



# BC MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

British Columbia Minor Baseball Association  
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**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 24, 2019**  
**9:00 am**  
**Sandman Signature Langley**

<b>Meeting called by:</b>	Grant Butler – Interim President
<b>Type of meeting:</b>	Board Meeting
<b>Minute taker:</b>	Abigail Wong-de Leon
<b>Attendees:</b>	G. Butler, A. Hayes, M. Kelly, R. Puri, J. Raymond, P. Weatherill, A. Wong-de Leon, D. Garton, C. Martin, T. McGuire, L. Szabo, R. Wearing
<b>Conference Call:</b>	NONE
<b>Absent:</b>	M. Hall, S. King, M. Holyk, J. Braaten, I. McIntyre, V. Greenwood, C. Wade
<b>1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am</b>	
<b>2. Interim President's Opening Remarks</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board meeting attendance - there was an improper notice given to board members in December. Attendance for this meeting has always been mandatory as are two others. A calendar of BoD's events will be posted in the Directors portion of the website.</li> <li>Grant accepted Nick Van Dyk's resignation due to personal reasons and his duties were distributed to other board members. Grant asked him to submit all BC Minor related documents and Provincial Tournament report when he returns from his vacation.</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Board Meeting</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion: R. Puri/C. Martin Motion to correct 4.1 Approval of Minutes of Previous Board meeting to read June 4. M/S/C</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Additions to the Agenda</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NONE</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Correspondence</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was no correspondence received from Val Greenwood (BC Minor Secretary). Grant received them.</li> <li>Received numerous appeals, complaints and rule interpretations.</li> <li>Received reply back from BC Soccer regarding privacy around posting discipline results. BC Soccer only posts discipline results on adults.</li> <li>11U Seeding proportional representation issues and move down issues.</li> <li>A late request from COMBA 13UAAA to move down to 13UAA – approved. (BOD vote: 10 for and 8 against)</li> <li>Numerous complaints received regarding The Traveling Team. They will not be considered again. James and Carmen will explore CSTT Sports Travel.</li> <li>BCBUA contract. Grant has seen and reviewed an old BCBUA contract. The contract needs to be re-written, noticed that there was no end date. There will be a meeting coming shortly but a date hasn't been determined.</li> <li>Baseball BC PSO - John Braaten has agreed to act as the BCMBA Grassroots Director on the Baseball BC Board.</li> <li>Received information notices from Kyle Williams regarding Baseball BC Pathways to Westerns and Nationals.</li> <li>Dates for meetings regarding Pathways and Appeals/Discipline to be determined.</li> </ul>	

## **6. Business Arising from Minutes**

- NONE

## **7. Executive Reports:**

- Interim President – Grant Butler
  - See Report in Reports Addendum
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Iain MacIntyre
  - See Report in Reports Addendum
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – John Braaten
  - See Report in Reports Addendum
- Treasurer (Financial Report) – Anne Hayes
  - Abigail questioned about the variance amount of \$22,630.00 on the Affiliation fee presented in the May financials and July financials. Anne explained that the amount was reallocated to Insurance Fees.
  - Abigail also noted the Single Season Leagues Fee was decreased by \$500.00. This is because a refund was issued back to Newton for not fielding a team after declaration deadline.

Motion to accept July financials as presented. Motion: C. Martin/P. Weatherill  
M/S/C Abstained: Trevor and Abigail
- Secretary – Val Greenwood
  - Reminder: AGM is scheduled on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Sandman Signature in Langley.
  - Trevor asked if we need the 2<sup>nd</sup> day since there might be a lot of rule changes happening. TBD.

## **8. Administrative Report – James Raymond**

- See Report in Reports Addendum
  - Recommended setting up an online work request (tickets) for all directors.
  - Encouraged all the directors to utilize the directors' website. This is a common resource tool for all.
  - James started doing a timesheet for himself to enable tracking of tasks and divisional work.

## **9. Committee Reports**

- Governance (Rules/Discipline) – Dave Garton, Cathy Wade and Ray Wearing
  - Waiting for Nick to submit all BC Minor documents to Grant.(Nick is still on vacation.)
  - Rules and Discipline should be 2 separate committees.
  - Discipline and Appeals reports were not being distributed to the required parties and how our appeal process is cumbersome.
  - Rules changes
    - John, Pat, Sanda and Abigail have submitted some suggestions and recommendations on rules changes on top of what Grant has already commented on the rulebook.
    - Trevor will also be submitting some rules changes.
    - Need to identify the critical ones and review changes accordingly.
    - Article XX needs to be back in some fashion.
- Appeals Committee – Sanda King and Iain MacIntyre
  - See Report in Reports Addendum
  - Results of Appeals process under 16.01 needs a secure recording system. Discussion if this can be uploaded on the director's website as a "READ ONLY" with access only to the appeals committee and president. James will look into this.
  - Eligibility chair wished to be included in appeals regarding eligibility.
  - Appeals Review (Grant tasked Sanda for this review)
    - See Report in Reports Addendum
    - BoD's prefer keeping within BCMBA control.
  - Appeals received were primarily on ejections and the severity of decisions made by the discipline committee.

- Finance Committee – Anne Hayes and Dave Garton
  - Only one association not in good standing – Nanaimo has been notified
- Player Eligibility – Pat Weatherill
  - Having board members appealing eligibility is not working, work needed to have eligibility work along side with Rules, Discipline and Appeal committees
  - 24 players were identified playing out of catchment without obtaining releases, education needed.
- Girls Baseball Committee – Val Greenwood
  - No report as Val is travelling with Girls team
- Umpire Liaison Committee – Pat Weatherill
  - 171 Ejections through Provincials, 7 Ejections during Provincials
  - BCBUA contract will be renegotiated, at this time the BCBUA do not intend to raise their fees
  - BCBUA wants BC Minor to use carded umpires for everything but too difficult in all regions.
  - Trevor made a comment about umpires availability being extremely difficult and BC Minor isn't in BCBUA's priority list. PBL and Little League are their top 2.
  - Grant asked, Are we bringing umpires to the convention? Mike Kelly, TBD
- High-Performance Committee – Marty Hall, Iain MacIntyre, Mike Kelly, Ray Wearing, John Braaten and James Raymond
  - Grant noted that the report submitted by the HP Chair was not acceptable as it lacking in information for such a big part of BC Minor programming. A more comprehensive and detailed report needs to be presented in the October board meeting. James will contact Marty.
  - Trevor questioned about the actual money spent on the 15U Select program as it went over the original budget by \$17,000.00. Questions brought forward: Was the budget reviewed by the HP Committee? Has this been brought forward to the board for a discussion? Did the board approve on the spending? He suggested that the HP committee should review and submit a proper report back to the board by the next board meeting. The report should not just limit to 15U only but also include the 13U and 16U. The report should contain detailed costs, coaches selection process and recommendations. Note: The 3 – 15U coaches selected by the HP committee and who went to LA have already been hired with the Coquitlam Reds PBL and they are now actively recruiting players to join them. What can we do to retain these players and coaches?
    - Anne Hayes, Treasurer answered that the budget was based on the previous year and done in November for the AGM, costs were up due primarily to travel not being less expensive this year to LA than last year to Chicago, the length of the trip and the US exchange rate.
    - A complete review of the Selects program would be undertaken for 2020.
  - Trevor noted a perceived conflict of interest of the 13UAAA Chair, Marty Hall. He is the president of Canarvon Baseball, coaches a PBL team and chairs the HP Committee.
    - Grant noted that all of the BCMBA Committee's were put together by now resigned President Stuart Drysdale and that, if elected this fall, all committee's would be restructured so new members would not be in positions with little or no experience on the Board.
- Boundary and Affiliation Committee – Pat Weatherill
  - No report, usual comings and goings between groups within member Associations.
- Coaching and Development Committee – Mike Kelly, Raj Puri and John Braaten
  - John and Mike spoke with David Laing (Baseball BC) during the 13UAAA Westerns and discussed offering the NCCP program to all coaches in the Lower Mainland. The discussion went well and was in agreement with the idea. Mike is currently looking for a venue to host the NCCP and this will be one week prior to the coaching convention weekend.
  - Will also be running the NCCP modules with the Coaching Caravan
  - Baseball BC wants to be recognized at the Coach's Convention, they also want to be part of the Coaching Caravan.
  - Trevor recommended to have a BC Minor tent during the Coach's Convention and have the rules committee, division chairs be present to answer questions/concerns that coaches may have in their minds.

