



## British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

*BC's Largest Youth Baseball Organization Since 1963*

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Girls Baseball - Challenger Baseball

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### BCMBA Annual General Meeting – Minutes

**November 14, 2020**

**Meeting by Zoom Virtual Meeting**

**Call Meeting to order: 10:10 am**

#### **1. Roll Call:** Val Greenwood, Secretary

**Board of Directors:** G. Butler, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, A. Wong-de Leon, S. McCann, M. Kelly, R. Puri, J. Raymond, D. Garton, N. Dhaliwal, R. Miciuk,, M. Hall, J. Braaten, D. Crone, C. Martin, H. Gurney, T. Baker-Cornett **Absent:** R. Wearing,

**Associations:** Abbotsford, Aldergrove,, Burnaby (Minor), South Burnaby, Campbell River, Central Okanagan, Chemainus, Chilliwack, Cloverdale, Comox, Coquitlam-Moody, Duncan, Kamloops, Ladner, Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan, Mission, Nanaimo, Newton, North Delta, North Langley, North Shore, Osoyoos, Port Coquitlam, Prince George, Richmond City, Ridge Meadows, Salmon Arm, Salt Spring Island, South Okanagan, Surrey, Tsawwassen, Vancouver Community, Vancouver Minor, Vernon, Greater Victoria, West Kelowna, White Rock

**Absent:** Agassiz, Alberni Valley, Chase, Enderby, North Shuswap, Oceanside, Powell River, Quesnel, Revelstoke, Sorrento, Summerland, Sunshine Coast, TriPort.

#### **2. President's Opening Remarks:** Grant Butler

- Welcome Guests, Association and to Zoom – BCMBA Annual General Meeting 2020
- Welcome all President's, Board members and/or representative and guests to the Zoom meeting
- All other who may be viewing the streamed meeting on the uTube feed available on our web page.
- Welcome Chris Balison – President – Baseball B.C. and David Laing – Executive Director – Baseball B.C
- Thanks to all BCMBA directors this past year in assisting in getting RTP guidelines in place and the single season schedules and championships rolled out.
- **Guests:** Chris Balison – President Baseball BC  
David Laing – Executive Director Baseball BC  
Tony Esteves – Moderator – Neole/Association Voting  
Lina Gomez – Technical Support - Neole

Introduction Chris Balison – President of Baseball BC

- Thank you for the invitation
- Became President of Baseball BC in June 2020
  - Thanks to Grant, John and James for all the long hours put in on conference calls
  - BCMBA Return to Play Guidelines were excellent, having no guidance from Baseball Canada

## Introduction of David Laing – Executive Director Baseball BC

- Thank you for the invitation to join meeting
- Thanks to all BCMBA Board members and Associations for the hard work done on Return to Play

### 3. Adoption of Minutes

**MOTION: Prince George / Vancouver Minor**

**Motion to accept Revised Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting.**

**M/S/C**

### 4. Correspondence:

- Mike Dance – President Cloverdale – application to host 15U Provincials

### 5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

- **President** – Grant Butler – as submitted in the reports package
- **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – John Braaten - as submitted in the reports package
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** - open

### 6. Treasurer – Anne Hayes

- Single Season fees were reduced from \$700.00 to \$300.00
- Anne will be in touch with the associations to go over account balances
- With associations agreement over payments will be applied to the 2021 season
- Extra cost was incurred at the Langley Events Centre for the Coaching Conference for more space
- Currently not planning for a 2021 conference
- \$4.00 from player registration goes to support the caravan and other programming
- Looking for sponsorship for the caravan
- No rebates from the insurance provider – so no rebates back to the associations
- Looking at changing the insurance provider due to lack of service

**MOTION: R. Puri / South Okanagan**

**Motion to accept financials as presented.**

**M/S/C**

### 7. Administrative Director – James Raymond – as submitted in the reports package

### 8. Committee Reports:

- a) **Rules Committee:** Dave Garton (Chair), Ray Wearing – as submitted in reports package

- b) **Umpire Liaison Committee:** Grant Butler (Chair), Dave Garton, Neal Dhaliwal — as submitted in reports package
- c) **High Performance Committee:** Mike Kelly (Chair) Hugh Gurney – Ron Miciuk – Marty Hall, Ray Wearing – Anne Hayes, John Braaten – James Raymond - as submitted in reports package
- d) **Boundary and Affiliation Committee** – Abigail Wong-de Leon - as submitted in reports package
  - All boundaries to be submitted to Abigail, please send ASAP
- e) **Coaching and Development/Training/NCCP Committee:** Mike Kelly (Co-Chair) – John Braaten (co-Chair) – Raj Puri – Marty Hall – Ron Miciuk – Doug Crone – as submitted in reports package
- f) **Marketing Committee:** James Raymond (Chair / Admin) – John Braaten – Ron Miciuk – Hugh Gurney – Tina Baker-Cornett - as submitted in reports package
- g) **Grass Roots Committee** – John Braaten - as submitted in reports package
- h) **Risk Management / Insurance Committee:** John Braaten (Chair) – Anne Hayes - as submitted in reports package
  - Stress Management Report – please read and share with your board
  - Rollback to Phase 2
  - Trying to streamline waivers
  - Currently waivers are needed by all participants
- i) **Challenger Baseball Liaison – Steve McCann - as submitted in reports package**
  - AGM to be held November 24 at 7:00 pm to be held virtually through Microsoft Teams
  - Further instructions to follow
- j) **Website Committee** – James Raymond – John Braaten – Anne Hayes - as submitted in reports package
- k) **Scholarship Committee**– Abigail Wong-de Leon (Chair) – Raj Puri – Ron Miciuk - as submitted in reports package
  - Assuming there is budget the 2020 Applications will be tabled to 2021.
- l) **Baseball BC** - Grant Butler – John Braaten – as submitted in reports package

#### 9) DIVISIONAL REPORTS:

- a) **25U – Anne Hayes, Chair** - as submitted in reports package
- b) **18U Ray Wearing, Chair** - as submitted in reports package
- c) **15U – Anne Hayes, Chair** - as submitted in reports package
- d) **13U – John Braaten, Chair** - as submitted in reports package
- e) **13U John Main Tournament – John Braaten** - as submitted in reports package
- f) **11U – Mike Kelly, Chair** - as submitted in reports package
- g) **9U – John Braaten, Chair** - as submitted in reports package

**Chris Balison, President Baseball BC excused himself from the meeting**

## 10) General Business

- Bylaws and Constitution: Three Quarters (3/4) vote of members present (Article X)
- Playing rules and regulations: majority vote (50 +1) of “affiliated Associations” (Article 1 Section 2) and elected and appointed voting members of the Board of Directors (Article 1 Section 2)
  - The majority being from votes cast (see revised 2019 minutes)
  - Members being: Affiliated Associations per Article 11 Section 2

**37 voting members, 17 Board Members: 54 in total**

**SEE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE PACKAGE ATTACHMENT**

## 11) Election of Directors (Article V Section 1, Directors): Chaired by John Braaten

- **1 - Two (2) Year term – Interior**
  - Ron Miciuk – elected by acclamation
- **1 - Two (2) Year term – North**
  - Carmen Martin – elected by acclamation
- **1 - Two (2) Year term – Island**
  - Dave Garton – elected by acclamation
- **6 – Two (2) year terms – Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley**
  - Raj Puri - – elected by acclamation
  - Marty van-der-Loos - elected by acclamation
  - Greg Bodnarchuk - - elected by acclamation
  - Al Forman - elected by acclamation
  - Brad Robinson - elected by acclamation
  - Open – will become one (1) term for re-election at the 2021 AGM
- **3 – Two (2) year terms – Provincial – no location restrictions**
  - Marty Hall - elected by acclamation
  - Anne Hayes - - elected by acclamation
  - Open – will become one (1) year term for re-election at the 2021 AGM

**MOTION: North Shore / Campbell River**

**Motion to destroy ballots – M/S/C**

## Election of Officers – (Article V Section 1, Officers): Chaired by Grant Butler

- Odd numbered years: President and Treasurer (2019)
- Even numbered years: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Secretary (2020)  
(the election of officers shall not exceed the term of their directorship)

Please note: These positions are 2-year terms, if though, a director with one year (1) remaining on their current term is elected; the position will need to be filled by election next year.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

- John Braaten – nominated by D. Garton / T. Baker-Cornett – John accepted nomination
  - Elected by acclamation.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

- Abigail Wong-de-Leon – nominated by Vancouver Minor / Mission – Abigail declined nomination
- Raj Puri – nominated by Val Greenwood / D. Garton – Raj – declined nomination
- Dave Garton – nominated by North Shore / Ridge Meadows – Dave Accepted nomination
  - Elected by acclamation.

### **Secretary**

- Abigail Wong-de-Leon – nominated by Vancouver Minor / South Burnaby – Abigail accepted nomination
- Val Greenwood – nominated by N. Dhaliwal / C. Martin - Val accepted nomination
  - Abigail Wong-de-Leon declared Secretary on second (2nd) ballot, first ballot was a tie.

### **MOTION: North Shore / Campbell River**

### **Motion to destroy ballots. M/S/C**

### **Treasurer**

- Anne Hayes – nominated by Coquitlam-Moody / North Shore - elected by acclamation

### **12. New Business**

- Welcome to new members Al Forman, Greg Bodnarchuk, Marty van-der-Loos, and Brad Robinson.
- There will be a board meeting at 7:00 pm via conference call, James to send info to new members
- 2021 Provincial Championship Tournament Pathway to Nationals and Westerns – awaiting Baseball Canada decision
- 2021 Provincial hosts  
Mike Dance – President Cloverdale – application to host 15U AA  
Will call for hosts as season progresses
- James thanked Tony and Lina for hosting the virtual meeting
- James also thanked all the Presidents for participating

**Next Annual General Meeting** – November 13, 2021, Location tbd.

**Next Board Meeting** – December 01, 2020

**Motion to adjourn meeting: Campbell River, 3:35pm.**



# Committees and Divisions Reports



## BCMBA 2020 Annual General Meeting





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## 2020 AGM President's Report

I'm sure we're all going to remember 2020, not only for the unexpected Covid-19 pandemic but mostly for the efforts of the parents, coaches and players to train, practice and play baseball this season in these unprecedented times on and off the field. I usually say "players, coaches and parents" but this year believe the order of "parents, coaches and players" sets out the significant roles undertaken in 2020.

In addition to the parents, coaches and players I wish to thank John Braaten, our 1<sup>st</sup> VP and, James Raymond our Administrative Director for their time and efforts along with the staff of Baseball BC in developing the Return to Play Guidelines ("RTP") that were needed to get your players and teams on the field this year.

Even though we were able to supply RTP templates for our member Associations use in developing their own RTP documentation some Associations were not able to get their players and coaches on the field and we hope that those Associations and all the others are able to return to the field in 2021. It will again rely on the efforts and diligence of everyone involved in developing ongoing RTP guidelines as things change going forward.

While most house programming was cancelled due to the early Covid restrictions some of the single-season programming was able to play a shortened season beginning in August with championships held on the September long weekend. These were not labelled as Provincial Championships as not all member Associations were able to participate.

Myself and I'm sure the rest of the Board of Directors wish all of you, your families and players a safe return to baseball in 2021 and thank you for your time and efforts.

Looking forward to seeing you on the field in 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G Butler".

Grant Butler  
BCMBA President



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## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - AGM Report**

I would like to thank everyone's support this past year in voting me in as your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. I have been part of BCMBA's Executive for most of my time as a director on this board and would like to personally thank everyone for their efforts in open communication and collaborative efforts in working together. I would like to say given the most challenging of years this board of directors did an admirable job with all of the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis working through various hurdles in getting our youth athletes on the field of play safely.

As 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President I attended the multiple regional and association meetings in the months leading up to what was to be the 2020 season which was halted mid-March amid the COVID-19 virus. Thereafter, most all of my baseball time this year was spent under Risk Management as traditional programming did not occur until later in the baseball year. The Risk Management report is quite lengthy and provides a detailed timeline of what occurred off the field for the most part to get our youth athletes playing baseball. Hopefully this will provide insight as to what it took to get players participating again in baseball activities.

My work this year was in support of Grant Butler (and the rest of our volunteer board of directors) as we were one executive position short for part of the year which added a few more responsibilities to my position. Grant provided leadership that allowed us to manage our respective responsibilities to the best of our abilities for the betterment of the sport. I also became a director of Baseball BC at their 2020 AGM as the second BCMBA seat.

In the end, this was a major growth year for me as a member of this board given all of the challenges to our sport. I look forward to continue my efforts as a volunteer for the BCMBA members.

