from within their association's team, if the District has entered a team at the AAA level.



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Team & Player Eligibility

Babe Ruth Specific

18U AAA – 15U AAA – 13U AAA

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A District may choose to enter a team, consisting of any combination of players from within their District's associations.

18U AA

An Association may choose to enter a team, consisting of players who reside within their boundaries.

A District may apply to Baseball BC to field a team, consisting of any combination of players from within their District's boundaries. These applications must be received with their registration form by June 1st. Baseball BC will consider such applications on a case by case basis.

15U AA – 13U AA

An association may choose to enter a team, consisting of players who reside within their boundaries. Two associations may apply to Baseball BC to merge and field an AA team. These applications must be received with their registration form by June 1st. Baseball BC will consider such applications on a case by case basis. A District may choose to enter a team consisting of any combination of players from within their association's team, if the District has entered a team at the AAA level.



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Qualification & Seeding

Qualification – 18U AAA Tier 1 & 2

All teams who enter will qualify for the Provincial Championship.

Qualification – 13U AAA/AA, 18U AA, 15U AA

The Provincial Championship in these divisions will likely consist of ten teams, although Baseball BC reserves the right to deviate based on the number of entries received. Baseball BC will determine the qualification process, in consultation with leagues and teams, after the June 1st entry deadline. We expect to assign berths to league and not hold a qualification tournament although single game qualifiers may be required.

Qualification – 15U AAA

The Provincial Championship will be expanded to 16 teams. The host team will receive an automatic berth. Berths will be assigned to leagues after the March 1st entry deadline and the qualification process for those berths will be determined at that time.

Seeding

The seeding process for each Provincial Championship will be announced with the release of each draw.



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Scheduling Conflicts

PBL

There are no known conflicts for Provincial Championships, Westerns, or Nationals for PBL programs in any division. PBL teams entering in the 18U AAA division need to ensure they have the weekend free from league games.

Little League & Babe Ruth

A date overlap conflict may exist for the Little League or Babe Ruth teams who qualify for their own National Championships. In the event this occurs, Baseball BC will allow the team to withdrawal from the Baseball BC Provincial Championship, without financial penalty, in order to attend their National Championship. The team's entry fee and bond will be returned.

BC Minor

There are no known conflicts.

Diamond Baseball

There are no known conflicts.



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Team Commitment Policy

Teams entering Baseball BC Provincial Championships are required to put forth a \$2 000 performance bond as a guarantee on their team's commitment.

Teams may forfeit their performance bond for one of three reasons:

- 1) Failing to play all games in a Provincial Championship or Qualifier.
- 2) Withdrawing from a Provincial Championship or Qualifier less than two weeks prior to the start of the event.
- 3) Failing to attend any post-Provincial tournament (Western or National) that they have qualified for with a minimum of 50% of their rostered players. Additionally, Should a team that qualifies for a Western or National Championship, choose or be unable to attend, their entire coaching staff may face additional sanctions regarding their future eligibility to participate in all Baseball BC programming and their program/association may face sanctions related to their eligibility to participate in future Baseball BC Provincial Championships. Teams must ensure player commitment for Westerns and Nationals prior to entering. Teams only interested in attending Nationals (with the exception of 18U AAA Tier 1) should not enter.

Teams entering from the PBL, BC Minor, Diamond Baseball and Little League are not required to submit their performance bond up front, due to an agreement between their league and Baseball BC. Should a team forfeit their performance bond, each league has guaranteed the payment and collection of the bond.

Little League BC requires teams to complete a contract in order for the bond to be guaranteed. Please contact Corinne or Steve.

Babe Ruth teams entering a Baseball BC Provincial Championship must pay a performance bond of \$2 000 by the entry date as a guarantee on this commitment. For associations who enter three or more teams in Baseball BC Provincial Championships, their performance bond will be capped at \$5 000. The performance bond will be returned at the successful conclusion of a team's participation in Baseball BC provincial programming.

An association who has a team forfeit a performance bond may be subject to increased performance bonds in future seasons.



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Westerns & Nationals Pick-up Procedure

Teams that qualify for Western and National Championships are permitted to add pick-ups to their roster.

The decision to add pick-ups is a team choice. Baseball BC will not mandate that teams add to their roster except that the minimum roster 15 players.

Pick-ups may come from any member or non-member program who may or may not have participated in a Baseball BC Provincial Championship.

Pick-ups for National Championships and AAA Westerns may have played at a higher level during the season and essentially ‘play down’ as a pick-up. For example, the winning 15U AAA team may add a Junior Premier player as a pick-up, as long as the player is age eligible. Similarly, the winning 13U AAA team may add a player who played at the 15U level, again, as long as they player is age eligible.

Teams may not “cut” players from their Provincial roster for the purpose of creating additional pick-up opportunities for Westerns or Nationals.

Pick-ups for AA Westerns cannot have played at a higher level during the season.

Players may only attend one Western or National tournament as a **pick-up**. The purpose of this policy is to provide post-provincial opportunities to as many athletes as possible. A player who is on the roster of a team that has qualified for a Western Canada Championship may play in Nationals as a pick-up.

Players may decline an invitation to play as a pick-up at Nationals and remain eligible to be selected as a pick-up for Westerns. The purpose of this policy is to recognize that there may a difference in player availability as the events may fall on different weekends. Players who decline an invitation to attend Westerns with one team are ineligible to be selected as a pick-up by another team attending that same Championship.