

PLAYING RULES AND REGULATION

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1.0 INTENT

The M.B.A. Playing Rules and Regulations is a supplement to the Constitution and By-Laws. It is intended to be an administrative document with limited flexibility for the adoption of policies which, under the circumstances of each occasion, will contribute to the success of each baseball program year.

2.0 APPLICATION TO LEAGUES AND ASSOCIATION

- 2.1 M.B.A. Playing Rules and Regulations shall apply separately to leagues and associations of M.B.A. These shall include:
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| Minor Leagues - Zone I & Zone II | Manitoba Junior Baseball League |
| Manitoba Senior "AA" Leagues | Manitoba Senior "AAA" Leagues |

3.0 REVISIONS TO PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 3.1 Revision to Playing Rules and Regulations may originate with any member of M.B.A. and be forwarded to the Management Committee for a decision. Approval of the revision in its original or amended form shall require approval of the Management Committee.
- 3.2 Any additions or revisions approved by the Management Committee during the playing season shall be effective for the balance of that season. At the Annual Meeting or Semi-Annual Meeting of M.B.A. such additions or revisions approved by the Management Committee shall appear on the Agenda as a Resolution for ratification at such Annual Meeting or Semi-Annual Meeting. (Refer to Clause 15.3 of the Constitution)
- 3.3 In the event that a Resolution is defeated at the Annual Meeting or Semi-Annual Meeting, the subject shall not be introduced, either with duplicate or similar intent, during the regular playing season immediately following such Annual Meeting or Semi-Annual Meeting.

GUIDELINES FOR LEAGUE REGISTRATION

1. Players and coaches are to register at their club or community registration.
2. In the team coaches packages will be a registration form (roster), handbook, rule book and Programs and Services brochure. These are distributed to leagues at the Annual Meeting in March. One package is to be circulated to each team. Coaches are to have Players or Parents/Guardians of under age players to sign the roster form.
3. At this time, the M.B.A. will also provide each league with a form to complete, which outlines the number of players registered with your league by age division and the number of teams affiliated with your league. (League Affiliation Form)
4. Return these completed forms to the M.B.A. along with the rosters and fees. These forms will be used as a summary to track player and team fees and to plan Provincial and Regional Championships.
5. Along with submitting the team fees, league must also provide a \$200.00 performance bond. **Separate checks should be forwarded by your league for these fees.**
6. **Player fees, Team fees and rosters for minor (Rookie to Midget) club (“AA”, “A”) teams are due on June 1.**
7. **Player fees and Team fees for All “AAA” for Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget are due June 1. Rosters for these teams are due June 15.**
8. **Junior, Senior “AA” and Senior “AAA” player fees, team fees and rosters are due June 15.**
9. Late roster sheets will be accepted up to **fourteen** days after the closing date. **However, any team submitting late rosters shall be fined \$200.00 for the first week or \$500.00 in the second week.** The Association must receive this fine before a team is considered registered. This applies to individual entries as well. No team will be eligible to compete in Provincial Play if their roster has not been submitted to the Registrar by the later registration deadline. Fines will be assessed to leagues responsible, rather than to specific teams.
10. All teams must complete team rosters in order to be eligible for playoffs.
11. No teams will be accepted for individual entry from leagues that choose not to register with the M.B.A. as a whole.
12. No teams will be permitted to compete in Provincial or Regional Competition from leagues that have not paid their league fees.
13. Invoices will be sent for Provincial fees after the Provincial Championships have been conducted
14. A league shall consist of a minimum of three teams.

1.0 - REGISTRATION

1.01 League

- 1.01.01 Leagues shall be the basic unit recognized by the M.B.A.
- 1.01.02 Each league shall complete a League Affiliation form for each of its teams, and forward them to the M.B.A. office by the required date as listed below. **The closing date for payment of league affiliation fees shall be June 1st for all age categories.**
- 1.01.03 Master roster sheets to be submitted on the following dates:
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| All "AA", "A" Rosters (Club) | June 1 |
| All "AAA" Rosters (All-Stars) | June 15 |
| All Junior teams | June 15 |
| All Senior "AAA" teams | June 15 |
| All Senior "AA" teams | June 15 |
- There shall be no additions to any roster after the deadline dates. This includes "AAA" teams, as the full "AAA" roster must be complete on this date.
- 1.01.04 A roster shall consist of not more than 18 players, three coaches and a manager. *Exception: Senior "AA" and Senior "AAA" teams may roster up to 21 players, three coaches and a manager*
- 1.01.05 A league shall consist of a minimum of three teams.

1.02 Individual Team Entry

- 1.02.01 Teams not in an affiliated league because of geographical location may be accepted into "AAA" playoffs only as individual entries upon written application to the Vice-President of Competition. An exception to the "AAA" category must also be made in writing by June 1. The placement of individual entries shall be the decision of the Vice-President of Competition.
- 1.02.02 Any team wishing to apply to compete as an individual entry must do so by the affiliation deadline of June 1st.**
- 1.02.03 If such an application comes from a league which, as a whole, chooses not to affiliate, it shall be denied immediately. Teams should apply for membership through the league, not as an individual entry.
- 1.02.04 Application for individual entry cannot be approved by the Registrar and must go to the Vice-President of Competition for consideration.

1.03 Players

- 1.03.01 All Players in a league must be registered with the M.B.A. and each shall be recorded on the master roster sheets.
- 1.03.02 In Zone I (Winnipeg), "AAA" teams will be allowed to add "AA" or "A" players to their roster. These players are to be available for use at provincial "AAA" championships, following the completion of the "AA" or "A" season.
- 1.03.03 In Zone II (Rural), players must sign an Intent to Play form which will confirm their intention of playing "AAA" and provide the understanding that they will then not be eligible for "AA" or "A" pick-ups.

