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Baseball BC - 2026 15U AAA Qualifier

Information Package

Introduction

This document contains information related to Baseball BC's 2026 15U AAA Qualifier. Questions on this document should be directed to Kyle Williams (kyle@baseball.bc.ca).

Host

Baseball BC requires one 80-foot diamond for this event. There is no hosting berth available. The host receives a $500 honorarium and is responsible for field maintenance, scorekeeping, and pitch count. Baseball BC is still seeking a host for this event. If none if found by June 1, the format of the qualifier will be revised.

Number of Teams & Berth Allocation

This will be an eight-team qualifier.

The top five PBL teams, based on regular season standings, will qualify.

The top three BC Minor teams, based on provincial championship results, will qualify.

Format & Seeding

Teams will play a single knockout bracket with the first round consisting of 1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5. Teams are not reseeded after the first round. Baseball BC will seed teams 1 to 8 by considering regular season standings, provincial championship results, and tournament play.

Entry Fee

The entry fee for the qualifier is $450. BC Minor and the PBL are responsible for paying the entry fee on behalf of their teams. The entry fee is due on June 15 and is non-refundable.

Qualification

The winner of the Qualifier advances to the 2026 15U National Championship (Ray Carter Cup), to be played August 20-23 in Summerside, PEI. The runner-up advances to the 2026 15U AAA Western Canada Championship to be played August 14-16 in TBD, Alberta.

Option to Decline Western Participation

The runner-up has first right of refusal to attend the Western Canada Championships. No team will be required to attend Westerns. Teams must declare by Monday July 27, whether they wish to attend Westerns should they qualify. The next placed team at the qualifier will advance to Westerns, which may necessitate a third-place game.

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Travel Funding

Baseball BC does not provide travel funding for Nationals or Westerns.

Rosters

The roster size for 15U AAA is 18 players and any number of coaches.

Rosters are due on Monday July 27th at 8pm.

The only changes to rosters after submission will be due to injury or other special circumstances prior to the start of the event. Medical or other documentation may be required. Once a player is removed from the roster, they cannot be readded.

Baseball BC reserves the right to allow teams to correct an obvious administrative error on a roster when it is in the best interests of athlete participation.

Baseball BC will provide a roster form. Teams may submit rosters on other league forms provided that the roster includes first/last name, birthdate, and address, and NCCP numbers for all coaches.

General Eligibility for All Members

Players must meet the Baseball Canada age requirements for their division. Per Baseball Canada rules, female athletes have one extra year of eligibility in each age division.

Except for female athletes, as described above, overage players are not permitted for any reason, including but not limited to athlete size, disability, experience, baseball ability, or health circumstances. Overage athletes are not permitted even when approved by a member to participate in league play. There is no mechanism by which teams or athletes can apply to play as an overage player, citing special circumstances. There is a place for everyone within their own age group, within baseball programs in BC.

Out of catchment players must follow their member's (BC Minor/PBL) own release/transfer rules.

Teams may not add players to their roster who have not been part of their local association or club during the season.

Athletes who have competed at a higher level during the season are not permitted to drop down to a lower division or caliber for a qualifier.

Baseball BC reserves the right to rule on any eligibility matter not specifically covered in these rules.

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Team & Player Eligibility - PBL Specific

Players must meet all PBL roster requirements and be eligible to participate in the PBL's 15U Provincial Championship.

The PBL 15U league roster size is 20 players. Teams are restricted to a maximum of 18 players on their roster for the qualifier. Teams are not permitted to choose a different set of 18 players for each game. The PBL and their member clubs should make athletes and their parents/guardians aware of this roster size rule prior to team selection.

Once a roster is submitted, players who were on the team's original PBL league roster, who were excluded from the Baseball BC qualifier roster, are eligible as replacement players, per the process described under the heading of 'rosters' in this document. The PBL does not recognize "second" 15U AAA teams within their clubs. Therefore, athletes rostered on a "second" team are not part of the PBL and are not eligible to be replacement players.

Players rostered at Junior or Senior are not eligible to play in the 15U AAA qualifier.

Athletes who have played more league games in Junior/Senior, than they have in 15U, are not eligible to participate in the 15U AAA Qualifier.

Team & Player Eligibility - BC Minor Specific

Players must meet all BC Minor roster requirements and be eligible to participate in the BC Minor 15U AAA Provincial Championship.

Teams may add players to their roster from a lower level, within their association.

Players rostered at 18U are not eligible to play in the 15U AAA qualifier.

Athletes who have played more league games at 18U than they have in 15U, are not eligible to participate in the 15U AAA Qualifier.

Challenging Ineligible or Illegal Players

Rosters will be forwarded to all teams for their review prior to each qualifier. Teams are encouraged to immediately contact Baseball BC with any concerns regarding the eligibility of players on opposing rosters. While Baseball BC will hear eligibility concerns at any time during an event, raising a concern at game time will likely not provide Baseball BC enough time to investigate and determine the eligibility of the player in question. Games will not be retroactively forfeited due to a player being found to be ineligible later unless Baseball BC determines a deliberate falsification of information, or the deliberate use of an ineligible player has occurred.

Team Commitment & Financial Consequences

Members accepting berths for Baseball BC qualifiers are required to acknowledge the team

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commitment expectations and guarantee payment of any financial consequences imposed. Baseball BC will issue financial consequences to member organizations who will be responsible for collecting from their individual teams. Baseball BC will not require a performance bond to be collected.

The following team commitment expectations apply to all teams and members entering Baseball BC qualifiers.

1) Teams must play all scheduled games in the qualifier. A $500 fine will be issued per violation.

