

## **APPENDIX I – Rules & Dimension Summary**

### **RULES, FIELD DIMENSIONS AND EQUIPMENT SUMMARY FOR COACHES**

Category	9U	11U	13U	15U	18U
Age (calendar year)	8-9	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-18
Base Distance	60 ft.	70 ft.	70 ft.	80 ft.	90 ft.
Home to 2 <sup>nd</sup> distance	84 ft. 10¼ in.	99 ft.	99 ft.	113. ft 1½ in.	127 ft. 3 3/8 in.
Pitching Distance	40-42 ft. (machine)	44 ft.	48 ft.	54 ft.	60 ft. 6 in.
Number of pitches per game or day	N/A	Follow Pitch Count Regulations in Appendix			
Number of pitches per championship or week	N/A	Follow Pitch Count Regulations in Appendix			
Rest Rule	N/A	Follow Pitch Count Regulations in Appendix			
Bat Type	Metal	Metal	Metal	Metal (minus 3) – AA & A Wood - AAA	Wood
Max. Bat Length	32 in.	32 in.	42 in.	42 in.	42 in.
Max Bat Diameter	2¾ in..	2¾ in.	2¾ in.	2¾ in.	
Bat Weight to Length Ratio	N/A	N/A	-10	-3 AA & A	N/A
Game Length (innings)	6	6	7	7	7
Cleats	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Metal	Metal
Designated Hitter	No	No	No	No	Yes
10 Run Mercy Rule	N/A	After 4 innings or 3½ if home team ahead	After 5 innings or 4½ if home team ahead	After 5 innings or 4½ if home team ahead	After 5 innings or 4½ if home team ahead
Chin Straps Mandatory	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

**Note:** Stricter standards may be implanted by your local league or association. Check with your representatives for any discrepancies.

## ***APPENDIX II – League Fees and Registrations***

### **LEAGUE FEES AND PROVINCIAL REGISTRATIONS**

#### **COSTS**

#### **2017 Affiliation Fees**

<b><u>Age Group</u></b>	<b><u>Individual Fee (Per Player)</u></b>	<b><u>Team Roster Fee (Per Roster)</u></b>
Rally Cap	\$10.00	N/A
9U (Grand Slam)	\$15.00	\$10.00
11U	\$25.00	\$15.00
13U	\$25.00	\$15.00
15U	\$25.00	\$15.00
18U	\$25.00	\$15.00
Senior “AA”	\$30.00	\$15.00
21U	\$30.00	\$15.00
Senior “AAA”	\$30.00	\$15.00
Coaches	\$15.00 (except Rally Cap \$ 5.00 - 1 Coach only)	

#### **Provincial Fees:**

Each league shall be charged the following fees based on the number of teams entering Provincial competition in each classification.

**Provincial AAA** All Classifications - \$400.00

**Provincial AA** All Classifications - \$250.00 (Final Reps. only)

**Provincial A** All Classifications - \$250.00 (Final Reps. only)

### NATIONAL COACHES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (N.C.C.P.)

The National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) is a nation-wide training program designed to develop coaching excellence. The levels of the NCCP have been carefully designed by Baseball Canada to meet the needs of a wide range of coaches, from novice to elite.

#### Initiation Coach Program

The Baseball Canada Initiation Coach program is designed to provide valuable and accessible resources and training to coaches who are introducing and continuing to work with children in community level baseball programs. This level is for those coaching Grand Slam ball, or “AA” or “A “ 11U, 13U, 15U or 18U teams.

The program is comprised of two parts:

- **Baseball Canada's On-line Module** - a complete resource to help get you started and a place to revisit often while you coach children's baseball; On completion of this module your coaching status in the Baseball Canada Initiation Coach program will be In Training.
- **Initiation Coach Clinic** - a Provincial/local 4-5 hour, on-field/gym clinic that you can attend only after completing the On-line Module. The clinic covers the fundamentals of the game and some ethical decision making; On completion of this and the On-Line module your coaching status in the Baseball Canada Initiation Coach program will be Trained.