1.04 Late Registrations

- 1.04.01 Late roster sheets will be accepted up to fourteen days after the closing date. However, any team submitting late rosters shall be fined **\$200.00 for the first week or \$500.00 in the second week**. The Association must receive this fine before a team is considered registered. This applies to individual entries as well. No team will be eligible to compete in Provincial Play if their roster has not been submitted to the Registrar by the later registration deadline. Fines will be assessed to leagues responsible, rather than to specific teams.

2.0 - REGULATIONS

2.01 Classifications

Rally Cap	For players born 2003 or later
Rookie	For players born 2001 or later
Mosquito	For players born 1999 or later
Pee Wee	For players born 1997 or later
Bantam	For players born 1995 or later
Midget	For players born 1992 or later.
Junior	For players born 1989 or later.
Senior "AA"	Open
Senior "AAA"	Open

Proof of age for all players shall be certified by copies of birth certificates or equivalent documents submitted to the League Registrar.

2.02 Categories

- "AAA"-Zone 2 League all-star team made up of players who are members of teams within that league. Leagues may also choose to send League "AA" Champion plus pickups, however the League "AA" Champion may not also compete in "AA" Provincials.
- "AAA"-Zone 1 These are teams from the Winnipeg "AAA" Baseball Association (W.A.B.A.). The W.A.B.A. teams are All-Star teams comprised of players from the community clubs or communities in their area.
- "AA" Teams that are comprised of the players within a given community (i.e.) or community club(s), and finish in the top 50% of the "AA"-A league in their area. This may also take the format of a separate "AA" league. Zone 2 leagues may also choose to send their league champion to "AA" provincials and their 2nd place team to "A" provincials.
- Zone 1 "A" Teams that play in a league that is separate from the "AA" Zone 1 teams. These teams will play in a Zone 1 championship only.
- Zone 2 "A" Teams that are comprised of the players within a given community(ies) or community club(s), and finish in the bottom 50% for the "AA-A" league in their area. This may also take the format of a separate "A" league. Zone 2 leagues may also choose to send their league champion to "AA" provincials and their 2nd place team to "A" provincials.

Note: The 50% division is a guideline for determining "AA" and "A" representation. A league or region should use this guideline to equitably place the teams in the correct category. If there is a distinct split of competitiveness amongst the teams, then that should determine "AA" and "A". The intent here is to not have "AA" teams playing at the "A" level.

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**TIER II ("AA") CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR
PEE WEE - BANTAM - MIDGET**

3.0 - ELIGIBILITY

3.01 Play offs - League

- 3.01.01 M.B.A. affiliated leagues will be required to submit a \$200.00 performance bond (as a separate cheque) along with the affiliation fees at the deadline of June 1. The bond will be returned upon attendance of that league's teams at each Provincial Preliminary or Final to which it has committed said teams, the team must also fulfill all tournament commitments. The bond will be turned over to the M.B.A. if this commitment is not fulfilled.

3.02 Play offs - Teams

- 3.02.01 When team rosters are announced for Provincial Playoffs and later fold, no pickups will be permitted from that folded roster.
- 3.02.02 Teams from other provinces (Saskatchewan, Ontario), if affiliated with the M.B.A. and play in an M.B.A. sanctioned league, may compete in Provincial championship play.
- 3.02.03 Any team that defaults or forfeits a playoff game shall be immediately suspended until further review by the Vice-President of Competition.

3.03 Play offs - Players

- 3.03.01 An athlete participating in a Manitoba championship must be a Canadian citizen, or a full-time resident of Canada for twelve months prior to the date of participation in that particular championship. An athlete must reside in the Province for which he/she is participating as of June 1st of the current year.
- 3.03.02 If a Manitoba player registers with a team or league out of province, that player is not eligible to participate in Manitoba regional or provincial tournaments, nor interprovincial competition representing the province of Manitoba. Special cases shall be referred to the VP of Competition.
- 3.03.03 The only exception will be for import players in the Manitoba Senior Baseball League. These import players will be eligible for provincial championships, provided the MSBL remain the only Senior "AAA" League in Manitoba. If another league should be formed and qualify for provincial championships, these import players will fall under rule 3.03.01
- 3.03.04 Players on teams that have folded during the course of the year, but have submitted the team roster and have met all the conditions of the M.B.A. Handbook, are eligible to be drafted for provincial tournaments.
- 3.03.05 Any non-resident teams playing in a Manitoba Baseball Association registered league can win the league championships and provincial championships, but will not be entitled to represent Manitoba in any interprovincial championships, including the Western Canada Championships, the Prairie Regional's, and the National Championships. If a non-resident team should win the provincial championships, the second place team, provided they are a Manitoba resident team, would represent Manitoba in any interprovincial championship. (Non-resident refers to any team whose geographical location falls outside of Manitoba's borders).
- 3.03.05 Non-resident players are ineligible for "AAA" provincial competition.
- 3.03.06 A player will only be allowed to participate in only one "A" or "AA" Championship in a given year, and may not play in both.

3.04 League – Players

Minor

- 3.04.01 All players will be permitted to play an unlimited number of games in the centres nearest their place of dwelling which are entered in the divisions for which they are qualified by age to play.
- 3.04.02 Minor players (Rookie-Bantam) may participate one category up (e.g. Mosquito players may play during the course of the season in the Pee Wee category). The player must register in their own age category roster.

3.0 - ELIGIBILITY

- 3.04.03 Affiliated players are eligible to play for only one higher age category team in their affiliated league.
- 3.04.04 If no "AAA" team exists in a player's home league, the player will then be permitted to play for an existing "AAA" team in the league nearest to his place of dwelling which is entering an "AAA" team. That player, however, must still play "AA" as outlined in 7.01.01. if he chooses to play "AA".

Junior

- 3.04.05 By-Laws and regulations of the Manitoba Junior Baseball League, or of another Junior league shall be subject to the approval of the M.B.A., and shall be part of this section.

