

Member Benefits Overview

British Columbia
Amateur Baseball Association

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Introduction

Valued Baseball BC Members & Hopeful Members,

Baseball B.C. is proud to be the recognized governing body for baseball in British Columbia and the second largest baseball specific Provincial Sport Organization in Canada. In addition, British Columbia has earned 4 Baseball Canada "Province of the Year" titles to date (1993, 2000, 2002, & 2006). We are a unified and democratic organization representing and supporting all legitimate systems of baseball and its different sport expressions. Our activities are non-discriminatory, and value-based.

We are not-for-profit and professionally managed in the progressive development of procedures, standards, and programs. We provide a supportive and nurturing environment for all of our members in their pursuit of the association's common goals.

We believe that baseball is an enjoyable life-long activity for all individuals. Its many facets include, but are not limited to, sport, social interaction, character development, fitness & health, recreation, friendly competition, and a way of life... Through baseball we learn to teach and promote values of respect, discipline, self-control, truth, harmony, perseverance and responsibility as an individual and a member of a group or team. Baseball operates on the principles of democracy, respect, fairness accountability, equal opportunity, openness and accessibility for all.

Our mandate includes the provision of coach and athlete development programs designed to improve the quality of the provincial delivery system, as well as recognizing the value & importance of the parent & volunteer...

Through our assorted programming and leadership, **Baseball B.C.** in cooperation with our affiliates, support the development of baseball and aspirations of our members by offering innovative & high-quality opportunities approved by you the member. We aim to provide equitable and consistent opportunities and services to all regions of the province, a level of balance between both developmental programs and sustainable high performance opportunities, a safe, ethical, technically sound and athlete-centered environment for all citizens of the province interested in participating, and accountability to our members, accountable to our sponsors and corporate supporters and accountable to government as a provider of public funds to further PSO objectives.

Ultimately our goal is to promote continued and sustainable baseball and community development and overall growth for our game throughout all regions of British Columbia. In order to achieve this goal we must ensure all partners are working in collective harmony while embracing **Baseball B.C.'s** Mission and Vision as summarized above.

Many thanks to you all and we, as an association, look forward to continuing our working relationships to develop our great game in British Columbia and Canada.

Sincerely,

Member Services Team
British Columbia Amateur Baseball Association

What you can expect as a member of the British Columbia Amateur Baseball Association?

Baseball B.C., through all our affiliates, are committed & energized to provide the best services possible to our members. Our continued focus toward on-field development is echoed through our commitment of excellence to all our members. We have compiled this information to highlight the programs and services we offer and the overall benefits of being a Member of **Baseball B.C.**

When you register with your local baseball association, you become part of a much larger family in excess of 33,000 members province-wide and 200,000 nationally, all of whom share a common passion for our great game. Baseball Canada is the national governing body for baseball in this country of which is a member of the International Baseball Federation (IBAF). **Baseball B.C.** is a member of Baseball Canada and on their behalf is responsible for governing our game in British Columbia. As a member of your local association, you are connected to the organizations that develop, operate, and select male/female national baseball teams at all levels.

Membership Benefits and Programs

 **Baseball B.C. is focussed on developing our game, our business, & our communities...**

▽ Baseball Development

1. **WinterBall:** **Baseball B.C.** provides beginner baseball kits to schools throughout the province in hopes of spreading the game & increasing registration in the surrounding areas.
2. **Rally Cap Program:** We offer Member Associations/Coaches a detailed program for developing young children; its designed to encourage the game of baseball in a more active and rewarding format.
3. **Summer Camps:** Facilitation and availability of weeklong baseball camps in your community focussing on player development. These camps have highly trained coaches conducting the latest skill development techniques. **Baseball B.C.** also offers profit sharing generated from these camps.
4. **High Performance Programs:** Strong focus on player development; offered to athlete members providing competition at the highest level via Provincial Camps, B.C. Selects, Western Canada Games, Canada Games, Canada Cup, and access to National Teams...
5. **RBI Program:** The Reaching Baseball Ideals Program is aimed to offer high standards throughout the baseball community ensuring that local baseball associations apply core common criteria to ensure that consistent good practice are in place. RBI Accredited Associations can be recognized through a common approach to branding accelerating their association above others.

▽ Business Development

6. **Risk Management:** We currently offer members Discipline and Dispute Resolution guidance; additionally, we are working on Environmental Management & Monitoring info for Sports Events & facilities and Criminal Record Check assistance.
7. **Affinity Programs:** **Baseball B.C.** will be offering rebate programs to its members such as, hotel and B.C. Ferry reward deals...(under development)
8. **Partnerships:** Access to Baseball BC's sponsorship and partnership benefits that include a wide range of products and suppliers.
9. **Communications & Promotions:** Access to **Baseball B.C.**'s media relations, webpage, monthly newsletter, promotional ability, and advocacy efforts for your associations and/or teams communications and promotions.
10. **Products:** We have products available such as Promotional Posters, Rule books, Hand books, NCCP coaching materials, etc...
11. **In Province Travel Assistance:** Access to targeted funding for member groups to offset the costs associated with travel to championships.

▽ Community Development

12. **Resource Center:** The **Baseball B.C.** office and webpage are resource centers to deal with all of your baseball needs and questions. Contact us and we will help you or put you in contact with a more direct resource; also see "links" on our webpage.
13. **Direct Liaison:** Baseball B.C. is your direct liaison to Baseball Canada, Western Canada Baseball Association, Sport B.C., and Government. We facilitate access to valuable information you can benefit from educationally & financially...