2) Members must fulfill their berth commitment. Any member who advises Baseball BC after June 15th that they will be unable to send teams, consistent with their berth commitment, will be fined up to $2000. The amount of the financial consequence will be determined based on how close the withdrawal occurs to the event and the impact it has on the event itself. Members who drop berths after June 15th may not be given berths in 2027.

3) Teams must attend any Western or National tournament that they qualify for, with a minimum of 50% of their athletes who were on their roster used at the Qualifier. It is the responsibility of teams and members to ensure this commitment exists from their athletes before entering the Qualifier. Teams that fail to meet this requirement will be fined up to $2000. Furthermore, their entire coaching staff may face additional sanctions regarding their future eligibility to participate in all Baseball BC programming, and their program/association may face sanctions related to their eligibility to participate in future Baseball BC Qualifiers.

4) Teams are expected to participate in the pre-tournament Zoom call. A $100 fine will be issued against teams failing to attend.

5) Teams are expected to submit rosters by the published deadline. A $50 fine will be issued against teams per day. Teams that have not submitted their roster 48 hours prior to a Qualifier are subject to removal.

Safe Sport

Baseball BC Safe Sport policies apply throughout Qualifiers and at Western and National Championships. It is the responsibility of everyone to familiarize themselves with these policies.

Baseball BC Safe Sport policies can be found at the link below:
https://www.baseball.bc.ca/safe-sport

Screening Requirement

Baseball BC expects that all coaches participating in Qualifier have completed a screening process within their local association or league. The Screening Officer or President (or an individual in a similar role) will be required to confirm in writing that the coaches on their roster

have successfully completed the screening processes within their organization, which includes a criminal records check. Baseball BC will not ask to see the actual documents.

For example, an email from the Screening officer of a minor baseball organization may read:

"Dear Baseball BC, This email confirms the coaching staff of the Merritt Orioles 15U AAA team, including Joe Smith, Jane Doe, and Mike Jones, have successfully completed the screening process with our organization, which includes a criminal records check."

Such confirmations shall be sent to Kyle Williams (kyle@baseball.bc.ca) by the roster deadlines contained in this document. Coaches who are not confirmed to have successfully completed a screening process will be removed from their team's roster.

NCCP Requirements

To participate in Baseball BC Qualifiers, coaches must possess the certification listed in the table below. This certification is consistent with what is required at National and Western Canada Championships.

Division	**Certification Required**
18U AAA T1/2	One coach is Certified 16U+ Other coaches are Trained 16U+
18U AA	One coach is Certified 13U Other coaches are Trained 13U
15U AAA	One coach is Certified 15U Other coaches are Trained 15U
15U AA	One coach Certified 13U Other coaches are Trained 13U
13U AAA/AA	One coach is Certified 13U Other coaches are Trained 13U

Additionally, all coaches must complete the making ethical decisions online evaluation and the Safe Sport eLearning module.

Member organizations are strongly encouraged to check the qualifications of their coaches at the beginning of the season and proactively encourage coaches to complete their certification at an early date. NCCP courses are not often available in July.

A list of NCCP courses, when scheduled, can be found at the following link:

https://nccp.baseball.ca/index.php?new_province=BC&page=180

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Use this link to get started on NCCP certification:
https://www.baseball.bc.ca/uploads/files/Registering%20for%20NCCP%20Program(5).pdf

Coaches who do not have the required certification will be deleted from their team's roster. Teams without coaches containing the required certification will be removed from the Qualifier.

A team must have their certified coach present for all games. Teams cannot roster a certified coach who is not in attendance for the purpose of circumventing this rule. Coaches must submit their NCCP number on their team's roster.

Game Play Rules

Unless stated otherwise in this document, or Baseball BC Safe Sport policies, or in the Qualifiers all Baseball Canada rules apply to the 15U AAA qualifier.

Here is a link to the 2026 Baseball Canada rule book: RULES & REGULATIONS

The following are exceptions to Baseball Canada rules:

1) Teams may utilize any number of coaches, provided they are on the team's roster.

2) All games in the 15U AAA qualifier are considered 'medal round games' and will be played to completion with no placed runner at second base in extra innings.

3) Infield/outfield warmups are not permitted.

4) The requirement under Rule 4.4 K for coaches to pre-signal pitching changes for the purpose of reverting back to a previous threshold is not required. Pitchers will automatically revert.

5) Section 5.8 (Timing Between Innings) does not apply.

6) Rule 3.15 (discipline) and 3.16 (fines) do not apply. Baseball BC's discipline policy applies instead.

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Schedule

Friday July 31
Coaches Meeting – Time TBA (Zoom)

Saturday August 1

9:00	Game 1	(8) @ (1)
11:45	Game 2	(7) @ (2)
2:30	Game 3	(6) @ (3)
5:15	Game 4	(5) @ (4)

Note: An island or interior team will not play the 9am game on Saturday. If an island or interior team is seeded 1st or 8th, their game will flip with the first game not involving an island or interior team.

Sunday August 2

10:00 (9:00)	Game 5	Winner of Game 4 vs Winner of Game 1
1:00 (11:45)	Game 6	Winner of Game 3 vs Winner of Game 2
4:00 (2:30)	Game 7	Winner of Game 6 vs Winner of Game 5 - Winner to Nationals
5:15	Game 8	Loser of Game 6 vs Loser of Game 5 (if necessary)

The highest seeded team has the choice of home team.

This is a bracket. There is no reseeding after Saturday's games.

If a third-place game could be required after Saturday's results, the game times in brackets will be used on Sunday to allow time for a third-place game.

Scores and schedule updates will be posted on this website:

ballcharts.com/baseballbcprovincial