Senior

- 3.04.06 Players over the age of 21 are permitted to play up to and including 5 games of Senior "AAA", up to July 1st, and no games after that date. Players will be ineligible for Senior "AA" play should this rule be violated.
- 3.04.07 Players 16-21 years of age (within the calendar year) may play in an unlimited amount of games in four categories (Midget, Junior, Senior "AA" and Senior "AAA") provided they are recorded on a roster in each category that they participate in.

All Divisions

- 3.05.00 Medic Alert Bracelets and Necklaces are not to be considered jewelry, and are not to be removed by the wearer.



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4.0 - RULES AND RE-ENTRY

4.01.01 Except where specifically defined by the M.B.A., all championships shall be governed by the text of the "C.F.A.B. Official Baseball Rules".

4.02 Re-Entry Rule

4.02.01 This rule will be used for all levels of minor "AAA" (Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget) and for Midget "AA", and shall be in effect for M.B.A. playoffs for these divisions. All players in the starting batting order shall be permitted to re-enter the game once. The original starting player and the substitute may not be in the game at the same time. All normal Baseball Canada pitching rules will be in effect. i.e.). Once a pitcher has been removed from the pitching position, even though he re-enters, he may not pitch. These players, upon re-entering, must re-occupy the same position in the batting order, but not necessarily the same defensive position. The original player and the substitute may not be in the line-up at the same time. Some relevant examples:

4.02.02 Brown playing 2B, batting 1st. Smith goes in for Brown at 2B, batting 1st. Brown re-enters for Smith at 2B, batting 1st. (LEGAL)

4.02.03 Brown playing 2B, batting 1st. Smith goes in for Brown, plays LF, batting 1st. Brown re-enters for Smith, plays 2B, bats 1st. (LEGAL)

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4.02.05 Brown playing 2B, batting 1st. Smith goes in for Brown, plays 2B, bats 1st. Brown re-enters for Smith, pitches, bats 1st. (LEGAL) A player may re-enter and take the pitching position provided he has not previously pitched.

4.02.06 Brown playing 2B, batting 1st. Smith goes in for Brown, pitches, bats 1st. Brown re-enters for Smith, pitches, bats 1st. (LEGAL) Smith may enter to pitch, and Brown may re-enter and take the pitching position provided he has not previously pitched.

4.02.07 Brown playing 2B, bats 1st. Smith goes in for Brown, plays 2B, bats 1st. Brown re-enters for Smith, plays 2B, bats 4th. (ILLEGAL) Brown must re-occupy the same spot in the batting order and Smith must leave the game when replaced and cannot enter the game again.

4.02.08 Brown playing 2B, bats 1st. Smith goes in for Brown, plays 2B, bats 1st. Brown re-enters for Smith, plays 2B, bats 1st. Smith re-enters for Brown plays 2B, bats 1st. (ILLEGAL) Only the starting 8 may re-enter once.

4.02.09 Brown is pitching and batting 2nd. When his turn to bat comes up in the bottom of the third inning, Smith bats in his place. At the start of the fourth inning, Brown returns to the mound to pitch. (ILLEGAL) Even though Brown is not actually on the mound pitching, he has been removed from the batting order, and thus the pitching position. Upon re-entering the game, Brown may no longer pitch.

NOTE: Normal pitching rules will govern the re-entry of pitchers.

4.02.10 The re-entry rule may not be used to replace ejected players.

4.02.11 Brown playing 2B, bats 1st. Smith goes in for Brown, plays 2B, bats 1st. Smith is ejected. Brown re-enters for Smith plays 2B, bats 1st. (ILLEGAL) Brown may not re-enter for Smith after he has been ejected.

4.03 Injury Rule - In situations where an injury occurs to a player in Midget ages and lower, and all other players are ineligible to enter the game, the last player leaving the game may re-enter to replace the injured player. This replacement must bat in the injured player's spot in the batting order, and may not pitch in that game. The injured player may not re-enter the game. (The injury rule may not be used for Junior and Senior MBA playoffs). ***Does not apply to the Everybody Bats Rule.***

4.0 - RULES AND RE-ENTRY

4.04 Illegal Player Rule: Any coach knowingly playing an illegal player shall be suspended for the duration of the tournament. The illegal player shall also be suspended.

4.05 Bat Rules

- 4.05.01 Wood (and composite) bats are to be used for the Bantam “AAA”, Midget “AA”, Midget “AAA”, Junior “AAA”, Senior “AAA” and Senior “AA” All-stars provincial championships.
- 4.05.02 “AA” and “A” Bantam teams must use the minus 3 (-3) bats for “AA” and “A” provincial championships.

4.06 Special Rules (Minor)

- 4.06.01 **Mosquito** - There is no Provincial “AAA” Mosquito Competition because there is no sanctioned out-of-province championship for mosquito.
- 4.06.02 **Mosquito** - As the Mosquito category competition is open to league teams only, no All-Star teams will be permitted. Leagues found to have formed All-Star teams will not be permitted to enter any teams, and are subject to discipline by the Vice President of Competition. Leagues known to run house leagues will be closely monitored.

For all Mosquito, Pee Wee and Bantam “A” and “AA” Regional and Provincial championships, the Everybody Bats rule and Unlimited Substitutions rule will be in effect. The rules are as follows:

- 4.06.03 **Everybody bats** - a team will list all the players on their roster and they bat in order. If a player is ejected or injured, their spot in the order is passed with no out declared. Players who are not there at game time are to be placed at the bottom of the batting order when they arrive. The starting 9 position players are to be placed as the first 9 batters. It will be up to the coach to advise the umpire & the opposing coach that the player is late. It will then be up to the coach to immediately advise the umpire & the opposing coach when the player arrives so he can be placed into the batting rotation. Until he arrives, his spot will not be counted as an out. Once a team has fewer than 9 players, the game is forfeited.
- 4.06.04 **Unlimited Substitutions** – players may be inserted or removed from the game in any position (with the exception of the pitching limitations). The re-entry rule is not used.
- 4.06.05 **5 Run Limit** - For all Mosquito “A” and “AA” ball, and Pee Wee “A” and “AA” play, a maximum of five runs may be scored by a team in their offensive half of an inning. Once five runs are reached, regardless of the number of outs, the team at bat would take the field and the defensive team would come up to bat. This would apply for all innings except the last inning of the game. This will apply for regional and provincial championships.
- 4.06.06 **6 Run Limit** - For all Bantam “A” play, a maximum of six runs may be scored by a team in their offensive half of an inning. Once six runs are reached, regardless of the number of outs, the team at bat would take the field and the defensive team would come up to bat. This would apply for all innings except the last inning of the game. This will apply for regional and provincial championships.

