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2017 Provincial Championship

Entry Package



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Provincial Championships Introductory Letter

January 30, 2017

Baseball BC is pleased to announce details regarding the 2017 Provincial Championships, which will qualify teams for the Western Canada & National Championships.

Consistent with its mandate to provide baseball opportunities to all amateur players in British Columbia, the 2017 Baseball BC Provincial Championships are open to both member and non-member teams. As in the past two seasons, there are advantages to being a member of Baseball BC, including discounted entry fees, guaranteed berths, and enhanced funding for Westerns & Nationals.

Kyle Williams, Championships Coordinator, will be the primary contact at Baseball BC for any questions related to Provincial Championships. Kyle is not based in the office but can be reached by email at kyle@baseball.bc.ca or by phone at 778-847-5475. David Laing is also available to answer questions at the Baseball BC office.

We wish you all the best for the 2017 season and hope to see you at our Provincial Championships come summer.

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Entry Deadlines

18U AAA	April 1 st
18U AA	June 1 st
15U AAA	April 1 st
15U AA	June 1 st
13U AAA	June 1 st
13U AA	June 1 st

The deadline for applications to host a Provincial Championship in all divisions is March 15th. See pages 25-27 for further details.

Provincial Championship Dates

18U AAA	July 6-9
18U AA	August 4-7
15U AAA	August 4-7 (possibly August 3-7)
15U AA	August 4-7
13U AAA	August 4-7
13U AA	August 4-7

The day following each Provincial Championship will be used in the event weather prevents the completion of the tournament.



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Westerns & Nationals Dates

The Baseball BC Provincial Championships qualify teams for the Western Canada and National Championships.

18U AAA

Winner qualifies for Nationals	August 17-21	London, Ont.
Runner-up qualifies for Westerns	August 10-13	Steinback, Man.

18U AA

Winner qualifies for Westerns	August 18-20	Kamloops, BC
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(Note: If Kamloops wins the Provincial Championship the second place team qualifies for Westerns.)

15U AAA

Winner qualifies for Nationals	August 24-28	Summerside, PEI
Runner-up qualifies for Westerns	August 17-20	Kamloops, BC

(Note: If Kamloops wins the Provincial Championship they will attend the Nationals as winner and Westerns as host. If Kamloops finishes second at the Provincial, the third place team will attend Westerns.)

15U AA

Winner qualifies for Westerns	August 18-20	Kamloops, BC
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(Note: If Kamloops wins the Provincial Championship the second place team qualifies for Westerns.)

13U AAA

Winner qualifies for Nationals	August 24-28	Repentingy, Que
Runner-up qualifies for Westerns	August 17-20	Spruce Grove, Alb
Third place qualifies for Westerns	August 17-20	Spruce Grove, Alb

13U AA

Winner qualifies for Westerns	August 18-20	Kamloops, BC
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(Note: If Kamloops wins the Provincial Championship the second place team qualifies for Westerns.)



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Provincial Championship Entry Fees

The entry fees below apply to all divisions.

Members	\$400
Non-Members	\$600

Entry fees are non-refundable.

The entry fee includes the qualification tournament, if required.



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Fees for Westerns & Nationals

Westerns - In-Province (Kamloops)

Members	\$0
Non-Members	\$100 per player & coach

Westerns – Out of Province

Members	\$200
Non-Members	\$300

Baseball BC will cover transportation costs to all out of province Western Canada Championships for any member or non-member team who qualifies. Teams and players are responsible for their own hotels and meals. Local transportation is provided by the host.

Nationals

Members	\$400
Non-Members	\$600

Baseball BC will cover transportation costs to all out of province National Championships for any member or non-member team who qualifies. Baseball BC will pay the \$4 000 Baseball Canada accommodation fee for the event in addition to hotel costs for the Tuesday night if required. Teams/players are responsible for their own meals.

Baseball BC will book flights for 22 individuals for all out of province tournaments. Should a team not require this number of flights for players and coaches they will be required to pay the full cost of unused flights, which can be resold to parents. The Chef de Mission's flight is included in these numbers.

