



## British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

*BC's Largest Youth Baseball Organization Since 1963*

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Girls Baseball - Challenger Baseball

[www.bcminorbaseball.org](http://www.bcminorbaseball.org)

### BCMBA Spring Workshop/Meeting Minutes - Island Region

Mar 8th, 2020 (Nanaimo) 11:00 AM, Rotary Field House

#### 1. Roll Call:

Salt Spring	Nanaimo	Chemainus
Victoria	Triangle	Ladysmith

#### 2. Introduction of BCMBA members:

Grant Butler - President	Mike Kelly - Coach Dev Co-Chair/HP Chair/11U Chair
Anne Hayes - Treasurer	Dave Garton - Rules Chair
James Raymond - Administrative Director	Tina Baker-Cornett - Eligibility Chair
Abigail Wong-de Leon - 15U AA Director/Scholarship Chair	

#### 3. Presidents report/remarks

Registration and Insurance elements should be in motion for all associations. Should there be questions regarding registrations or insurance please contact Anne Hayes.

A new look board includes a chair for each division or committee. Communications for each division or committee should flow through the chair so that they can best direct to the appropriate contact. Chairs can be found on the BC Minor website on the Executives page. There you will find our list of director assignments.

Other changes since the AGM include:

Discipline Chair - Ray Wearing  
Eligibility - Tina Baker-Cornett and Neal Dhaliwal as Co-Chairs  
18U Chair - Ray Wearing  
15U Chair - Anne Hayes  
13U Chair - John Braaten  
11U Chair - Mike Kelly  
9U Chair - John Braaten

Rules - Read the rules, know the rules.

Grant Butler: [president@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:president@bcminorbaseball.org)

**Umpires** - Grant Butler is the current Umpire Liaison. BCMBA and BCBUA currently working on a new contract. The requirements under the contract specific to Provincials will be required reading for all host associations. We will be distributing the contract out to everyone who runs tournaments as there are requirements set out in the contract that we will need to adhere to. Presidents will receive a copy of the new contract, they will be who your coaches and directors should refer to.

Grant Butler: [umps@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:umps@bcminorbaseball.org)

**Baseball BC** - Pathways are all set up. Access to info is on either the BC Minor website or on the Baseball BC site. Be sure to read up on all of it, including the NCCP certification requirements and pitch counts.

Otherwise, we wish you a great season and best wishes to all

*Question from the floor:* A couple of guys have stepped down, was that for personal reasons.

Grant Butler - Some fundamental elements of our rulebooks have changed and that has changed the process for some roles. Given that some members determined that they were not able to act as they felt they needed to and tendered their resignations. Unsure, as to why others resigned other than speculating that they felt their time was done.

**Rules** - Please contact Dave with any rule clarifications so that we can maintain consistent messaging and ruling. Simple answers can be provided right away, the complex questions will be presented to the committee for clarification. Please use the rules@ email so that we have proper documentation of correspondence.

Dave Garton: [rules@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:rules@bcminorbaseball.org)

**Eligibility** - If you don't want a player to move, do not sign the movement release form. If the form is signed both Presidents BCMBA is not inclined to intervene. Incomplete forms will not be accepted entirely and correctly

Tina Baker-Cornett/Neal Dhaliwal: [eligibility@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:eligibility@bcminorbaseball.org)

*Question from the floor:* Can a player go back to his home association after Spring season to play Summer season.

*Tina Baker-Cornett:* Not without another release to back to the home association

*Comment from the BoD (Anne Hayes):* Any player funding supports are to be directed through Baseball BC as they are the official PSO. BC Minor website will be updated to direct applicants to Baseball BC Links page

*Question from the floor:* When do we forward rule change requests?

*Grant Butler:* If you want to change a rule, you would submit the rule change recommendation with the support of a President and a seconder.

*Question from the floor:* Can you clarify the rule on players dropping from AA (13U) in the summer to play A.

*Anne Hayes:* No. They cannot play A for the Summer if they have played AA for the Spring. However, they could be released to play AA with another association.

Discussion around eligibility, call up game limits, and alternative options

**Coaching Conference, Coaching Caravan** - Great turnout for the 2020 Coaches Conference. Props to Ladysmith for the strong showing of coaches.

Caravan - Final details being hammered out and will be communicated to host associations as well as broadcast out through all social media channels and direct email campaigns

HP Selects - Coaches needed application deadline extended to April 1st. Application found online [www.bcminorbaseball.org](http://www.bcminorbaseball.org) under Programs/High Performance. New regional trial this season. Four regional teams Island/Interior/Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley. Each regional team will have 15 players. The Interior region is being explored as a three-day camp Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. 13U/15U/16U Camps happen at the same time. From the regional camps, 15 players from the 13U and 15U divisions will be selected to represent the region and attend the Team BC Selects 3-day development camp. 16U will be slightly different due to the smaller turnouts at the 16U level.

The purpose of the regional model is to offer more players access to high-level ball over a longer period of time.

Guest coaches for the Team BC Development Camps:

13U Pete Caliendo - May 8/9/10

15U Pete Wilkinson - June 19/20/21

16U Ernie Young - May 29/30/31

Island ID camp date and location to be announced shortly

Coach Development - NCCP is in effect. Last year was the grace period, enforcement will be in place for the 2020 season. Contact Baseball BC to set up training and certification.

Mike Kelly: [coaches@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:coaches@bcminorbaseball.org)

*Tina Baker-Cornett:* Duncan is scheduled to host NCCP training. Check the Baseball BC website or NCCP website for course dates and registration.