- Ray suggested mandating all coaches to attend – especially in the higher divisions – AA/AAA/CP.
- NCCP requirements need to be added back in the Rulebook.
- Marketing Committee – James Raymond, Abigail Wong-de Leon and John Braaten
  - Google “classroom” set up as an online forum for the Marketing Committee to discuss and define a recommendation on sponsorship and cross-marketing guidelines.
  - Design logos for special events in order to develop a brand identity.
  - Will come up with sponsorship package and present in the October meeting.
  - Trevor asked about the breakdown of expenses. Expenses to date \$6,768.75.
- Challenger Baseball Liaison – Sanda King
  - No report
  - Grant recommended a BCMBA Tent during the Jamboree to promote baseball to siblings
- Website Committee – John Braaten
  - See Report on Reports Addendum
  - Pat requested to have fillable forms for releases, Grant suggested “DocuSign”, tbd.
- Human Resources – Anne Hayes
  - No report
- Awards Committee – Val Greenwood
  - No report
- Scholarship Committee – Abigail Wong-de Leon
  - See Report on Reports Addendum
- Grassroots – John Braaten
  - See Report on Reports Addendum
  - Grant noted, BCMBA is Grassroots baseball represented by the BoD’s.
- Baseball BC – Grant Butler
  - Round table discussion on “What does BCMBA want from Baseball BC?”, now that our Provincials and Westerns are done and the Nationals are underway.
  - A meeting with Baseball BC is currently being arranged to discuss access and programming going forward regarding access to Westerns and Nationals.
  - No final decisions until after the AGM so as to have direction and support of member associations  
Mike K, Ray and Raj will be attending their meeting.
- Nomination Committee (new) – Mike Kelly, Pat Weatherill and Trevor McGuire
  - Abigail questioned Mike K’s position for being part of the nomination committee since he is up for re-election this November. Is this not “conflict of interest?”

Grant defined the Nomination Committee as a committee looking for credible candidates to run for BC Minor Board and not the election committee.

## 10. Divisional Reports

- Jr. Men’s – Anne Hayes
  - See Report in Reports Addendum
- 18U Chair – Ray Wearing
  - See Report in Reports Addendum
- 18U – College Prep – Grant Butler
  - See Report in the Reports Addendum
  - The Final 4 was a good windup, there was an issue due to Umpire costs as there only 4 teams playing the budget for an out of town supervisor and 3 man system was renegotiated.
  - Report from John Braaten at the New Jersey Diamond Tournament, Team BC won the tournament after dropping there first game. Many scouts were on hand and John noted that we need to have a format for players profiles to be made available.
- 18UAAA – Ray Wearing

- See Report in the Reports Addendum
- 3 man umpires systems for all games
  - Mentoring costs needs to included in the discussion with BCBUA
- 18UAA – Raj Puri
  - See Report in the Reports Addendum
- 15U Chair – Trevor McGuire
  - Would like to bring some items for discussion at the workshop
    - Review programming model to pursue a better product to retain players
    - The “right to field” rule is an issue in regards to higher standard of play
- 15UAAA – Les Szabo
  - See Report in the Reports Addendum
  - Delta Tigers are playing in the Ray Carter Cup in Oshawa, ON
  - The 2019 caliber of play is notably low for AAA, suggest follow the CP pathway
- 15UAA – Trevor McGuire
  - See Report in the Reports Addendum
  - Better quality teams do not want to play lower teams
  - Coaches lack knowledge – especially on pitch counts
  - Ejection reports not being distributed to the required parties in a timely manner.
- 15UA – Abigail Wong-de Leon
  - See Report in the Reports Addendum
  - Proper uniform issue (Rule 19.06). During the 15UA Provincial, a complaint was put forward about a coach wearing a sleeveless jersey. The sleeves were cut off. Based on Rule 19.06, it read “Managers or coaches occupying a coach’s box, must be dressed in full uniform except that they will be allowed to wear matching color-coordinated long pants which differ from their players. Coaches and Managers not complying with this rule will not be allowed on the field during the game.” With this statement, we were unable to do anything at the provincial and this was explained to the complainant.
    - Requested Dave (Rules Committee) to review the statement and maybe it needs to be defined in details.
- 13U Chair – Marty Hall
  - See Report in the Reports Addendum
- 13UAAA – Marty Hall
  - See Report in the Reports Addendum
- 13UAA – Nick Van Dyk
  - No report submitted
- 13UA – Sanda King
  - See Report in the Reports Addendum
- 13U John Main Tournament – Marty Hall
  - No report needed at this time
- 11U – John Braaten
  - See Report in the Reports Addendum
- Island – 18U and 15U – Mike Holyk
  - See Report in the Reports Addendum
- Island – 13U and 11U – Dave Garton
  - See Report in the Reports Addendum (of Mike Holyk)
- Interior – 18U and 15U – Iain MacIntyre
  - See Report in the Reports Addendum
- Interior – 13U and 11U – Iain MacIntyre

- See Report in the Reports Addendum
- North – Carmen Martin
  - See Report in the Reports Addendum

## 11. New Business

- 18U Fall Ball Classic Tournament (September 27-29) at Latrace Park, Richmond, BC
  - Tournament director: Ray Wearing
  - 12 teams (6 College Prep and 6 18UAAA) 6 teams already paid
  - Anne will do the scheduling
- Upcoming Fall Workshop
  - Dates are set.
    - September 17 (Tuesday) – Lower Mainland (Sandman Signature Langley, 7 pm – 9 pm)
    - September 22 (Sunday) – Island (Nanaimo, location TBD, 11am – 1pm)
    - Tentatively September 28 (Saturday) – Interior (TBD)
  - Agenda needs to be prepared, items to be prepared from all Divisions and Committees
  - John and Pat will review the draft before it gets send out to all presidents.
- **2020 Provincial Championship Tournament dates:**

Division	Dates
11UA/AA/AAA Tier II/AAA Tier I	July 30 – August 3, 2020
13UA East/West	August 6 – 9, 2020
13UAA/AAA	July 30 – August 3, 2020
15UA	August 6 – 9, 2020
15UAA Wild Card	July 18 – 19, 2020
15UAA	July 30 – August 3, 2020
15UAAA (Final 4)	July 17 – 19, 2020
18UAA	July 30 – August 3, 2020
18UAAA	July 30 – August 3, 2020
College Prep (Final 4)	July 31 – August 2, 2020

- 2020 John Main Invitational Tournament
  - May 22 – 24, 2020

## 12. Motion to adjourn at 1:50 pm

- Motion: Mike K/Pat W    M/S/C

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 5:45 pm Sandman Signature Langley.



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### Interim President's Report - 24 Aug 2019

The summer season has pretty much run it's course and it's been quite a ride, from the end of the regular seasons for our Member Associations to the Interior and Island Zones and Lower Mainland Summer League play leading up to the BCMBA Provincials, there has hardly been a quiet moment.

So, to the BCMBA Board of Directors I can't thank you enough for your time and thankless efforts needed over the year but also to help organize and be on-site as BCMBA Tournament Director.

Of course, thanks go out to all the volunteers, parents, managers, coaches and players for creating many great memories this summer and trust you'll be back to do it again next year.

Heading into the fall BC Minor Baseball faces many challenges including;

- determining Provincial Pathways with Baseball BC to provide a more cohesive journey to the Westerns and National Baseball Canada Championships.
- reviewing, accepting and revising parts of the BCMBA Constitution and Rule Book
- providing comprehensive 2020 High-Performance, AAA and AA programming
- bringing Baseball BC and NCCP to the February Convention and the Spring Caravan

To all our member Associations, we the BCMBA Board of Directors, will be putting together an agenda for the September workshops that will allow you to provide comments, concerns, and recommendations for the 2020 season and beyond.

Thank you again to all those providing a safe, competitive and fun place to play baseball.