All fees for Westerns and Nationals are payable to Baseball BC within five days of qualification.

Baseball BC will select and provide funding for the Chef de Mission for each out of province Western or National.



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Team & Player Eligibility

The following is the intended classification for each Baseball BC Provincial Championship. Baseball BC reserves the right to re-classify any team with cause.

18U AAA

PBL Programs (Junior Premier or Premier)
BC Minor 18U AAA & College Prep

15U AAA

BC Minor 15U AAA teams
PBL 15U AAA teams

13U AAA

BC Minor 13U AAA teams
Little League District Teams

18U AA

BC Minor 18U AA teams
Little League teams (District or Association)
Babe Ruth teams

15U AA

BC Minor 15U AA teams
Little League teams (District or Association)
Babe Ruth teams

13U AA

Little League Association teams (or approved merged associations)
BC Minor 13U AA teams
Babe Ruth teams



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Team & Player Eligibility - All Leagues & Divisions Provincial Championships

Players must meet the Baseball Canada age requirements for their division. No overage players are permitted for any reason.

All out of catchment players must have been approved by the member/non-member (BC Minor, Little League, PBL) and be permitted under their own transfer rules.

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

Roster Limits

<u>Division</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>AAA</u>
13U	15	15
15U	15	18
18U	18	18



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Team & Player Eligibility

PBL Specific

18U AAA

Programs may create a roster of any combination of players from within their program (SR, JR, 15U).

15U AAA

A program who has two 15U AAA teams may choose to enter both teams but their rosters must remain as they had been during league play.

Any player who has played more than 10 games at the JR/SR levels is no longer eligible to play at 15U per PBL rules and is therefore not eligible to play in the Championship.

PBL Bantam teams are not able to add pick-ups to their roster.



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Team & Player Eligibility

BC Minor Specific

18U AAA

At the 18U AAA level programs may create a roster of any combination of College Prep and 18U AAA players. A program may choose to enter both their College Prep and their 18U AAA team in the Championship but their rosters must remain as they had been during league play. Teams may add pick-ups to their roster from within their association from the 18U AA or 15U division.

15U AAA

A program who has two 15U AAA teams may choose to enter both teams but their rosters must remain as they had been during league play. Teams may add to their roster from the 15U AA/A division or from 13U. Any player who has played more than 8 games at the 18U level is no longer eligible to play 15U per BC Minor rules and is therefore not eligible to play in the Championship.

13U AAA

Teams may add to their roster from the 13U AA/A division or from 11U. Any player who has played more than 3 games plus one tournament at the 15U level is no longer eligible to play 13U per BC Minor rule 5.06 and is therefore not eligible to play in the Championship.

18U AA, 15U AA, 13U AA

Teams may add to their roster from the “A” level within their age division or from the next age bracket down (18U from 15U). BC Minor rule 5.06 applies in terms of player eligibility at each level.



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Team & Player Eligibility

Little League Specific

18U AAA or AA

An association may choose to enter a team, consisting of players who reside within their boundaries or a District may choose to enter a team, consisting of any combination of players from within their District's Leagues. Teams may choose to play at the AAA or AA level at their discretion.

15U AAA or AA

An association may choose to enter a team, consisting of players who reside within their boundaries or a District may choose to enter a team, consisting of any combination of players from within their District's Leagues. Teams may choose to play at the AAA or AA level at their discretion.

13U AAA

A District may choose to enter a team, consisting of any combination of players from within their association's teams. They must enter at the AAA level.

13U AA

An association may choose to enter a team, consisting of players who reside within their boundaries. Two associations may apply to Baseball BC to merge and field an AA team. These applications must be received with their registration form by June 1st. Baseball BC will consider such applications on a case by case basis.



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Team & Player Eligibility

Babe Ruth Specific

Babe Ruth may enter local association or District teams in the 13U, 15U, or 18U Provincial Championships. They may choose to play at the AA or AAA level at their discretion.