#### Regional and Provincial Coach Program

##### Regional and Provincial Coach

The new Baseball Canada Regional/Provincial Coach program is designed to provide valuable and accessible resources and training to coaches who are working with children in the introduction to competition level baseball programs.

The program is comprised of seven parts. The first 5 apply to the Regional Coach and the other 2 are for the Provincial Coach stream.

##### REGIONAL COACH

- **Baseball Canada's On-line Module** - a complete resource to help get you started and a place to revisit often while you coach children's baseball; On completion of this module your coaching status in the Baseball Canada Initiation Coach program will be In Training.
- **Initiation Coach Clinic** - a Provincial/local 4-5 hour, on-field/gym clinic that you can attend only after completing the On-line Module. The clinic covers the fundamentals of the game and some ethical decision making; On completion of this and the On-Line module your coaching status in the Baseball Canada Initiation Coach program will be Trained.

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- **Teaching and Learning Module** - a Provincial/local 4-5 hour, in-class clinic that you can attend only after completing the On-line Module. The clinic covers organization, explanations, demonstrations, supervision and feedbacks; On completion of this module your coaching status in the Baseball Canada **Regional Coach** program will be **In Training**.
- **Absolutes Module** - a Provincial/local 4-5 hour, in-class clinic that you can attend only after completing the On-line Module. The clinic covers the basics of error detection and correction for basic baseball skills; On completion of this module your coaching status in the Baseball Canada **Regional Coach** program will be **In Training**.
- **Planning and Design Module** - a Provincial/local 4-5 hour, in-class clinic that you can attend only after completing the On-line Module. The clinic covers the structure of a practice and the design of a simple season plan. On completion of this module your coaching status in the Baseball Canada **Regional Coach** program will be **In Training**.
- Once you have completed all 5 modules (On-line Module, Initiation Coach Clinic, Teaching and Learning, Analyze Performance and Planning and Design), your coaching status in the Baseball Canada **Regional Coach** program will be **Trained**.
- Your coaching status in the Baseball Canada **Regional Coach** program will be **Certified Regional Coach** once the Making Ethical Decision Online Evaluation is completed as well as completing the evaluation portfolio online and you are evaluated during a practice session.

### **PROVINCIAL COACH**

- **Pitching & Catching Clinic** - a Provincial/local 4-5 hour, in-class or gym/field clinic that you can attend only after completing the previous modules. The clinic covers basic pitching mechanics as well as fundamentals for catchers. On completion of this module, your coaching status in the Baseball Canada **Provincial Coach** program will be **In Training**.
- **Strategies Clinic** - a Provincial/local 4-5 hour, in-class clinic that you can attend only after completing the previous Module. The clinic covers signals, line-up, basic positioning, steal, hit and run and other tactical aspects. On completion of this module your coaching status in the Baseball Canada **Provincial Coach** program will be **In Training**.

Your coaching status in the Baseball Canada **Provincial Coach** program will be **Trained Provincial Coach** once all modules are completed.

Your coaching status in the Baseball Canada **Provincial Coach** program will be **Certified Provincial Coach** once the Making Ethical Decision Online Module (done once only) is completed as well as completing your evaluation portfolio online (done once only) and you are evaluated during a game.

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### Make Ethical Decisions

The purpose of the pre-evaluation tasks is to provide you with an opportunity to review the material taught in the Competition – Introduction Make Ethical Decisions module. It will also help to prepare you for the actual evaluation, improving your chances of successful completion. The three exercises are:

1. The six (6) steps in the NCCP ethical decision-making process
2. Terms and definitions
3. A practice scenario with actual marking and feedback

During or after the pre-evaluation tasks, you may quit the application in favour of reviewing the Make Ethical Decisions Reference Material.

You are encouraged to try the pre-evaluation tasks as often as you like before proceeding to the actual online evaluation exercise.

You may bypass the pre-evaluation tasks if you wish and proceed directly to the evaluation. See the options below.