4.0 - RULES AND RE-ENTRY

4.06.07 **Pitch Count rules** – The Pitch Count Program will replace Innings Pitched for minor age divisions:

- Mosquito (“AA” and “A”)
- Pee Wee (“AAA”, “AA”, and “A”)
- Bantam (“AAA”, “AA”, and “A”)
- Midget (“AAA”, “AA” and “A”)

This applies for all Regional and Provincial Championships. Baseball Canada Pitch count rules will be followed. (Details are on page 98 of the Baseball Manitoba Handbook and in the Baseball Canada Rulebook)

4.06.08 **Baserunning Rule For Mosquito “A” only** – In order for a player to come home from third base, they must either be hit home or forced home by a ground ball, walk or hit batsman. No over throw advance. The intent of this rule is to promote hitting and develop the catcher to throw to second base.

5.0 - PLAY-OFF COMPETITION

5.01 M.B.A. Playoff Competition

- 5.01.01 The Manitoba Baseball Association shall be responsible for Regional and Final Provincial Championship tournaments in all categories, while any playoffs leading up to these events shall be the responsibility of affiliated leagues recognized by the M.B.A. Draws for all regional and final events shall be defined by the M.B.A., and the M.B.A. shall reserve the right to select the sites for Provincial Final Tournaments. Regions will select the sites for their own playoffs.
- 5.01.02 The M.B.A. has adopted the following suspended game rule for all Provincial Playoffs: In the event of a major disruption to the championship (severe lengthy rain, etc.) the championship committee has the power to amend the draw for teams still in contention and may further reduce the length of game providing a minimum of five innings is played. The Committee is also empowered to utilize alternate facilities (within reasonable proximity of the hosting site).
- 5.01.03 Any area association in Zone 1 must enter a Provincial "AAA" competition by playing in a Winnipeg based "AAA" league during the regular season and playoff competition in Pee Wee, Bantam, & Midget categories or they will not be eligible to enter "AA" teams in that category in Provincial Competition.
- 5.01.04 The Competition Committee reserves the right to eliminate preliminary tournaments or playoffs in any division, and hold one Provincial Championship tournament for all teams in the division.
- 5.01.05 Spectators shall not be permitted on the field, in the dugout or on the bench or in designated bullpens.
- 5.01.06 Coaches must wear proper attire. Shorts and cut-offs are not acceptable.
- 5.01.07 A pre-tournament meeting shall be held at each tournament, and a written list of tournament rules shall be provided to coaches prior to their first tournament game.
- 5.01.08 In a mercy rule game, for run calculations used to determine standings, the winning team will receive for 7 defensive innings (21 outs) while the losing team will only receive credit for the actual innings played.

5.02 Competitions

- 5.02.01 There are 14 competitions open for minor classifications
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| Provincial "AAA" Finals | Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee |
| Provincial "AA" Finals | Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, Mosquito |
| Zone 1 "A" Finals (Winnipeg) | Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, Mosquito |
| Zone 2 "A" Finals (Rural) | Bantam, Pee Wee, Mosquito |

Provincial Championship and Finalist medals will be awarded to the winner and runner-up teams in all categories at provincial finals. Regional gold and silver medals will be provided to the Zone 1 "A" Finals (Winnipeg).

5.03 Provincial "AAA" Eligibility

- 5.03.01 All "AAA" Coaches that are recorded on a roster must be Regional Coach Certified (or fully certified Level I with Technical II). The coaching certification deadline for "AAA" teams will be the same as the roster deadline – June 15. If the coach listed is not properly certified, their name is removed. No additional coaches may be added, except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the V/P of Competition. If no coaches on the team are certified, the team is ineligible to compete.

5.0 - PLAY-OFF COMPETITION

- 5.03.02 **All “AAA” coaches must have the Sport Manitoba “Respect in Sport” course completed by June 1.**
- 5.03.03 “AAA” Competition teams must register a minimum of 12 players on the roster.
- 5.03.04 Any Zone II teams wanting to participate in Zone I (W.A.B.A.) must have written permission from their area association or president.
- 5.03.05 All “AAA” teams are eligible for the provincial championships, provided they are registered with Baseball Manitoba by June 15.
- 5.03.06 There shall be one representative team from each affiliated league entitled to participate in the M.B.A. “AAA” Provincial Tournament. This may be a League All-Star team or the League Champion with player additions. League Champions will not be permitted to compete in both “AAA” and “AA”.
- 5.03.07 In Zone II, teams will be comprised of players who are members of the league. There shall be no additions to the June 15th roster.

5.04 Preliminary “AAA” Tournaments

- 5.04.01 There will not be any Preliminary “AAA” tournaments, as all teams are eligible to attend the Provincial Championships.

5.05 Provincial “AA” and “A” Eligibility

- 5.05.01 **At least one “AA” & “A” coach per team must have Initiation Coach Trained (or Level 1 Technical Certification).** NOTE: For Western Canada “AA” Competition, at least one coach must be Regional Coach Certified (or fully certified Level 1 with Level 2 Technical).
- 5.05.02 **All coaches must have the Sport Manitoba “Respect in Sport” course completed by June 1.**
- 5.05.03 Zone 1 (Winnipeg teams) and Zone 2 (Rural teams) will play in separate “A” championships. These events will be referred to as the Zone 1 “A” Championships and the Zone 2 “A” Championships.
- 5.05.04 **AA Provincials:** Each registered Zone 2 league will be eligible to send their league champion to the “AA” Provincial Championships. In Zone 1, the top 5 teams from the city playoff will attend the “AA” Provincial Championships.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Possible Reps in Finals</u>
Central (1 each from South Central, Pembina Hills, Portage)	2-3
Eastman	1
Interlake	1
Parkland	1
Norman	1
Westman (1 each from Brandon, Midwest, Oildome)	3
Winnipeg	5

A Host team will also be in the Final. The number of Central teams varies as the Portage league only enters Mosquito teams. The Norman region may or may not have a team to enter.

