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Baseball BC High-Performance Program 2024 Pathway Document

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide athletes, parents & guardians, and associations with a comprehensive summary of the Baseball BC high-performance program for the 2024 season. This includes explaining the high-performance pathways for each age division, event dates, selection processes, and camp locations.

The Baseball BC staff contact for high-performance is Kyle Williams (kyle@baseball.bc.ca).

Program Goals & Objectives

The goals and objectives of the Baseball BC high-performance program are:

- To create a fair and transparent process for selecting athletes to provincial teams.
- To provide athletes with high-level coaching at provincial camps and on provincial teams.
- To provide each provincial team athlete with a fun and rewarding tournament experience.
- To win a gold medal at the Baseball Canada Cup and 16U female Nationals.

Definitions

Zone ID Camp – A 14U/15U identification camp for male athletes.

Regional ID Camp – A 16U/17U identification camp for male athletes.

Aces ID Camp – An 14U to 21U identification camp for female athletes

Prospects Camp – The 14U/15U male provincial camp

Select Camp – The 16U/17U male provincial camp

Aces Provincial Camp – The 14U to 21U female provincial camp.



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Age Divisions

The following table shows the birth and traditional grad year associated with each age division.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Birth Year</u>	<u>Traditional Grad Year</u>
21U Female	2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
16U Female	2008, 2009	2026, 2027
14U Female	2010 (or later)	2028 (or later)

A 14U female athlete is eligible for selection to the 16U female provincial team. Should this occur, the athlete could play on both provincial teams.

Any athlete born in 2010 or later is eligible for selection to the 14U female provincial team.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Birth Year</u>	<u>Traditional Grad Year</u>
17U Male	2007 (or later)	2025 (or later)
16U Male	2008	2026
15U Male	2009	2027
14U Male	2010	2028

An athlete born in 2007 or later is eligible for selection to the 17U male provincial team. Should this occur, the athlete could play on two provincial teams.

Athletes will play in their own age division on the male 14U, 15U, and 16U provincial teams. Athletes born in 2011 or later are not eligible for the 14U male provincial team.

Athletes of any gender can play in male divisions and may have an extra year of eligibility.



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College Preparation & Recruitment Program

Baseball BC is pleased to offer a college preparation and recruitment opportunity as part of its high-performance program. This opportunity is open to any athlete who attends a Baseball BC identification camp. Baseball BC has partnered with Bill Green and Terry McKaig on this initiative.

Interested athletes are encouraged to reach out directly to Bill or Terry at any time. Baseball BC will host an information session via Zoom on Sunday February 25 at 7pm, where Terry and Bill will discuss what they offer in more detail.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86984968773>

Meeting ID: 869 8496 8773

Bill Green - The “Get There” Program

As a former school principal, college instructor, professional consultant, coach, athlete, and father of a son who realized his dream of playing Major League Baseball, Bill has a unique skillset that has helped hundreds of student athletes (U14 – U18) of all sports with the College Recruiting Process. Too many student athletes promote themselves before they are prepared. Bill’s **“GET THERE College Recruiting Mentorship Program”** focuses on developing a Plan that PREPARES student athletes to be PROMOTED. The GET THERE plan helps student athletes target and excel at the specific things recruiters are looking for while providing them with strategies to overcome common obstacles like procrastination, poor self-discipline, sleep issues and overuse of technology, all of which hinder performance in school, sport and life. The GET THERE Program has been called *“The Missing Link in the College Recruiting Process”* by top NCAA coaches. The GET THERE PROGRAM is available as a highly motivational personal or group workshop or via an online course.

Bill Green 250 702 5071 billgreen6@gmail.com tripleplayathleticpromotion.com

Terry McKaig – Navigating the College Recruitment Process for Athletes

Terry McKaig, who is now the CEO of the Actuate Agency, after 23 years at UBC as Head Coach and Director of their varsity baseball program, offers an online course called, “Navigating the College Recruitment Process for Athletes.” The course focuses on athletes finding their best college fit and provides tips on how to communicate with college coaches to get noticed. His program targets athletes interested in college opportunities in any sport, beginning at 16U.