Before you begin your Make Ethical Decisions online evaluation, we'd like to share a few items with you:

- You need to have a CC number and an active account with the NCCP Database.
- If you have not been assigned a CC number, and it has been more than four weeks from the time of your workshop, please contact the NCCP Database via e-mail at [coach@coach.ca](mailto:coach@coach.ca).
- If you have your CC number, but do not have an account yet set up for the NCCP Database, please email [coach@coach.ca](mailto:coach@coach.ca) and give them your number and ask for an account. They will email you back a User Name and temporary password. If you encounter any problems signing up, please contact Brenda at the Baseball Manitoba office (925-5763) or [baseball.brenda@sportmanitoba.ca](mailto:baseball.brenda@sportmanitoba.ca).
- As this is a new application, we need your help in ensuring it meets the needs of coaches. If at any time you need help with the technology, please contact the Coordinator of Information Systems, at [coach@coach.ca](mailto:coach@coach.ca). The Coordinator will provide you with technical assistance or will forward your feedback to us to help improve the online evaluation tool.
- There are **no fees** associated with this online evaluation. Our goal is to provide coaches with affordable training and evaluation, and any future costs associated with online training and evaluation will be minimal.
- The application will only allow you **two attempts** to successfully complete the evaluation. If both attempts are unsuccessful, you will be required to participate in a Make Ethical Decisions module in order to access the online evaluation for another two attempts.
- Once you have successfully completed the online evaluation, your file on the NCCP Database will be automatically updated. To view your transcript online, please visit [coach@coach.ca](mailto:coach@coach.ca), click on My Locker then Transcript and login using the same username and password you used to access the online evaluation.

## **APPENDIX III – Coaching Certification**

### **Baseball Manitoba Certification Chart**

Age Coaching	Certification you will need	Cost
Rally Cap	All Coaches - Respect In Sport On-Line At least 1 coach per team – Initiation in Sport - Coach Initiation in Baseball (Rally Cap) - Rally Cap Workshop Clinic	No Charge \$37.45  \$30.00
9U – Grand Slam	All Coaches - Respect In Sport On-Line All Coaches – Coach Initiation in Sport - Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals) - Initiation Coach Clinic - Recommended	No Charge \$37.45
11U A & AA	All Coaches - Respect In Sport On-Line All Coaches – Community Sport Trained At least 1 coach per team – My First Pitch Others - My First Pitch - recommended	No Charge \$67.45  \$37.45
13U A & AA 15U A & AA” 18U A & AA”	All Coaches - Respect In Sport On-Line At least 1 coach per team – Community Sport Trained Recommend Others have – Coach Initiation in Sport - Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals)	No Charge \$67.45 \$37.45
13U “AAA”	All Coaches - Respect In Sport On-Line All Coaches – Community Sport Trained - Absolutes Clinic - Teaching and Learning Clinic - Planning and Design Clinic At least one coach per team requires the above plus the following: - Evaluation Portfolio, Practice Evaluation & - Making Ethical Decisions On-Line	No Charge \$67.45 \$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00  \$99.00 No Charge
15U “AAA”	All Coaches - Respect In Sport On-Line All Coaches – Community Sport Trained - Absolutes Clinic - Teaching and Learning Clinic - Planning and Design Clinic - Pitching and Catching Clinic - Strategies Clinic At least one coach per team requires the above plus the following: - Evaluation Portfolio, Practice Evaluation & Game Evaluation - Making Ethical Decisions On-Line	No Charge \$67.45 \$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00  \$99.00 No Charge

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Senior "AA" (including Westerns)	All Coaches – Coach Initiation in Sport - Coach Initiation in Baseball (Fundamentals)	\$37.45
18U "AAA" 21U "AAA"	All Coaches - Respect In Sport On-Line All Coaches – Community Sport Trained - Absolutes Clinic - Teaching and Learning Clinic - Planning and Design Clinic - Pitching and Catching Clinic - Strategies Clinic  At least one coach per team requires the above plus the following: - Evaluation Portfolio, Practice Evaluation & Game Evaluation - Making Ethical Decisions On-Line	No Charge \$67.45 \$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00  \$99.00  No Charge
Senior "AAA" Senior "AA" Allstars	All Coaches - Respect In Sport On-Line All Coaches – Community Sport Trained - Absolutes Clinic - Teaching and Learning Clinic - Planning and Design Clinic - Pitching and Catching Clinic - Strategies Clinic	No Charge \$67.45 \$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00 \$50.00