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Qualification & Berths & Seeding

Baseball BC Provincial Championships will generally be limited to ten teams. In the event that an extraordinary number (16+) of entries are received, Baseball BC, will consider expanding the size of the Provincial Championship. This may require the length of the tournament to expand to five days.

The preferred format will be round robin; however, this may be altered based on the number of entries.

In the event more than ten entries are received a Qualification Tournament may be scheduled.

If a Qualification Tournament is required at the 15U AAA level, it will be held from July 13-16. If Qualification Tournaments are required in any other division, the dates will be coordinated with the leagues involved.

In the event that a Qualification Tournament is required, member associations will receive a specific number of guaranteed berths in the Provincial Championship. The number of guaranteed berths will be determined based upon the number of entries received from member and non-member teams. In all cases, non-member teams will have the opportunity to qualify.

Because Baseball BC Provincial Championships may consist of teams from up to three leagues that do not play an interlocking schedule during the season, Baseball BC generally believes that seeding teams for the Provincial Championship is challenging. However, when all teams entering are from the same league or when a specific number of berths are assigned to a member, Baseball BC will consider partially or fully seeding teams for an event. Otherwise, Provincial Championship draws will be random.

Baseball BC commits to finalizing qualification details in the week following entry deadlines.



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PBL Specific Information – Scheduling Conflicts

18U AAA

Teams need to ensure that they have the July 6-9 weekend free from other games in order to attend the Provincial Championship.

Since the PBL does not qualify teams for post-Provincial tournaments through their playoffs, there are no conflicts for teams attending Westerns or Nationals.

In previous seasons, some PBL clubs have expressed concerns that some of their grade 12 players may not be able to attend Nationals due to college commitments. Teams are reminded that for Nationals or Westerns they are allowed to replace these players on their roster with players from within or outside their program.

15U AAA

The PBL league schedule will be complete by the beginning of the Provincial Championship and since the PBL does not qualify teams for post-Provincial tournaments there are no conflicts with Westerns or Nationals.

The Baseball BC qualification tournament is scheduled for July 13-16 which may conflict with league play. Further discussion about qualification will occur after the April 1st entry deadline.



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Little League Specific Information – Scheduling Babe Ruth Specific Information – Scheduling

To our knowledge all Little League and Babe Ruth Provincial Championships will be complete by August 4th, the start of Baseball BC Provincial Championships with the exception of the 18U AAA division, where the Provincial Championship is held in early July.

There may be a conflict for Little League and Babe Ruth Provincial Champions who qualify for their own National Championships. Baseball BC will allow the Provincial Champion to withdrawal from the Baseball BC Provincial Championship, without financial penalty, in order to attend their National Championship. The team's entry fee and bond will be returned.



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BC Minor Specific Information – Scheduling Conflicts

Due to the fact that BC Minor teams have an opportunity to qualify for post-provincial events through both BC Minor Championships and Baseball BC Championships, there are a number of scheduling conflicts for teams to consider. This section will summarize all provincial and post-Provincial dates and potential conflicts at each level.

18U AAA

Baseball BC Provincial – July 6-9

BC Minor Provincial – July 27-30 (AAA)

BC Minor Provincial – August 4-7 (College Prep)

Baseball BC Runner-up to Westerns – August 10-13

Baseball BC Winner to Nationals – August 18-22

BC Minor Winner (AAA) – August 10-13 (Rhode Island)

BC Minor Winner (CP) – August 21-25 (New Jersey)

There are two potential conflicts in this division.

1) Should a College Prep team win the Baseball BC Provincial and qualify for Nationals they would be unable to attend the BC Minor post-Provincial tournament in New Jersey as the dates conflict. Any College Prep team entering the Baseball BC Provincial must be fully committed to go to Nationals should they win and would need to be able to ‘opt out’ of going to New Jersey should they subsequently win the BC Minor Provincial. BC Minor teams should ensure they will be permitted to attend Nationals prior to submitting an entry for the Baseball BC Provincial Championships.