John Braaten  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



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## B.C.Minor Baseball Association Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 09/01/2019 to 08/31/2020	Actual 09/01/2018 to 08/31/2019
<b>REVENUE</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>		
Affiliation Fees	73,077.50	298,725.50
Insurance Fees	6,408.14	25,069.94
Allstar Entry Fees	0.00	39,150.00
18U & CP Allstar Travel Fees	0.00	10,500.00
Total Allstar Travel Fees	0.00	10,500.00
13U Selects Player Fees	0.00	12,915.00
15U Selects Player Fees	0.00	24,430.00
16U Selects Player Fees	0.00	13,708.06
Selects Total Player Fees	0.00	51,053.06
Rule Book Sales	60.00	1,002.00
Medallion Expense Recoveries	0.00	524.16
Coaching Fines	0.00	1,725.00
Single Season League Fees	9,000.00	43,750.00
Program Subsidies- Baseball BC	8,000.00	0.00
Travel Subsidy	20,577.56	0.00
Wage Subsidy	13,552.00	0.00
Annual Coaches Banquet	0.00	4,995.00
Coaches Conference	31,073.34	23,260.00
John Main Classic Tournament	0.00	6,000.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>161,748.54</b>	<b>505,754.66</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>161,748.54</b>	<b>505,754.66</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Baseball BC	0.00	98,967.61
Affiliation Rebates	0.00	97,362.50
Insurance	36,778.52	40,982.65
Allstar Clothing	0.00	17,285.22
Director's Clothing	781.94	2,495.60
Annual General Meeting	8,835.46	9,933.03
Baseballs Expense	861.17	7,560.00
Promotional	1,980.00	1,980.00
Coaches Training	0.00	1,508.04
Coaches Caravan	0.00	34,589.46
Coaches Conference	61,370.42	45,112.35
Accommodation	1,504.06	3,984.39
Meals & Directors meetings	4,991.82	9,355.95
Parking	3.50	13.00
Postage	85.02	205.34
Shipping	38.55	0.00
Supplies	279.63	462.32
Telephone	751.08	1,298.93
Travel	7,262.87	16,364.00
Total Directors Expenses	14,916.53	31,683.93
Accounting & Legal Expenses	0.00	4,347.00

## B.C.Minor Baseball Association

	Actual 09/01/2019 to 08/31/2020	Actual 09/01/2018 to 08/31/2019
Gross Payroll	60,000.00	60,000.00
Vacation paid	2,500.08	2,499.35
CPP Paid	2,807.78	2,979.56
EI Paid	1,181.03	1,429.27
Employee Travel Expenses	1,718.01	4,658.97
Total Payroll	68,206.90	71,567.15
Bank Charges	1,053.86	2,177.92
Honour Roll Expenses	1,586.31	1,192.18
John Main Classic Tournament	0.00	6,765.92
Provincial Tournament Medallio...	0.00	4,525.92
Annual Coaches Banquet	0.00	6,287.55
Photo Copying	0.00	84.62
Rulebooks	2,650.00	3,250.00
Secretarial	90.00	0.00
Office & Stationary	4,178.25	662.16
Scholarships/Trophies	3,144.43	2,115.31
Website Expense	1,111.31	3,157.58
Marketing	5,536.02	7,012.50
Junior Mens Expenses	0.00	2,188.49
13U Selects	0.00	8,208.18
15U Selects	1,124.76	40,711.50
16U Selects	0.00	16,032.46
Workshops & Meetings	5,963.74	15,395.58
Provincial 11U Expenses	0.00	2,309.78
Provincial 13U Expenses	0.00	3,913.16
Provincial 15U Expenses	431.20	6,878.77
Provinciall 18U Expenses	-185.37	2,538.18
Total Provincial Expenses	245.83	15,639.89
College Prep Winner Expenses	0.00	36,570.69
Total AAA Winner Expenses	0.00	36,570.69
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>220,415.45</b>	<b>637,352.99</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>220,415.45</b>	<b>637,352.99</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-58,666.91</b>	<b>-131,598.33</b>



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### B.C.Minor Baseball Association

Comparative Balance Sheet

As at 08/31/2020

As at 08/31/201

#### ASSET

Current Assets	147,777.50		209,009.75	
CIBC #520 30 08819				
Total Cash		147,777.50		209,009.75
Allstar Clothing Inventory	2,749.15		2,749.15	
Baseball Inventory	13,906.03		3,024.00	
Total Inventories		16,655.18		5,773.15
Accounts Receivable	9,792.50		174.77	
Total Receivable		9,792.50		174.77
Prepaid Expense & Deposits		857.43		-2,400.00
Total Current Assets		175,082.61		212,557.67
TOTAL ASSET		175,082.61		212,557.67

#### LIABILITY

Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable		3,746.40		6,154.55
Junior Mens Performance Bond		8,000.00		9,000.00
Deposits Held		24,600.00		0.00
Total Liabilities		36,346.40		15,154.55
TOTAL LIABILITY		36,346.40		15,154.55

#### EQUITY

Retained Earnings				
Retained Earnings - Previous Y...		197,403.12		329,001.45
Current Earnings		-58,666.91		-131,598.33
Total Retained Earnings		138,736.21		197,403.12
TOTAL EQUITY		138,736.21		197,403.12

#### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

	175,082.61		212,557.67	
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### **Administrative Director's Annual Report - 2020 AGM**

**Administrative Director** - James Raymond

#### **Projects**

***Apply for Not-for-Profit status with TechSoup*** - In successfully qualifying as a Not-for-Profit Organization as recognized by TechSoup Canada, BCMBA has access to significantly discounted software and hardware products to assist in the day to day operations of our association.

***Apply for, and qualify for Google's GSuite for Non-Profits*** - Members will note that all emails associated with BCMBA are tied directly to the bcminorbaseball.org name domain. With the addition of GSuite for Non-Profits, we have been able to access the full assortment of Google's enterprise-grade office and team collaboration software applications.

- BCMBA BoD members can now separate their communications from their personal or work emails using dedicated bcminorbaseball.org email addresses.
- BCMBA positions and roles now have dedicated email address ([18uchair@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:18uchair@bcminorbaseball.org), [marketing@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:marketing@bcminorbaseball.org), [president@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:president@bcminorbaseball.org), etc.) These email addresses will remain as the official contact email for these roles regardless of BoD member turnover.
- Communications, documents, and projects can be transferred from outgoing BoD members to the incoming BoD members instantly, allowing for better and more consistent support of member associations.
- Cloud collaboration allows committee members to work more effectively and convene more frequently and conveniently.
- Google Meet allows BoD and committee members to meet virtually and will likely enable us to cut future travel costs where meeting without travel is appropriate.

Full access to:

- Google Drive Cloud Storage
- Google Docs
- Google Sheets
- Google Slides
- Google Meet
- Google Classroom
- Google Calendar

And full back end account administration and support.

**The value of the GSuite Essentials is \$10/mo. per account. BCMBA runs 60 individual accounts at the cost of \$600/mo. or \$7200 annually. Under the GSuite for Non-Profits, we pay \$0.**

***Complete the BCMBA Policies and Procedures Manual*** - Expand and add to existing BCMBA Policies and Procedures document in order to create a comprehensive Policies and Procedures manual in an effort to standardize BCMBA Operations.

The comprehensive Policies and Procedures digital manual is projected to be distributed to the new BCMBA Board of Directors in December 2020. This document should be reviewed annually and updated to reflect the most current practices.

**BCMBA COVID-19 Communications Framework and Program** - With the unprecedented shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty of when and how youth sports would proceed, it was determined that a dedicated focus and resource should be in place for our members.

BCMBA Website COVID-19 Resources page planned and built (<https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/page/show/5788253-bcmba-covid-19-resources>)

- Creation of BCMBA COVID-19 Templates and Resources
  - [BCMBA COVID-19 RTP PORTFOLIO](#)
  - [BCMBA COVID-19 RTP PACKAGE](#)
  - [COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN](#)
  - [COVID-19 MEMBER COMMUNICATION](#)
  - [BCMBA COVID-19 DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE](#)
  - [BCMBA YOUTH PARTICIPANT WAIVER](#)
  - [BCMBA ADULT PARTICIPANT WAIVER](#)
  - [BCMBA GENERAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE GUIDELINES BY DIVISION PHASE 2](#)
  - [COVID-19 ILLNESS POLICY](#)
  - [BCMBA COVID-19 FIRST AID AND BREAKOUT PLAN](#)
  - [NOT FOR PROFIT COVID-19 LIABILITY PROTECTION ORDER](#)
  - [COVID-19 PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT](#)
  - [BCMBA - EVENT ATTENDEES TRACKING FORM - PDF](#)
  - [BCMBA - EVENT ATTENDEES TRACKING WORKBOOK](#)
- Posting and updating of official COVID-19 Communications
- Online COVID-19 Correspondence archive
- Central access to important COVID-19 RTP links
- Online library of COVID-19 RTP Posters and advisories

Developed BCMBA RTP Amendment research and report

Authored BCMBA RTP Amendment request document

Liaised with Baseball BC regarding BCMBA RTP amendment request and supporting arguments

**Explore, Recommend, and Implement Virtual Annual General Meeting** - On the probability that we will be unable to host the 2020 BCMBA Annual General Meeting and Elections in person, an alternate virtual meeting format was determined to be our best option.

Initial thoughts were to host the meeting using Google Meets and have BCMBA Staff and Directors moderate and support during the event. Upon further discussion and investigation of the logistics and potential challenges, it was deemed that the event was simply too large and too technical to move forward with a “DIY” approach confidently.

Two potential vendors were identified based on our specific event, the audience’s needs, and possible technical challenges and they were asked to submit proposals. Both Reach Conferencing/Webex and Neole/Association Voting provided proposals. After working through the demos and following significant dialogue via email and phone, a recommendation was put forward to the BCMBA Executive. With the support of the BCMBA Executive Neole/Association Voting was awarded the contract.

#### **Administrative Director’s Supporting Roles**

#### ***2019 Annual General Meeting and Elections***

- Pre-event logistics and planning
- Member association communications and confirmations
- Document preparation and distribution (Agendas, reports, candidate bios, ballots, etc.)
- Assemble and distribute AGM Agenda and Reports package
- Live event support during AGM and Elections.

#### ***2020 BCMBA Coaches Conference***

- Pre-event logistics and planning
- Guest speaker liaison
- Complete redesign and update of Event Program/Workbook
- Pre-event member association communications and registration support
- Chair and coordinate all related Marketing Committee efforts (see Marketing Committee Report)
- Pre-event setup and post-event tear down.
- Live event onsite and offsite support
- Awards luncheon pre-event setup and post-event tear down.
- Speaker, Exhibitor, Coach event support
- Chair and coordinate all related Website and Social Media efforts
- Post-event follow up correspondence, thank-you letters, and feedback surveys.
- Assist and communicate NCCP Coach Certification clinics
- Assist registrations for attendees of Coaches Conference, Players Clinics, and NCCP Certification training

#### ***2020 BCMBA Coaches Caravan***

- Pre-event logistics and planning
- Host association event scheduling and communications
- BCMBA Coaching crew travel and lodging logistics and bookings
- Chair and coordinate all related Marketing Committee efforts
- Follow up and secure refunds on all cancelled bookings.
- Communicate cancellation details to all parties involved

#### ***2020 Team BC Selects Development Program***

- Book tournaments for 13U, 15U, and 16U
- Cancel and secure refunds on all booked Team BC tournaments

#### ***2020 COVID-19 Revised Season***

- Continued updates to BC Minor Baseball website COVID-19 Resources page
- Primary role in all communications with BCMBA Member Associations
- Chair social media efforts to provide daily updates on RTP
- Liaise with Baseball BC regarding desired changes to RTP restrictions
- Support member associations with resources and answers regarding RTP compliance
- Support BoD division directors with messaging and next steps
- Upload and edit teams, scheduling, and results for all single-season league play
- Upload and edit teams, scheduling, and results for Final Four events.
- Continued daily support regarding preparations for upcoming COVID-19 related playing scenarios as presented

#### ***Daily and Monthly Operations***

- Day to day support of BoD Executive, Directors, and Chairs in their volunteer efforts
- Communications and updates between BoD and Member Associations
- Meeting support (BoD/Executives/Committees/Members)
- Technical support for GSuite and Gmail

#### **Committees**

Marketing Committee - Chair  
Website Committee - Chair  
COVID-19 RTP Response Committee - Member  
High-Performance Committee - Member  
Coaches Conference Event Committee - Member  
Coaches Caravan Event Committee - Member  
Team BC Selects Committee - Member  
AGM and Elections Committee - Member



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## **Rules Committee - AGM Report**

As you are all well aware this year was like no other for Youth baseball. With no Spring Season, a limited late Summer Season and a Fall Season with a less than normal number of associations participating there were very few Rules enquires this year.

Article XX was only used to allow the BCMBA board some latitude with the rules around the adjusted Summer and Fall seasons regarding things like timing, scheules, fees, etc...

The Rules Package prepared for the AGM contains all article and rule change requests put forth. There is also information about changes to our voting procedures that are also in the revised minutes from last AGM.

Thank you to Ray Warring for not only his knowledge and assistance with Rules and their interpretation this last year, but also his overall knowledge of BCMBA.

Dave Garton, BCMBA Rules Committee Chair



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### 2020 AGM Umpire Liaison Report

Last fall the British Columbia Baseball Umpire Association ("BCBUA") invoked the optout clause in the current contract and we began correspondence in working towards a new contract.

When the Covid-19 Pandemic happened I left things where they were as RTP guideline protocols took precedence and there were other issues at play between the BCBUA and Baseball BC that I felt BCBUA would spend there efforts on.

Following the upcoming AGM, a new Umpire Liaison Committee will be struck and the contract pursued prior to any games that require BCBUA participation.

Grant Butler  
BCMBA President



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### **Annual High Performance Committee Report - 2020 AGM**

#### **The High Performance Committee:**

Chair – Mike Kelly

Member – Ron Miciuk

Member – Marty Hall

Member – Hugh Gurney

Member – James Raymond

18U – Ray Wearing

15U – Anne Hayes

13U – John Braaten

#### **Report:**

As there was no summer play due to COVID-19 restrictions, BCMBA focused on messaging and support the needs of our member associations and their families.

While we had booked tournaments for our Team BC 13U, Team BC 15U, and Team BC 16U the BCMBA HP Program did not launch this year. All booked tournaments were cancelled and refunds and/or credits were applied.