5.0 - PLAY-OFF COMPETITION

5.05.05 **Zone 2 “A” Championships**

For the Zone 2 “A” championships, they will be a 10 to 12 team championship, with the teams coming from the various Rural Leagues as follows (one team from each of):

<u>Mosquito</u>	<u>Pee Wee</u>	<u>Bantam</u>
1. Host	Host	Host
2. Parkland/Norman	Parkland/Norman	Parkland/Norman
3. Midwest	Midwest	Midwest
4. Brandon	Brandon	Brandon
5. Oildome	Oildome	Oildome
6. Pembina Hills	Pembina Hills	Pembina Hills
7. South Central	South Central	South Central
8. Carillon	Carillon	Carillon
9. Highway 6 & 7	Highway 6 & 7	Highway 6 & 7
10. Portage*	Portage*	<i>League with highest number of registered age division teams</i>
11. Kenora	Kenora*	

** Should Portage or Kenora not field their own league at the Mosquito or Pee Wee Divisions, then the 10th team would come from League with highest number of registered age division teams*

5.05.06 Teams that participate as “AA” teams, or are eliminated in “AA” league playoffs will not be permitted to compete in “A” league play-offs.

5.05.07 **Zone 1 “A” Championships** – Zone 1 Leagues will determine their own championship format, if any.

5.05.08 Regional boundaries will be based primarily along existing government directions; however, if the majority of teams in a league are based within one region, with a minority of others in a neighboring region, that entire league shall play in the home region of the majority.

5.05.09 Competition is open only to league teams; no All-Star Teams will be permitted.

5.05.10 Provincial play will be conducted as per the structure outlined in 5.05.03, 5.05.04 and 5.05.05

5.06 Junior

5.06.01 The Provincial representative shall be the winner of the Manitoba Junior Baseball League. The Manitoba Baseball Association will have jurisdiction over the Junior play-offs and the Manitoba Junior Baseball League must follow M.B.A. eligibility rules.

5.07 Senior “AA” All-Stars Provincial Championship

5.07.01 The format for Senior “AA” All-Stars Provincial Championships will feature representatives from affiliated leagues as well as a Host Team. All leagues will be eligible to be represented by one League All-Star Team or League Champion only, with pickups. The final decision as to the number of teams in the Provincial final will be determined by the Competition Committee once the leagues are established for the season.

5.0 - PLAY-OFF COMPETITION

- 5.07.02 The tournament format will be determined by the number of leagues registering, with the winner advancing to the Western Canada Intermediate Baseball Championship.
- 5.07.03 No direct entries or entries from new leagues will be permitted to enter a representative in this event, unless additional team(s) are needed to complement the draw.
- 5.07.04 The Senior "AA" All-Stars Playoff eligibility for leagues will be reviewed each fall by the Competition Committee.

5.08 Senior "AA" Provincial Championships

- 5.08.01 The format for Senior "AA" Provincial Championships will feature representatives from affiliated leagues, a host team, as well as a wild-card team.
- 5.08.02 The Senior "AA" Provincial Final format will be determined once all leagues are established for the season.
- 5.08.03 Each entry entering Provincial Finals may drop to a maximum of four players from their roster, and add an additional four players to their roster from teams within their own league. Fourteen players must be retained from the original roster.
- 5.08.04 The Senior "AA" playoff eligibility for leagues will be reviewed each fall by the Competition Committee.

5.09 Tournament Wild-Card - Senior "AA"

- 5.09.01 Each year a playoff will be held between the winners of all new leagues and direct-entry teams to determine the wild-card representative for the Provincial "AA" Championship. The format of the playoff will be determined on the basis of the number of teams involved.
- 5.09.02 If any of the established leagues cannot field a representative in the Senior "AA" All-Star or Senior "AA" Finals, the wild-card playoff will be used to fill those additional openings.
- 5.09.03 Any team within a reasonable distance of an affiliated league that chooses not to register with that league, will not be permitted direct entry into M.B.A. provincial tournaments

5.10 Frank Richardson Memorial (Senior "AAA")

- 5.10.01 The winner of the Manitoba Senior Baseball League will be declared the Frank Richardson Memorial Champion.

6.0 - REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL PICK-UPS

- 6.01.01 All pick-ups should be channeled through the president, regional director or their appointee for each eligible league. Through the league representative, pick-ups for Regional and Provincial “AAA”, “AA” & “A” competition must be phoned, faxed or hand delivered to the M.B.A. office one week prior to the tournament in order to be eligible.
- 6.01.02 Under age players may be picked up for provincials one category above the category they have registered in (e.g. mosquito player may be picked up to participate in the pee wee category). Pick-ups to be governed in accordance with the M.B.A. rule dealing with pick-ups for provincial playdowns.
- 6.01.03 Any player age advanced and being recorded on a roster at the next highest level (e.g. Pee Wee aged player being recorded as a Bantam aged player), will be eligible to be picked up at the level they are recorded at only. Any exception would have to be in writing to the Vice-President of Competition by July 1.
- 6.01.04 **Pitching rules for age advance players:** The pitching restrictions for age advanced pitchers will be followed depending on the date of birth of the pitcher, not the age category the pitcher is playing. Thus an age advanced pitcher will be bound by the eligible number of innings for their chronological age, not for the category they are playing. (Example: a 15 year old Bantam-aged pitcher who is age advanced to play Midget will be limited to 90 pitches per game and the corresponding rest rule - the Bantam limit, instead of unlimited innings – the Midget limit)
- 6.01.05 All player additions are to be made in accordance with the rules as laid out in each of the age groups following, and shall be conducted in rotation based on the order of finish, where applicable.
- 6.01.06 If a player refuses to play for the team that selects them as a pick-up, they will be ineligible to play for any other team.

