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College Prep 2020 Pre-Season Meeting Minutes

10:00 AM

Sunday, November 16, 2020

Cloverdale Clubhouse - 17383 61A Avenue, Surrey, BC

BCMBA

Grant Butler - President Anne Hayes - Treasurer James Raymond - Administrative Director
John Braaten - 1st VP Ray Wearing - Director Trevor McGuire - Director
Abigail Wong-de Leon - Director

Teams

Tri City Thunder	J.J. Hyde (JJ)
Kamloops River Dogs	Frank Ingram (FI)
COMBA Sun Devils	Derek McPherson (DM)
Township Blue Sox	Mike Addy (MA)
North Fraser Nationals	Sonya Jefferies Ellen (SJE)
VI Mariners	Liam Goodall (LG)
Cloverdale Nationals	Scott Manick (SM)
Cloverdale Nationals	Dave Palmer (DP)
Ridge Meadows Royals	Jeff Scott (JS)
Chilliwack Cougars	

BCMBA Contact Grant Butler, 18U CP Director (250-510-9886, gbutlerbcls@gmail.com)

Call to Order 10:04 AM

Overview of last season

- No issues throughout the season
- Final four round-robin saw a three-way tie for first which required the utilization of the tie-breaker rule
- Chilliwack went on to New Jersey as BC Minor CP Champions and took gold at the Diamond Nation College Elite Wood Bat Showcase
- 13 Scouts on hand at Showcase (College/MLB)



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Review 2019 Rule 7 for Single Season Procedures – Subject to Nov 16 AGM Rule Changes

7.01 Declaration Dates

- Associations playing in either league must provide, via the Association President, written notice to B.C.B.A. by December 1st for 15U AAA, January 1st for 15U AA and February 1 for all other Single Season divisions. 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.

7.02 Submission of Rosters

- Single season teams must submit a roster to the B.C.M.B.A. director for that division prior to April 1. (Unless CP starts any earlier during last week of March)
- With nine teams this season we may start the season earlier to get the regular season in

7.03 Roster Changes

- In the 18U CP division only players who have at least one year of 18U eligibility remaining beyond the current playing season may be added to the roster prior to July 1

Reviewed and clarified that Call Ups are not considered Roster Changes

7.04 Deletion of Players from Roster

- Any player on a single season roster may drop down to the A or AA level until June 1 of the current playing season. (one level drop only)

7.05 Player Eligibility – Provincial Championships

- Any player meeting these roster deadlines is eligible to play in the provincial championships and is not required to play 50% of his team's games.

7.06 Number of Players



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7.07 Boundaries: 18U ONLY

- Rules 6.01 to 6.05 shall not apply at the 18U CP level. In the case of a player wishing to try out for a 18U CP team and his residence is not located within the boundaries of such association, the receiving association and/or player shall notify in writing both the association wherein his residence lies and the 18U CP Coordinator, at least five (5) days prior to the player practicing or playing with the receiving association. Failure to comply with this provision will result in the receiving associations being fined \$200.00 for each player in which proper notification was not given. In order to be eligible to play in Provincial Championships, a player must be registered prior to June 1.

7.08 Required Rest

- In the case of doubleheaders, there must be a minimum of forty-five (45) minutes rest between games

Grant Butler - The assumption is that coaches are managing this per field conditions and other elements

Review 2018 Rule 12.02 18U Exceptions:

Player movement (2018)

- College Prep players are not allowed to play 18U AAA
- 18U AAA players can play up to 12 games of College Prep, (Permanent move-ups not allowed)

Review 2018 Rule 13 - Manager, Coach, Player, and Parent – Code of Conduct

- No fighting, see (G) pranks, jokes or other activities which endanger the safety of others;

Grant Butler - As fighting is not specified in the rule book it is covered under "...or other activities which endanger the safety of others

- No Recruiting, see (N)

Grant Butler - Have players and parents read the BCMBA Code of Conduct and have them sign off that they have read and understand

Scheduling

- 6 games vs each team = 48 game schedules
- Start date: Saturday, March 21st or 28th

Anne Hayes - outlined the 4/2 format of the CP schedule



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- Will use last year's schedule as a reference. Teams who travelled to the Interior last year likely will NOT travel to the Interior this year
- The schedule will be sent out in a draft form, it is the team's responsibility to review and submit any requested changes
- League games will take precedence over any other games (tournament/exhibition)
- Scheduler info sheet email completed form to gbutlerbcls@gmail.com
- Blackouts, field times, lights? Events, field availability ie: open for play

DP - Concerns around some teams not responding in a timely manner to reschedule requests due to rainouts

Ray Wearing - Games are to be rescheduled within 48 hours of the originally scheduled game. Should one or both teams not respond the game may be rescheduled without the agreement of the non-responsive teams (to be approved by Division Director)

