April 29, 2026

ATTN: BCMBA Association Presidents

RE: Qualification Process and Information - 2026 Nationals and Westerns

Dear Presidents,

Baseball BC and BC Minor are jointly writing to share information about the qualification process for the 2026 Western Canada and National Championships, including logistical information about these events.

Qualification

- 18U Nationals – The winner of the BC Minor College Prep provincial championship will qualify for this event.
- 18U AAA Westerns – The winner of the BC Minor 18U AAA provincial championship will qualify for this event.
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- 15U Nationals & 15U AAA Westerns. The top three teams from the BC Minor 15U AAA provincial championship will advance to Baseball BC's qualifier. There will be a bronze medal game BC Minor's provincial to determine the third team. The Baseball qualifier will be an eight-team single KO event, held August 1-2 and will include the top five PBL teams, based on their league standings. The winner will advance to 15U Nationals, while the runner-up will advance to the 15U AAA Westerns.
- 15U AA Westerns. The winner of the BC Minor 15U AA provincial championship will qualify for this event.
- 13U Nationals & 13U AAA Westerns. The 1st and 2nd placed teams from the BC Minor 13U AAA provincial championship will advance to 13U Nationals. The 3rd and 4th placed teams (semi-final losers) will advance to the 13U AAA Westerns.
- 13U AA Westerns – The winner of BC Minor's 13U AA provincial championship will qualify for this event.

Post-Provincial Dates & Locations

- 18U Nationals – August 13-16 in Fort McMurray, Alberta.
- 18U AAA Westerns – August 14-16 in Coquitlam, British Columbia
- 18U AA Westerns – August 14-16 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan
- 15U Nationals – August 20-23 in Summerside, Prince Edward Island
- 15U AAA Westerns – August 14-16 in Red Deer, Alberta
- 15U AA Westerns – August 14-16 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan
- 13U AAA Nationals – August 20-23 in Woodstock, Ontario
- 13U AAA Westerns – August 14-16 in Ill des Chenes, Manitoba
- 13U AA Westerns – August 14-16 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

Requirement to Attend

Teams who qualify for a Western, National, or the 15U AAA Baseball BC qualifier out a BC Minor provincial are expected to attend. Teams failing to attend are subject to a $5000 fine from BC Minor.

Pickup Procedures

The maximum roster for each event is 18 athletes. There is no minimum roster, however, given the very restrictive pitch count rules, and the number of games played over a short period of time, it is recommended that teams carry a minimum roster of 15 players.

Pickups for AA Westerns cannot come from teams at a higher level.

BC Minor will communicate pickup timelines as teams qualify, consist with roster deadlines.

Players can only be picked up once. A player who is on a team that qualifies for Westerns can be picked up for Nationals and visa versa.

The following pickup drafts shall be administered by BC Minor.

1) 13U AAA Nationals

a) Provincial 1st place - 2 picks for Nationals.
b) Provincial 2nd place – 2 picks for Nationals.
c) Provincial 1st and 2nd place make one pick each until roster is complete.

d) Provincial 3rd place – 2 picks for Westerns
e) Provincial 4th place – 2 picks for Westerns
f) Provincial 3rd and 4th place make one pick each until roster is complete.

A player who declines a pickup invitation is not eligible to be picked up by the other team, attending the same event.

Baseball BC rules require that a team's pickups cannot comprise more than 50% of their roster.

Travel

Travel to Westerns and Nationals is not prebooked. Teams make their own travel arrangements once they qualify. Teams will be required to arrive for Nationals by approximately 2pm on the Wednesday and for Westerns anytime on Thursday evening. Teams may not travel home from a National Championship until Tuesday morning.

Travel is at the expense of the team.

Accommodation

At Nationals, teams will be required to stay at the host hotel and use the 15-room allotment pre-booked by Baseball BC. Teams who do not stay at the host hotel will be invoiced for cancellation charges.

At Westerns, hotel rooms will be block booked by the host. Sometimes Baseball BC is required to lock in a financial commitment for these rooms, in which case, teams are required to use them. In other cases, cancellation may be possible, and teams can choose to find their own accommodation.

Accommodations are at the team's expense.

Local Transportation

At Nationals, local transportation is provided by the host and teams are required to use that transportation. Teams who do not use the transportation may be invoiced by the host. The transportation is free, provided it is used by the team.

At Westerns, local transportation is the responsibility of each team.

Funding

BC Minor will provide the following travel grants to each BC Minor team advancing to a Western or National:

Nationals - $5000
Westerns - $5000

Baseball BC does not provide travel funding.

Chef de Mission

At Nationals, each team must have a Chef de Mission to communicate with Baseball Canada. This is typically a team manager. The individual must have completed a CRC and an introductory safe sport module. The team may select their Chef de Mission, who will be ratified by Baseball BC. Should a team not have a Chef de Mission, Baseball BC can provide staff to complete the role virtually.

Uniforms

At Nationals, teams may, at their discretion and expense, wear BC apparel.

At Westerns, teams wear their club uniforms.

Pickups must wear uniforms matching the team.

Screening Requirement

Baseball BC will require confirmation from the Safety Officer (or equivalent) of each association confirming that any coach attending a Western or National has completed a screening process that includes a CRC.

Please contact us if you have any questions,

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