Yours Truly,

Grant Butler, BCLS

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### **Executive Report 2), Interim 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President & Interior Report**

- Dealt with multiple requests regarding roster size and playing down
  - COMBA 11U AAA Tier 2 had only 11 players for Zone Play downs, asked for exemption to play with 11 players at Provincials, eventually added another player
  - COMBA's 11U AA folded in late July, had an automatic bid to Provincials
  - COMBA moved down to 13U AA from AAA, caused some concerns amongst other associations in the Interior
- Provided a Virtual Coaches Meeting for all Interior play downs, provided rosters, rules, procedures and contacts via email a week prior to play downs
- Great feedback, as this saved coaches having to travel one day early to attend the Coaches meetings, thanks to James Raymond for helping put the documentation together and Chris Ballison for the idea
- Multiple zone play downs throughout the Interior, all ran smoothly, a big thank you to all associations
- The Interior hosted the 11U A provincials in Kamloops
- The Interior also hosted the 18U AA provincials in Kelowna, both went very well, thank you to both associations
- Interior Provincial Results
  - Penticton Tigers Silver Medalists in 13U A
  - Salmon Arm Hornets Bronze Medal in 13U AA
  - Penticton Tigers Gold Medal Champions in 13U AAA
  - Penticton Tigers Silver Medalists in 18U AAA (Baseball BC Provincials)
  - Kelowna Sun Devils Bronze Medal in College Prep
- One LAST THANK YOU to James Raymond and Trevor McGuire for helping out with the Interior





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### **August 24, 2019 Board meeting**

#### **Executive Report 3**

#### **Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – August 24, 2019**

- continued to administer Vancouver Canadian tickets; very good response and engagement so far this season
- Chaired one appeal committee in July
- Mike Kelly & I attended the “Play” campaign as guests of the Hooton Foundation at T-Mobile Park in Seattle; met with Mariners pitching coach Paul Davis regarding the 2020 Coaching Conference as a guest speaker
- I will be travelling with the 2019 College Prep Provincial Champions Chilliwack Cougars team to the Diamond Nation tournament in New Jersey August 18 – 24.

#### **John Braaten**

Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

11U Division Chair

Boundary & Affiliation Committee member

Coaching Committee member

Grassroots Committee member

High Performance Committee member

Marketing Committee member

Website Chair



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### **Administrative Director's Report**

**August 2019**

#### **Website and Social Media**

- Build Provincial tournament pages for each division including page builds for each team in attendance
- Format and upload pools and scheduling for each event
- Summer Season schedule support and score updates
- Build tournament page for Fall Classic
- Comprehensive Provincial Event media campaign and coverage delivered
- Coordination with attending BC Minor BoD to provide and post daily Provincial updates and promotional posts on all BC Minor digital media channels including event photos and highlights
- Once again, significant growth of followers, views, and page likes demonstrating an increase of BC Minor Social Media presence

#### **BC Travel Teams**

- Team BC 15U Selects had a very successful tournament in Southern California. They went 5-1 and lost in the Semi-Finals to the eventual tournament winners
- Transportation, Accommodations, and tournament logistics went smoothly
- Team BC 16U Selects also had a very successful tournament in Olympia, WA. A record of 3-1 losing the semi-final by one run in extra innings. It should be noted that Team BC was the only team swinging wood bats
- Strong Media promotion of both events
- 16U Report received from Coach Hyde and BC Minor rep. James Raymond

#### **High Performance**

- Web support for 18U Fall Classic Tournament

#### **Administrative Support**

- Summer Season support including web and member communications
- Daily support of multiple BoD members in wide array of day to day and division specific needs
- Daily support of multiple Member Presidents, coaches, and parents with inquiries and requests
- Banners completed and to be distributed at the conclusion of the BoD meeting
- Provincial medals completed, received and distributed to all events
- Baseballs received and distributed to all events
- Provincial Zones Meeting and Provincial event communications and advisories for members and hosts
- Travel logistics and oversight for HP teams and CP winners
- Collection and creation of marketing and informational materials for all Provincial Championship events
- Updates and posts for events via website, social media, and email
- BC Minor Director in Charge for 15U AA Provincial Championships, Prince George BC

## **Marketing**

- Promotional materials for Provincial Championships - posted and distributed daily
- Design of Fall Classic Tournament Logo
- Google Classroom set up as an online forum for Marketing Committee to discuss and define a recommendation on sponsorship and cross-marketing guidelines
- Deadline re-set for completed sponsorship package of Sept 15th, 2019
- Plan to create logo for key events in order to develop a brand identity
- 2020 Season marketing plan in progress

## **Reports for BC Minor Baseball – Board meeting August 24, 2019**

Submitted by Sanda King

### **Appeals Report**

I did not chair any appeals since our last board meeting and am not aware of any pending appeals.

### **Discipline and Appeals Review**

Since the time that Grant tasked me with this review, I have had a few meetings with Baseball BC to discuss this matter. I appreciate Grant's forethought into recognizing that a review would be appropriate, because as I brought this topic up with Baseball BC a few months ago, Baseball BC was in the midst of forming an ad hoc committee to review umpire/coach relations (discipline), which is certainly a part of why our review was initiated. In conversations throughout the baseball community, this is certainly a hot topic so we are definitely on the right page to be looking at this.

This ad hoc committee will be meeting later in September to determine its mandate and has members on it from our league as well as others.

Internally, and in discussions with Baseball BC, I believe as a board our initial task is to determine what option we want for BC Minor (options outlined below). Once this is determined, my plan is to put together language that I recommend for implementing that option, which then can be reviewed and discussed by the board, then presented as rule changes to the membership. Much of this language is already drafted and just needs some minor work.

As a general concept, BCMBA would maintain an appeals process for non-disciplinary matters. I.e., player movements, other rule challenges that don't involve discipline and suspension. Language would need to be drafted to distinguish this appeals process versus disciplinary appeals process.

Also as a general premise, and based on the reasoning of why this review began, we want to look at a process that preserves the board in a healthy manner to allow the board to work together for the many activities we are involved in, which may or may not include the disciplinary process, depending on what option is chosen.

### **Options**

1. **Maintain the system as it is.** This means first level discipline decisions as well as appeals will be kept within the decision making of BCMBA board through its discipline committee and appeals committee.

If this option is chosen, there would be tweaking of some of the wording of clauses. As well, I would draft some training materials/checklists to use for whomever would be part of these committees so that all directors received training on being on these committees. This will help to establish consistency in decision-making and is healthy for a board to have this. Also helps

with transparency to the membership because there would be a consistent process/procedure in place.

**Pros and Cons** (I'm listing these points together as whether it's a pro or con is in the eye of the beholder)

- control is maintained within BCMBA
- potential for conflict among directors or people taking things personally if decisions differ between discipline to appeal etc.
- whatever decisions made affects membership. If there is disagreement then BCMBA is targeted or blamed which can cause poor relations between BCMBA and members.
- time consuming depending on how many issues come up.

2. **A Hybrid System – Discipline internal/Appeals external.** This means maintain an internal discipline process and if members don't agree with discipline decision, they can appeal to Baseball BC.

If this option is chosen, again, as in option one, I would draft training materials/checklists to assist with training directors for internal discipline committee and same info applies as from option 1 regarding transparency. The appeal process would be drafted in conjunction with Baseball BC and I believe possibly part of the ad hoc committee. I have ideas and parts of those drafted already. Could be possible to have participation in the appeal process, perhaps with having a director on the appeals committee as well.

**Pros and Cons**

- allows BCMBA to have some control with still dealing with internal discipline initial process
- allows members to go to another entity, Baseball BC, to process the appeal. Gives a sense of impartiality
- still time consuming for discipline committee
- any costs for appeal would be dealt with directly between member and Baseball BC

3. **External discipline/appeal process. Move all discipline and appeal decisions to Baseball BC.**

If this option is chosen, I would still work closely with Baseball BC to draft a process that is acceptable to BCMBA. This would be reviewed and approved by BCMBA.

**Pros and Cons**

- removes this process from BCMBA
- time would not be consumed on having discipline committee, and the appeals

committee would only be for other rule issues, not discipline  
-could possibly still have input by having one director involved on a Baseball BC committee (ie, one gives input, but on a panel of 3, would not be majority.)  
-would still have input in actually drafting the process  
-any costs would be directly to membership and Baseball BC  
-although removes control from BCMBA, it also removes criticism for whatever decisions made from BCMBA to Baseball BC. Possibly would help with member relations.  
-would help to unify the sport in this area so that discipline/appeal would be handled more consistently

4. As a side note, with any of these options, we also need to ensure a process of reporting/storing/accessing information about discipline of coaches, players etc. We have alluded to this, and we will need to draft something that covers how these matters are reported and to whom.
5. Another note is that any and all drafts would be reviewed by the board to ensure good input and varying perspectives. Ultimately, the changes would come before the membership for approval.

My hope is that we may be able to create a process that possibly could be adopted among other leagues if we choose 2 or 3. This may help significantly with relations with BCBUA and other leagues when we can begin to be more uniform in decisions, and may help to reflect this sport as coming together under Baseball BC. In this process, we have begun to look at other sports and their disciplinary processes, which I think helps to understand what works and doesn't work in the amateur sports community.

If this decision of which option can be made at the August 24 meeting (I unfortunately cannot attend) then I think I am better equipped going into the ad hoc committee meeting knowing what position BCMBA has and can begin working on drafts of language to present to the board at the next meeting.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sanda King

Grant Butler <[gbutlerbcls@gmail.com](mailto:gbutlerbcls@gmail.com)>

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## Umpire Report

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Tue, Aug 20, 2019 at 7:23 PM

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There were.....171 Ejections through to Provincials.....based on what I received.  
.....7 Ejections during Provincials.