## **APPENDIX IV – Umpire Certification**

### **NATIONAL OFFICIALS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

Developing better officials is one of the goals of the National Officials Certification Program (NOCP) a nation-wide standardized program. Five levels of competency provide officials with the necessary instruction to officiate from club sports all the up to International competition. The program is sport specific, and baseball's five levels are divided in the following manner:

Level & Cost	Experience	Requirements	Examination	Application	Evaluation	Maintaining Status
1 \$55	None Minimum Age 12	Attend a Level 1 Clinic		All Levels of House League and up to and including 13U Rep	None	Attend Clinic Yearly
2 \$65	Have a Level 1 for a min. of 2 years	Attend a Level 2 Clinic	Obtain 60% or more (Yearly)	Provincial Level Baseball up to and including 18U	None	Attend Clinic Yearly
3 \$85	Have a Level 2 for a min. of 3 years Must be 18 yrs of age	Submit a Level 3 Exam yearly and attend a Level 3 Clinic every three years	Obtain 76% or more (Yearly)	All Levels of Provincial Baseball	1 base and 1 plate evaluation recommended	Submit an exam and registration fee yearly. Attend a Clinic every three years
4 New \$185 Existing \$190	Have a Level 3 for a min. of 1 year	Attend a Level 4 Clinic by invitation (need to be evaluated first)	Obtain 86% or more	All Levels of Baseball in Canada	Successfully complete 1 base and 1 plate evaluation	Attend Clinic Yearly and complete base and plate evaluation yearly
5	Have a Level 4 for a min. of 1 year	Attend a Level 4 Clinic by invitation	Obtain 86% or more	All Levels of International Baseball	Successfully complete 1 base and 1 plate evaluation	Attend Clinic Yearly and complete base and plate evaluation yearly

**All certification clinics are one day, six hours in duration.**





## APPENDIX VI – Pitch Count Rules

### Pitch Count Regulations

- Any player on the team is eligible to pitch and there are **NO** restrictions to the number of pitchers a coach may use in a game.
- An appearance shall be defined as 1 pitch thrown or more.
- Pitchers are permitted to have a maximum of 2 appearances in the same calendar day. If a pitcher requires a rest following the 1<sup>st</sup> appearance, they cannot return to pitch in the same day. (Example: a 13U pitcher throws 29 pitches in their 1<sup>st</sup> appearance. That pitcher has not reached a rest threshold and may pitch in another game that calendar day. Another 13U pitcher throws 40 pitches in their 1<sup>st</sup> appearance. That pitcher has exceeded the no-rest threshold of 30 pitches, and cannot pitch for the remainder of the day). The official scorekeeper will calculate the total pitches thrown for that calendar day and determine the required rest starting the next calendar day. These two appearances would only occur if 2 or more games are being played on the same day.
- Every pitch thrown in the game is counted (including foul tips, and all foul balls). Warm-up pitches between innings, or when a new pitcher enters the game, are not part of the count.
- A pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first two (2) days combined does not exceed:

11U: 25

13U: 30

15U: 35

18U: 40

If a pitcher's Day 1 + Day 2 total exceeds the figure shown above, they require at least one days rest. A pitcher cannot pitch four consecutive days. Minimally one days rest is required. (Example: A 13U Pitcher throws 15 pitches on Day 1 (Friday). That same pitcher throws 10 pitches on Day 2 (Saturday). The two day total is 25 pitches, which is less than the limit of 30. This pitcher is allowed to pitch on Day 3 (Sunday) to their maximum limit, which for 13U is 85. **This is a change from the previous rule where a pitcher could not pitch on 3 consecutive days.**

- The official scorekeeper will calculate the total pitches thrown for that calendar day and determine the required rest (if any) starting the next calendar day. Athletes must **not** exceed the maximum pitch count total for that day. If there is no official Pitch Count scorekeeper, the home team Pitch Count scorekeeper will become the official Pitch Count scorekeeper.
- Once a player assumes the role of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day. This rule allows a player to catch, and then pitch in the same game or the same day. However a player cannot pitch and then catch in the same game or day. **This is a change from the previous rule that said players cannot pitch and catch in the same day.**
- Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if their maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day. (e.g. 75 for a 11U pitcher, 85 for a 13U pitcher)
- Intentional walks will be included in Pitch Count totals.
- Required Rest shall be defined in "Days" starting at 12:01 a.m. and ending at 11:59 p.m. of the next calendar day.
- A pitcher who is removed from the mound during the game shall not be permitted to return to pitch in the same game, even if the pitcher is retained in the game in another position.