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Minimum Playing Time

The following minimum playing time standards shall apply to all athletes.

<u>Male Events</u>	<u>Minimum Playing Time</u>
Summer Games & Canada Cup	Pitchers – One outing Position players – One start.
Other Tournaments	Pitchers – One outing Position players – 25% of the defensive innings

<u>Female Events</u>	<u>Minimum Playing Time</u>
National Championships Western Canada Championships	Pitchers – One outing. Position players – One Start

An athlete who is both a pitcher and a position player, need only receive the minimum playing time requirements in one of those capacities, not both.

An outing is defined as 40 pitches.

Unfortunately, a pitcher scheduled to start a medal round game may not get an opportunity to pitch if the team does not qualify. This would not constitute a violation of this rule.

A position player start is defined as starting the game in a defensive position and being substituted no earlier than the 6th inning.

Players who are injured or disciplined may not receive their minimum playing time.



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Roster Announcement Dates

Rosters will be announced at 7AM on the date listed below, as a news article on the home page of the Baseball BC website.

<https://www.baseball.bc.ca/>

BC Summer Games Rosters	May 31
Select Camp Invites	June 4
Aces Provincial Camp Invites	June 4
Male Team BC 16U & 17U	July 5
Female Team BC 14U, 16U, 21U	July 12
Prospects Camp Invites	July 24
Male Team BC 14U & 15U	August 12

High-Performance Program Fees

Identification Camps	\$50
BC Summer Games	\$300
Prospects Camp	\$400
Select Camp	\$400
Aces Provincial Camp	\$450
Male Team BC 14U	\$300
Male Team BC 15U	\$450
Male Team BC 16U	\$300
Male Team BC 17U	\$575 + flight cost
Female Team BC 14U	\$300
Female Team BC 16U	\$575 + flight cost
Female Team BC 21U	\$575 + flight cost

Please see a detailed breakdown of what is covered (accommodation, flights, etc) with each Team BC fee within the full event description. Fees differ based on the length and location of events and what is provided by Baseball BC.



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Required Events on the High-Performance Pathway

Zone (14U/15U male), Regional (16U/17U male), and Aces (14U-21U female) Identification Camps are an athlete's entry point into high-performance programming. Unless exempted, as set out below, attendance at these camps is mandatory and athletes cannot receive an invitation to the provincial camp if they do not attend.

Provincial camps are also mandatory events for athletes interested in being selected to Team BC. Unless exempted, as set out below, athletes who do not attend these events in their entirety, are not eligible for provincial team selection.

Athletes who played on the 2023 Baseball BC 15U or 16U male provincial teams are not required to attend the Regional Identification Camp and will receive an automatic invitation to the 2024 Select Camp.

Camp Exemptions

An athlete who is injured or has another special circumstance may receive an exemption from attending all or part of a required camp.

Athletes currently participating in a Baseball Canada national team program are eligible to receive camp exemptions.

Examples of special circumstances may include, but are not limited to, bereavement, school exams, and previously scheduled/committed college events. Special circumstances do not include, without limitation, scheduling conflicts with other sports, family holidays, and social engagements.

When an athlete is exempted, their evaluation will be based on feedback from coaches and past performance within the high-performance program. Being exempted allows the athlete to progress to the next stage in the high-performance program, but such progression is not guaranteed.

Requests for camp exemptions, outside of emergencies during a camp, must be made prior to the beginning of the camp, by email to the Director of High-Performance & Special Projects Kyle Williams (kyle@baseball.bc.ca). Requests cannot be approved by coaches. A doctor's note or other supporting documentation may be required.