Meeting in early August, we agreed that we will update the current contract....Date to be determined.

Pat

## 2019 BC Minor U-16 Provincial Team Report

Head Coach: J.J. Hyde

Pitching/Assistant Coach: Justin Hyde

Chef de Mission: James Raymond

This year's program was more successful and overall better from quite a few points of view. We had an excellent three-day Development/ID camp in North Delta and the GSL Tournament was very successful.

The camp was better this year for a variety of reasons; the main reason being I knew what I was doing and knew what to expect. I was able to add a coach, Jason Rich, and we basically turned over last year's staff. The group gelled together, had fun, worked hard and provided the kids with lots of knowledge and guidance. As this was my second year, I was able to have more input into the practice plans and adjusted a few things to be more efficient, more active, and allowed a better flow. This included more time to scrimmage. The location was great, but my caution is that it would have been a struggle if the weather had turned on us, like last year. In Aldergrove last year we had access to the batting cages, which saved us we did get some rain. I do not believe, North Delta has batting cages at the field. I have a few recommendations for next year:

- I would like to bring out a couple of guest coaches, possibly 1 or 2 young coaches who can learn from the awesome staff we have collected and get involved in the program
- I agreed to a two year term this winter, if next year is to be my last then can we put out a call for the next head coach and part of his acceptance is to be part of the 2020 Development Camp
- We had a third coach for the camp and tournament, Jason Rich, but unfortunately, he had to back out of the tournament at the last minute. I still believe that a third coach and the right coach would be of huge value to the overall program
- We get a sizing set from Prostock, and size all the kids (with number preferences) at the beginning (registration). This means we can do the ordering sooner.

The GSL Tournament was good, especially the close location (Olympia) and the fields we played at. It would be nice to have a wood bat tournament, to level the playing field, but it was cool that we were the only team to do so. Having James along with us was awesome, it allowed me to focus on baseball rather than logistics. He was super helpful and a pleasure to have. Next year, I will try and have a practice the night before, the only issue is that it means out-of-town parents might need to spend a night in the lower mainland before heading down, but it would allow us to work some things out (strategically) before the tournament starts. We were the number 1 seed coming out of the round robin portion (2-0), won our quarter-final game and lost in extra innings in the semi-finals. We only gave up 9 hits in the first three games, that would have been less if the other team were using wood bats. The boys played very well and we were the best team in the tournament, just two errors at the wrong time hurt us. All the boys behaved themselves and represented BC Minor very well.



It was an excellent experience and thank you for the opportunity. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like more info or have any questions. I would like to have Grant Rimer involved again, as he loves the program and is a great asset in preparing and running the camp.

Sincerely,

J.J. Hyde

CC: Marty Hall

Grant Butler

James Raymond



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### Team BC 16U Selects Event Report

**Event:** [GSL Tournaments St. Martin's Summer Series](#)

July 4th - 7th, 2019

Olympia WA

The venue was top notch with excellent fields and equally excellent ground crews prepping the fields

Transportation and accommodations were good and all went smoothly with logistics

**Coaches:** J.J. Hyde  
Justin Hyde

**Chef de Mission:** James Raymond

#### **Team Roster:**

Alex	McLauchlan	Nanaimo
Brady	Sandes	Cloverdale
Brett	MacDonald	Kamloops
Caleb	Freer	Ladysmith
Connor	Dawson	Nanaimo
Dru	Wright	Ladysmith
Dylan	Glowinkowski	Coquitlam/Moody
Ivan	Porter	North Shore
James	Joyce	Ladysmith
Jayden	Mah	Nanaimo
Kaj	Burgess	North Vancouver
Lucas	Dejong	Surrey
Matthiew	Coxon	Kamloops
Quinn	Myles	North Shore

#### **Game Results:**

Fri. July 5th 8:00 AM	New Level DJaxx	0	Team BC	<b>8</b>
Fri. July 5th 3:30 PM	FW Knights	2	Team BC	<b>7</b>
Sat. July 6th 3:30 PM	Team BC	<b>13</b>	FW Knights	3
Sun. July 7th 8:00 AM (Semi-Final)	Team BC	6	Reality Sports	7

**Summary:**

Team BC dynamics were obvious from the outset with the distribution of uniforms and a light “meet and greet” practice the eve of the tournament. Coach JJ and Justin ran the crew through some basic infield, outfield, and BP work. The players and coaches were loose and comfortable with each other at the outset and demonstrated legitimate respect for what each was bringing to the team.

Coach JJ set the tone early in the first team meeting explaining the purpose of the program and the value of the events. The team responded in kind and demonstrated a mandate to compete to win as they represent some of the best young talents in the province at their age. James Raymond spoke briefly on expectations of BC Minor and to recognize the results of the hard work put in to date.

On field, the team quickly set a reputation as a hard-nosed and talented group of players. It was obvious by their play that they were skilled, intelligent, driven, and enjoying every moment in the game. As the only team swinging wood bats the crew knew they would have to play flawless defence and be predatory on the bases. They did not disappoint winning their first three and losing the Semi-Final 7-6 in extra innings.

Off field, the players and parents as a team represented BC Minor Baseball and our member associations with the highest level of class, relentless pursuit of excellence, and respect for the traditions of the game. Feedback from the parents, players, and coaches was supportive of continued programming of this type for our membership.

**Recommendations:**

Try to secure a wood bat tournament within reasonable driving distance for future events

Try to secure a key sponsor to help reduce the costs of the program to all involved including the ID Sessions and Development Camp. This event is a great sponsorship opportunity as the quality of the coaches and players represents the high standards of BC Minor Baseball membership.



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### **August 24, 2019 Board meeting**

#### **Committee Report 12**

##### **Website – August 24, 2019**

- summer schedules for all divisions were uploaded via template as provided by James (point person)
- BC Minor Facebook traffic July 17 – August 13
  - 825 views
  - 51 more page “likes”
  - article posts reached 10,363 people (+162% over last month)
    - of those 4,782 had engagement with articles (comments, likes, etc.)
  - Top 3 posts “reach”
    1. 13U A East Champs
    2. 13U A West Champs
    3. 13U AAA Champs

#### **John Braaten**

Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

11U Division Chair

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August 15, 2019

### **SCHOLARSHIP REPORT – AUGUST 2019**

The scholarship application form was revamped to attract more Grade 12 graduates (players and umpires) to apply.

- May grant up to four (4) x \$500.00 scholarships per year to the successful candidates.
- Lowered the minimum Grade Point Average to C+ (68% - 72%) instead of "B" (73% – 85%)
- Simple and easy to complete

The form was vetted by the committee and reviewed by the interim president before distribution.

The scholarship application form was e-blasted to all 18UAA, 18UAAA and College Prep by the divisional directors. It was also posted on the 18U division website.

To date: Received 3 applications. They will be reviewed after the deadline.

There was one inquiry about a player who took a year off school after Grade 12 and going back to school next September. Will he qualify?

Feedback: Talked to a few parents whose kids are playing ball, they aren't aware of the scholarship. Suspected coaches did not forward the email to players.

Application deadline: September 30, 2019.

Scholarship Committee



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#### Committee Report 16

#### Grassroots – August 24, 2019

- have requested Rules Committee to review “Rule 31 9U (Tadpole)” in its entirety as rules are outdated
  - *this still needs to be looked at for the upcoming AGM even given the recent resignation of Nick Van Dyk*
- attended the 9U Rae Andrews “year-end” tournament in Cloverdale (16 teams)
  - lots of skill discrepancy
    - some associations have “player cuts” while others have “fair play” to develop all
    - up to each association as to what “they” are looking to get out of 9U...

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## Committee Report 17) Baseball BC Pathways to Westerns and Nationals - Results

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### **Baseball BC Pathways to Westerns and Nationals - Results (Cole's Notes)**

18U College Prep - No BCMBA team qualified for the Nationals (Baseball BC Tier 1)

18U AAA - No BCMBA team qualified for the Westerns (Baseball BC Tier 2)

**18U AA - Prince George Knights:** Team BC, Westerns in Strathmore AB :  
2W-2L, did not make semi's

**15U AAA - Delta Tigers:** Team BC at the Nationals in Oshawa, Ontario: Underway

15U AAA - No BCMBA team qualified for the Westerns

**15U AA - Cowichan Valley Mustangs:** Team BC at Westerns in Strathmore AB :  
**Silver Medal**

**13U AAA - Victoria Reds:** Team BC at Nationals in Oshawa, Ontario: Underway

**13U AAA - Burnaby Braves:** Team BC at Westerns in Cloverdale:  
**Gold Medal**

**13U AA - Ladysmith 49 Niners:** Team BC at Westerns in Repentigny, Quebec  
**Gold Medal**

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## Division Report 1) Jr Men's

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## Division Report - Jr Men's

Aldergrove Astros wins Jr Men's Tier 1 with 7-5 win over Aldergrove Dodgers. Both teams won their playoff pool to advance to the final game. It was a great game with the Astros winning for their long-time coach Theo Aberly who is retiring after the season.