Rest required	11U Number of Pitches	13U Number of Pitches	15U Number of Pitches	18U Number of Pitches
None	1-25	1-30	1-35	1-40
1 day	26-40	31-45	36-50	41-55
2 days	41-55	46-60	51-65	56-70
3 days	56-65	61-75	66-80	71-85
4 days	66-75	76-85	81-95	86-105
Total Pitches Allowed in a Day	<b>75</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>105</b>

## ***APPENDIX VII – Baseball Manitoba Policies***

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### **Baseball Manitoba Policies**

The following Policies have been adopted by Baseball Manitoba, and may be viewed on the Baseball Manitoba website at [www.baseballmanitoba.ca](http://www.baseballmanitoba.ca)

Appeal Policy

Bingo Policy

Code of Conduct Policy

Conflict of Interest Policy

Discipline and Complaints Policy

Dispute Resolution Policy

Logo Use Policy

Member in Good Standing

Privacy Policy

Provincial Team Selection Policy

Residency Rules

Respect In Sport Policy

Social Media Policy

## ***APPENDIX VIII – Video Library***

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### **Coaches DVD Library**

Baseball Manitoba has a selection of DVD's available at Coaching Manitoba, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Sport for Life Centre, 145 Pacific Ave in Winnipeg.

#### **Batting**

MVP Hitting – Doyle Baseball Schools  
Hitting Skills & Drills for Youth Players  
Hitting/Baserunning – Johnson – ABCA  
Hitting Drills From A-Z – Rod Delmonico  
Hitting Fundamentals – Rod Delmonico  
Right On – The Right Way to Hit – Ernie Rosseau

#### **Catching**

Ultimate Catcher – Tom Thompson  
The Complete Catcher – Tommy Thompson

#### **Pitching**

Pitching Drills & Fielding Skills for Youth  
Hitting Skills & Drills for Youth Players  
Pitchers Fielding Practice – Tom House  
The Pitching Edge – Tom House  
Pitching – Denny Doyle \* Jim Zerilla  
Coaching Pitchers – Dewey Robinson  
Teaching Pitches – Dewey Robinson  
Pitchers Fielding Practice Dewey Robinson  
The Red Book of Pitching – Clyde Keller  
Pitching Drills – Bob Bennett  
Pitching From the Ground Up – Bob Bennett  
Pitching Drills – Bob Bennett

#### **Fielding**

Fielding & Middle Infield Play -Itchy Jones  
Baseball Skills & Drills – Fielding – Jack Leggitt  
Team Defensive Drills – Larry Price  
Individual Defensive Drills – Larry Price

#### **Baserunning**

Base Running – Blake Doyle  
Aggressive Baserunning Fundamentals – Rod Delmonico

#### **Exercise**

Jumping into Plyometrics – Donald Chu

#### **Fields**

ABC's of Ground Maintenance

#### **Umpires**

Handle It – Baseball Situations – Umpires  
See A Balk – Call A Balk – Rowe & Kaplan

#### **General**

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**Travel Assistance / Hotel Fee Policy**

Each team attending a Baseball Canada National Championship is required to provide the host with \$4,000 to cover the cost of accommodations. Host sites committees for national championships require about \$120,000 to host a championship event with 50% of this figure being housing. This \$4,000 fee does not apply at the regional 13U championships.

**Baseball Manitoba will pay the \$4,000 Accommodation Fee for teams attending national championships. However, there will not be any travel assistance funding.** This Accommodation Fee is for teams representing Manitoba at National (Baseball Canada) interprovincial “AAA” competition (13U to Senior).

There is no Travel Assistance to Western Canada Championship competition, with the exception of the Senior “AA” All-star category. In addition there is no Travel Assistance for any intra-provincial (in Manitoba) competition.