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Provincial Team Coaching Staffs

<u>Team</u>	<u>Head Coach</u>	<u>Assistant Coaches</u>
Male 17U	Cav Whitely	Anthony Pluta Brooks McNiven Sammie Starr
Male 16U	Cav Whitely Anthony Pluta	Devery Van De Keere Jordan Broatch
Male 15U	Cam Frick	To be announced after the Summer Games in June.
Male 14U	Joe Germaine	To be announced after the Summer Games in June.
Female 21U	Emily Fournier	Logan Wedgewood Josh Snider
Female 16U	Stacy Fournier	Emily Fournier Liz Gilder
Female 14U	Kristy Watson	Juliette Kladko Ashley Stewart

Zone Coordinators – Male 14U/15U

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Zone Coordinator</u>
1 – Kootenays 2 – Thomson Okanagan 7 – Northwest 8 – Cariboo Northeast	Kyle Williams
3 – Fraser Valley	Joe Germaine
4 – Fraser River	Braden Persian
5 – Vancouver Coastal	Cam Frick
6 – Vancouver Island	Brandon Dornan



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Summer Games Coaching Staffs – Male 14U/15U

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Zone Coordinator</u>
1 – Kootenays	Stephen Mailey (HC) Derek Doucette (AC) TBD (AC)
2 – Thomson Okanagan	Josh Snider (HC) Tyler Andrew (AC) TBD (AC)
3 – Fraser Valley	Joe Germaine (HC) Orville Germaine (AC) Brad Robinson (AC)
4 – Fraser River	Braden Persian (HC) John Braaten (AC) Jason Hotell (AC)
5 – Vancouver Coastal	Cam Frick (HC) Quinn Betteridge (AC) TBD (AC)
5 – Vancouver Coastal (B)	Connor Hillman (HC) Tyler Gillies (AC) Duncan Robertson (AC)
6 – Vancouver Island	Tom Geoghegan (HC) Joey Sabo (AC) Brady Rogers (AC)
8 – Cariboo Northeast	Kyle Williams (HC - Acting) TBD (AC) TBD (AC)

Interested coaches should apply to Kyle Williams.



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Male Pathway (14U & 15U)

Step One – Zone Identification Camp

What is a Zone Identification Camp?

Zone identification camps are three-hour events that are the entry-point to the high-performance program.

Athletes are evaluated on specific skills, using a five-point rubric. A complete summary of the evaluation metrics will be provided to registered athletes in advance of the camp. Athletes will be sent a report card with their scores following the camp. These evaluations, combined with knowledge about past performance within the high-performance program, club team performance, and coach references, will be used to select athletes for the Summer Games teams and Prospects Camp.

Registration Process

Athletes must attend one camp **within their zone**, based on where they reside.

Use this link below to find your zone:

<https://staging.bcgames.org/games/zones/>

Athletes must pre-register for these camps using the following link:

<https://baseball.bc.ca/highperformance>

Registration will open on **April 1, 2024** and will be limited to 30 athletes per camp.

The cost to attend a Zone ID camp is \$50.



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14U/15U - Zone Identification Camp Schedule

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
1 – Kootenays	Saturday April 20	12:00-3:00	Confederation Park, Cranbrook
	Wednesday April 24	5:00-8:00	Butler Park, Trail
2 – Thomson Okanagan	Wednesday April 24	5:00-8:00	McNicol Park, Penticton
	Wednesday May 8	5:00-8:00	Canada Games, Kamloops
	Wednesday May 22	4:00-7:00	Elks Stadium, Kelowna
3 – Fraser Valley	Tuesday April 18	5:00-8:00	Fairfield, Chilliwack
	Thursday May 2	5:00-8:00	McLeod Park, Langley
	Tuesday May 16	5:00-8:00	Larry Walker, Maple Ridge
4 – Fraser River	Tuesday April 18	5:00-8:00	South Surrey Athletic, Surrey
	Thursday May 2	5:00-8:00	Whalley Stadium, Surrey
	Tuesday May 16	5:00-8:00	South Surrey Athletic, Surrey
5 – Vancouver Coastal	Tuesday April 18	6:00-9:00	Latrace, Richmond
	Thursday May 2	5:00-8:00	Parkgate Park, North Vancouver
	Tuesday May 16	5:00-8:00	Winskill Park, Delta
6 – Vancouver Island	Tuesday May 14	3:00-6:00 6:00-9:00	Serauxmen Stadium, Nanaimo
	Wednesday May 22	3:00-6:00 6:00-9:00	Layritz Park, Victoria
8 – Cariboo Northeast	TBD	TBD	TBD, Prince George

TBD camps will be updated on the Baseball BC registration webpage.



