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## Baseball BC – The Road Ahead \*\*A Working Paper\*\*

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Baseball BC, the recognized Provincial Sport Organization for the sport of Baseball in British Columbia, plans to announce changes to some key areas of our programming as we enter the 2015 season. With some of the changes to the baseball landscape that have occurred recently, Baseball BC needs to adopt new approaches to **Membership and Affiliation** options, as well as **Provincial Championships and Elimination Tournaments**. An open meeting on February 28, 2015 will address changes outlined below, which will be confirmed or amended shortly thereafter.

The goal of these changes is to ensure accessibility to all athletes, coaches, officials and sport administrators within the baseball community of British Columbia, regardless of affiliation.

Baseball BC, founded in 1968, will continue to offer membership programming at all levels of the sport, ranging from Grass Roots Development Programs through to High Performance Opportunities. These programs are athlete centered and align with Canadian Sport for Life ideals (Long Term Athlete Development). They will generally continue to be available to all participants in the sport, sometimes at a higher charge to non-members than to members.

### **Membership and Affiliation**

Membership at Baseball BC now has even more access options available to local associations, teams and individuals alike. These options will be available for 2015; this is a transitional year and there may be further changes for 2016.

Historically, youth membership at Baseball BC could only be secured by affiliation with one of the Provincial Level organizations. We will now allow for membership and registration to be secured through other means in an effort to ensure accessibility for the entire provincial baseball community moving forward.

While it is still preferred that local associations, teams and individuals affiliate with one of the existing member groups, we offer the following alternatives to be considered as well.

These new options will allow for local associations to maximize their program offerings to their own members, allowing direct affiliation with Baseball BC should it be beneficial to your organization.

- **Local Association Membership Affiliation (Associate Member – Canadian Baseball)**
  - Full access to all of Baseball BC’s development programs (see attached)
  - Rebate access for Grass Roots programming
  - Insurance Coverage through Baseball BC Policy
  - Access to Championships
  - Member Service support through office staff
  - Staff support of local association volunteers where appropriate
  - In Province travel support subsidy access
  - Travel support for provincial representatives to National and Western Canada Championships
  
  - **Cost of \$10 per athlete and \$2 per coach when full association is registered**
  
- **Team Membership Affiliation (Provincial Championship / Elimination Tournament Entry)**
  - Access to Championships
  
  - Onetime Membership fee of \$1000 per team (covers 18 athletes & 3 coaches)
  - Nonmember entry fee for Elimination Tournament (see below)
  - No support for travel and accommodation costs at National and Western Canada Championships
  
- **Individual Registration Affiliation (Program Access)**
  - Full access to all of Baseball BC’s Development and Select programs (eg. NCCP Coaching Modules)
  - Insurance Coverage through Baseball BC Policy
  - Service support through office staff
  
  - Program fee of \$10 per program registration, (eg. NCCP Coaching Module) plus the regular program fee

## **Provincial Championships and Elimination Tournaments**

As the provincial member at Baseball Canada and the Western Canada Baseball Association (WCBA), Baseball BC is very proud to announce the **Provincial Championship Series** of events that will serve also as the **Elimination Tournament** for entry into both Baseball Canada and WCBA championships.

These **Provincial Championships (Elimination Tournament)** are open to everyone in the baseball community in BC, regardless of provincial level affiliation and will allow young athletes and clubs an opportunity to participate in high level programming that will establish a provincial champion at both the AAA and the AA levels and decide the provincial representatives.

**13U (Pee Wee), 15U (Bantam) and 18U (Midget)** events will be held and consist of two divisions (AAA and AA). The winners in each division and age group will be named Provincial Champion and move on to represent British Columbia at Canadian Championships (AAA) and Western Canada (AA); the second place AAA finisher will represent BC at the Western AAA event.

These tournaments will be scheduled for early August.

Host locations will be decided based on an application process that will be announced in the coming weeks. Each host site will be able to keep any revenues derived from the tournament operations (Concession, 50/50, T-Shirt Sales, Sponsorship ect) with the exception of entry fees that will be paid to Baseball BC

Baseball BC will cover expenses related to tournament needs including Baseballs, Umpires and Facilities.

A June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is expected to be approved for entry into the Provincial Championships (Elimination Tournament).

If insufficient entries are received for these events at any level, the approach may be adjusted accordingly.

Baseball Canada Rules will govern all Provincial Championships (Elimination Tournament).

Entry Fees are set at the following for 2015

- Full & Associate Member – Canadian Baseball \$1000 per team for AAA Events
- Full & Associate Member – Canadian Baseball \$750 per team for AA Events
  
- Team Registration Affiliation (Non Member) \$1500 per team for AAA Events
- Team Registration Affiliation (Non Member) \$1000 per team for AA Events

In the event a Non-Member team wins a Provincial Championships (Elimination Tournament), that team will be required to pay the full cost of travel and accommodations in order to move onto the either Baseball Canada National Championships or Western Canada Championships.

*A hard deadline for full payment will be in place in order take advantage of this option. Nonpayment by the deadline will result in moving on to the next highest placing tea.*

*NCCP qualifications are also enforced at this event. Any non-certified coaches will not be permitted to participate with their team.*

Any Associate Member – Canadian Baseball team that wins a Provincial Championships (Elimination Tournament) will receive assistance for both travel and accommodations

**Participants will pay the following:**

- A \$500 per participant charge will be applied to all (Full and Associate Member – Canadian Baseball) for Baseball Canada national Championships held out of province.
- A \$250 per participant charge will be applied to all (Full and Associate Member – Canadian Baseball) for Western Canada Baseball Championships held out of province