Beyond this, there is no news to report in the 11UA division regarding the 2020 season.



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## Boundaries - AGM Report

### General Reminder:

#### Article XVIII Boundaries

Sec.1 Each member Association must on affiliation with BCMBA define its boundaries as stated in RULE 1.02(B) (also see Rule 3), and may only register players from within said boundaries.

Sec. 2 A player who starts out in an Association may complete their age division in their original Association if they so desire, upon their family moving outside its boundaries.

#### Rule 1: Membership in BC Minor Baseball

##### Rule 1.02 Annual Responsibilities of an Association

(B) An association must submit a boundary description to the BCMBA per Article XVIII

#### Rule 3: Association Boundaries

##### 3.01 General

(A) **Each Association will provide their boundaries at the BCMBA AGM** and BCMBA will identify all boundaries by February 1 of each year.

(F) Maps must indicate specific boundaries such as streets, railroad tracks, rivers, etc., or school districts, postal zones, city limits, or similarly specified areas. A definition of boundaries such as "five-mile radius" is not accepted.

Email your boundaries to [boundaries@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:boundaries@bcminorbaseball.org).

Abigail Wong-de Leon  
15UAA Division Director  
Scholarship Chair  
Boundaries Chair  
Discipline Committee  
Eligibility Committee



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## 2020 Coaches Conference - AGM Report

### Overview

The BC Minor Baseball Coaches Conference is the largest Baseball Coaches event in Western Canada, bringing 300 coaches and players under one roof over three days. This event provides an opportunity for attendees to learn from some of the game's most talented minds. Our instructors' list includes former MLB, International, and Minor League professionals from all corners of the diamond to the clubhouse. Names like Reggie Smith, Roberto Alomar, Aaron Myette, Larry Young, Bruce Brown, Dave Turgeon, Andre Lachance, are just some of the brains attendees get to pick!

### 2020 Speakers List

**Ernie Young** - Ernie Young is a former MLB veteran who played for the Oakland Athletics, Kansas City Royals, Arizona Diamondbacks, Detroit Tigers and Cleveland Indians for parts of eight seasons after being drafted in the 10th round of the 1990 MLB Draft.

**Aaron Myette** - Aaron is a former Major League Baseball Canadian right-handed pitcher. He was selected by the Seattle Mariners in the 17th round of the 1995 Major League Baseball draft (454th overall), and then by the Chicago White Sox in the first round of the 1997 Major League Baseball draft (43rd overall), and subsequently played for the White Sox (1999–2000), Texas Rangers (2001–2002), Cleveland Indians (2003) and Cincinnati Reds (2004).

**Bob Elliot** - Bob Elliott is a Canadian former sports columnist, who covered professional baseball in Canada. He began in 1978 as a reporter for the Ottawa Citizen, covering the Montreal Expos, before leaving in late 1986 to cover the Toronto Blue Jays for the Toronto Sun.

**Pete Caliendo** - Pete is currently the President of Caliendo Sports International, a global baseball organization specializing in the training of individuals, teams and coaches, as well as dealing with professional baseball operations worldwide

**Jeff Krushell** - Jeff is regarded as a noted expert in the area of performance and talent development and through his work, has gained unique insights into the process of improving human performance. Former Strength and Conditioning coach for the Toronto Blue Jays, current Strength and Conditioning Consultant for Major League Baseball International

**Bruce Brown** - Bruce Eamon Brown is a special presenter for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Champions of Character Program.

**Donald Hooton Jr.** - Don serves as President of the Taylor Hooton Foundation. In this capacity, Don leads the organization, especially the effort to drive our education programs into high schools, middle schools, and universities across the U.S., Canada and Latin America.



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**Ryan Harrison** - Ryan Harrison a certified Sports Performance Vision Trainer, has a degree in Exercise Physiology from University of California at Davis where he was a kicker for the football team. As sports enthusiast, he played three varsity sports in high school football, soccer and baseball.

**Andre Lachance** - The former Canadian Women's National Team manager as far back as 2004 when the national team was assembled to compete in the first-ever Women's Baseball World Cup in Edmonton. Canada came away with a bronze medal at that event and has since added two more bronze (2006, 2012) and two silver (2008, 2016) medals for a total of five in seven all-time Women's Baseball World Cup events.

**Kevin Hussey** - Head Baseball Coach Terrier's 17U, Head Baseball Coach Brantford Red Sox (2019), Head Baseball Coach Burlington Herd (IBL) 2017-2018, Assistant Baseball Coach - Chicago State University (2010-2012), Assistant Baseball Coach - Cardinal Stritch University (2012-2013), Head Baseball Coach - Nicolet High School, Glendale, WI (2013-2014), Masters of Science in Sports Management- Cardinal Stritch University (2014)

**Al Foreman** - National Coaching Certification Program Master Facilitator Instructor, Grassroots National Coach of the Year 2010 for Canada, Coached at the 16 to 18 level Select Boys and won gold and silver medals

**Wayne Parro** - Wayne Parro has coached at all levels of baseball in Canada over the past 25 years, including 7 years with the Women's National Team program. He is a graduate of the National Coaching Institute (NCI) in Toronto, and is the Senior Coaching Consultant for the Coaching Association of Canada.

**Rick Johnston** - Inducted into the Peterborough and District Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. Johnston Played Internationally as a member of the Canadian National Team including the 1988 Seoul Olympics, 1987 and 1991 Pan American Games, 1985 and 1991 Intercontinental Cup. Rick was the manager of the 1998 Team Canada Juniors, Hitting Coach for Team Canada Juniors - 1996, 1997, World Championships, 3rd place. Hitting Coach, Team Canada Seniors - 1995. Hitting Coach - 2001 Canada Summer Games, Silver Medal. Manager, Team Ontario, 2005 Canada Summer Games, Gold Medal. Coach Johnston was named Canadian Coach of the Year, 2005

**Brad Robinson** - Brad Robinson is the founder of The Complete Athlete, a holistic approach to coach and player development. Creating The Complete Athlete has been a lifelong endeavour, learning from experiences and pulling from 47 years of ups, downs, overcoming obstacles, injuries, healing to ultimately living a life of consistent personal growth.

**Grant Rimer** - If you're involved in baseball in British Columbia you've undoubtedly run into Grant Rimer. For 25 years Rimer has been a leader in Player Development throughout the province.

**Shawn Schaefer** - Shawn has played for Ridge Meadows as a 13U and 15U player. He went to 13U Nationals with Ridge Meadows, 15U Nationals with Victoria. After, moving on to play with the Coquitlam Reds of the PBL for 3 years(2002-2004), Canada Cup pitcher (2002, 2003), Canada Summer Games pitcher (2005) and played collegiately at Midland College (TX), UBC, and Cumberland University.



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## Budget

### 2019 Convention Budget

#### Revenue

Coach/Player Registrations 265	23450
Exhibitor Fees	1200
	24650

#### Expenses

Speakers/Instructors	-23500
Facilities/Luncheon	-11002
BCMBA Operations	-5940
	-40442

Balance -15792

### 2019 Convention Actual

#### Revenue

Coach/Player Registrations 301	29763
Exhibitor Fees	1800
	31563

#### Expenses

Speakers/Instructors	-27627
Facilities/Luncheon	-18688
BCMBA Operations	-6382
	-52697

Balance -21134

## Feedback

The following table demonstrates the feedback received through our post Conference survey. This survey was distributed via email to all participants.

Question	Score	Question	Score
How satisfied were you with the Conference event?	4.6/5	How satisfied were you with the time allotted to presenters to cover their topics?	4.4/5
How satisfied were you with the Player Clinics?	4.9/6	Do you plan to attend next year's event?	Yes 94.8%
How effective do you feel this event is at delivering the content you are interested in?	4.4/5	Would you refer this opportunity to your peers?	Yes 93.5%

## What to expect for 2021

We are not sure, with the impact of COVID-19 and measures required by the PHO, viaSport, and Baseball BC we are certain that this year's event will not be held in person. The future of the event will be discussed and we will explore ways to try and fill the void left by the BC Minor Baseball Coaches Conference. We vehemently believe in the value of this event and will endeavour to continue the legacy of this amazing event.

For more information about the BC Minor Baseball Coaches Conference, please contact Coach Development Committee Chair Mike Kelly at [coaches@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:coaches@bcminorbaseball.org)



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### **Annual Marketing Report - 2020 AGM**

#### **The 2020 Marketing Committee:**

Chair - James Raymond

Member - John Braaten

Member - Ron Miciuk

Member - Hugh Gurney

Member - Tina Baker-Cornett

Member - Sanda King (Resigned)

#### **Current and continued focus:**

***Support and promotion of current BC Minor Baseball events*** - This season saw a significant effort put toward the promotion and coverage of:

- Coaches Conference
- Coaches Caravan
- John Main Tournament
- Return To Play Progression as permitted

The 2020 programming suspension due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions changed the role of the Marketing Committee as we shifted efforts to positive messaging of progression toward the restart and expansion of play.

Live marketing campaigns for both the Coaches Caravan and John Main tournament were launched in late February but then were suspended due to the cancellation of those events. (Related to COVID-19)

The 2020 Coaches Conference saw a massive overhaul with a complete redesign and upgrade of the event program/workbook as well as, the introduction of pop-up banners celebrating the programming and events offered through an affiliation with BC Minor Baseball Association. In addition to that, volunteer staff were dressed in official Coaches Conference jerseys for easier identification.



***Develop plans to support and promote member associations*** - The 2020 season saw an effort to promote member associations and their efforts to implement viaSport and Baseball BC RTP protocols and deliver programming to their members.

We will continue to bring focus to those member associations that are currently offering fall and winter programming as well as promote upcoming associations Spring and Single Season programs.

A prioritized focus will be to assist our member associations in their efforts to promote their events, retain existing members, recover lost members (Due to COVID-19), and drive new memberships. We encourage our member associations to forward press or marketing items specific to their association so that BC Minor Baseball can assist promotion through our social media and direct mail channels. These submissions should be sent to [marketing@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:marketing@bcminorbaseball.org)

We will continue to establish and maintain a dialogue with our member associations to identify the most critical areas of support based on the state of youth sport participation. As we are not sure what the new year will offer a flexible and nimble approach will be needed in order for the Marketing Committee to maximize effectiveness.

***Distribute marketing package to promote event and program sponsorship opportunities*** - This promotional tool is designed and built to help present BCMBA events and programs to potential sponsorship revenue opportunities.

Our current sponsorship package presents the Coaches Conference, Coaches Caravan, John Main, Team BC Selects, Provincial Championships, 18U Fall Classic as sponsorship opportunities.

If successful, we hope to see those monies go to freezing or reducing the costs of attending and/or hosting these events with the specific distribution of funds to be determined by the BCMBA BoD.

***Consultation with member associations*** - Members of the marketing committee see coordination with BCMBA member associations as a crucial part of effective marketing support. We actively encourage our member associations to convey ways and means that we, as BCMBA, can assist the effort to reach their marketing goals.

Due to the impact of COVID-19 the Marketing committee was unable to pursue proper consultations with our member associations as the focus was on getting programming in place. We will continue to look to step up our support to include an online survey and direct contact with member associations to discuss their needs taking into special consideration the membership recovery. By doing so, we anticipate the ability to help our members recover faster and more completely.

### **Long Term Needs:**

***Research and development of BC Minor strategic growth plan*** - The marketing committee will again look to create a SWOT analysis to identify Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. This will help guide us in the development of both short term and long term strategic growth plans.

The hope is to incorporate a scalable model that can be used at the community level, as well as at the provincial level.

***Key event sponsor partnerships*** - We recognize the rising costs to families and member associations in delivering a high-quality youth baseball experience. At this time an evaluation will be required to identify which key events will likely be able to proceed in order to allocate proper focus and resources. Due to funding challenges brought by the 2020 COVID-19 shortened season, some events or programs may not be available in 2021.

Addressing the competitive nature of youth sports, along with the genuine desire to provide better and more effective training supports (coaches, clinics, facilities, equipment), equates to a greater need to offset the price of doing so.

BCMBA events provide an ideal opportunity for sponsorship revenues. The committee's ongoing effort to secure sponsors for key events will help the continued delivery of quality programming to our members.

**Update of sponsorship guidelines** - Along with the effort to secure key sponsors, the BCMBA Marketing committee will undergo a review of our current set of advertiser guidelines. These guidelines will steer us to seek candidate organizations that parallel BCMBA standards and messaging. Our goal is to find sponsors that match our commitment to the families and the communities of our Member Associations. Through that review, we will revise and update to present-day relevancy.

**Branding program** - 2020 saw the introduction of a new Coaches Conference logo, new Coaches Caravan logo, and an update of the Team BC Selects logo.

The development of logos for these events assists our effort to brand these key events and promote them more effectively. They also provide a consistent look that will further set the value and quality of BCMBA events and programs.



**Media communications plan and package** - A critical element in successful marketing is messaging.

The development of a communications plan and templated documents and processes allows more consistent and wider audience messaging. This year saw templates developed based on the type of messaging and source of messaging. This made releases more identifiable and shortened the release times of current events and notices. Moving forward this will significantly ease the workload of future Website and Social Media channel managers.

The goal is to update and grow elements like contact lists and ideas, press release templates, community announcement kits, and a collective database of approaches to assist our Member Associations in developing their messaging strategy.