6.02 “AA” Minor Player Pick-ups – Zone 1 (City)

Zone 1 – City Regions – Preliminary Tournament

- 6.02.01 Each team will be permitted to add two players prior to the preliminary tournament. These players can be “AA” or “A” players, and must be from their league only. Rosters can be filled only to a maximum of 18 players.

Zone 1 - City Regions – Provincial Representatives

- 6.02.02 Following the City Region Preliminary Tournament, each team will be permitted to add a maximum of two additional players (to a roster maximum of 18) prior to the final tournament (Provincial Championships). These additions may be “AAA” players from their league (area) only, or “AA” and “A” players from their regional playoff or league. Only “A” players who have completed “A” competition may be added. Each player addition shall be made on a rotational basis in order of standing at the completion of the preliminary zone tournament. Therefore, for players who played in the city preliminary tournament, player selections will be made on a rotating basis with the top seed selecting first.
- 6.02.03 Any “AA” team playing in a Zone 1 city wide league is allowed to pickup a maximum of 4 players, of which only 2 can be “AAA” players, after Zone 1 regional playoffs (city playoffs) and prior to provincial playoffs. The “AAA” player pick-ups must be from the “AA” team’s league.

6.0 - REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL PICK-UPS

6.03 “A” Minor Player Pick-ups – Zone 1 (City)

- 6.03.01 Each “A” team will be permitted to add two players prior to the city preliminary tournament. These players can be “A” players only, and must be from their league only. Rosters can be filled only to a maximum of 18 players.

6.04 “AA” and “A” Minor Player Pick-ups – Zone 2 (Rural)

- 6.04.01 Zone 2 Players must choose whether they wish to play for the league All-Star team, or be picked up for “AA” or “A” Competition. Only members of the League “AA” Champion or League “A” Champion may also play for the league All-Star team.
- 6.04.02 All Zone 2 (Rural) leagues must enter “AAA” teams into Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget provincial competition in order for the leagues “A” and “AA” to be eligible for pick-ups. If a Zone 2 (Rural) League does not have a “AAA” team in an age division, any “A” or “AA” team in that age division going to Provincial Championships will not be allowed any pick-ups.

Zone II –Rural Regions – “AA”

- 6.04.03 Each team will be permitted to add a maximum of four additional players (to a roster maximum of 18) from their league, prior to the Provincial Championships. These may be “AA” or “A” players, and must not be members of the League “AAA” All-Star Teams.

Zone II –Rural Regions – “A”

- 6.04.04 Each team will be permitted to add a maximum of four additional players (to a roster maximum of 18) from their league, prior to the Provincial Championships. These may be “A” players only, and must not be members of the League “AAA” All-Star Teams.

6.05 “AAA” Player Pick-ups

- 6.05.01 Player selections for a “AAA” team going to provincials may come from any rosters (“AAA”, “AA” or “A”) from their league/region, as registered with the M.B.A.; provided the player was not already picked up by a “AA” or “A” team for regional or provincial competition. Provided, however, that the player tryout for their respective “AAA” league team first and not be selected in order to be eligible for selection by another region.

6.06 Host Site Pick-ups

- 6.06.01 Zone 1 “AA” Minor Provincial Host (City): A Zone 1 provincial host site team, if not competing in the City Preliminary regional competition, is allowed, in accordance with the section rules, to select two players from their (league), after all other teams going to the city play-offs have selected. Once the City Preliminary competition is completed, this host site team would also be allowed two additional pick-ups for provincial competition from their (league). These additional selections for provincial championships cannot be from the league representative (the league team that is going to provincials).
- 6.06.02 Zone 2 “AA” and “A” Minor Provincial Host (Rural): A Zone 2 provincial host site team, following league competition, is allowed in accordance with the section rules, to select four players from their league for provincial competition, after the league representative has made their selections. These additional selections for provincial championships may not be from the league representative (the league team that is going to provincials).

6.0 - REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL PICK-UPS

6.07 Junior “AAA”

No player additions are allowed for regional or provincial championships in this category until inter-provincial competition.

6.08 Senior “AAA”

No player additions are allowed for regional or provincial championships this category until inter-provincial competition.

6.09 Senior “AA” All-Stars Provincial Championships

6.09.1 The format for Senior “AA” All-Stars Provincial Championships will feature representatives from affiliated leagues as well as a Host Team. As such Rural Leagues are not allowed player pick-ups as teams will submit their all-star roster.

6.10 Senior “AA” Provincial Championships

6.10.01 Each entry entering Provincial Finals may drop to a maximum of four players from their roster, and add additional four players to their roster from teams within their own league. Fourteen players must be retained from the original roster.

6.11 Injury Replacement

6.11.1 Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget “AAA” teams, along with Junior “AAA”, and Senior “AA” teams may replace an injured player prior to provincial championships, provided they show medical proof of injury. The medical proof must come from a doctor’s office, hospital or some other medical specialist indicating the extent of the injury and the expected time off.

7.0 - TRANSFERS AND RELEASES

- 7.01.01 All players will be permitted to play an unlimited number of games in the centres nearest their place of dwelling which are entered in the divisions for which they are qualified by age to play. There will be provision for inter-league or inter-region transfer of players, as outlined below.
- 7.01.02 In cases where a player in an age category (e.g. Bantam) has been released by a region, and plays for a different region in the same age category, if that player wants to play with the same region team the following year, it is at the player's option. When the player advances to the next age category (e.g. Midget) he must return to his home league/association or re-apply for a release.
- 7.01.03 Before consideration of granting a release to any player, said player must register at their home centre (community club, town or region) a the time of registration.
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Baseball Canada Rally Cap Program

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The Rally Cap Program is a grassroots initiative targeted at kids aged 4 – 7, and sponsored through Baseball Canada. The goals of the Rally Cap Program are to create an environment in which children and adults can have fun with baseball, teach baseball skills, rules, and strategy to our players, and model and teach competitiveness with an emphasis on good sportsmanship and self-esteem. We are looking for at least one centre per region to host the Rally Cap Program this year.