Cloverdale Spurs Too went undefeated in the Tier 2 side to win convincingly over Richmond in the final game.

On behalf of all BCMBA volunteer directors, thanks again to all players, coaches, parents and association volunteers for getting your teams on the field and making this years Jr Men's division a huge success.

A special thanks to Tsawwassen for hosting the final weekend even though their team had already been eliminated.

thanks

**Anne Hayes, Treasurer**

BC Baseball







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## Div Report 3) College Prep - 24 Aug 2019

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### 18U College Prep - Final 4

The 2019 season of College Prep wrapped up with the Final 4 Championship Tournament being hosted by Richmond City Baseball at Latrace Field, the Richmond City Baseball volunteers (with no team in the Final 4) did a great job over the weekend, many thanks go out to Derek Howells and his team.

The teams in the Final 4 did not disappoint, with 3 teams tied for 1st place after the round-robin portion of the tournament, the Chilliwack Cougars, who finished as the top team in the single-season, won the tie-breaker game over COMBA Sun Devils to go on to win the final over the Ridge Meadows Royals. The Cloverdale Nationals rounded out the Final 4 but uncharacteristically did not show up on the weekend.

### 18U College Prep - Flemington New Jersey

As the 18U College Prep Champions Chilliwack will be Team BC at the Diamond Nation 17/18U College Elite Showcase Wood Bat Tournament being held in Flemington New Jersey. Use the following link to follow the team on August 19, 20 and 21st.

[https://jack-cust-baseball.ezleagues.ezfacility.com/leagues/336576/\(081919\)-1718u-College-Elite-Showcase-Wood-Bat-Tournament.aspx](https://jack-cust-baseball.ezleagues.ezfacility.com/leagues/336576/(081919)-1718u-College-Elite-Showcase-Wood-Bat-Tournament.aspx)

### 18U College Prep - Fall Classic Tournament

The 18U Fall Classic is on at Latrace and Blundell Fields on September 27-29. An email has been sent to all 18U AAA and College Prep teams and at this time the Tournament is full with 12 teams.

### 18U College Prep - Applications for 2020

A link to the 2020 College Prep Application Form will be posted on the Web-site, an announcement will be made on the website and be sent to all Associations when made available.

### BC Minor Baseball Scholarships

BC Minor Baseball Scholarships are available. Here is the link for those players going on to post-secondary education;

[https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/news\\_article/show/1034362](https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/news_article/show/1034362)

Thank you for all your help and discussions and especially to Anne Hayes for helping out along the way.

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## Div 18UAAA Report - 24 Aug 2019

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### 18U AAA

The season completed Aug 4<sup>th</sup> with the top 7 teams plus host qualifying for Provincials in Victoria.

Cowichan Valley Mustangs were the regular season league champions.

Team conduct during the season continues to be an ongoing challenge.

### The Provincials

Pool play went as expected and the top 4 in league play advanced to championship play.

All but 3 games with a run differential of 3 or less and only one team got to double digits in score.

The Provincial Champions Vancouver Island Mariners knocked off the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> seed to claim the title.

### Notes/feedback from provincials

1. 3 Man umpire systems for all games
2. Coaches meeting attendance
3. Skills competition
4. 8 vs 10 team
5. Wildcard qualification

I would like to thank Dave and his volunteer team that put on a well-run tournament

## Ray Wearing

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August 24, 2019

### **Midget AA Report**

We had only 13 Lower Mainland teams participate in the 18U AA summer season this year. There were no teams from the Island and only two in the interior.

The 2019 18U AA Midget Provincial Tournament took place in Kelowna (COMBA) Kelowna August 1-4, 2019. The ten-team tournament included the following teams:

1. Prince George
2. Ladner
3. Burnaby
4. Vancouver-1
5. Mission
6. Tsawwassen
7. Tri-City
8. Vancouver-2
9. Kelowna
10. Penticton

Games were played at Lombardy and Edith Guay Parks and featured Prince George against Vancouver-1 in the final. Congratulation to the Prince George Knights for capturing the 2019 18U AA Midget BCMBA Provincial Title.

There were no major issues with any of the games in the tournament. COMBA's Dave Marshall and his parent volunteer group did a fabulous job hosting. Chris Connelly from KMBA was the UIC and was eventually able to coordinate umpires for all games.

Fall Ball:

Individual organizations are organizing their own option for fall ball.

A special thank you to **Mike Kelly, Trevor, and Abigail** for all their support in helping a new director figure out all the duties of the role.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Raj Puri  
Midget AA Director



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## 15U AAA Division and Provincial Report

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### 15 U AAA Division Season Overview

There was a clear divide in the competitiveness of the 11 teams in the division:

- 5 teams played over .500 baseball and there was an significant drop in winning percentage between the 5th place team and the 6th place team
- 2 teams had 5 or fewer wins in the entire season
- The 2 last placed teams allowed more runs against than the top 5 teams allowed combined over the course of the 40 game season
- The 2 last placed teams scored 30 fewer runs for combined then the 5th place team (last team over .500) scored on it's own record

There were several ejections and suspensions through the season but none resulting in a carry over into 2020

1 team has chosen to pursue play n the PBL and there are rumors of others contemplating the same

The decision made to forgo a Qualifier Tournament and have teams 1 - 8 play a best of 3 game series to determine the Final Four was well received

The decision made to conduct a Final Four (Double Knockout format) Tournament was well received

Season play determined all home teams straight through to the last game of the Final Four (Only time there was to be a coin flip was if a "Game 7" was required in the finals)

### 15 U AAA Provincial Final Four

The Final Four were Delta, Township (Langley), Chilliwack and Ridge Meadows

#### Game 1:

Exciting extra inning game saw Delta over Ridge 2-1

Chilliwack dominated Township in a 15-4 win

#### Game 2:

Another fantastic extra inning game saw Delta over Chilliwack 2-1

Hard fought game had Township pull out a 5-2 win over Ridge (Ridge Eliminated)

**Game 3:**

Chilliwack again defeated Township 11-7 (Township Eliminated)

Chilliwack advances to the Finals vs Delta

**Final Game**

Delta pitching and error-less defense managed to hold Chilliwack off the scoreboard winning the 15U AAA Provincial Championship 4-0

**Summary**

There were some complaints about the umpiring crew by some of the coaches and supporters. UIC John Petland did a great job of addressing any issues, explaining decisions made and providing training/advice for the crew on hand. Certainly, as is always the case, any questionable umpire call is not an excuse for lack of key hits, runners left on base, fielding errors, base running errors and all other factors controlled by the players not the umpire. There was a ejection of a player for vulgar language towards the umpire. The umpire made a decision to eject the player immediately and there was no further incident. There will be no carry over suspension for this incident.

Congratulations to the Delta Tigers.

**15U AAA Division Recommendations**

At this point the facts show that the overall caliber of play is sub-par for what is considered to be the top tier of the Division. If AAA is to be the top tier then a Regional model with a stringent, documented, review-able process must be put in place. For this to be a reality then the rule book will need to address the "right to field" aspect. Many aspects from coaching, regions, grass roots, next steps (i.e. College Prep) will have to be explored.

An alternative to the required multi rule changes to do above could be to create a Regional 15U Elite Program. Add on to the programming rather than adjust the current following the College Prep format.

A decision must be made as to the goal of the 15U AAA level and the pathway for players that are truly of the caliber to be considered high performers. This must be tied to the goals of the College Prep Division and if it is to be a "feeder" system for it then changes must be made.

Thank you

Les Szabo

15 U AAA Division Director



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August 13, 2019

15UAA Wild Card Tournament  
July 20 – 21, 2019  
Kensington Park, Burnaby, BC

**Directors present:** Abigail and Trevor

## **Teams Participated:**

Victoria Triangle - island team  
Ridge Meadows Royals  
Chilliwack Cougars  
Vancouver Minor Expo  
North Delta Rays  
North Shore Black  
Vancouver Vipers  
Abbotsford Angels

Thank you to the 15UAA Burnaby parents who prepared and rake the fields for wild card tournament. The tournament runs smoothly with no issues. No ejections.