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## Grassroots Committee - AGM Report

This year the committee which was struck after the last AGM. First off BCMBA is a grassroots organization. We have not really looked into our internal programming since I have been a director with BCMBA. In doing some research internally in regards to decline in registration numbers, various programming, coaching, player/parents expectations, etc. I found there is some things we do not understand as a governing body. *I looked into BC Soccer's Player Retention Survey done in 2018 and it's executive summary in January 2019. which asked three questions: Why do youth play soccer? Why do they stop playing? What can we do about it? Soccer in Canada found that they had lost 100,000 youth participants since its peak in 2008. As a result BC Soccer conducted a survey to find out why provincially why participation numbers were also declining.*

From this the Grassroots committee has begun a multi-year survey/questionnaire/interviews of our members to better understand our members. Given this background context, and as well, given the information on additional concepts surrounding youth sports participation the intention of the research is to look at three main protagonists in baseball enrolments in BC Minor Baseball. And by researching these groups would shed light on the following:

- Coaches: style, effect of style; effect of/ need of training; motivation and satisfaction
- Players: motivation for playing/not playing; satisfaction; expectations
- Parents: reasons for having child play; what factors are helpful/barriers

Research and action is/are to be implemented in phased steps:

- Coaches;
- Players and Parents;
- Support Structures

Over a multi-year period a mixed method of research is to be utilized incorporating surveys (quantitative) and interviews (qualitative) into the results and analysis.

The initial "coaches" phase has been completed and submitted to BCMBA's executive board for review. We will look to the future to present to our membership.

Given the COVID-19 virus affecting the 2020 season phase 2 and beyond cannot be started until the 2021 season is underway as we are looking for feedback from parents and players.

John Braaten  
Grassroots Chair  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



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## **Risk Management - AGM Report**

Risk Management as you can well understand has been an important committee in 2020. On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank in advance viaSport and Baseball BC for all of their efforts in communicating Return to Play (RTP) updates throughout the year in their support for our youth athletes. Internally many thanks goes to Anne Hayes and James Raymond for there efforts in messaging, gathering and providing information to our members.

This year's report is rather lengthy and more of a review of previous reorts through the year for those who may not have had a opportunity to read. There was plenty of information to digest throughout the year and want everyone to understand the steps taken in 2020 to get our youth athletes back onto the fild of play safely.

A public health emergency was declared in the province on March 17<sup>th</sup>. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, BC Public Safety Minister Mike Farnworth declared a province-wide state of emergency. In early May the government presented a four (4) Phase "reopening" plan for the province. Phase 1 "Essential Services Operating during COVID-19" ended May 18<sup>th</sup>, Phase 2 started May 19<sup>th</sup> "asking people to stay close to home and avoid any travel between communities that is not essential under enhanced protocols". This phase of the province's restart program is still current as of this date and have not yet moved to Phase 3. Many people were hoping that based on the reopening announcement that return to play for baseball would be part of this...we are still awaiting next steps.

BC Minor Baseball through all of this kept the membership updated with multiple communications and/or social media postings beginning March 12<sup>th</sup> with a COVID-19 "Advisory" notice to presidents that we share the concerns of our member Associations in regards to the health and safety of their players, coaches, parents and volunteers, as well as all other organizations, and we trust that the health and safety of our communities will be put ahead of, in our case, baseball activities. The observing of "social gathering" was recommended and BCMBA would continue to monitor the COVID-19 developments. From there BCMBA has been in constant communication with Baseball BC and kept the membership updated with information as it comes in.

Previous to the March 17<sup>th</sup> announcement by the provincial government on March 13<sup>th</sup> Baseball BC posted an announcement that "effective immediately suspended all sanctioned in person baseball activity for a period of seven (7) days". Then given the public health emergency declaration on March 17<sup>th</sup> by the government Baseball BC posted another notice "Effective immediately Baseball BC has extended the suspension of all sanctioned in person baseball activity indefinitely". Since then they provided multiple updates for the baseball community

I was asked by Baseball BC to join their Return to Play Protocol work group in April. This group is made of various people within the baseball community. Prior to this Baseball BC had already been in contact with other British Columbia sport PSO's and baseball governing bodies across Canada. Sharing information in preparation of our youth athletes returning to the fields of play.

The RTP work group worked to develop a fluid document of "protocols/recommendations" for possible restart guidelines for players, coaches, families and associations in BC. The fluid draft document has built a mandate, philosophy and areas of focus:



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- 12U and older - assumptions, personal health & hygiene (foundational, practice, game), facility adaptations, rule adaptations, general recommendations, administration adaptations and responsibilities
- 11U and younger **has the majority of players** - assumptions, personal health & hygiene (foundational, practice, game), facility adaptations, rule adaptations, general recommendations, administration adaptations and responsibilities
- Provincial Sport Organization(Baseball BC) requirements and action

As mentioned the document was fluid and continued to be updated as information was gathered. There were many external issues that are out of the control of this committee: Ministry of Health, various regional health agencies, city park and recreation regulations, bylaws, travel restrictions and social distancing protocols to name a few.

Sport BC started to take an active lead in return to play May 1<sup>st</sup> and requested that individual sport plans be submitted and would in turn into the foundational piece for all sports for RTP. viaSport around this time also asked for information from the sport sector with Baseball BC completing a requested survey on baseball's behalf May 1<sup>st</sup>.

All during all this time there was never a RTP date for baseball. viaSport had been working on FAQ's, guidelines: parameters to follow when creating return to play procedures for specific sport & roundtable discussions for an opportunity for specific discussion groups relevant to each sport's return to play conditions. Below is the link to their presentation to the PSO's prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>:

[https://www.viasport.ca/sites/default/files/Return%20to%20Sport\\_webinar\\_final.pdf?utm\\_source=PSO+Connector&utm\\_campaign=bd37daf7b1-Sportscape\\_2019\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_9305c55a53-bd37daf7b1-384327641](https://www.viasport.ca/sites/default/files/Return%20to%20Sport_webinar_final.pdf?utm_source=PSO+Connector&utm_campaign=bd37daf7b1-Sportscape_2019_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9305c55a53-bd37daf7b1-384327641)

Moving 10 days later the approval process as previously outlined by viaSport at the beginning of May changed again and it had been shared that neither the Ministry of Health nor viaSport will take the responsibility of approving any RTP. What does remain to be seen is how the process will need to evolve after the final RTP recommendations are received. We are all in a hurry up and wait situation as we do not control the process.

Baseball BC on May 15<sup>th</sup> posted a COVID-19 notice update which also added another layer to the RTP where any approvals will come from government health officials and WorkSafe BC. Noted was revised viaSport process in more detail: [https://www.viasport.ca/sites/default/files/Return%20to%20Sport\\_FAQ\\_05-13-2020.pdf](https://www.viasport.ca/sites/default/files/Return%20to%20Sport_FAQ_05-13-2020.pdf)

At the beginning of June Baseball BC did receive a draft copy of what may be a RTP Chart based on the four "sport" phases (no specific dates just generalizations). Now that the province moved to Phase 2 the chart showed BC Sport transition measures from now into September which include: physical distancing (2m), non-essential travel, no gathering of 50 or more people, increased hygiene, symptom screening, no or limited spectators, skills training, no contact (look for non-contact alternatives), in-club play or modified games may slowly be introduced and minimal shared equipment.



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The next Phase (dates TBD) of the chart would be progressively loosening for example may increase limited spectators, expansion of training, introduction to pair or small group contact skills, inter-club or regional play may be considered and some shared equipment.

The final Phase (dates TBD) of the chart would be the “new normal” of no restrictions on spectators, no restrictions on activity type, provincial competitions and large scale events may return and shared equipment.

**Again, those phases as just noted above had no set timelines and were approximations.**

The first week of June viaSport provided some further RTP FAQ's to Baseball BC's committee based on the fluid document and we are in the process of updating accordingly.

Just to note viaSport and the government had stressed the importance of slowly re-introducing activities, as there are a number of different risk and liability factors to consider. Baseball has risk factors as we all know that still expose individuals to the potential for the spreading of the virus. The initial phases within the RTP work group guidelines seem to be aligned to government recommendations and look to limit that exposure.

The Province of BC at that time also gave individuals permission to expand their personal networks outside of their household. Expanding that too quickly whether with baseball activities or other activities greatly increases the risk of exposure. If there are outbreaks in a community or at a baseball game, this could result in the tightening of restrictions and possible directives from the government to shut down sporting activities.

BCMBA continued to keep our members updated as information came in whether local, regional or national. There are thousands of kids wanting to get outside back onto the field of play, but unfortunately was not our decision and had to follow the any guidelines of the government to lead us back onto the ball fields. The RTP work group has been in constant communication during this time and hopefully more clarity of what the rest of the year may look like.

Still at the beginning of June and following Baseball BC Return to Play (RTP) guidelines which were still heavily dependent on various levels of government. There was no update to report as of this time that was not already posted on their website. BCMBA had also been updating membership in addition to the PSO. As social media postings increased we truly understood members wanting to get outside and play. Most all of this is outside of our control as we await direction to be able to move forward amid the COVID-19 virus concerns.

BCMBA posted our Return to Play Guidelines June 8<sup>th</sup> based on Baseball BC's RTP document June 6<sup>th</sup>. Baseball BC Return to Play (RTP) updated guidelines were last updated and released June 15<sup>th</sup> which was posted via their website and BCMBA resent to our member associations. The document was fluid and could be updated as needed by Baseball BC based on updates by the Ministry of Health, viaSport and other stakeholders.

BCMBA Member's Return to Play (RTP) protocols were developed and in place for each association planning on returning to the field of play, posted online and submitted to their respective local city for approval. Adult, volunteer and player releases were to be signed by **all** those coaching/participating/watching in the modified season (**no exceptions**). All BCMBA COVID-19 resources can still be found online here: <https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/page/show/5788253-bcmmba-covid-19-resources>



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Player and coach affiliation registrations were to be submitted and paid to BCMBA in order for players to have insurance prior to be on-field for activities. It was found many associations restarted programming without submitting and in turn players were not insured which was concerning.

BCMBA stressed at that time that all necessary protocols and member requirements were to be in place prior to players getting back on-field. As per Baseball BC's RTP Phase 2 planning there was to be no more than 10 players and 2 coaches to start on-field social distancing skills training. Teams could practice twice per week at this time only. **NO** internal scrimmages or game play is allowed at this time. Safety is first and foremost with no timeline for return to game play at this time. We did find and followed up with multiple teams practicing prior to this and not adhering to provincial guidelines, safety protocols and no insurance.

Effective July 10<sup>th</sup> as per Baseball BC's Phase 2 RTP teams were allowed to expand to full rosters and coaches for practice only. Also effective Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> team practices could be increased to more than twice per week as per Baseball BC.

**No games were permitted at that time.** I contacted multiple associations regarding scheduling of games and rumours thereof. Again, we ask that all member associations comply with the Baseball BC reopening of baseball guidelines and protocols (currently Phase 2).

Then came the announcement July 24<sup>th</sup> from Baseball BC that effective immediately, in club game play was now permitted per Baseball BC Return to Play Guidelines (still within RTP Phase 2). Clubs were to continue to abide by governing body and local government rules regarding any current COVID restrictions in place.

As modified in-club play must follow the protocols were being followed increasing questions as to when game play for Phase 3 of the Baseball BC RTP Guidelines were to begin. Again a reminder was sent out that only game play between teams from the same club (within a LSO) are permitted right now. No exceptions.

In preparation selected reminders about modification in RTP Phase 3 were sent out:

- Physical distancing must always still be maintained outside of the regular course of game play (ie. batters or plays in the field).
  - No plate meetings pre-game for lineup exchanges unless physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
  - No mound visits by catcher or coach unless physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
  - No post game handshakes.
- Clubs and/or teams should assign a safety and sanitation champion for each event to track attendance, assist in reminders about physical distancing and implement the ongoing sanitation needs and requirements.
- Baseballs need to be new or disinfected every time they are entered into play. Hand sanitizing should take place at the end of every half inning.
- Umpires must comply with physical distancing requirements and may need to use alternate positioning to comply



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- Practices and training are still expected to follow all Phase 2 requirements and Guidelines as listed.

Baseball BC did not have any additional information on viaSport and governments plans to permit movement to Phase 3 of the RTP guidelines at that time. Baseball BC's proposal had been forwarded from viaSport to the PHO on this topic. Baseball BC continued to advocate for a safe return to continued programming for our members and their affiliates where it is deemed appropriate and will report to the group as soon as we know anything more on this possibility.

In summer many associations offered skills training only sessions or did not offer team programming until the Fall of 2020 or waiting until 2021 Spring Season. It is Risk Management's Committee recommendation with the support of Baseball BC that any BCMBA association that currently does not offer traditional team programming 18U and lower start at Phase 2 RTP step one regardless of where Baseball BC was at in regards to RTP phases. These associations once back up and running 18U and lower start at the beginning of this in order to properly follow safety protocols and guidelines that have been set out. Safety of all is paramount and guidelines as set out may be in effect for some time and all players, coaches, volunteers and parents. All must understand the RTP guidelines, protocols and steps as laid out by Baseball BC and each LSO.

Risk Management messaged out on August 27<sup>th</sup> the move to Phase 3 of the viaSport Return to Play. Included in the multiple documents are references to the Baseball BC Phase Three RTP and the BCMBA Phase 3 RTP. Included was the historical document of steps from the start of Phase 2 RTP through the updated guidelines effective August 28<sup>th</sup>. Also included was a support document from Baseball BC in regards to graduating of RTP steps from Baseball BC guidelines as many associations had limited exposure to Phase 2 protocols and want to ensure everyone starts with this to understand and implement all safety guidelines and protocols developed and posted by each respective association.