In the Rally Cap baseball program, each team will consist of 6 players only, meaning more teams could be formed, while more repetitions will allow players to improve their different skills. Three Rally Cap baseball teams will meet at the park at the same time. Two teams will be playing a game while one team will be practicing in the outfield. The teams will switch places every 20 minutes.

It is named “Rally Cap” as the participants can earn different coloured baseball caps (with the Baseball Canada logo) two times during the season, by performing various skills. The caps are coloured to show the level achieved. All participants will be able to earn the White cap, while more skilled participants may earn the Grey, Green, Blue or Red caps.

There will be a minimal cost to area associations wishing to host Rally Cap Programs. Each hat is purchased by Baseball Manitoba from Baseball Canada for \$2.50 per hat. The hats for 2010 will be distributed free by the MBA. The M.B.A. has ordered several hats in various colours for 2010 and should be able to accommodate everyone.

For more details on the Rally Cap program, you may check the Baseball Canada website at www.baseball.ca, or contact the Baseball Manitoba office.

8.0 - INTER-PROVINCIAL COMPETITION

8.01 Inter-Provincial Competition General

- 8.01.01 Teams who have advanced to inter-provincial competition may make player additions from their own age group without restriction. All players who are age-eligible may be player additions.
- 8.01.02 In cases, where Manitoba hosts inter-provincial championships, the Provincial Champion and Host Team will select player additions alternately.
- 8.01.03 The M.B.A. will require each team to carry a roster of at least 12 players to inter-provincial competition.
- 8.01.04 Only certified eligible coaches may attend a Western Canada or National Championship. This means coaches meeting the NCCP certification requirements of full Level I certification with Level II Technical. All coaches on a "AAA" team must meet this certification, while one coach on a "AA" team must meet this level. Coaches not meeting the certification requirements will not be on the roster.

8.02 Inter-Provincial "AAA" Competition

- 8.02.01 All teams traveling to inter-provincial "AAA" competition must have all coaches certified to a minimum of complete Level I (theory, technical and practical) and technical II, under the N.C.C.P. Program.
- 8.02.02 The Provincial Pee Wee "AAA", Bantam "AAA" and Midget "AAA" champion will participate in the Baseball Canada National Championships, with the second place team in the provincial finals participating in the Western Canadian Championships (should one be held in that particular category).

8.03 Inter-Provincial "AA" Competition

- 8.03.01 Teams that advance to the Western Canadian "AA" Championships (PeeWee, Bantam, Midget) must be the Provincial Champion. Two player additions will be allowed to the roster. These players may either come from the championship team's league, or have played in the Provincial "AA" championships.
- 8.03.02 All teams traveling to inter-provincial "AA" competition must have one coach certified to a minimum of complete Level I (theory, technical and practical) and technical II, under the N.C.C.P. Program.

8.04 Senior "AAA"

- 8.04.01 The Provincial Senior AAA Champion shall be the winner of the Manitoba Senior Baseball League (MSBL). The Manitoba Baseball Association (MBA) will have jurisdiction over the MSBL play-offs and the MSBL must follow MBA eligibility rules.
- 8.04.02 Manitoba's representative to the Baseball Canada National Senior Championship will be determined by the MSBL. The MSBL will declare its intent to represent Manitoba by March 1 of the current playing season.
- 8.04.03 In the case where a second Senior AAA baseball league is formed the MBA will arrange for a play-off between the two leagues to determine the Provincial Champion and Manitoba's representative for Inter-Provincial play starting in the second year of operation of the new league.
- 8.04.04 Any Senior "AAA" or "AA" team attending National or Western Canada Championships may add players from any of the Senior Leagues in Manitoba to complement their roster. The addition of a player will not affect that player's eligibility in provincial competition.

9.0 - DISCIPLINE

- 9.01 The M.B.A. reserves the right to discipline and/or fine any club, player or team official for action detrimental to the best interest of baseball.
- 9.02 No pertinent baseball information may be withheld from any M.B.A. official if such information is requested. Failure to supply requested information shall result in disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the Management Committee.
- 9.03 That all instances where a report is filed pertaining to physical abuse of an umpire, that report will be filed directly to the M.B.A. office within 24 hours (mailed, faxed, delivered). The M.B.A. Executive Director is to direct the report to the M.B.A. Vice-President of Umpires and to the M.B.A. Vice-President of Competitions immediately. Depending on the report; if a disciplinary hearing is necessary, it must take place within four days of the receipt of the report by the M.B.A. Office; and the Hearing Committee shall be convened. The Hearing Committee shall consist of: Vice-President of Competitions, Vice-President of Umpires, Technical Director; any two members of the Competition Committee. After the Hearing the abuser must be informed immediately of the Hearing Committee's decision by phone and confirmed in writing. The team and league involved are to be advised accordingly. If the M.B.A. Executive Director and Technical Director, upon receipt of the report, believe the actions are serious enough to warrant a suspension before the Hearing Committee is convened, they may do so by phoning the involved parties (abuser, team, league) immediately, along with the Vice-President of Umpires and the Vice-President of Competitions. Any suspensions will be honoured by all M.B.A. League Members.
- 9.04 Any person suspended by the M.B.A. may appeal the suspension by filing a written appeal within 48 hours of the suspension, and a non-refundable \$50.00 appeal fee. A new committee will be set up to hear the appeal.
- 9.05 Players and/or team officials identified by the umpire as uttering racial, ethnic or gender slurs shall be ejected from the game immediately. A letter of apology from the player/team official identified as using racial, ethnic or gender slurs shall be sent to the opposing team and a copy forwarded to the respective league office and a copy to the Manitoba Baseball Association. Failure to do so will result in suspension until the letter is received.
- 9.06 Individual and team penalties will be imposed for violations of the rules. The details are on the following page.