#### **4. 1<sup>st</sup> VP report:**(if needed)

A Risk Management page is under construction on the BC Minor website. Looking to have standardized Criminal Record Check guidelines. BC Minor is recommending that all associations have their umpires(18+ yrs old) also submit a CRC. As they are also in a position of authority with youth players and officials. There is no downside to having a CRC.

John Braaten: [1stvp@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:1stvp@bcminorbaseball.org)

#### **5. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP report:** No report

Sanda King: [2ndvp@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:2ndvp@bcminorbaseball.org)

#### **6. Administrative Directors report**

2020 Single Season leagues and team pages are set up. Please have coaches and managers who will be entering scores forward their SportsEngine profile user name (usually their email) so that they can be set up as their page admin. Teams are also asked to submit their team logo so it can be added as well.

All member associations are provided a free banner on the bcminorbaseball.org home page for their association logo. This banner links to their association website. Please forward your updated Association Logo if you haven't already.

Schedules for 15U AAA/18U AAA/18U CP currently posted online

James Raymond: [administrativedirector@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:administrativedirector@bcminorbaseball.org)

*Question from the floor:* Where do we stand with D&O Insurance.

*Anne Hayes:* It is in place however documentation and other insurance elements are slow to respond.

#### **7. Division info:**

18U -

Ray Wearing: [18uchair@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:18uchair@bcminorbaseball.org)

15U - 15U AA Schedule and results for Island Division will be linked on the BC Minor website. Anticipated to be posted this coming week.

Provincials are to be hosted by Chilliwack with White Rock hosting Wild Card tournament.

Tier One: Eight Teams

Tier Two: Eleven Teams

Anne Hayes: [15uchair@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:15uchair@bcminorbaseball.org)

13U - Regional Workshops and Divisional Meeting for the Lower Mainland will set the regional interlocking schedules. Kelowna and Kamloops will be fielding two AA teams in the interior region. All associations fielding more than one AA team must balance their teams (13U Chair, Directors, and Regional Representatives will be monitoring to confirm that teams are balanced for Spring Season play). This year will see an effort to link regional interlock game results and team standings on the BC Minor website. There have also been reports of recruiting happening. We want to remind everyone that Recruitment is forbidden. The John Main 13U AA Invitational is full with 16 teams and 6 teams on the waiting list (Cloverdale and North Langly hosts).

13U AAA - is being looked at in consideration of running a single season for this division in 2020/21.

*Comment from the floor:* If there are so many teams wanting to attend the John Main, why not host two tournaments?

*Comment from the BoD:* Logistics are the biggest challenge however with growth it may be something that is considered. The Lower Mainland has been the central geographical location with the venues and the accommodations to host 16-20 teams.

*Grant Butler:* Does anyone have feedback on the running of 13U AAA as a single season option.

*Comments from the Floor:* More relevant to Victoria however there are teams that may be able to play at that level. Further discussion is warranted.

13U AA - Interlock schedule Nanaimo/Duncan/Victoria, possibly Comox. Campbell River does not interlock.

John Braaten: [13uchair@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:13uchair@bcminorbaseball.org)

11U - Tiering advisory has been sent out as a reminder that it was defeated at the AGM. The current rulebook states there is NO tiering allowed. There are a number of 11U development programs that do not require tiering. The advisory acts as a checklist to help associations avoid the practice of tiering.

Mike Kelly: [11uchair@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:11uchair@bcminorbaseball.org)

9U - Restructuring of the rules for 9U as we have moved to a new pitch count guideline.

John Braaten: [9uchair@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:9uchair@bcminorbaseball.org)

**Baseball BC** - PBL now offering the opportunity to register on a Practice/Development Team. These teams are proposing 55 games plus tournaments with the cost of the program being \$2100. This program is targeting BCMBA member players.

*Grant Butler:* We don't feel that there is any value to BCMBA teams in playing PBL teams especially the practice teams. I am going to draft a letter to the President of the PBL stating our position and informing them that we will not be playing development and/or practice teams.

*Anne Hayes:* We will be requesting that member associations do not permit these Practice Teams to participate in their tournaments.

*Mike Kelly:* Is that something we are going to fight with Baseball BC?

*Grant Butler:* Baseball BC won't make any decisions, they will look at it and say "huh, there is nothing we can do" At the same time we are giving them notice "hey, you guys, stop it"

*Anne Hayes:* These practice teams are not eligible for Berths in the Baseball BC Westerns and Nationals qualifiers

Peewee Travel Teams - There really aren't many teams to play for those few 13U Travel programs. They typically play in the US.

## **9. Round Table:**

Review of Interior feedback.

Discussion around the best practices to counter the challenges of losing players to PBL programs.

*Comments from the floor:* Deliver the best programming you can with strong coaches and player training supports and allow the players to choose the best program.

15U offering Five tiers of baseball, too many.

*Comments from the floor:* Five tiers are too many. Associations may be diluting the product at 15U too much.

*Grant Butler:* We will see how the tiering plays out this year and go from there. What we do know is that 15U is needing a lot of observation.

*Anne Hayes:* All of this tiering is going to create a number of issues when it comes to Westerns and which teams will be sent forward to compete in the Qualifiers. We will observe this year and go from there.

*Comment from the floor:* If teams are wanting to qualify for Westerns they will need to compete in the highest tier of 15U AA.

Review of Provincials being hosted on the Island. Some challenges are felt with umpires to cover the number of games. This year will have the events spread out over weekends and should help ease that pain.

BCBUA has told BCMBA that they want to pull umpires from 18U AA and 15U AA Provincials for 2020.

*Question from the floor:* Will there be two 13U AAA Provincials again this year (BCMBA and Baseball BC)?

*Anne Hayes:* We host the 13U AAA Provincials and Baseball BC will host the Qualifiers to Nationals

### **Island Region Interlock Scheduling Sessions**