14. **Annual General Meeting:** Members can be involved by providing input & feedback through their Member Organizations...
15. **Funding: Baseball B.C.** works alongside Sport B.C. and the governments making available grants and scholarships more accessible to you the members.
 - a. **Grants:** KidSport™ Fund assists those children unable to participate due to financial circumstances.
 - b. **Scholarships:** Athlete Assistance Program provides financial assistance to designated athletes who wish to pursue academic studies.
16. **Awards and Recognition:** We are motivated to recognize our volunteers who are so critical in our games success. For example, **Baseball B.C.**'s Role of Honour, newly introduced in 2009 partnering with the Vancouver Canadians is our "Mom of the Year" award, etc...
17. **Insurance Program:** A part of your membership with **Baseball B.C.** we offer a comprehensive Insurance Program covering associations, leagues, participants, executives, and officials. The insurance package includes third party liability, medical and dental coverage and loss of use and accidental death. Out of Country insurance is also offered to traveling teams.
18. **External Sports Credits:** **Baseball B.C.** approves and monitors available programs qualifying for educational credits towards graduation.
19. **B.C. Baseball Umpires Association:** **Baseball B.C.** supports the BCBUA and their efforts towards umpire excellence.

How your valued voice can be heard

The structure below demonstrates the hierarchy allowing communication efficiency in hearing your valuable opinions, feedback, etc. Local and Affiliate Associations have their own constitutions and your contribution will be addressed at those immediate levels first with progressive capabilities if required.

International Baseball Federation



Baseball Canada / WBCA



Baseball B.C.



Provincial Associations

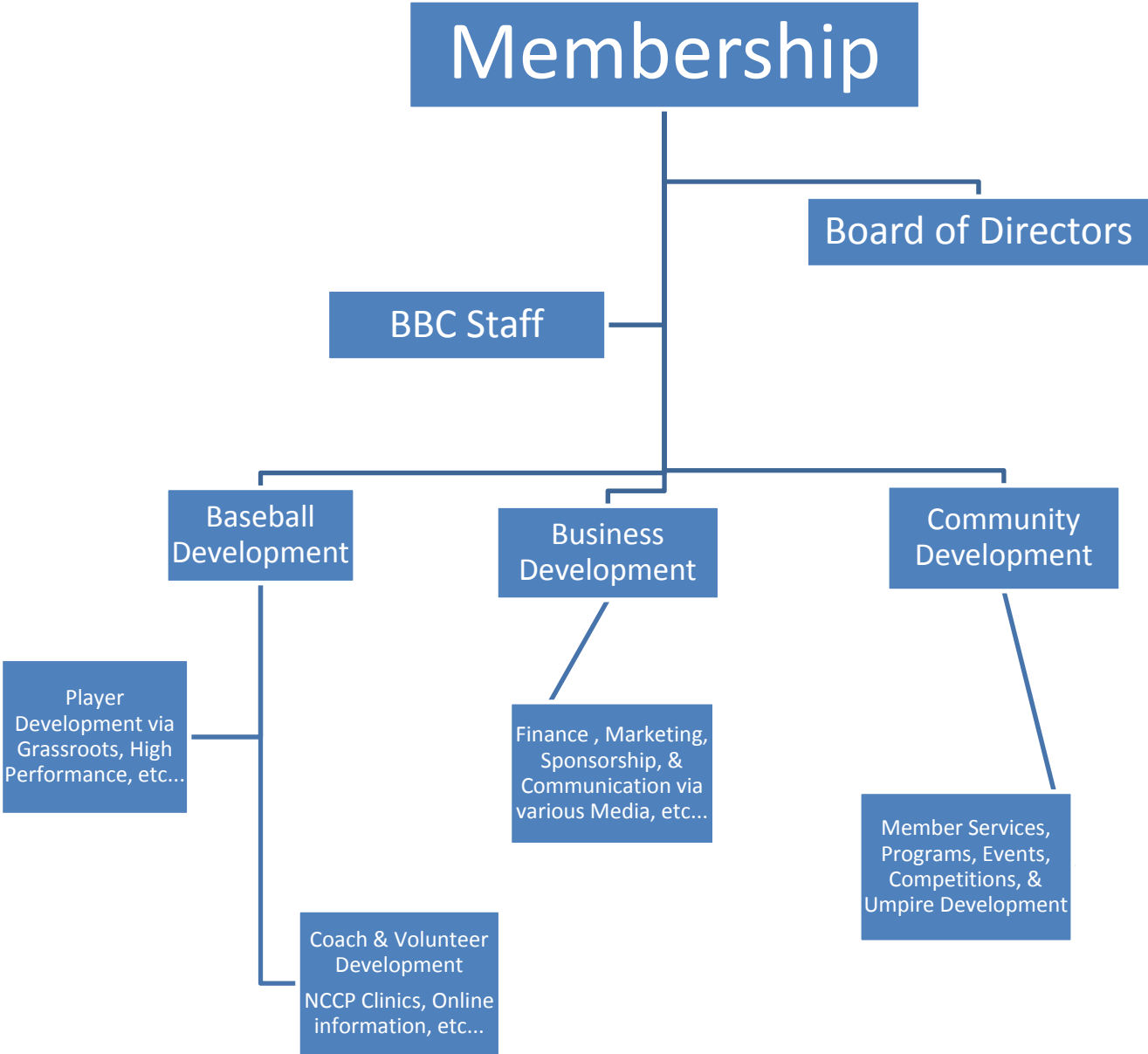


Community Associations



Player / Parent / Coach

Baseball B.C. is driven by its Member's as displayed here



We hope this document has been of help to you in recognizing the role or importance of the B.C. Amateur Baseball Association and how we can be valuable to you...!!!

Please see www.baseball.bc.ca for more information...
In Addition, for a more superior experience, sign up to be a
Baseball B.C. Webpage Member.

Or please don't hesitate to call the Baseball B.C. office at
604-586-3310 for further assistance.