**Flights/Transportation for  
Western Canada or National Competition**

Teams traveling for Baseball Canada National Championships to Ontario, or to the Western Provinces (Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia) will be responsible for their own travel arrangements. The same applies for team attending the Western Canada Baseball Championships. Baseball Manitoba will not be booking flights or arranging transportation to these locations. Baseball Manitoba will pre-book flights to Quebec or the Maritime provinces.

### **LIGHTNING AT THE BALLPARK**

Lightning represents a significant weather hazard for players and spectators. It is estimated that 100 people are killed each year as a result of being struck by lightning and many more are injured. Responsible administrators, coaches and trainers must be prepared to deal with lightning storms and appropriate steps must be pre-planned. These steps include:

1. Assign an individual to monitor the forecast before a game. Use the weather channel or portable radio information from the National Weather Service to determine if a thunderstorm is in the area.
2. Be aware of weather patterns. Most thunder/lightning storms occur between May and September and between the hours of 10 A.M. and 7 P.M.
3. If thunder can be heard or lightning seen carefully monitor the progress of the storm, as it must be close.
4. Count the number of seconds between seeing lightning and hearing thunder. Divide the number of seconds by five to estimate the distance of the storm in miles. A "flash-to-bang" of 30 seconds or less is an indication to move athletes and spectators to a safe area. A pre-assigned individual should be responsible for the decision to evacuate.
5. Evacuation should be pre-planned having means of communication to notify individuals of the danger and to provide directions to safe shelters. Have signs available that will provide direction to the nearest safe area.
6. Be sure to know the approximate number of players and spectators and the size of the available shelters so that the proper number of individuals can be directed to a given location.
7. Safe shelters are optimally an enclosed building with telephone, and/or electrical wiring and/or plumbing that will aid in grounding and dispersing the electrical impact. Enclosed automobiles with a metal roof and school buses are sources of shelter but no contact should be made with metal. Showers, plumbing facilities, utilities, telephones and headsets should not be used. Cordless and cellular phones can be used for communication.
8. If not safe shelter is available avoid high areas, antennas, towers, poles, freestanding trees, baseball dugouts, bleachers, metal fencing, golf carts or freestanding water. Look for areas where small trees or bushes are surrounded by taller trees.
9. Crouch with knees bent, legs together and wrapped by arms, head down and ears covered.
10. The designated responsible individual must determine when activity can be resumed and safe areas should not be left unless direct instruction is provided. In general a period of 30 minutes should elapse from the last sound of thunder or from the last visible lightning flash before play should be resumed.
11. Be prepared for and educated about the dangers of lightning. Pre-plan and practice evacuation procedures. Prompt appropriate action can prevent injuries and death.

**Western Canada and National Championships**

**CHEF DE MISSION**

Baseball Canada and Western Canada Baseball require a Chef de mission from each team for National Championships. The Chef de mission, or Business Manager, is to serve as the representative of the team and Baseball Manitoba, and is to travel with the team and be responsible for the team's conduct (in conjunction with the head coach) off the field.

The Chef de mission should be the primary point of contact for the team in its dealing with Baseball Canada/Western Canada officials and the host committee.

These dealings include, but are not limited to:

- Must attend all meetings at the Western or National Championships (even if this means missing a team game)
- Team transportation issues
- Team accommodation issues
- Team meal issues
- Protests involving the team
- Team Discipline
- Tournament rescheduling that affects the team
- Any team related financial issues

The Chef de mission must always be available and reachable by the Host Committee and Western Canada/Baseball Canada representatives, and thus cannot be a coach. The Chef de mission should be familiar with the information in the Baseball Canada Participants Guide or Western Canada Handbook depending on the event attended.

This is an important position, as this person not only acts for the team, but also represents Baseball Manitoba. A Tournament post event report is required by Baseball Manitoba following the championship. The Chef de mission will receive \$100.00 for their duties following the submission of the report.