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BC Minor Specific Information – Scheduling Conflicts

2) Should a BC Baseball 18U AAA team finish second at the Baseball BC Provincial and qualify for Westerns they would be unable to attend the BC Minor post-Provincial tournament in Rhode Island as the dates conflict. Any 18U AAA team entering the Baseball BC Provincial must be fully committed to go to Westerns should they qualify and would need to be able to ‘opt out’ of going to Rhode Island should they subsequently win the BC Minor Provincial. BC Minor teams should ensure they will be permitted to attend Westerns prior to submitting an entry for the Baseball BC Provincial Championships.

18U AA

BC Minor Provincials – July 27-30

Baseball BC Provincials – August 4-7

BC Minor Winner to Bellevue – August 4-6

Baseball BC Winner to Westerns – August 18-20

There is one conflict in this division.

The winner of the BC Minor Provincial Championship, which concludes on July 30th, would qualify for a tournament in Bellevue, that conflicts with the Baseball BC Provincial Championship. In order to offer a solution to this conflict and allow BC Minor teams to enter the Baseball BC Provincial Championship without this scheduling concern, Baseball BC will allow the BC Minor provincial winner to withdrawal from the Baseball BC Championship, without financial penalty, in order to go to Bellevue. The team’s entry fee and bond will be returned.



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BC Minor Specific Information – Scheduling Conflicts

15U AAA

Baseball BC Qualifier – July 13-16

BC Minor Provincial – July 27-30

Baseball BC Provincial – August 4-7

BC Minor Winner – August 7-11 (New Jersey)

Baseball BC Runner-up to Westerns – August 17-20 (Kamloops)

Baseball BC winner to Nationals – August 25-29 (Prince Edward Island)

There is one conflict in this division.

The winner of the BC Minor Provincial Championship, which concludes on July 30th, would qualify for a tournament in New Jersey that conflicts with the Baseball BC Provincial Championship. In order to offer a solution to this conflict and allow BC Minor teams to enter the Baseball BC Provincial Championship without this scheduling concern, Baseball BC will allow the BC Minor Provincial winner to withdrawal from the Baseball BC Championship, without financial penalty, in order to go to Bellevue. The team's entry fee and bond will be returned.

15U AA

BC Minor Provincials – July 27-30

Baseball BC Provincials – August 4-7

BC Minor winner to San Diego – August 12-13

Baseball BC winner to Westerns – August 18-20 (Kamloops)

There are no conflicts at this level. Teams could attend post-provincial tournaments through both BC Minor and Baseball BC Championships.



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BC Minor Specific Information – Scheduling Conflicts

13U AAA

BC Minor Provincial – July 27-30
Baseball BC Provincial – August 4-7
BC Minor Winner – August 12-13 (San Diego)
Baseball BC Runner-up to Westerns – August 17-20
Baseball BC Winner to Nationals – August 25-29 (London)

There are no conflicts at this level. Teams could attend post-provincial tournaments through both BC Minor and Baseball BC Championships.

13U AA

BC Minor Provincials – July 27-30
Baseball BC Provincials – August 4-7
BC Minor winner to San Diego – August 12-13
Baseball BC winner to Westerns – August 18-20 (Kamloops)

There are no conflicts at this level. Teams could attend post-provincial tournaments through both BC Minor and Baseball BC Championships.



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Team Commitment Policy

Teams entering Baseball BC Provincial Championships are expected to make a commitment to play all scheduled games in the Provincial Championship and to attend any post-Provincial tournament (Western or National) that they qualify for.

Little League, Babe Ruth, and BC Baseball (Minor) teams entering a Baseball BC Provincial Championship must pay a performance bond of \$2 000 by the entry date as a guarantee on this commitment. For associations who enter three or more teams in Baseball BC Provincial Championships, their performance bond will be capped at \$5 000. The performance bond will be returned at the successful conclusion of a team's participation in Baseball BC provincial programming.