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Step Two – BC Summer Games

The BC Summer Games is a multi-sport event held every two years, organized by the BC Summer Games Society. The province is split into eight zones and each zone (except for Zone 7) fields a team. Zone 5 will field two teams (A & B). Athletes are required to stay in accommodations provided by the BC Games during the event.

The BC Summer Games will be used to select athletes for the Prospects Camp. While it is not a required event on the high-performance pathway, participation is strongly recommended.

Each zone will field a roster of 16 athletes. The rosters will be announced on May 31st.

The BC Summer Games is held July 18-21 in Maple Ridge.

The cost to attend the BC Summer Games is \$300.

Step Three – Prospects Camp

The Prospects Camp is an intensive three-day event used to select athletes for Team BC 14U and 15U. The camp combines both instruction from experienced coaches and athlete evaluation.

Thirty-five athletes in each age category will be invited to the Prospects Camp. Invites will be announced on July 24th.

The Prospects Camp will be held August 9-11 in Chilliwack.

The cost to attend the Prospects Camp is \$400.

Step Four – Play on Team BC 14U or 15U

At the conclusion of the Prospects Camp, Baseball BC will name a roster of 16 athletes to Team BC 14U and Team BC 15U. Rosters will be announced August 12th.

Team BC 14U will compete in a Western Prospects tournament on Labour Day weekend in Alberta.

Team BC 15U will compete in the Desert Fall Classic, in Las Vegas, in October of 2024.

Athletes on Team BC 14U and 15U will be assessed a per player fee to cover coaching honorariums/expenses, tournament entry fees, and apparel. Athletes will make their own travel arrangements. Athletes will stay in accommodations with their families, the cost of which is not covered by Baseball BC. A block booking at a team hotel will be offered. Arrangements can be made for athletes to attend without a parent/guardian, under the supervision of coaches.

The per player fee for 14U is \$300. The per player fee for 15U is \$450.



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Male Pathway (16U & 17U)

Step One – Regional Identification Camp

What is a Regional Identification Camp?

Regional identification camps are three-hour events that are the entry-point to the high-performance program.

Athletes are evaluated on specific skills, using a five-point rubric. A complete summary of the evaluation metrics will be provided to registered athletes in advance of the camp. Athletes will be sent a report card with their scores following the camp. These evaluations, combined with knowledge about past performance within the high-performance program, club team performance, and coach references, will be used to select athletes for the Select Camp.

Registration Process

Athletes may attend any Regional Identification Camp. Residence does not matter.

Athletes must pre-register for these camps using the following link:

<https://baseball.bc.ca/highperformance>

Registration will open on **April 1, 2024**, and will be limited to 30 athletes per camp.

The cost to attend a Regional Identification Camp is \$50.

Exemptions

Athletes who played on Team BC 15U, or Team BC 16U during the 2023 season are exempted from attending a Regional Identification Camp and will receive an automatic invitation to the 2024 Select Camp.

Athletes who were named as alternates to Team BC 16U, **and** who attend the invitation only select team minicamp in May, are exempted from attending a Regional Identification Camp.



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16U/17U – Regional Identification Camp Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wednesday May 1	4:00-7:00 6:30-9:30	Evans Park, Duncan
Wednesday May 15	4:00-7:00 6:30-9:30	McLeod Park, Langley
Wednesday May 22	5:00-8:00	Elks Stadium, Kelowna
Wednesday May 29	4:00-7:00 6:30-9:30	Mundy Park, Coquitlam

Step Two – Attend the Selects Camp

The Select Camp is an intensive three-day event used to select athletes for Team BC 16U and 17U. The camp combines both instruction from experienced coaches and athlete evaluation.

Thirty-five athletes in each age category will be invited to the Select Camp. Invites will be announced on June 4th.

The Select Camp will be held July 2-4 at South Surrey Athletic Park.

The cost to attend the Select Camp is \$400.