During this time towards the end of August I followed up on many, many questions and concerns about Phase 2 RTP including teams playing outside of cohort bubbles, cohort limitations, guidelines and procedures, assisted in developing RTP guidelines for a couple of associations, teams not in cohorts playing multiple teams that exposed players outside of the Phase 2 3-team bubbles, etc., etc. I found in many cases when inquiring that communication did not always reach coaches, players and parents thus creating confusion of what is/not allowed during these times. *I followed up on concerns big or small, named or anonymous as this is a unique time with major implications to our membership if not followed up upon. I would like to say "thank you" to those with whom I had communicated with throughout this year in questions that came to our committee!*

Moving into Fall Ball the committee through multiple concerns about player movement between organizations (PBL, LL & BCMA) recommended a 14 day quarantine period at the end of August/beginning of September. **Player safety is paramount.**

We had multiple communications from all regions of BC regarding setting up of cohorts at various levels. We did forward to respective divisional directors when needed. Some cohorts involved mixing of various organizations, but were complaint to Baseball BC Phase 3 RTP.



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As Fall Ball winds down and Winter Training will start up in most associations in the coming weeks it is still imperative that all RTP paperwork (including waivers) and contact tracing be 100% compliant as part of the viaSport & Baseball BC Phase 3 guidelines will remain in place.

John Braaten  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Risk Management Chair



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## **Challenger Division Report - AGM Report**

Returning as the 20/20 B.C. Minor liaison was a role I was looking forward to fulfilling. The annual golf tournament, night at the Nat and of course the Annual Jamboree, obviously being the highlighted events. My first order of business was to contact the Provincial Chair, Tim Hall to confirm dates and clearly define my role in assisting him so that things would run smoothly.

Shortly thereafter, as we are all too familiar with Covid 19 decided that for 2020 things were going to be different. Structured programming as we were all used to would now have to be tossed to the wayside and guidelines were brought in with regards to returning to play. If you can imagine these guidelines pretty much guaranteed that across the province there would be no Challenger Programs. Unfortunately, associations, facilitators, coach's and especially participants were unable to share what can only be considered as a great part of our various communities.

To no surprise the Jay's Care Foundation stepped up to the plate in offering a couple of options so that the year would not be a complete wash. The first being a Virtual Jamboree for participants and secondly a Virtual Workshop for Associations, facilitators, and coaches. Though I personally did not participate in either Virtual get together, it is my hopes that many of the participants and volunteers within the Challenger Program were able to take advantage of such.

Lastly it is my hope , as I am sure it is yours that Challenger 2021 returns to a more familiar ground.

**Steve McCann**

**Challenger Chair**

**B.C. Baseball**



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### **Annual Website Report - 2020 AGM**

#### **The 2020 Website Committee:**

Chair - James Raymond

Member - John Braaten

Member - Anne Hayes

#### **Current and continued focus:**

***Operate as the virtual home for all things BC Minor Baseball*** - This season saw the expansion of resources and references for BCMBA Member Associations and their families.

***Create and support a central home for COVID-19 RTP resources*** - Set up and built a unique page to provide a single all-inclusive resource for member associations to access all updates, guides, and forms to manage compliant participation under viaSport and Baseball BC RTP protocols. <https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/page/show/5788253-bcmba-covid-19-resources>

***Establish consistent and uniform page assets for similar pages*** - Designed and implemented template page models for all interlock division pages.

***Upload and support division and league schedule, results, and standings of participating members*** - Given the dynamic nature of this year's season schedules due to the phased progression to gameplay, scheduling was manually programmed and updated.

***Continue to provide up-to-date and relevant news items*** - Provide messaging regarding daily news and current events including local member association announcements, Baseball BC and Baseball Canada player and coach training opportunities, and links to relevant pages and announcements.

***Update and promote exclusive member benefits*** - Added archive of historical and current Coaches Conference presentation videos. Updated and invited new registered members. <https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/coaching>

***Completion of Risk Management Page*** - The Website Committee will work with the Risk Management Chair to build content to finish the Risk Management page. <https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/page/show/5630943-risk-management>

***Build and finish Player Development and Recruitment page*** - The Website Committee will work with the HP Committee to build and launch a player resource focused on accessing contact information (Canadian and U.S. University and College programs) and best practices in the pursuit of post-secondary baseball opportunities. This page will also feature content addressing the growing use of Appearance and Performance enhancement substances. <https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/page/show/5740162-youth-athlete-development-and-performance>

#### **Long Term Needs:**

***Ongoing streamlining and auditing of current pages and resources*** - As the needs of our members shift the Website committee will continue to adjust and adapt [www.bcminorbaseball.org](http://www.bcminorbaseball.org)

***Exploration of website revenue generation opportunities*** - The Website Committee will coordinate with the Marketing Committee to explore potential opportunities to create paid ad space on [www.bcminorbaseball.org](http://www.bcminorbaseball.org) for relevant and appropriate advertisers



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### Scholarship Committee - AGM Report

The scholarship committee awarded the following six deserving 2019 applicants \$500.00 each towards their post-secondary education. The awards ceremony took place last February 7, 2020, at the Langley Event Centre.

- Ryan Shoji (Richmond, CP)
- Zachary Morris (Vancouver Minor, 18UAA)
- Duke Howells (Richmond, CP)
- Conall Sexton (Chilliwack, CP)
- Noah Zimmer (Chilliwack, CP)
- Marika Lyszczyk (Tsawwassen, Women's baseball)

Due to the unexpected Covid-19 pandemic lockdown in BC last March, 2020 all activities shut down, resulting in a freeze in funding.

The committee revised the scholarship application package to cater to the current situation. The applicant must be a registered 18UAA/AAA/College Prep player during his/her graduating year. The application submission deadline extends to all 2020 graduates until December 30, 2020, and the 2021 graduates on July 31, 2021.

The application package was emailed to all association presidents for distribution.

You can also find it on the BC Minor Website. Here is the link:

[https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/c924-2272198/2020-21\\_BCMBA\\_Scholarship\\_Package.pdf#\\_ga=2.46491751.1100149681.1604179611-163959475.1597871495](https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/c924-2272198/2020-21_BCMBA_Scholarship_Package.pdf#_ga=2.46491751.1100149681.1604179611-163959475.1597871495)

Abigail Wong-de Leon  
15UAA Division Director  
Scholarship Chair  
Boundaries Chair  
Discipline Committee  
Eligibility Committee



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## 2020 AGM Baseball BC Report

During the Baseball BC AGM, June 22, Chris Balison, past President of Kamloops Minor Baseball, was acclaimed as the new President of Baseball BC as John Berry retired from the business of Baseball BC. I found out at that time that, previous to BCMBA leaving Baseball BC, the 1<sup>st</sup> VP position at Baseball BC was traditionally filled by the BCMBA President or other Director, so, in June, I became the Baseball BC 1<sup>st</sup> VP and was joined on the Board by our 1<sup>st</sup> VP, John Braaten as a Director.

John worked with Baseball BC's staff, led primarily by David Laing, together with all the Baseball BC member's (PBL and Little League) in creating the templates for the Return to Play ("RTP") guidelines that were made available to all said members for their use in getting their players back on the field of play during the current Covid-19 pandemic.

During the September Board meeting, a motion of great importance to Baseball BC's member Associations, including BCMBA, was made and carried by the new Baseball BC Board of Directors that the 2020 membership fees would be waived to assist those members with their own finances due to minimal player fees during the pandemic.

On September 16, the Canada Games Council and Niagara 2021 Host Society have made the difficult decision to postpone the 2021 Niagara Canada Summer Games until the summer of 2022. This may be a bit of a head's up on what may happen to the Baseball Canada Westerns and Nationals that would then impact the pathway tournaments held by Baseball BC and our own provincial championships.

Recently Chris has been sorting out the Committee's within Baseball BC as part of his overall review of the organization and in October, Ron Miciuk, BCMBA Director was asked, and accepted to be our representative on the Baseball BC Strategic Plan Committee. And recently, John Braaten, has been accepted as our representative on the the Baseball BC Risk Management Committee.

In closing, I'm eager to being part of the team of Directors and staff that moves Baseball BC forward, especially in these unprecedented times for parents, coaches and players.

Grant Butler  
BCMBA President  
Baseball BC 1<sup>ST</sup> VP



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### **Annual Jr. Men's Division Report - 2020 AGM**

#### **BCMBA Jr. Men's Division**

Chair – Anne Hayes

#### **Jr. Men's Report**

This year's Junior Men's Division would have had 14 teams this year with the addition of Mission. The division meeting was held on March 7, 2020 at the Cloverdale Ball Park clubhouse. At that meeting the playing rules for the division were set. This year we were increasing the maximum age to 26 to bring it closer in line with the Senior Men's Division for Baseball BC. While we were not able to have a season this year, we are hoping the 2021 will allow us to run this division again.

Anne Hayes, BCMBA 25U Junior Men's Chair



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### Annual 18U Division Report - 2020 AGM

#### BCMBA 18U Division

Chair – Ray Wearing

18U College Prep – Ray Wearing

18U AAA – Hugh Gurney

18U AA – Raj Puri

Island – Dave Garton

Interior – Neal Dhaliwal

North – Carmen Martin

#### 18U CP Report

As with all the BCMBA single season divisions the College Prep Division was limited in travel and play due to the Covid-19 situation but with diligent and persistent dialogue with ViaSport through Baseball BC we were able to piece together a shortened season with only 5 of the 9 teams approved to play CP in 2020. Special thanks to Anne Hayes for the schedule that seemed to change daily due to the uncertainty in Return to Plan guidelines.

The Final 4, hosted by Chilliwack was won by the North Fraser Nationals over the reigning 2019 Champions Chilliwack.



#### **Final 4 – Report prepared by John Braaten, BCMBA Director and 1<sup>st</sup> VP**

College Prep (attended Sunday only as BCMBA rep)

- I only attended on Sunday's play-in final game and final

- Host association did a great job hosting/running the tourney
- Did not see any off-field safety protocols in use
- Game play RTP management for all teams did really well
- Social distancing and spectator numbers were a concern
  - Little adherence to 2m social distancing and bleacher use
  - Final game could have started a half hour earlier (12:30pm), but North Fraser was concerned about fans getting to the final game scheduled for 1pm...so that of course was a concern in itself knowing the 50 person attendance guidelines
- Both games I observed were very competitive
- Not enough baseballs for tourney. Had to borrow one dozen from another association for Sunday games as there was no new ones
- Umpiring was strong with no issues and kept games under control throughout with some minor in-game issues
- On a side note Grant asked me to attend Sunday as no one else was there. We needed BCMBA a presence there all weekend as the UIC and Convener had players on the host team and could have been an issue if there was a protest as the committee usually is those two plus a BCMBA representative. They both recused themselves for the final game.

Anyways, it was a pleasant surprise to watch some very competitive baseball this weekend. Not knowing if we were able to get any form of a season done ended for both of these on a high note for BCMBA, associations, players, volunteers and parents.

John Braaten, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President BCMBA

### **Applications for 2021**

Twelve applications were received by the November 1 deadline and all twelve were accepted. While this is a 25% increase in teams' the increase allows the creation of manageable regional cohorts that will likely be in place for 2021.

BCMBA is looking forward to competitive ball next year in our flagship division.

### **18U AAA Report**

After a lengthy delay to the start of the 2020 season, gameplay finally began August 8<sup>th</sup>. A total of seven teams participated in the schedule. Penticton Tigers, Kelowna Sun Devils, North Island Cubs, Victoria Seawolves, Cloverdale Spurs, Chilliwack Cougars and the North Shore Padres. All teams played within separate cohort groups for the duration of the schedule. Penticton & Kelowna made up the Interior cohort, North Island and Victoria made up the Island cohort, and Cloverdale, Chilliwack and North Shore made up the Mainland cohort group.

Due to the unfortunate circumstances regarding the forest fires in Penticton, and the rising number of Covid 19 cases, the Penticton team made the difficult decision to withdraw from league play late in the season. At the conclusion of the regular season, four teams qualified for the Final Four Championship weekend held in Campbell River at Nunns Creek Park. These teams included North Island, Kelowna, Cloverdale and North Shore. Cloverdale and North Shore were unable to field teams to participate in the final weekend, so Kelowna and North Island played a best of three series on the Labour Day long weekend. North Island was the eventual winner, taking the first two games by scores of 6-2 and 7-0.

Many thanks go out to all the associations who participated and followed all the RTP procedures, enabling kids to get back on the field and play ball again. The 2020 season was certainly unique, and faced a lot of challenges. Without the tireless work of the BC Minor executive RTP committee, the participating associations, and ultimately the players and parents, this opportunity to play would not have happened. Congratulations to you all for a job well done!

Hugh Gurney  
18U AAA Director

### **18U AA Report**

Due to the pandemic this year we did not have a regular spring season of play followed by a summer season that culminated in a provincial championship tournament. Instead, those associations that did field teams participated in exhibition play within small cohorts as defined by the return to play guidelines from Baseball BC and the Provincial Health Authorities. Many associations did go on to then participate in Fall Ball for players.

Some discussion has taken place at various levels around the idea of permitting over-age players an additional year play as they missed out on their final year due to COVID-19. There are many pros and cons to this idea and we wait to hear if Association Presidents wish to further promote this concept.

We will continue to follow direction from Baseball BC and the Provincial Health Authorities to prepare accordingly to support you next season.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Raj Puri

### **18U Fall Classic Tournament (All 18U eligible players)**

The 18U Fall Classic was cancelled this year due to Covid, all efforts will be made to bring this back on 2021



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## AGM 15U Division Yearly Report

### 15U A

With the Covid -19 shut down we did not run a 15UA summer season this year. We were informed that some associations ran training and games within their small cohorts during the summer and fall. Hopefully the 2021 will allow more teams to compete.