Due to an agreement between the PBL and Baseball BC, PBL teams are not required to pay an upfront performance bond. Should a PBL team forfeit their performance bond, the PBL has guaranteed the payment and collection of the bond.

The entry fee for a Provincial Championship is non-refundable. Any team that withdraws after entering may forfeit their entry fee. With the exception of special circumstances noted in the scheduling conflicts section of this document, should a team withdrawal from a Provincial Championship (or Qualification Tournament) less than two weeks before the start of the event, their performance bond may also be forfeited.

Should a team qualify for a Western or National Championship and choose not to attend, they will forfeit their performance bond and their entire coaching staff may face additional sanctions regarding their future eligibility to participate in all Baseball BC programming.



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Westerns & Nationals Pick-up Procedure

Teams that qualify for Western and National Championships are permitted to add pick-ups to their roster.

The decision to add pick-ups is a team choice. Baseball BC will not mandate that teams add to their roster except that the minimum roster at 13U will be 14 players and the minimum roster at 15U & 18U will be 15 players.

Pick-ups may come from any member or non-member program who may or may not have participated in a Baseball BC Provincial Championship.

Pick-ups for National Championships and AAA Westerns may have played at a higher level during the season and essentially ‘play down’ as a pick-up. For example, the winning 15U AAA team may add a Junior Premier player as a pick-up, as long as he is age eligible. Similarly, the winning 13U AAA team may add a player who played at the 15U level, again, as long as he is age eligible.

Pick-ups for AA Westerns cannot have played at a higher level during the season.

Players may only attend one Western or National tournament as a **pick-up**. The purpose of this policy is to provide post-provincial opportunities to as many athletes as possible. A player who is on the roster of a team that has qualified for a Western Canada Championship may play in Nationals as a pick-up.

Players may decline an invitation to play as a pick-up at Nationals and remain eligible to be selected as a pick-up for Westerns. The purpose of this policy is to recognize that there may be a difference in player availability as the events may fall on different weekends. Players who decline an invitation to attend Westerns with one team are ineligible to be selected as a pick-up by another team attending that same Championship.



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Westerns & Nationals Pick-up Procedure

The pick-up timeline for each division is as follows:

18U AAA

The team attending Nationals has five days following the Provincial to announce their pick-ups. The team attending Westerns will then make their pick-up selections.

15U AAA

The team attending Nationals has 48 hours following the Provincial to announce their pick-ups. The two teams attending Westerns will then make their selections. (see draft rules)

13U AAA

The team attending Nationals has 48 hours following the Provincial to announce their pick-ups. The two teams attending Westerns will then make their selections (see draft rules).

18U AA, 15U AA, 13U AA

Kamloops (as host) and the other Western qualifier will immediately begin selections (see draft rules).

Pick-up Draft Procedure

This procedure will be used when two teams represent BC at the same Western Canada Championship. In 2017 this will occur at the 13U AAA level where the 2nd and 3rd place teams both go to Spruce Grove and at all three AA levels where Kamloops and another team will participate. The team that placed highest at the Provincial will get first selection.



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Westerns & Nationals Pick-up Procedure

13U & 15U AAA Timeline (must be delayed 48 hours for Nationals selection)

Nationals pickups must be announced by late afternoon Tuesday August 8th.

- Team 1 = Selects two players by 9AM Wednesday August 9th.
- Team 2 = Selects two players by 4PM Wednesday August 9th.
- Team 1 = Selects two players by 9PM Wednesday August 9th.
- Team 2 = Selects two players by 1PM Thursday August 10th.
- Team 1 = Selects two players by 5PM Thursday August 10th.
- Team 2 = Selects two players by 9PM Thursday August 10th.

AA Timeline

- Team 1 = Selects two players by 2PM Tuesday August 8th
- Team 2 = Selects two players by 8PM Tuesday August 8th.
- Team 1 = Selects two players by 1PM Wednesday August 9th.
- Team 2 = Selects two players by 6PM Wednesday August 9th.
- Team 1 = Selects two players by 10PM Wednesday August 9th.
- Team 2 = Selects two players by 1PM Thursday August 10th.