Anne Hayes - If the problem persists contact BCMBA Division Director and we can assist

Grant Butler - Make sure to list all tournaments your team is committed to on the scheduler form. We can usually accommodate two tournaments, more than that may be subject to an unavoidable scheduling conflict

- League-wide blackout – NO GAMES Scheduled 16U 3-day development camp – date TBD
- 16U ID Camps for Select Team during Coaching Caravan, dates and times TBD
- 16U 3-day development camp for Select Team, Tournament, dates and times TBD
- College Showcase All-Star game, details, dates and times TBD, to be discussed

Ray Wearing - If we do Showcase we would do so on the same weekend as the 16U Team BC Selects Development Camp

JJ - Kill it, it allows an extra weekend to use for makeup games lost due to weather

LG - Fan of it, like it for the players

- Rainout/Makeup Games. Both teams need to arrange the games within 1 week.
- This applies to all teams except if one team is from out of town or travelling teams. The home team sets the reschedule date. Games not played or cancelled will be fined \$500.00. For the benefit of travelling teams, please make it a point to cancel before teams begin to travel.



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Playoffs format

- Top 8 play best of 3 series to get to final 4 (1vs8, 2vs7, 3vs6, 4vs5)

Grant Butler - 9th team will be on the outside looking in

COMBA has been awarded the 2020 CP Provincial Championship Final Four (Elks Stadium Jul. 23 - Jul. 26)

Mike Addy - Can we clarify who is responsible for baseballs and umpires?

Ray Wearing - Home team is responsible for the baseballs and umpires, not the home FIELD but the home TEAM for that game

Anne Hayes - Final Four event has been moved forward to Jul. 23 - 26th to accommodate the Baseball BC Pathway to Nationals event

Provincial Winners Travel

Final 4 League Champion – New Jersey Tournament, dates to be determined

Anne Hayes - Are we doing it?

Grant Butler - Yes, dependant on the discussion to be held once meeting with Baseball BC has been held

Westerns/Nationals

- Baseball BC qualifier to Nationals August long weekend, number of teams under negotiation

Anne Hayes - We are still not sure how that is going to look as there will be no "Pay and Play" entry format.

Rat Wearing - The Pathways committee proposed to Baseball BC that they host a 10 Qualifier. PBL and BC Minor will run their Championship the weekend before. The final four + the top team not qualifying for final four would make up the five BC Minor teams. Winner of the Baseball BC event would go on to Nationals

Feedback from the PBL is that the Westerns and Nationals are not "championships" rather just another tournament

MA - Feeling that it will be tough to get buy-in from the PBL to supply their top teams as those teams don't view Westerns and Nationals as key tournaments for them based on the value

The 10 team tournament is dependent on both PBL and BC Minor both participating

Conference Call Available **Phone Number:** 1-866-850-3418 **Conference Code:** 7860942278#



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Ray Wearing - If the PBL does not have an interest in Westerns and Nationals then the All-Star weekend comes back into play and we would likely send that team

JJ - Does Derek have a contact with local hotels?

James Raymond - BC Minor has a program with Sandman and working on the same with Coast Hotels. They will block the rooms

Fall Classic Tournament

- 3rd Weekend of September, location TBD

Grant Butler - This year went well. Ray Wearing was the Director in Charge

Anne Hayes - 2020 may see some challenges in host association

John Braaten - J.J. had an idea of doing a regional format where a number of associations host the pool play then come together for the playoff bracket

J.J. - Stressed the importance of quality venues in order to make the event more attractive to all teams

LG - Conflict with BLE tournament caused some teams to not be there

Grant Butler - If we can coordinate with BLE then we can schedule around that so teams can attend both

Coaching Conference

- February 7-9, 2020 (Langley Events Centre) includes a High-Performance Component.

Scholarships

- Up to \$2500.00 in scholarship funding is awarded every year. The application is available online.
- 14 applications this year, six scholarships will be awarded
- Board approved an increase to \$3000

Round Table and Conference Phone Open

Reminders

- iScore is mandatory for all College Prep leagues and optional for 18U AAA.

Mike Addy - used Game Changer as they were told that iScore would not work with Sports Engine



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James Raymond - iScore is the platform to use with SE. Will send out user sheet with tips and tricks for the new season

General Discuss - We should all do it, or we should not bother posting stats. It has no value if it is not consistent and universal

- Scores should be submitted within 24 hours after the game.
- The home team should give 30 mins BP for visiting teams.
- Any players that coaches think should be on a Select Team, forward their names to Grant Butler

MA - Can we set a minimum standard for baseballs so that they are consistent across the league?

Discussion - yes, we will spec the Pro Nine OLAA and the Rawlings equivalent (to be listed upon confirmation)

Adjourned - 10:49