### 15U AA

The "modified" 15UAA Single -Season started with 18 teams who had expressed interest in playing, unfortunately, with the lack of players' commitment and field closure due to Covid-19, 7 teams pulled out.

We were able to form 4 bubble of 2 and 3 teams on each bubble, one of which was on the Island. The Final 4 was determined by the top winning percentage of each bubble. The Final 4 was held on September 5 and 6, 2020 at Cloverdale Ball Park. The four teams were Cloverdale, Newton/Surrey, Lad er and Campbell River. The winning team was Cloverdale winning a close final, 10-9 over Campbell River.



### 15U AAA

We started the schedule for 15UAAA on August 15<sup>th</sup> with 6 teams. We were going to run this schedule until October 12<sup>th</sup>; however, 2 teams dropped out in the beginning of September and 2 others dropped out in the middle of September. It was then decided that the remaining 2 teams would just run their normal fall ball programme for the rest of September and October.

BC Minor Directors: Anne Hayes, Ron Miciuk and Abigail Wong-de Leon



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## 2020 13U Division - AGM Report

This was my first year as division chair in 13U. I received many communications from associations and coaches from 2018-2019 concerns/issues from the previous chair and wanted to begin the year as being proactive in spring regional workshops in preparation for the 2020 year to make it the best structure moving forward.

To start with each respective Spring Workshops 2020 with the we reminded associations for 13U division that Baseball Canada's LTAD practice/game ratio is 60%/40%.

In recent years we found that spring Interlock games were as many as 24. Though BCMBA does not directly manage 13U Interlocks we should provide as much information and support for associations. That being said we in preparation for the 2020 season we were planning for 100+ 13U A teams and 30+ 13U AA teams in spring in the province.

13U AA tiered teams permitted registered players must be divided through common draft and created as evenly as possible. We found in the previous years that some associations were not creating balanced spring teams as per BCMBA rule and numerous complaints were received from the 2019 year.

Also reminded associations that 13U AAA must declare their intentions to Division Chair and 13U AAA Director by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Essentially there was no traditional 13U A, 13U AA or 13U AAA structure in 2020.

Rule 11.01 COACHING DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING – NCCP certifications were added to the BCMBA Rule Book and were to be enforced in 2020 for 13U, 13U AA & 13U AAA for summer play.

NCCP 13U Summer Coaching Certification  
13U A Head Coach **Initiation Trained**  
13U A Assistant Coach **Initiation Online**

13U AA Head Coach **Regional Trained**  
13U AA Assistant Coach **Initiation trained**

13U AAA Head Coach **Regional Trained**  
13U AAA Assistant Coach **Initiation Trained**

John Main 13U AA 16-team tournament was full by the beginning of March with six (6) teams waitlisted. It was to be co-hosted by Cloverdale and North Langley respectively. Given the Return to Play guidelines did not enable to tournament to be held in 2020 even to the point of holding off and hosting during the Fall Ball season. BCMBA has contacted all registered and waitlisted teams from 2020 and hold their registered spots for 2021. With any wishing to withdraw to do so with full refunds available.



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The cancelled 2020 13U Team BC Selects program was to move to a regional team tryout model (Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, Interior, Vancouver Island South, Vancouver Island North) with a 3-day camp May 8, 9 & 10<sup>th</sup> to be followed by team selection and entry into the TCS Father's Day Slugfest June 20 & 21. I would like to thank the division directors and High Performance committee for the pre-planning this year and the division will be ready for this Selects program to resume in 2021.

I would also like to thank the following 2020 Provincial Championship hosting associations for successfully applying. Though there were no Provincial Championships this year because of the COVID-19 Return to Play restrictions the division still wishes to recognize them:

13U A West	August 6 – 9	Oceanside
13U A East	August 6 – 9	Mission
13U AA	July 30 – August 3	Salmon Arm
13U AAA	July 30 - August 3	GVBA (Victoria)

Also noted pre-season was some PBL Bantam Prep rosters with 13U aged players which is from what we understand not part of the "high school" organizational platform. We have also heard of many internal PBL meetings during 2020 that they will be moving down to 13U as early as 2021. Pre-season high performance conversations and feedback from members was requested regarding BCMBA high performance moving forward for the division.

As for suggested rule changes the division did review concerns and complaints from 2018-2019 season. It also found discrepancies in regards to spring and summer rules in relation to teams and registrants in the division. Some suggested rule changes will be coming to the AGM floor this November to bring in line registrations and tiering.

Once viaSport and Baseball BC's Return to Play Phase (RTP) II guidelines allowed for minimal play this summer and the slow loosening of playing restrictions most teams were able to provide some form of training and internal game play. Towards the end of August teams were able to play within small 3-team cohorts which provided opportunities for smaller associations to play games externally.

With Fall Ball starting up in September teams were able to participate under RTP Phase III were able to participate in 100 player cohort groupings. BCMBA as best we could monitored cohorts in the division given the amount of teams throughout the province and in particular the Lower Mainland. We did have some issues with contact tracing (and lack thereof) complaints and followed up. Mostly found that a lack of association top-down communications and understanding of guidelines was the case.

I did coach in this division in 2020 and was able to learn and execute the RTP guidelines throughout the year and found at first the protocols were hard to incorporate into traditional events. Over time it became easier and players became more responsible and executed safety protocols which became second nature by the end of August. Fall Ball allowed for more game play in cohort groupings and the amount of communication between teams and helping each other in contact tracing was outstanding from what I was able to witness. As COVID-19



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cases have increased in late September early October I did find that local communities also added an additional layer of contact tracing which I know happened at all levels.

Overall, I can say with all of the preseason planning that went in to this year I was pleasantly surprised at communication level of teams throughout the province as we continued to message guidelines and safety protocols through the year. Associations, teams, coaches and volunteers did amazingly in regards to getting the kids on the field and working towards game play into Fall Ball.

We look forward to 2021 and returning to play.

**John Braaten**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
13U Division Chair



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## **John Main 13U Committee - AGM Report**

The 2020 John Main tournament was postponed due to the Baseball BC Phase 2 guidelines Return to Play guidelines in May. The hope was to delay the tournament possibly when Phase 3 in the Fall, but the guidelines of new cohort numbers (100 players and under) and no tournaments being permitted forced BCMBA to cancel the 2020 tournament and move the current registered and waitlisted teams to 2021.

BCMBA advised all 2020 entered and waitlisted teams of the postponement. All 2020 teams entered will be carried over to 2021 with any team who wants to withdraw and request for refund will be granted and will enter next team in waitlist order sequence.

One registered team from 2020 (which is being rolled over to 2021) has withdrawn from the 2021 tournament not knowing their future registration numbers at 13U. First waitlisted team will be contacted in early 2021 regarding entry interest.

We have been in contact with the two 2020 cohost associations (Cloverdale and North Langley) to again do so in 2021 if able to when return to play tournaments are possible.

**John Braaten**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
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### **Annual 11U Division Report - 2020 AGM**

#### **The 11U Division Directors:**

Chair – Mike Kelly

Director – Dave Garton

Director –

Island - Tina Baker-Cornett

Interior – Neal Dhaliwal

North – Carmen Martin

#### **Report:**

As there was no summer play due to COVID-19 restrictions, BCMBA focused on messaging and support the needs of our member associations and their families. Beyond this, there is no news to report in the 11UA division regarding the 2020 season.



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### **9U Division Report - AGM Report**

This year was a tough one for the grassroots division given the COVID-19 viaSport and Baseball BC Return to Play (RTP) guidelines and safety protocols. We did find that programming was very limited given association concerns mostly of social distancing protocols and the ages of these youth athletes. Those who did offer programming kept groups/teams with very small player numbers. Did not have much in the way of concerns from associations, just again communication from the top down to coaches and having them understand RTP.

I would like to please remind those coaching in this division in 2021 to review the BCMBA 9U rules (31.0) regarding game play as there were multiple updates to them at the 2019 AGM that were successfully passed.

**John Braaten**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
9U Division Chair



# Proposed Rule Changes for Annual General Meeting

NOVEMBER 14, 2020

DAVE GARTON – RULE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The British Columbia Minor Baseball Association is circulating these rules for consideration at the Annual General Meeting on November 14, 2020.

The process for handling all Rule changes at the Annual General Meeting will follow the following process, which will be Chaired by a combination of the President or Rules Committee Chairman.

1. Introduction of the Proposed Change
2. Mover will be Invited to Speak to Motion
3. Secunder will be invited to Speak to Motion Speak
4. Open Discussion amongst Voting Delegates
5. Amendments may be brought to the floor for consideration, only if the Chair deems the Amendment does not change the face of the original motion
6. Call to Question

Note 1: Only registered Voting Delegates are permitted to speak to motions

Note 2: Voting Delegates may speak a second time on a motion, only after all other delegates have been afforded the opportunity to speak

Note 3: All questions must be addressed through the Chair

Note 4: The Chair at his/her discretion may place a time for discussion on some or all motions

### **Constitutional and By-Law Changes**

- Four (4) By-law / Article changes have been submitted.
- 50%+ 1 of Membership (Associations ONLY) to Pass – BCMBA Board of Directors are NOT Eligible to Vote.

### **Rule Changes**

- Twenty-seven (27) Rules Changes have been submitted.
- 50%+ 1 of Membership and Board of Directors to Pass - BCMBA Board of Directors are Eligible to Vote.

Additional rule updates could occur before the rule book is finalized for 2021. These updates will be for spelling, grammar or language clean up that do not change the meaning of any of the rules as currently written.



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# Article Change # 1

## 1. Existing Rule

### Article I – General

- (a) The registered office of BCMBA shall be in the Municipality of Surrey in the Province of BC

## 2. Rational for Change

There is no reason to restrict the registered office to a certain municipality. Remove the reference to Surrey to have the only requirement to be within BC.

## 3. Proposed Change

The registered office of BCMBA shall will be in the Municipality of Surrey in the Province of BC.

**Mover:**

Dave Garton, Greater Victoria Baseball Association

**Seconded:**

Tina Baker-Cornett, Duncan Junior Baseball Association

Yay*	37
Abstain	0
Nay	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>



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# Article Change # 2

### 1. Existing Rule

#### Article II Rules

Sec. 2 That British Columbia Baseball Association shall be governed by this Constitution and Bylaws along with its playing rules and regulations (the "Playing Rules and Regulations"). The Playing Rules and Regulations are considered Ordinary Resolutions as defined in the BC Societies Act and are reviewed and amended by the membership each year at the Annual General Meeting by way of a majority vote (50% +1) of the Affiliated Associations represented at the Annual General Meeting and those Playing Rules and Regulations each year are hereby incorporated by reference to these Bylaws (hereinafter referred to as the "Rulebook").

### 2. Rational for Change

50% +1 should be of votes actually cast and not just of affiliated associations represented to compile with the Societies Act of BC.

### 3. Proposed Change

Sec. 2 That British Columbia Baseball **Minor** Association shall be governed by this Constitution and Bylaws along with its playing rules and regulations (the "Playing Rules and Regulations"). The Playing Rules and Regulations are considered Ordinary Resolutions as defined in the BC Societies Act and are reviewed and amended by the membership each year at the Annual General Meeting by way of a majority vote (50% +1) of the **votes cast, per resolution**, at the Annual General Meeting and those Playing Rules and Regulations each year are hereby incorporated by reference to these Bylaws (hereinafter referred to as the "Rulebook").

**Mover:**

Dave Garton, Greater Victoria Baseball Association

**Second:**

Tina Baker-Cornett, Duncan Junior Baseball Association

Yay*	37
Abstain	0
Nay	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>



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# Article Change # 3

## 1. Existing Rule

### Article XI Amendments

Sec. 1: This Constitution and By-Laws, or any section thereof shall be amended or repealed by extraordinary resolution approved at any stipulated meeting (but not including a Board of Directors Meeting), by a three-quarters vote of the members present and voting, provided that written notice of such change or changes, over the signature of the President or Secretary, shall be mailed to each member League at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed change or changes shall be submitted to a vote.

## 2. Rational for Change

Update wording because with the advancement of technology most documents are not physically mailed anymore – could be sent via e-mail, drop-box or other available ways.

## 3. Proposed Change

### Article XI Amendments

Sec. 1: This Constitution and By-Laws, or any section thereof shall be amended or repealed by extraordinary resolution approved at any stipulated meeting (but not including a Board of Directors Meeting), by a three-quarters vote of the members present and voting, provided that written notice of such change or changes, over the signature of the President or Secretary, shall be **sent** to each member League at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed change or changes shall be submitted to a vote.

**Mover:**

Dave Garton, Greater Victoria Baseball Association

**Second:**

Tina Baker-Cornett, Duncan Junior Baseball Association

Yay*	37
Abstain	0
Nay	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>



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# Article Change # 4

## 1. Existing Rule

### Article XIV Age Requirements and Divisions of Players playing within Affiliated Associations

Division	Max Age (end of year)	Min Age (start of year)
Junior Men	25	18
18U (Midget)	18	15
15U (Bantam Boys)	15	13
16U (Bantam Girls)	16	13
13U (PeeWee)	13	11
11U (Mosquito)	11	9
9U (Tadpole)	9	7
7U (Rally Cap/Tball)	7	5
5U (Rally Cap/Blast Ball)	5	3

## 2. Rational for Change

Remove Article as ages are defined in Rule 5.02  
No need to have the same information in multiple places

## 3. Proposed Change

Repeal the Article

### Mover:

Dave Garton, Greater Victoria Baseball Association

### Second:

Tina Baker-Cornett, Duncan Junior Baseball Association

Yay*	38
Abstain	0
Nay	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>



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# Rule Change # 1

## 1. Existing Rule

## 1.04 Conditions of Membership for New Associations

- (C) Programs Offered  
All BCMBA member associations must offer BCMBA baseball programs for all age divisions for which they currently run any baseball program. New and existing BCMBA members who do not currently meet this requirement will have a maximum two (2) years to comply after the next renewal date (March 31st, 2013) in order to retain their BCMBA affiliation.