## **Baseball Canada RBI Program** **(Recognizing Baseballs Ideals)**

Winnipeg South Minor Baseball Association was the first Baseball Canada RBI Approved Program in Canada. Since then, Red River Valley, North Winnipeg, St. James, South Central and Carillon have been approved. Carillon has gone so far as to have all of their baseball communities RBI approved.

The RBI Program was introduced in 2008 by Baseball Canada to:

- Ensure that local baseball associations apply core common criteria to ensure that consistent good practices are in place
- To ensure that RBI Accredited Associations are recognized through a common approach to branding.
- To provide a focus around which all baseball associations in Canada can come together to support good practice in working with children and young people.
- To promote and reward registration/membership within Baseball Canada, as well as within the Provincial Baseball Associations.

Further details can be found at the Baseball Canada website at [http://www.baseball.ca/files/RBI\\_Program\\_document\\_2012.pdf](http://www.baseball.ca/files/RBI_Program_document_2012.pdf).

***Get your community and league's programs RBI approved by Baseball Canada.***



## **2017 “AAA” 13U & 15U QUALIFIERS**

- The Winnipeg “AAA” playoffs (WABA) will be one Qualifier for 13U & 15 U. The other qualifier will involve all the rural teams. The rural qualifier will be held July 21-23.
- For 2017 13U, 3 of the 5 WABA teams would advance to provincials along with the St. James host team. 6 of the 8 rural teams would also advance. This will result in a 10 team provincial championship.
- For 2017 15U, 4 of the 5 WABA team will advance to provincials, and 5 of the 8 rural team plus the host (South Central) will also advance. This will be a 10 team event.
- At the Rural Qualifier, if the provincial host is in the top 5 of the standings, the next highest ranked team would then attend the provincial championships.
- No pick-ups are allowed for provincials from the teams that do not qualify

NOTE: In years where the provincial is hosted in Winnipeg, the host team would take part in the WABA playoffs, but because they are already in the provincials, would not be in the mix for teams advancing. 3 of the remaining 4 teams would advance to provincials. Then, for the rural Qualifier, 6 of the 8 teams that play would advance to provincials.

### **Current Qualifier and Provincial schedule**

13U “AAA” Qualifier	Brandon	July 21-23
13U “AAA” Provincial	St. James	August 4-6
15U “AAA” Qualifier	Winkler	July 21-23
15U “AAA” Provincial	Altona	August 4-6

## **APPENDIX XIV – RESIDENCY RULES**

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1. Each league determines the actual geographic boundaries of the area from within which it shall select players. These boundaries must be described in detail and shown on a map and dated.
2. Any disputes regarding boundaries between leagues, and final determinations of boundaries will be made by a sub-committee of the Competition Committee.
3. Players will be eligible to play with a league only if they reside within the boundaries provided. No player residing in a Zone 2 community may play with a Zone 1 team, and vice-versa.
4. For Baseball Manitoba purposes the principal residence for all 18U age category and younger players shall be the actual physical structure in which the person resides (not box office) as of April 1. This is the designated geographical area where the primary care giver resides.
5. An “address of convenience” is not permitted. Baseball Manitoba does not recognize temporary relocation for baseball registration purposes only. The penalty for violation of this rule may result in the disqualification of a player, team or entire league from regular season and/or provincial championship competition.
6. Residence is established by:
  - a) The parents’ usual residence when parents live in the same house, or if one of the parents is deceased, the usual residence of the surviving parent as of January 1 of the current calendar year.
  - b) In cases where parents do not live in the same residence, the legal residence is the usual residence of the parent having legal custody of the player; or, if both parents have legal custody, the usual residence of the parent with whom the player usually lives; or again, if the player lives equally with both parents, his place of residence shall be determined by Baseball Manitoba as of January 1 of the current calendar year.
  - c) When legal custody has been granted to a third person, the usual residence of that person (in which case there must be a Court order or other lawful proof of guardianship) as of April 1 of the current calendar year.

**NOTE:** The term “usual residence” is defined as four (4) out of seven (7) days.

**NOTE:** In the application of the above, the term “legal custody” and/or “legal guardian” refers to the granting of custody as determined by a Court of Law in one of the following circumstances:

- a) the application of the Divorce ACT,
  - b) in the case of an order enforcing or recognizing a legal separation agreement,
  - c) loss of parental authority,
  - d) when it is deemed the child’s development is compromised,
  - e) when both (2) parents are deceased,
  - f) married, or the equivalent of married
7. Players who are required to change residence and continue to live with their parents will automatically be released.