9.0 - DISCIPLINE

Individual Penalties

(to be applied for regional and provincial competition)

Violation	1st Offence	2nd Offence	3rd Offence
Verbal abuse	Ejection	Ejection plus two game suspension	Ejection, interview, indefinite suspension
Throwing equipment	Ejection from game	Ejection plus two game suspension	Ejection, interview, indefinite suspension
Initiating physical contact with an umpire	Ejection, hearing, possible suspension	Ejection, hearing, suspension length to be determined	Ejection, hearing, with possibility of suspension for life
Instigating shoving or fighting	Ejection plus one game suspension	Ejection plus suspension for remainder of tournament	Ejection plus hearing, indefinite suspension
Fighting or shoving	Ejection from game	Ejection plus two game suspension	Suspension for remainder of tournament
Playing while ineligible	Suspension for all regional and provincial competition		
Coaching while ineligible (i.e. suspended by M.B.A. or by league)	Suspension for all regional and provincial competition		
Intent to injure	Ejection, 1 game mandatory suspension, Hearing, liable up to 5 game suspension	One year suspension	Hearing

Team Penalties

(to be applied for regional and provincial competition)

Violation	1st Offence	2nd Offence	3rd Offence
Playing an ineligible player	Loss of game, removal of medals (if applicable), suspension of coach for remainder of tournament, hearing to discuss any additional penalties	Loss of game, removal of medals (if applicable), suspension of team from remainder of tournament, suspension of coach one year, hearing to discuss any additional penalties	Not applicable
Using and ineligible coach	Loss of game, removal of medals (if applicable), indefinite suspension of coach	Loss of game, removal of medals (if applicable), suspension of team from remainder of tournament, suspension of coach one year, hearing to discuss any additional penalties	Not applicable

NOTE: 2nd and 3rd offences must occur within the calendar year to be imposed.



"FIELD OF DREAMS" SCHOLARSHIP

The Winnipeg Goldeyes Baseball Club, in conjunction with Baseball Manitoba, will provide three (3) \$1,000.00 post-secondary scholarships to applicants who meet the required criteria. The criterion is as follows:

1. Must be a Manitoba resident.
2. Must be enrolled, or planning to enroll, in a post-secondary institution (Canada or U.S.). Scholarships may be conditional in that funds will be withheld until such time as the recipient provides proof that they are attending, or will be attending a post secondary institution.
3. Must be a registered member of Baseball Manitoba (player, coach, or official).
4. Must complete the application form and submit by the required July 12, 2010 deadline.
5. Requirements for selection shall include, but not be limited to: athletic achievement in baseball, academics, and citizenship.
6. The following must accompany the application before the application will be considered:
 - (a) A letter from the Principal or Post Secondary Administrator certifying the candidate's scholarship, character and ability, and participation in school activities.
 - (b) A final transcript of the student's marks for grade 12 or a certified photo copy of the Permanent Record Card. If neither is available, a typed copy of the Permanent Record Card verified by the Principal or Post Secondary Administrator's signature will be accepted.
 - (c) If currently in a post-secondary institution, include a certified photocopy of university grades
7. Disbursement of scholarship funds is on a "one-time" basis, and is not intended as a yearly subsidization program.
8. Athletes receiving carding from Sport Canada or the Province of Manitoba are ineligible.

The selections of the "Field of Dreams" Scholarship program selection committee are final. Winners will be notified of their selection, and will receive their cheques by August 2010. Applications are available from the Baseball Manitoba office or the website www.baseballmanitoba.ca.



2009 Field of Dreams Scholarships presentation.

Left to Right: Dustin Donald (Rossendale), Dave Penner (Father) for Tim Penner (Steinbach), Bob Shipley (Coach) for Elliot Desilets (Elie), Andrew Collier (General Manger, Winnipeg Goldeyes), Tony Fletcher (President, Field of Dreams Foundation), Wayne McLeod (Baseball Manitoba), Goldie

Past Winner of the Field of Dreams Scholarships are:

- 1996 Kevin Chubey (Winnipeg), Jason Cassils, (Warren), Kelly Doell, (Altona)
- 1997 Jaret Valainis (Winnipeg), Nate Andrews (Brandon), Devin Helps (Manitou)
- 1998 Chad Falk (Carman), Ken Wiebe Jr. (Altona), John Ellis (Winnipeg)
- 1999 Brendan Harz (Oakbank), Ryan Boguski (Sifton), Steve Shaddock (Winnipeg)
- 2000 Darrick Jones (Balcur), John Babick (Winnipeg), Mike Zurba (Winnipeg)
- 2001 Jon Smitten (Winnipeg), Rob Hochkievich, (Winnipeg), Reed Eastley, (Brandon)
- 2002 Brian Flynn (Winnipeg), Marc Saurette (Winnipeg), Manley Mackedenski (Rosburn)
- 2003 Chris McKague (Oak River), Kyle Nixon (Russell), Justin Hink (Stonwall)
- 2004 Mathieu DeGagne (Brandon). Ben McLeod (Winnipeg), Kevin McNeill (Carberry)
- 2005 Kevin Reimer (Steinbach), Chris Otori (Winnipeg), Chris Johnson (Winnipeg)
- 2006 Steve Kletke (Altona), Ian Jansen (Winnipeg), Duncan Sourisseau (Winnipeg)
- 2007 Brett Schreyer (St. Andrews), Brenden Sommerhalder (Winnipeg), Kiel Armstrong (Winnipeg)
- 2008 Eric Flynn (Winnipeg), Scott Dyck (Oak Bluff), Andrew Lochheed (Reston)