## 2. Rational for Change

This condition only applies to new or recently new members. Updating wording

## 3. Proposed Change

## 1.04 Conditions of Membership for New Associations

- (C) Programs Offered  
All BCMBA member associations must offer BCMBA baseball programs for all age divisions for which they currently run any baseball program. New and existing BCMBA members who do not currently meet this requirement will have a maximum two (2) years **after affiliating with BCMBA to comply** in order to retain their BCMBA affiliation.

**Mover:**

Dave Garton, BC Minor Baseball

**Second:**

Abigail Wong-de Leon, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	54
Abstain	0
Nay	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>



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# Rule Change # 2

## 1. Existing Rule

### 1.04 Conditions of Membership for New Associations

- (C) Programs Offered  
All BCMBA member associations must offer BCMBA baseball programs for all age divisions for which they currently run any baseball program. New and existing BCMBA members who do not currently meet this requirement will have a maximum two (2) years **after affiliating with BCMBA to comply** in order to retain their BCMBA affiliation.

## 2. Rational for Change

Change the requirement to affiliate all divisions to 1 year after initial affiliation. BCMBA will work with any new association to meet this requirement.

## 3. Proposed Change

### 1.04 Conditions of Membership for New Associations

- (C) Programs Offered  
All BCMBA member associations must offer BCMBA baseball programs for all age divisions for which they currently run any baseball program. New and existing BCMBA members who do not currently meet this requirement will have a maximum **one (1)** year after affiliating with BCMBA to comply in order to retain their BCMBA affiliation.

**Mover:**

John Braaten, BC Minor Baseball

**Seconded:**

Mike Kelly, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	38
Nay	15
Abstain	0
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# Rule Change # 3

<b>1. Existing Rule</b>	<p><b>1.09 Risk Management</b></p> <p>Each association must establish a Risk Management process to comply with the following:</p> <p>Every volunteer, coach, employee and/or contractor, who at any time could be expected to have direct contact with any minor aged person, must have on file with their association, the results of a Criminal Record Check (CRC) completed within the previous twelve (12) months from an agency approved by BCMBA. Compliance with this rule is the responsibility of each local association.</p>
<b>2. Rational for Change</b>	Clarify wording - Remove the 12-month requirement
<b>3. Proposed Change</b>	<p><b>1.09 Risk Management</b></p> <p>Each association must establish a Risk Management process to comply with the following:</p> <p>Every volunteer, coach, employee and/or contractor, who at any time could be expected to have direct contact with any minor aged person, must have on file with their association, the results of a <b>valid</b> Criminal Record Check (CRC). <del>completed within the previous twelve (12) months from an agency approved by BCMBA</del>. Compliance with this rule is the responsibility of each local association.</p>
<b>Mover:</b>	Marty Hall, BC Minor Baseball
<b>Second:</b>	Carmen Martin, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	41
Nay	10
Abstain	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>



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# Rule Change # 4

<b>1. Existing Rule</b>	<b>Rule 2.01 Per Player Fee</b> Affiliation fees are determined as per By-Laws, Article XIII and are set as follows: 5U                      \$2.00 per player
<b>2. Rational for Change</b>	To increase the 5U player to cover the increased cost of insurance.  To add coach's fees to match the affiliation form.
<b>3. Proposed Change</b>	<b>Rule 2.01 Per Player/Coach Fee</b>  5U                      \$2.50 per player  Coaches              \$7.00 per coach
<b>Mover:</b>	Anne Hayes, BC Minor Baseball
<b>Second:</b>	Abigail Wong-de Leon, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	52
Abstain	0
Nay	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>



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# Rule Change # 5

## 1. Existing Rule

### Rule 4.01 Single Seasons

BC Baseball will administer single season leagues and provincial championships for the following divisions:

15U AA  
15U AAA  
15U Elite  
18U AAA  
18U College Prep

## 2. Rational for Change

To remove 15U Elite. There is no need for 5 divisions in 15U.

## 3. Proposed Change

### Rule 4.01 Single Seasons

BC **Minor** Baseball **Association** will administer single season leagues and provincial championships for the following divisions:

15U AA  
15U AAA  
18U AAA  
18U College Prep


**Mover:**

Anne Hayes, BC Minor Baseball

**Second:**

Ron Miciuk, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	50
Nay	2
Abstain	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>

 <p>BCMBA AGM November 14, 2020</p>	<p><b>BC MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION</b></p> <p>British Columbia Minor Baseball Association www.bcminorbaseball.org</p> <p><i>Providing Canadian Youth Baseball Programs Since 1963</i></p> <p>7U * 9U * 11U * 13U * 15U * 18U * Junior Men * Challenger</p>	<h1>Rule Change # 6</h1>
<p><b>1. Existing Rule</b></p>	<p><b>5.01 Cut-off Dates/Times</b></p> <p>Age limitation cut-off date is 11:59p.m. as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.</p> <p>Exception: 18U AAA players must be 18 years of age or younger as of August 1<sup>st</sup> and enrolled in fulltime secondary school.</p>	
<p><b>2. Rational for Change</b></p>	<p>With the lost last season for the 2020 graduates of youth baseball, a chance to allow those that have not moved onto another league a chance to play a final season, by adding an exception for 2021 only.</p> <p>The PBL has already adopted a rule of this nature for the 2021 season.</p>	
<p><b>3. Proposed Change</b></p>	<p>Exception for 2021 only: In addition to the overage exception above and those mentioned in Rule 5.07, an 18U AAA or 18U AA team maybe have up to 3 players who will turn 19 years of age in 2021, but do not qualify for the other overage options.</p>	
<p><b>Mover:</b></p>	<p>Valerie McCulloch, Campbell River Minor Baseball Association</p>	
<p><b>Seconded:</b></p>	<p>Dave Garton, BC Minor Baseball</p>	

Nay*	35
Yay	15
Abstain	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>

Abstentions:

BCMBA - Dave Garton

North Delta



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# Rule Change # 7

## 1. Existing Rule

### Rule 5.02 Age by Division.

Division	Max Age (end of year)	Min Age (start of year)
Junior Men	25	18

## 2. Rational for Change

To bring this rule in line with the playing rules of the Junior Men's division.

## 3. Proposed Change

### Rule 5.02 Age by Division

Division	Max Age (end of year)	Min Age (start of year)
Junior Men	26	18

**Mover:**

Anne Hayes, BC Minor Baseball

**Second:**

Val Greenwood , BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	51
Abstain	0
Nay	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>



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# Rule Change # 8

## 1. Existing Rule

### 5.02 Age by Division

Division	Max Age (end of year)	Min Age (start of year)
18U	18	15
15U	15	13
16U (Girls)	16	13
13U	13	11
11U	11	9

## 2. Rational for Change

Change age grouping for female players to bring in alignment with Western Canada and Baseball Canada.

## 3. Proposed Change

Division	Max Age (end of year)	Min Age (start of year)
18U (Boys)	18	15
18U (Girls)	21	15
15U (Boys)	15	13
15U (Girls)	16	13
13U (Boys)	13	11
13U (Girls)	14	11
11U	11	9
For Westerns and Nationals play:		
16U (Girls)	16	13
14U (Girls)	14	11

### Mover:

Val Greenwood, BC Minor Baseball

### Seconder:

Mike Kelly, BC Minor Baseball



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# Rule Change # 9

## 1. Existing Rule

## 5.05 Permanent Move Up

Any under-aged player who has the baseball ability may play in one higher age division at the discretion of the Association President or Player Agent provided:

- (i) The Association applies in writing to the BCMBA Player Eligibility Chair providing full particulars.
- (ii) Written approval has been obtained from the BCMBA Player Eligibility Chair prior to June 1. If written approval is not obtained the player will not be eligible to play in a higher division.
- (iii) Only 9U player(s) that an Association moves up to 11U for the Spring Season is eligible to participate at any level of Summer Season. (8U not included)
- (iv) Only 9U player(s) that an Association moves up to 11U for the Summer season only, may participate only at the 10U level. (8U not included)

## 2. Rational for Change

Clarify the difference between divisions (11U, 13U, 15U) and level of play (AAA, AA, A)

## 3. Proposed Change

Any under-aged player who has the baseball ability may play in one higher age division at the discretion of the Association President or Player Agent provided:

- (i) The Association applies in writing to the BCMBA Player Eligibility Chair providing full particulars.
- (ii) Written approval has been obtained from the BCMBA Player Eligibility Chair prior to June 1. If written approval is not obtained the player will not be eligible to play in a higher division.
- (iii) Only 9U player(s) that an Association moves up to 11U for the Spring Season is eligible to participate at any level of Summer Season. (8U not included)
- (iv) Only 9U player(s) that an Association moves up to 11U for the Summer season only, may participate only at the 10U level. (8U not included)

If all the above conditions are fulfilled the player can play at the level (AAA, AA, A) that they are able to qualify for within the division they have been approved to play in.

**Mover:**

Tina Baker-Cornett, BC Minor Baseball

**Seconded:**

Dave Garton, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	47
Nay	4
Abstain	0
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# Rule Change # 10

<b>1. Existing Rule</b>	<b>5.07 Overage Players for 18U AA</b>  (f) Overage players cannot have played 18U AAA or Premier in the previous season
<b>2. Rational for Change</b>	Add College Prep to the divisions an overage player cannot have played in previously.
<b>3. Proposed Change</b>	<b>5.07 Overage Players for 18U AA</b>  (f) Overage players cannot have played 18U AAA, 18U College Prep or Premier in the previous season
<b>Mover:</b>	Neil Dhaliwal, BC Minor Baseball
<b>Second:</b>	Dave Garton, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	50
Abstain	0
Nay	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>



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# Rule Change # 11

## 1. Existing Rule

### 6.03 Obtaining Releases

(H) The Player Eligibility Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and two other persons appointed by the BCMBA Executive Committee. The Player Eligibility Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, as required by the volume of Applications. The Committee shall deal with an application within 10 days of receipt.

## 2. Rational for Change

Adding clarification that the 10-day counter only starts after a fully completed application is received.

## 3. Proposed Change

### 6.03 Obtaining Releases

(H) The Player Eligibility Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and two other persons appointed by the BCMBA Executive Committee. The Player Eligibility Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairperson, as required by the volume of Applications. The Committee shall deal with an application within 10 days of **acceptance of a properly completed application.**

**Mover:**

Neal Dhaliwal, BC Minor Baseball

**Second:**

Dave Garton, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	52
Abstain	0
Nay	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>



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# Rule Change # 12

## 1. Existing Rule

## 6.05 Release Dates

A yearly release shall be in effect as of the date the application for player movement is approved for the period of January 1st through October 31st.  
A Summer release is for the period July 1st to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

## 2. Rational for Change

Update for Summer releases

## 3. Proposed Change

## 6.05 Release Dates

A yearly release shall be in effect as of the date the application for player movement is approved for the period of January 1st through October 31st.  
A Summer release is for the **Summer Season only**.

**Mover:**

John Braaten, BC Minor Baseball

**Second:**

Carmen Martin, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	50
Nay	1
Abstain	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>



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# Rule Change # 13

## 1. Existing Rule

### Rule 7: Single Season Procedures: 15U AA 15U AAA 15U Elite & 18U AAA

#### **Rule 7.01 Declaration Dates**

Associations playing in either division must provide, via the Association President, written notice to BCMBA Division Chair by December 1<sup>st</sup> for 15U AAA, January 1<sup>st</sup> for 15U AA and February 1 for all other Single Season divisions. 15U Elite applications will be submitted no later than the BCMBA AGM with selection reporting being made by the December BCMBA board meeting. Such notice will include those person(s) authorized to make decisions for the teams in regard to schedule, travel requirements, etc. Any withdrawal from this commitment after February 15 will result in a \$500.00 assessment for the association.

## 2. Rational for Change

To remove 15U Elite. There is no reason to have 5 levels of play in 15U.

## 3. Proposed Change

### Rule 7: Single Season Procedures: 15U AA 15U AAA & 18U AAA

#### **Rule 7.01 Declaration Dates**

To remove the following sentence. 15U Elite applications will be submitted no later than the BCMBA AGM with selection reporting being made by the December BCMBA board meeting.

**Mover:**

Anne Hayes, BC Minor Baseball

**Seconded:**

Ron Miciuk, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	52
Nay	1
Abstain	0
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# Rule Change # 14

### 1. Existing Rule

#### Rule 7.01 Declaration Dates

Associations playing in either division must provide, via the Association President, written notice to BCMBA Division Chair by December 1st for 15U AAA, January 1st for 15U AA and February 1 for all other Single Season divisions.

### 2. Rational for Change

To align 15UAA with all other Single Season declaration dates except College Prep and 15UAAA.