Vancouver Minor Expos and Vancouver Vipers were the two teams that advanced to the provincial in Prince George.

## **Concerns:**

1. Umpire Shortage  
Burnaby umpire allocator wasn't able to provide full umpire coverage and I have to reach out for other sources.  
End result: enough umpires to cover the entire tournament  
A thank you email was sent to all umpires and UICs that helped fill in the last minute empty spots.
2. Pitch Count Rules  
Lack of knowledge for the pitch count rules and general field rules by coaches and teams. It was very concerning after already completing a 36 game season.
3. Field Decorum  
Noted – all-time low from the teams.  
Some associations that were present made no attempt at hiding the fact they would not be going to Prince George if they won. It showed in their gameplay during the tournament. This is extremely serious for baseball at this level as to what we are showing our players to become.

## 15U Division

15UA - Abigail Wong-de Leon, 15UAA - Trevor McGuire and 15UAAA - Les Szabo



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### **Suggestions for consideration:**

BC Minor Baseball to host the wild card tournament.

- Rent the fields and pay for the rental and the usage of supplies to the association
- Directly hire the umpires (early planning)
- Hire people to do field prep (1-hour maximum?)
- At this level, no concession is required.
- Home team is the official scorekeeper and pitch counter
- BC Minor director on-site collects pitch count sheet and maintain the master list
- \$400 wild card fee payable to BC Minor

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August 13, 2019

## 15UAA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP July 31 – August 6, 2019 Prince George, BC

Tournament Director: James Raymond  
Host Director: Carmen Martin  
15UA Director present: Abigail Wong-de Leon

### **Teams Participated:**

Vancouver Minor Expo  
Ladner Red Sox  
Burnaby Braves  
Layritz  
North Langley Trappers  
Prince George Knights

Cowichan Valley Mustangs  
Surrey Canadians  
Tricity Thunder  
Cloverdale Spurs  
Vancouver Community Vipers  
North Shore Blues

July 31 – Pre-tournament meeting.

James chaired the Pre-tournament meeting and was attended by all coaches; umpire supervisor Matt; Carmen and her crew of volunteers; and myself.

Kudos to Carmen and her crew for a well-prepared provincial tournament. The facility was beautiful.

The opening ceremony was short and sweet followed by a home run derby skill competition. Impressive provincial program with a lot of sponsorship solicited for the provincial. MVP recipients received a very unique keepsake – it was a brilliant idea (compared to typical MVP medals or t-shirts)

Unfortunately, with mother nature being unpredictable, the tournament lost a day and a half of playing. Fields were unplayable. Games were delayed and shortened. As a result, not every team played all the teams in their pool.

There were 3 suspended games and they were played to completion before the semi.

August 1 –

All games were played accordingly.

August 2 –

Morning games were pushed back because of overnight rain.

Rain delay to 1 pm

The City of Prince George closed the park. No games played.

August 3 –

Morning games scheduled on August 2 were played on this day.

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3 pm Vancouver Minor @ Burnaby - suspended.  
6 pm Ladner @ Layritz – postponed  
615pm North Shore @ Tricity – pushed back

August 4 –

Games were played.

It was decided to remove the 5<sup>th</sup> game scheduled for all teams  
(Knocked out 3 games each originally scheduled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)

August 5 -

Games played according to the revised schedule

August 6 – Semi and the Finals

Pool A – Cowichan Valley and North Langley

Pool B – Prince George and Tri-City

Finals

Cowichan Valley and Prince George

Provincial Championship – Prince George

Runner up - Cowichan Valley

### **Comments/Feedback:**

1. Unhappy coaches and families due to delay
2. Slow communication, decision making, and no rain out planned
3. Unwillingly of coaches and families to stay for another day in Prince George
4. Additional expenses incurred.
  - flight change - \$100 minimum
  - extra hotel night - \$200
  - chartered a bus – extra day - \$1500
  - loss of workday
  - food expense - \$200
5. There was no secret that teams dislike this year's provincial venue.
6. Received a handful of emails sent to both 15U Div Chair as well as to Grant Butler from parents complaining.
7. Umping – one-sided
8. Pitch counts issue for teams who joined the Baseball BC provincials.
9. Most of the teams that attended the BC Minor Provincial in Prince George were participating in the Baseball BC provincial.

The volunteers in PG worked at times the entire night to try and prepare the fields for play, the summer storm was not to be expected. Prince George Minor Baseball should be applauded for their effort during this tournament.

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### 15U AA Provincial Championship Report

Date: Jul. 31 - Aug. 6, 2019

Location: Prince George, BC

Teams participating:

Pool A					
Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Prince George	6	6	0	0	12
North Langley	5	3	2	0	6
Ladner	4	2	2	0	4
Burnaby	4	2	2	0	4
Van Minor	4	1	3	0	2
Layritz	4	1	3	0	2
Pool B					
Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Cowichan Valley	6	5	1	0	10
Tri City	5	3	2	0	6
Surrey-Newton	4	2	2	0	4
Van Community	4	1	3	0	2
North Shore	4	1	3	0	2
Coverdale	4	1	3	0	2
Playoffs					
Tri City	@	Prince George	North Langley	@	Cowichan Valley
Cowichan Valley	@	Prince George		Winner	Prince George

### Games:

Day two, as well as, the end of day three lost to weather. All games bumped back 24hrs. After the loss of two more games on day three, six games were removed in their entirety. Games removed were at the discretion of the Division Director and Division Chair. Round Robin was reduced to four games each. Two games were suspended due to weather and were played on day four. All games started were played to completion, including those that were suspended.

### Fields:

The venue fields were excellent. Two fields side by side, dirt(shale mix) infield with regulation mounds built (using clay brick foundation) to exact specifications. Batter's eye screens erected at CF. Both fields had lights, full concrete dugouts and spectators area with stands. Official scorekeepers had designated areas.

### Amenities:

Washrooms readily available and always open, well kept and clean

First aid was on-site as well as easily identified

Security was on-site as well as easily identified

A concession stand was open throughout the competition with a wide array of menu items

Water was provided by host associations in each dugout.

Parking was adequate and safe

Covered picnic areas, tents also erected to provide shade for spectators in some areas

Hotels and Camping within 5-20 min drives

### Umpires:

BCBUA Carded

UIC On-site for the duration of the event

2 -man system for each game, 3-man system for Semis and Final

Umpires were mature, experienced and called excellent games. I was not advised of any issues regarding umpire competency or game management

PGYBA provided Umpires Quarters (RV) and all on-site meals at no charge

### Opening Ceremonies

On Thursday evening after the first day of gameplay. Included comments from Host President, BC Minor Director in Charge, Civic and Provincial Government representatives followed by National Anthem and Home Run Derby

### Other Notables

MVP custom embroidered baseballs awarded to one player from each team at the end of each game.

Local media coverage included radio, print, and television. Local media personalities were on-site and actively engaged with attendees throughout the event

Pitch counts were tallied at the end of each game and posted at official scorekeeper table at each field

Public Scoreboard was visible and updated after each game; including RF/RA

No protests were filed, no ejections were reported to me

No tiebreaker games played

Three-way tiebreaker rule was utilized to determine Pool A placement with Ladner, Burnaby, and North Langley with North Langley moving on to the Semi-Final against Cowichan Valley

It should be brought to special attention that the host association was faced with significant challenges due to the inclement weather forcing the municipality to close the parks. Carmen Martin and the volunteers of PGYBA demonstrated exceptional effort in getting the fields playable again, as well as, managing the temperament of those attending. To be frank, it was nothing short of heroic, on-site until 4AM and back again by 6AM to continue the effort.

### Concerns arising:

- The Twelve team event may not be a viable format moving forward as it does not allow for a comfortable margin of error in the event of significant delay (weather). Having said that, it does provide for a lot of baseball as a finale to the season. I suspect, were it not for the weather delays most people would have been happy for the twelve team format
- Based on the behaviour of a number of coaches and parents in response to the weather delays and restructuring of the tournament schedule, our messaging about the spirit of the tournament and the responsibilities of the adults (coaches and family) attending needs to be amplified and repeated frequently
- The primary complaints were voiced around the cost of attending the event in Prince George. Many attendees had anticipated returning from the event as early as Sunday and the weather delay forced them to make arrangements for the extra day. The contingency day was shown on the schedule from the day of release
- The weather suspended games created some significant challenges with pitch count and rest rule interpretation. Ray Wearing assisted in delivering rulings on interpretation for the event. It may be advisable to review rules and guidelines about suspended game pitch counts, specifically when the games are not resumed within the following 24hrs

In Summary, this was a very well run event under any normal set of circumstances.