## ***APPENDIX XIV – RESIDENCY RULES (cont.)***

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8. If a player moves with parent or guardians, new residency for purpose of baseball must be established prior to April 1 of the current calendar year.
9. Baseball Manitoba shall retain the right to request the information listed below, but is not limited to, in order to confirm residency status. Residence shall be established and supported by documents dated on or in force between April 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year and April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year, from three or more of the following categories to determine residency of such parent(s) or guardian:
  - i. Property Tax Assessment
  - ii. Current utility statement or credit card statement (i.e. gas, electric, water, phone)
  - iii. Manitoba Driver's License
  - iv. Rental agreement or bill of purchase of new residence
  - v. Voter's Registration
  - vi. Welfare / Child Care Records
  - vii. Local (municipal) Records
  - viii. Insurance Documents
  - ix. Military Records
  - x. Internet, Cable, or Satellite Records
  - xi. Vehicle Records
  - xii. Financial Records (loan, credit, investments, etc.)
10. Any documents submitted as proof of residence must show customary usage or consumption to demonstrate bona fide continuous habitation by Baseball Manitoba in its discretion. It is recommended that leagues require some proof of residence within the league's boundaries at the time the player registers. Players and their parents/guardians are advised that a false statement of residence may lead to ineligibility to baseball. .
11. If the claim for residency is challenged, three of the above materials must be submitted to Baseball Manitoba, with an affidavit of residency from the parent(s) or guardian. Baseball Manitoba shall decide the issue, in its sole discretion, and that decision will be final and binding. Residency documents must illustrate that the residence (as defined above) was inside the league's boundaries throughout the regular season.

# Sport Manitoba's RESPECT IN SPORT PROGRAM

Sport Manitoba and Baseball Manitoba believe in being proactive to ensure sport in our province is safe and welcoming for all participants. Respect in Sport helps us promote those values through a simple and convenient on-line training course for coaches and sport leaders. It is designed as a tool to assist coaches in identifying and dealing with abuse, neglect, harassment and bullying in sport. Respect in Sport enables coaches to deal with legal and moral responsibilities, making them less vulnerable and more confident in dealing with sensitive issues. A risk management tool, Respect in Sport will help sport organizations reduce liability.

**As a mandatory Sport Manitoba requirement, all coaches from all sports (every Rally Cap, Grand Slam, “A”, “AA” and “AAA” baseball coach) MUST have the “Respect in Sport” course completed by May 15, 2017, or their name will be removed from the roster.**

The course is three hours in length but can be completed at the coach's leisure, in its entirety or in segments at their own pace. The program is available in both English and French and is provided free of charge to all coaches. **To complete this course, log on to the Baseball Manitoba website [www.baseballmanitoba.ca](http://www.baseballmanitoba.ca) and look under Coaching or Clinics.**

For those coaches who completed their Respect in Sport for coaches over 5 years ago, they must **recertify** with the new two and a half hour Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders course as part of their requirements of being a coach in Manitoba. Recertification was always a requirement of the program but has not been available until now. They will have until April 1, 2017 to complete the new course to remain an active coach. After that date, they will receive an email from the Respect in Sport group letting them know they need to re-certify or their certificate will no longer be active.

Go to <https://sportmanitoba.respectgroupinc.com/> to complete the course as soon as possible. The steps to recertify now are available at <http://www.sportmanitoba.ca/coaching/respect-sport>. To sign in – you will need your user name (your PSO as well as Coaching Manitoba will have) and your special date (this is your birthdate). If you have any questions, please contact us or Coaching Manitoba at 204-925-5692 or [gena.cook@sportmanitoba.ca](mailto:gena.cook@sportmanitoba.ca).

Once coaches have completed the RIS-Activity Leaders course, they will have 5 years until they are required to recertify. At that time, they will receive an automated email from the Respect Group letting them know it is time to recertify to stay active.