### 3. Proposed Change

#### Rule 7.01 Declaration Dates

Associations playing in either division must provide, via the Association President, written notice to BCMBA Division Chair by December 1<sup>st</sup> for 15U AAA, **and February 1<sup>st</sup> for all other Single Season divisions.**

**Mover:**

Anne Hayes, BC Minor Baseball

**Second:**

Abigail Wong-de Leon, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	51
Nay	1
Abstain	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>



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# Rule Change # 15

### 1. Existing Rule

#### Rule 7.02 Submission of Rosters

Single season teams must submit a roster to the BCMBA director for that division prior to April 1. Associations will be allowed to have a maximum of three (3) out-of-catchment players at the 15U AAA and 15U AA level.

### 2. Rational for Change

To add 3 more players to out-of-catchment to the 15UAAA teams.

### 3. Proposed Change

#### Rule 7.02 Submission of Rosters

Single season teams must submit a roster to the BCMBA director for that division prior to April 1. The maximum out-of-catchment players per team an Associations will be allowed to have are:

- (i) three (3) at the 15U AA level.
- (ii) six (6) at the 15U AAA level.

**Mover:**

Anne Hayes, BC Minor Baseball

**Second:**

Ron Miciuk, BC Minor Baseball



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# Rule Change # 16

### 1. Existing Rule

**7.07 Boundaries: 18U AAA and 18U College Prep ONLY**

### 2. Rational for Change

Remove 18U College Prep

### 3. Proposed Change

**7.07 Boundaries: 18U AAA ONLY**

**Mover:**

Anne Hayes, BC Minor Baseball

**Second:**

Carmen Martin, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	52
Nay	1
Abstain	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53</b>



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# Rule Change # 17

### 1. Existing Rule

#### Rule 8: Spring Play

##### **8.01 Player Eligibility**

B) 13U Spring teams can have a maximum of 3 players who do not reside within the boundaries of their Association on their roster.

### 2. Rational for Change

Include other spring divisions to the maximum of 3 players from outside their association

### 3. Proposed Change

#### Rule 8: Spring Play

##### **8.01 Player Eligibility**

B) 13U, 15U A, and 18U AA Spring teams can have a maximum of 3 players who do not reside within the boundaries of their Association on their roster.

**Mover:**

Abigail Wong-de Leon, BC Minor Baseball

**Second:**

Dave Garton, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	48
Nay	5
Abstain	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53</b>



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# Rule Change # 18

1. Existing Rule	<div>8.08 13U</div> <div>Tiered teams permitted.</div> <div>Registered players must be divided through a common draft and created as evenly as possible. Associations must field teams based on the chart below:</div> <table><tr><td>Number of teams</td><td>Min 'AA' Teams</td><td>Max 'A' Teams</td></tr><tr><td>1 – 2</td><td>0</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>3 – 5</td><td>1</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>6 – 9</td><td>2</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>10 – 12</td><td>3</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>13 – 15</td><td>4</td><td>11</td></tr></table>	Number of teams	Min 'AA' Teams	Max 'A' Teams	1 – 2	0	2	3 – 5	1	4	6 – 9	2	7	10 – 12	3	9	13 – 15	4	11
Number of teams	Min 'AA' Teams	Max 'A' Teams																	
1 – 2	0	2																	
3 – 5	1	4																	
6 – 9	2	7																	
10 – 12	3	9																	
13 – 15	4	11																	
2. Rational for Change	The number of teams based on spring registration does not line up with current 13U Summer play rule 9.04. Removing the number of teams and basing minimum 13U AA teams for spring based on registrants.																		
3. Proposed Change	<div>8.08</div> <div>Registered players must be divided through a common draft and created as evenly as possible. Associations with multiple 13U AA teams must submit supplied president signed rosters by April 1<sup>st</sup> each year to Division Chair.</div> <table><tr><td>Number of players</td><td>Minimum “AA” Teams</td><td>Maximum “A” Teams</td></tr><tr><td>1-36</td><td>0</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>37-60</td><td>1</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>61-96</td><td>2</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>97-144</td><td>3</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>145 or more</td><td>4</td><td>11</td></tr></table>	Number of players	Minimum “AA” Teams	Maximum “A” Teams	1-36	0	3	37-60	1	4	61-96	2	6	97-144	3	9	145 or more	4	11
Number of players	Minimum “AA” Teams	Maximum “A” Teams																	
1-36	0	3																	
37-60	1	4																	
61-96	2	6																	
97-144	3	9																	
145 or more	4	11																	
Mover:	John Braaten, BC Minor Baseball																		
Second:	Mike Kelly, BC Minor Baseball																		

Yay*	37
Nay	12
Abstain	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>

Abstentions:

BCMBA - Neal Dhaliwal



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# Rule Change # 19

## 1. Existing Rule

### 9.04 (B)

### 13U Summer Play

In this Division teams for summer ball will be determined based on their Association's division registration for spring ball as follows:

- 154 or more registered 13U players – such Associations must field 2 “AAA” teams
- 77 or more registered 13U players – 1<sup>st</sup> team must be AAA
- 51-76 registered 13U players – 1<sup>st</sup> team must be AA
- 0-50 registered 13U players – 1<sup>st</sup> team must be A

## 2. Rational for Change

The number of teams based on spring registration does not line up with 13U Summer play rule 9.04. Removing the number of teams and basing minimum AA teams for spring based on registrants

## 3. Proposed Change

### 9.04 (B)

In this division for summer ball will be determined based on their association's division spring registration as follows:

- 145 or more registered 13U players – such associations must field two (2) balanced AAA teams
- 61 or more registered 13U players – 1st teams must be AAA
- 37-60 registered 13U players – 1st team must be AA
- 1-36 registered 13U players – 1st team must be A

### Mover:

John Braaten, BC Minor Baseball

### Second:

Mike Kelly, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	31
Nay	20
Abstain	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>

Abstentions:



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# Rule Change # 20

## 1. Existing Rule

None

## 2. Rational for Change

Associations that field multiple 13U AA teams based on spring registration as per Rule 8.08 must be split for summer play. First team must be 13U AAA and second team must be 13U AA

## 3. Proposed Change

**9.04 (B) ii**

Associations that are required to field two (2) spring 13U AA teams as per Rule 8.08 must split with first team being fielded 13U AAA and second team fielded 13U AA for summer play.

**Mover:**

John Braaten, BC Minor Baseball


**Second:**

Mike Kelly, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	42
Nay	8
Abstain	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>

Abstentions:

Lake Cowichan

 BCMBA AGM November 14, 2020	<p><b>BC MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION</b></p> <p>British Columbia Minor Baseball Association  <a href="http://www.bcminorbaseball.org">www.bcminorbaseball.org</a></p> <p><i>Providing Canadian Youth Baseball Programs Since 1963</i></p> <p>7U * 9U * 11U * 13U * 15U * 18U * Junior Men * Challenger</p>	<h1>Rule Change # 21</h1>
<b>1. Existing Rule</b>	<b>None</b>	
<b>2. Rational for Change</b>	Associations that field a minimum of three (3) 13U AA teams based on spring registration as per Rule 8.08 must be split for summer play. First team must be 13U AAA and remaining two be equally balanced. There is some historical data of associations that have 3 or more 13U AA teams in spring only field two in summer play which leaves 12 or more spring registered players without a tiered team to play on within their association.	
<b>3. Proposed Change</b>	<p><b>9.04 (B) iii</b></p> <p>Associations that field a minimum of three (3) spring 13U AA teams as per Rule 8.08 must split their Spring teams and draft their AAA and AA teams for summer play. The remaining teams at 13U AA for summer play must be balanced.</p>	
<b>Mover:</b>	John Braaten, BC Minor Baseball	
<b>Seconded:</b>	Mike Kelly, BC Minor Baseball	

Yay*	40
Nay	7
Abstain	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>

Abstentions:



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# Rule Change # 22

## 1. Existing Rule

### 9.04 Number of Teams Required (C) 15U Summer Play

Associations may field any number of 15U A teams.  
The 15U Directors for BCMBA may also request an Association to “play up” despite having numbers to the contrary. This request would be based on the following:

- a) Spring Inter-Lock Performance
- b) Tournament Results
- c) 15U Director’s own observations throughout the year and feedback from other Associations during the year.

In the case of 15U AA team being requested to play 15U AAA, the team would be required to enter the 15U AAA Wild Card Tournament and earn a Provincial Berth, similar to a Zone Tournament. If the team is not successful, they will not be permitted to participate at the lower tier.

## 2. Rational for Change

Bring rule into alignment with the fact 15U AA is a single season league

## 3. Proposed Change

In the case of 15U A team being requested to play 15U AA, the team would be required to enter the 15U AA Wild Card Tournament and earn a Provincial Berth, similar to a Zone Tournament. If the team is not successful, they will not be permitted to participate at the lower tier.

**Mover:**

Dave Garton, BC Minor Baseball Association

**Second:**

Abigail Wong-de Leon, BC Minor Baseball Association

Yay*	49
Abstain	0
Nay	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>



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# Rule Change # 23

<b>1. Existing Rule</b>	<b>9.09 Roster Changes</b>  (A) Once the team registration form has been mailed to the BCMBA no change can be made on the player roster except for illness of, or injury to, the players listed.
<b>2. Rational for Change</b>	Updating to technology of documents being emailed in and not mailed any longer.
<b>3. Proposed Change</b>	<b>9.09 Roster Changes</b>  (A) Once the team registration form has been submitted to the BCMBA no change can be made on the player roster except for illness of, or injury to, the players listed.
<b>Mover:</b>	Neil Dhaliwal, BC Minor Baseball
<b>Second:</b>	Dave Garton, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	49
Abstain	1
Nay	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>

Abstentions:

Lake Cowichan

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<p><b>1. Existing Rule</b></p>	<p><b>None</b></p>	
<p><b>2. Rationale for Change</b></p>	<p>There are no rules regarding Summer Season Move-ups or Move-downs. In 2019 BCMBA published 2 policies regarding these as previously decisions were made outside the rule book.</p>	
<p><b>3. Proposed Change</b></p>	<p>Add Rule</p> <p><b>9.11 Summer Season Move-up and Move-downs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Any player who desires to move-up a division or move-down a division must apply in writing through their member Association President or Player Agent to the BCMBA Eligibility Chairperson providing full details. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There is no deadline for this application as players may wish or need to move during the summer season (i.e.: injury).</li> </ul> </li> <li>ii. Summer Season Move-ups are not considered Permanent, see Rule 5.05.</li> <li>iii. Summer Season Move-ups or Move-Downs are for the Summer Season only.</li> <li>iv. Summer Season Move-ups are not eligible to Pitch as they have not pitched at the higher division distance and have been subject to a lower pitch count.</li> <li>v. Summer Season Move-Downs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Are not eligible to pitch as their development may be dangerous to the players in the lower division.</li> <li>b. Summer Season Move-downs shall not displace lower division players.</li> <li>c. Summer Season Move-downs shall be from the A (house) level of the higher division. (i.e.: 18AA to 15UA, 15A to 13U, 13A to 11U, 11U to 9U)</li> </ul> </li> <li>vi. A copy of the approval from the BCMBA Eligibility Chair must always accompany the team roster and the player playing down must have been added to the official roster that must also be signed by the member Association President.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Mover:</b></p>	<p>Tina Baker-Cornett, BC Minor Baseball</p>	
<p><b>Seconded:</b></p>	<p>Neil Dhaliwal, BC Minor Baseball</p>	

Yay*	50
Abstain	0
Nay	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>



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# Rule Change # 25

## 1. Existing Rule

### 19.02 Helmets

Chinstraps must be worn at 7U, 9U, 10U & 11U, and 13U divisions.

## 2. Rational for Change

Helmets manufactured with the C flap (chin protection) are pressure fitted and do not come with the snaps to attach a chin strap.

## 3. Proposed Change

For divisions 13U and younger all player helmets must have a chin strap or have been manufactured with a C-flap (chin protector) and not contain the snaps for a chin strap.

**Mover:**

Raj Puri, BC Minor Baseball

**Seconded:**

Ron Miciuk, BC Minor Baseball

Yay	34
Nay	2
Abstain	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>



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# Rule Change # 26

## 1. Existing Rule

**23.03 Summer Play (9-man ball): 13U AAA; 15U AA & AAA; 18U AAA**

## 2. Rational for Change

Stating which divisions are single season and for what divisions this only applies to summer play.

## 3. Proposed Change

**23.03 9-Player ball – Single Season (15U AA, 15U AAA, 18U AAA, 18U College Prep) and for Summer Play (13U AAA,)**

Amend motion to read "Player" in lieu of "Man"

Yay*	39
Nay	6
Abstain	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>

Abstentions:

BCMBA - Grant Butler
Chilliwack

**Mover:**

Dave Garton, BC Minor Baseball

**Second:**

Carmen Martin, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	48
Nay	1
Abstain	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>



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# Rule Change # 27

## 1. Existing Rule

### 35.02 Junior Division Rules

(A) Age – Players who are 18-24 years old, as of January 1st of the current playing year, are eligible to play. The business manager of each team must be age 25 or older. (Note: A player who is 24 years old on January 1<sup>st</sup> (12.01AM) and turns 25 during the season is eligible.)

## 2. Rational for Change

To align with the ages for the Jr Men's division.

## 3. Proposed Change

(A) Age – Players who are 18-**25** years old, as of January 1st of the current playing year, are eligible to play. The business manager of each team must be age 25 or older. (Note: A player who is 24 years old on January 1<sup>st</sup> (12.01AM) and turns 25 during the season is eligible.)

**Mover:**

Anne Hayes, BC Minor Baseball

**Second:**

Val Greenwood, BC Minor Baseball

Yay*	45
Abstain	0
Nay	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>