Given the “perfect storm” weather that occurred the unhappiness and frustration of all involved is understandable. The host association PGYBA, BC Minor Directors Carmen Martin, Abigail Wong de-Leon, and Trevor McGuire did an outstanding job of salvaging this event when in most cases the tournament would have been in jeopardy of being cancelled due to extreme weather.



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## 15UA SUMMER SEASON

The 17 teams were diligently submitting their game scores on time. Minor re-scheduling of games due to rainout. More ejections received from this level however, ejection reports were not being forwarded in a timely manner or not forwarded at all. I have received emails from coaches and talked to some umpires about these ejections but no reports to confirm. Coaches were pro-active in serving the automatic one-game suspension.

The top 8 teams were determined a few days before the last weekend's scheduled games however, standings continued to change.

The 15U Directors reviewed the schedule from top to bottom for tiebreakers and team balance before the final schedule was sent to all participating teams.

Received several phone calls from teams regarding the use of Traveling Team. They were not accommodating and not responsive. Out of town teams were unable to secure one hotel for their group. They were all over town – Langley, Pitt Meadows, etc.

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## 15UA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

August 7 – 11, 2019  
Mission, BC

Tournament Director: Abigail Wong-de Leon  
Host Director: Dan Williams  
15U Division Chair present: Trevor McGuire

### Teams Participated:

Tsawwassen A's  
Ladner Red Sox  
White Rock Tritons  
Campbell River Tyees  
North Langley Trappers  
Prince George Knights

Salmon Arms Hornets  
Surrey Canadians  
Tricity Thunder  
Cloverdale Spurs  
Vancouver Community Mounties  
Mission Twins

Trevor conducted the pre-tournament meeting held on August 6, 2019, at Rotary Sports Field. All the coaches were present at the meeting. Rosters were reviewed with no questions. Field decorum was discussed, The following were discussed and reinstated: tie-breaker rules. Pitch count rules. Pools and seedings were explained to all coaches.

Kudos to Dan and his group of volunteers, they did a great job and a well-prepared provincial tournament. The fields were well prepared and ready.

The opening ceremony was combined with the 13UA East group. There were 22 teams present. Dan Williams was the master of ceremony. Followed by skills competition – Base Race, Around the Horn, Bocci, and Coolest Coach. The limelight was the “coolest coach” competition.



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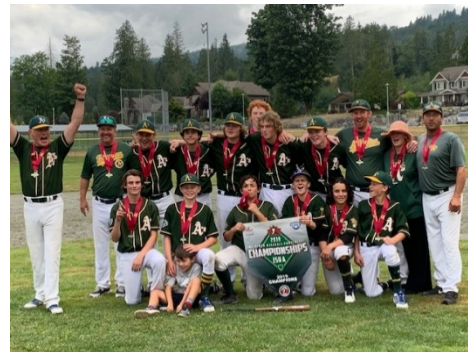
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The tournament runs smoothly with no major issues. One minor incident occurred. A Surrey player pulled his neck muscle while playing, there was a doctor on site and checked on him. The player was driven to Mission emergency for an x-ray. His parents reported back to us and he was ok. Umpires were well respected.

The semi-final game played by Tsawwassen and Campbell River played up to the 10<sup>th</sup> inning using international rules. The game was also suspended for at least 30 mins due to rain.

Pool A – Campbell River and Tsawwassen  
Pool B – Salmon Arm and Vancouver Community

Championship Game had a delayed start due to above.  
Provincial Championship – Tsawwassen (by one run)  
Runner Up – Vancouver Community



### **Comments/Feedback from Teams:**

1. Teams including spectators would like to see game scores, standings and pitch count visibly seen around the diamonds.  
(perhaps a large board)
2. The BC Minor website is hard to navigate to look for game schedule and scores.
3. Good idea for the tournament director to maintain a master list of all pitch counts. They were easily accessible by all coaches.
3. A well-run tournament overall.

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### Feedback received from Tsawwassen Head Coach.

R.J. O'Neil

Sun, Aug 18, 7:25 PM (2  
days ago)

to me

Hi Abigail. I apologize for the late reply...I am currently on a camping trip in Alaska and we have been out of contact for a few days. Thank you for the email. Our A's players and families enjoyed the tournament.

I need to share some great aspects ...The communication was outstanding. You, along with Trevor, were very reachable, always present on-site, and easy to approach/talk to :). Dan and his crew in Mission did a great job and the parks were in good shape throughout - even the rain brought out the best and we greatly appreciate their hard work.

The umpiring was simply the best we have ever experienced! Cornelius was excellent and the consistency amongst the crews was impressive.

In terms of recommendations, I will just name the things I heard even though I know that some of these are not controllable. Please know that the vast majority of feedback was very positive...

- concern over artificial mounds
- many questions about the draw and the change in schedule (although most acknowledge that the reworking improved the balance and fairness)
- the unfortunate inaccuracy of the "Travelling Teams" association with the tournament created some extra accommodation challenges.
- the duration of the tournament was questioned. Asked why not a Thursday start? My belief is that 12 teams and 2 diamonds make for a very busy schedule and we really appreciated the 9:00 start as many tournaments schedule 8:00 am games. Often, lower mainland teams have it very tough if driving to the tournament. I did explain that to parents as to why the Wednesday start.

Again, thank you for your great communication and don't hesitate to contact me with any thoughts or questions. RJ 778-996-4540

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Grant Butler &lt;gbutlerbcls@gmail.com&gt;

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## 13U & High Performance Reports

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**Marty Hall** <martyhall@shaw.ca>

Wed, Aug 21, 2019 at 7:43 PM

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### 13U Divisional Report / August 2019

#### 2019 13U Provincial Tournament Champions & Directors

Sanda King, 13U A - EAST - Prince George Knights      WEST - North Delta Rays

Nick Van Dyk, 13U AA - Aldergorve

Marty Hall, 13U AAA - Penticton Tigers

#### HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT:

##### 13U tournament was held in Tri-Cities, Washington

Coaches were Rob Burnett and Randy McKinnon / Chef John Braaten

13U Selects(3-2) won the bronze medal game after losing in the semi to the eventual champs.

##### 15U tournament was held in Orange County, California

Coached by Jason Boldt and Mike Ferguson / Chef Mike Kelly

15U Selects (5-1) also lost in the semi final to the eventual champs

##### 16U tournament was held in Lacey, Washington

Coached by JJ Hyde and his son / Chef James Raymond

16U Selects (3-1) lost in extra innings of the semi final by one run

Marty Hall

BCMBA

13U / High Performance Chair



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## 13UA EAST PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

August 8 – 11, 2019  
Mission, BC

Tournament Director: Trevor McGuire  
Host Director: Dan Williams  
15UA Director present: Abigail Wong-de Leon

Received the following documents via email from Sanda.

- Email chain between Brian Young and Sanda King regarding seeding issue.
- Provincial game schedule
- Team roster – missing Abbotsford roster

There was no email sent out to coaches regarding coaches meeting. According to the 13UA director, it was the host association's responsibility to send out the email.

Trevor chaired the coaches meeting on August 7 at Rotary Sports Field's Concession area. Trevor introduced himself as the TD for the 13UA East Provincial. Dan Williams, as the host and Umpire in chief. All coaches were in attendance. John Powell was late. Abigail was also present at the meeting as the 15UA Director. The following items were discussed.

1. Code of Conduct - discussed behavior expectations for players, coaches, and parents
2. Pitch count – a master list will be made available to all coaches at the BC Minor tent.
3. Tie-breaker rule –
4. Review of Roster
5. Provincial draw issue – any questions, to email directly the 13UA division director Sanda King, copy the 13U division Chair Marty Hall and BC Minor Interim President, Grant Butler.

No major issues occurred.

- One game run over 3 hours
- The championship game was delayed due to rain.
- Umpire issue (there were few complaints made from coaches regarding umpires)
- Foul Baseballs were not being returned. Not enough baseball supplied.
- Game scores were prompted updated on the website.
- An email reminder regarding pitch count rules was sent to all coaches

Two separate minor incidents occurred during the tournament and an ambulance was called on both incidents.