Step Three – Play on Team BC 16U or 17U

At the conclusion of the Select Camp, Baseball BC will name a roster of 20 players to Team BC 16U and Team BC 17U. Rosters will be announced on July 5th.

Team BC 16U will compete in a Western Prospects tournament on Labour Day weekend in Alberta.

Team BC 17U will compete in the Canada Cup, August 7-11 in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Athletes on Team BC 16U will be assessed a per player fee of \$300 to cover coaching honorariums/expenses, tournament entry fees, and apparel. Athletes will make their own travel arrangements. Athletes will stay in accommodations with their families, the cost of which is not covered by Baseball BC. A block booking at a team hotel will be offered. Arrangements can be made for athletes to attend without a parent/guardian, under the supervision of coaches.

Athletes on Team BC 17U will be assessed a per player fee of \$575, plus the flight cost, to cover coaching honorariums/expenses, accommodations, and apparel. Local transportation, flights, and accommodation will be provided.



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Female Pathway (14U & 16U & 21U)

Step One – Attend an Aces Identification Camp

What is an Aces Identification Camp?

Aces identification camps are three-hour events that are the entry-point to the female high-performance program.

Athletes are evaluated on specific skills, using a five-point rubric. A complete summary of the evaluation metrics will be provided to registered athletes in advance of the camp. Athletes will be sent a report card with their scores following the camp. These evaluations, combined with knowledge about past performance within the high-performance program, club team performance, and coach references, will be used to select athletes for the Aces Provincial Camp.

Registration Process

Athletes may attend any Aces Identification Camp. Residence does not matter.

Athletes must pre-register for these camps using the following link:

<https://baseball.bc.ca/highperformance>

Registration will open on **April 1, 2024** and will be limited to 30 athletes per camp.

The cost to attend a Regional Identification Camp is \$50.



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Aces Provincial Identification Camp Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday April 20	12:00-3:00	Confederation Park, Cranbrook
Wednesday April 24	5:00-8:00	Butler Park, Trail
Monday May 6	5:00-8:00	Fairfield Island Park, Chilliwack
Friday May 10	5:00-8:00	Kensington Park, Burnaby
Friday May 24	5:00-8:00	McNichol Park, Penticton
Saturday May 25	12:00-3:00	15U Field, Kamloops
Monday May 27	5:00-8:00	Kensington Park, Burnaby
		TBD, Victoria
		TBD, Duncan
		TBD, Prince George

TBD camps will be updated on the Baseball BC registration webpage.

Step Two – Attend the Aces Provincial Camp

The Aces Provincial Camp is an intensive four-day event used to select athletes to Team BC 14U, 16U, and 21U. The camp combines both instruction from experienced coaches and athlete evaluation.

Up to 70 athletes will be invited to the camp. Invites will be announced on June 4th.

The Aces Provincial Camp will be held July 8-11 at Whalley Stadium in Surrey.

The cost to attend the Aces Provincial Camp is \$450.



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Step Three – Play on the Provincial Team

At the conclusion of the Aces Provincial Camp, Baseball BC will name the roster to Team BC 14U, Team BC 16U, and Team BC 21U.

The roster size for each team will be between 14 and 18 athletes depending on the depth of the talent pool in each age category. Rosters will be announced on July 12th.

Team BC 14U will compete in the Western Canada Championships, August 16-18 in Manitoba.

Team BC 16U will compete in the National Championships, August 22-25 in Saskatoon, Sask.

Team BC 21U will compete in the National Championships, August 8-11 in Summerside, PEI.

Athletes on Team BC 14U will be assessed a per player fee of \$300 plus the cost of the flight to cover coaching honorariums/expenses, tournament entry fees, and apparel. Athletes will stay in accommodations with their families, the cost of which is not covered by Baseball BC. A block booking at a team hotel will be offered. Athletes attending without a parent/guardian, under the supervision of coaches, will stay in team accommodation, for an additional cost.

Athletes on Team BC 16U & 21U will be assessed a per player fee of \$575 plus the cost of the flight to cover coaching honorariums/expenses, accommodations, and apparel. Flights and accommodation will be provided.