- A Prince George pitcher was hit by a ball
- A grandpa was stung by bees

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Semis: Cloverdale, Prince George, Penticton, and Abbotsford

Finals: Prince George and Penticton

Winner: Prince George



Received a nice thank you note from Abbotsford Angels Black 13UA

From: **Monte Baerg** <[mgbaerg@gmail.com](mailto:mgbaerg@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Aug 12, 2019, at 10:51 PM

Subject: 13U A Provincials

To: trevor <[precisionfibre@gmail.com](mailto:precisionfibre@gmail.com)>, <[awdlking@gmail.com](mailto:awdlking@gmail.com)>

Abigail and Trevor,

Thank you for running such a wonderful tournament. This was my first time coaching in a Provincial tournament and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you for all the hard work that you and all the other people at BC Minor Baseball do. I'm sure you are not thanked nearly enough and are too often taken for granted, thank for all that you do for the kids

Regards,

Monte Baerg  
Abbotsford Angels Black 13UA

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## **Reports for BC Minor Baseball – Board meeting August 24, 2019**

Submitted by Sanda King

### **13U A Report**

13UA West provincials were held in Abbotsford at MacMillan Park and Crossley Park. Abbotsford Baseball did an excellent job at hosting these provincials and only offered in early June to do so, once they established park availability. They really came through. Their parent volunteer group was great and they managed to scorekeep, pitch count and call all the games at both diamonds. Recently Abbotsford Baseball invested in a food truck so they ran a good concession there as well. No issues with the games with only one ejection. The UIC and tournament coordinator did a great job as well. All teams expressed having a good time and no complaints. Ultimately, the final game was between Victoria Warriors and North Delta Rays. North Delta won.

13UA East provincials held in Mission and thank you to Trevor and Abigail for running those provincials. No news to me would mean good news as there were obviously were no issues that I had to deal with.

I did have some queries as to how the seeding and schedule was done more so from the East provincials and in retrospect and for the future, I think once berths are known, I will send out the schedule template so everyone can see from the start where they will fit depending on what the standings are. I had sent the template to the hosts Abbotsford and Mission but didn't indicate they should let the teams know. Other provincials I have done, the hosts had sent that info out. To me, it is the most impartial way, I think, to determine the pools, but will certainly take correction on that if there is a better way to handle the scheduling for provincials.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sanda King



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### August 24, 2019 Board meeting

#### Divisional Report 15 , 11U – August 24, 2019

- currently working/discussing on division changes going forward; mostly to do with updating tiering/non-tiering (spring and summer)
- 11U e-mail divisional questions as usual continued; increased last week of season and continued to be very high leading to Provincial Championships the summer season (many first time summer baseball coaches) this time of year with summer schedules just released
- Each respective 11U Provincial Host Committee were provided continued guidance throughout July
- posted all information regarding summer all-star play on each respective divisional 11U page to use as an “information hub”; continual updates up to and including successful Championship berth information
  - then successful team information was moved to each respective 11U divisional “Provincials” page
- thank you to Cathy Wade, Dave Garton & Mike Holyk for running their respective 11U championship tournament along with the support of many other Directors
- another **BIG** thank you to each respective Host Committee for all the work done in advance, during and after their Provincial Championship

#### John Braaten

Interim 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

11U Division Chair

Boundary & Affiliation Committee member

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**August 24, 2019 Board meeting**

### **2019 Provincial Championship tier breakdown**

#### **64 declared teams between the four (4) 11U Tiers**

- **11U A (I attended this Provincial Championship)**
  - 14 declared teams (proportional provincial representation)
  - 10 teams competed in Kamloops (host)
  - Abbotsford defeated Cloverdale in final
  - White Rock defeated Ridge Meadows for bronze
    - only 5 games (including medal round) throughout the entire tournament were within 3 runs of the 24 scheduled; plenty of mercies
    - big player/team skill gap within the 10 teams
- **11U AA**
  - 20 declared teams (proportional provincial representation)
  - 10 teams competed in Oceanside (Parksville – Host)
  - North Shore defeated Oceanside in the final
  - Ladysmith defeated Ladner for bronze
    - 10 games (including medal round) throughout the entire tournament were within 3 runs of the 24 scheduled
- **11U AAA T2**
  - 17 declared teams (proportional provincial representation)
  - 10 teams competed in North Delta (Host)
  - North Delta defeated North Langley in the final
  - White Rock defeated Ladner for bronze
    - 7 games (including medal round) throughout the entire tournament were within 3 runs of the 24 scheduled
- **11U AAA T1**
  - 13 declared teams (proportional provincial representation)
  - 10 teams competed in Nanaimo (Host)
  - Abbotsford defeated White Rock in the final
  - Richmond City defeated Nanaimo for bronze
    - 9 games (including medal round) throughout the entire tournament were within 3 runs of the 24 scheduled

#### **Personal thoughts from 11U summer all-star play (no particular order):**

- proportional provincial representation to review or not review based on overall team skill discrepancy within 11U; many unaware within province of this
- the removal of move-down team requests (has led to unfair competition for traditional smaller associations which are heavily affected and not of their own fault).

- one move-down approved team flagged mid-summer in particular and was addressed with association unfortunately after Provincials when more information was then provided
    - remedies were not able to be implemented due to poor communication
- 11U historically is a difficult division regarding communication as many coaches are new to summer all-star play learning the ropes
  - many do not or have not been provided a rule book by association, printed and/or are unfamiliar with divisional and game play (even with communication to all summer coaches to read the Rule Book in advance of the season)
- limit the amount of summer dressed coaches for teams (witnessed upwards of six (6) coaches on-field)
  - too much crowding on field and “up the line” coaching defense
  - witnessed multiple coaches approaching umpires at once even given Rule 13.11.2
- too many mercies at Provincial Championships as regional/association size, etc.
  - association player skill gap is widening
  - all teams who qualify should have a chance to compete for gold and is not happening
- teams who declare for summer play must compete in regional zone tournament and/or summer leagues (should not decide whether they want to compete or not) as it affects the overall proportional representation throughout the province

**John Braaten**

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### Island Director/18U/15U Rep - Summer 2019

- Tadpole Regionals held in Duncan July 5-7<sup>th</sup>
- Vancouver Island Zone Tourneys/playdowns held the weekend of July 25-27<sup>th</sup>.

Below is a summary of the declarations, Zones and Provincial attendees

- 11U A: Nanaimo & Victoria (Zone playoff Vic) **Victoria**
  - 11UAA: Saltspring, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Oceanside, Comox Valley, Campbell River - (Zone Nanaimo July 25-27) **Oceanside, Ladysmith Campbell River, Saltspring**
  - 11UAAA T2: Victoria, Nanaimo, Comox Valley (Zone Comox July 26/27) **Nanaimo, Comox**
  - 11UAAA T1: Victoria, Duncan, Nanaimo (Zone Duncan July 26/27) **Victoria, Duncan, Nanaimo (Provincial Host)**
  - 13UA: Victoria, Saltspring, Ladysmith/Duncan, Nanaimo, Oceanside, Comox Valley, Campbell River, Powell River (Zone Oceanside & Vic July 25-27) **Oceanside, Victoria, Campbell River, Oceanside**
  - 13UAA: Victoria X 2, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Comox Valley, Campbell River (Zone Campbell River July 25-27) **Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Comox (Provincial Host)**
  - 13UAAA: Victoria X 2 (League play) **Victoria (Provincial Host)**
  - 15UA: Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Comox Valley, Campbell River (Campbell River Zone July 27/28) **Campbell River, Nanaimo**
  - 15UAA: Cowichan, Victoria x 4, North Island (League Play & Wildcard) **Victoria X 2, Cowichan**
  - 15UAAA: Nanaimo (League Play) **Nanaimo**
  - 18UAA: No Declared teams
  - 18UAAA: VI, North Island, Vic (League Play) **VI, Vic**
  - College Prep: No Declared teams
- Island Provincial Results
    - 11UAA Oceanside Silver Medal, Ladysmith **Bronze Medal**
    - 13UA West, Victoria Silver Medal
    - 13UAA, Comox Silver Medal
    - 15UAA Cowichan Valley, Silver Medal
    - 18UAAA VI Mariners, **Gold Medal**



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### **North Report**

**August 20, 2019**

Prince George successfully held the Zone playdowns for the North berth at the 13U A level on July 27/28<sup>th</sup> weekend. It was a great weekend of ball – lots of good talent in Quesnel – so hope we continue to see growth from their association. Prince George won the best of 3 games series and earned the berth for the North representation.

Prince George hosted the 15U AA provincials this year – and with the minor little hiccup of Mother Nature - I would say the tournament was an overall success. Great feedback from the coaches, parents and players. All were very gracious and understanding despite our ongoing battle with weather and every changing game schedule as the weekend progressed.

Prince George had a great summer season with 3 Provincial titles at the following levels:

13U A

15U AA

18U AA

A thank you to Trevor and Abigail for all their help before and during the 15U AA provincial tournament. A huge shout out to James Raymond for being my sounding board and cohort throughout the 15U AA provincials – what a ride!!

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