If teams make their selections early, Baseball BC may revise the time that the next team has to make their selections.

Teams may pass on making a selection at any point and declare that their roster is complete.

Teams may immediately add any pick-up to their roster from within their association or program. This does not constitute using a selection in this rotation.

Teams will make their selections by sending an email to the opposing coach with copy to Kyle Williams at Baseball BC. The email will include the two selections as well as the names of any player who declined a pick-up invitation, who is not eligible to be selected by the other team.

Kamloops, as host, will be considered Team 2 unless they win (or place higher than the other qualifier) the Provincial Championship.



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Hosting Information

Baseball BC welcomes applications from both member and non-member local associations to host Provincial Championships for the 2017 season.

The deadline to apply to host a Provincial Championship is March 15th.

Baseball BC will only select hosts for the 2017 Championships. Multi-year bids will not be considered.

Baseball BC will consider bids to host more than one Provincial Championship (ie. 15U AAA & AA or any other combination), particularly if they can be hosted at a single site.

Championship Dates

Hosts are required for the following Provincial Championships:

- 18U AAA July 6-9
- 18U AA August 4-7
- 15U AAA August 4-7 (possibly August 3-7)
- 15U AA August 4-7
- 13U AAA August 4-7
- 13U AAA August 4-7

Role of Baseball BC

Baseball BC will supply and fund the following for all Championships:

- Umpires (through the BCBUA)
- Baseballs
- A Technical Director (responsible for scheduling and all game related decisions)
- Medals



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Requirements of Host Associations

- Provide a Tournament Chairperson to liaise with Baseball BC
- Field preparation
- Scorekeepers
- Pitch counters
- Concession
- Maintain an onsite scoreboard, including pitch count
- Umpires dressing room and bottled water

Field Requirements

The 15U AAA Championship will require two fields, with a strong preference for both fields being located at a single site.

The 18U AAA Championship may only require one field depending on the number of entries. Baseball BC welcomes any applications (one field or two fields) and will know the number of entries on April 1st when selecting host and will consider applications accordingly.

At the 18U AA, 15U AA, 13U AAA, and 13U AA divisions, it will not be known until June 1st as to whether one or two fields are required. Applicants in these divisions must indicate their secondary field, should it be required, but it need not be at a single site.

Application Details

Associations interesting in applying to host must complete the form included in this package and submit to Kyle Williams (kyle@baseball.bc.ca), Championships Coordinator, by March 15th, 2017.



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Hosting Application Form

Associations interesting in applying to host must provide the following information:

- Divisions applying to host and level (AA or AAA)
- Primary and secondary field details (including lights, change rooms, scoreboards, etc.)
- Tournament Chairperson (or current contact)
- Concession plans
- Any special events planned (derby, skills, banquet, etc.)
- Hotels in proximity of fields
- Previous history of hosting tournaments or Championships
- Any other supporting information

Applications must be emailed to Kyle Williams (kyle@baseball.bc.ca), Championships Coordinator, by March 15th, 2017.



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Association Name: _____

Provincial Organization: BC Minor PBL Little League Babe Ruth

Please indicate the Provincial Championships you are applying to host:

18U AAA 15U AAA 13U AAA

18U AA 15U AA 13U AA

Primary Field Name: _____

Lights: Yes or No Change Rooms: Yes or No Scoreboard: Yes or No

Other: _____

Secondary Field Name: _____

Lights: Yes or No Change Rooms: Yes or No Scoreboard: Yes or No

Other: _____

Note: Please expand if you are applying for multiple divisions.

Please describe your concession plans: _____

List any special events you plan to have: _____

Other Supporting Information: _____

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Team Registration Form

Please complete one form for each team you wish to register for a Baseball BC Provincial Championship.

Age Division: 13U 15U 18U

Level: AA AAA

Association/Program: _____

Team Nickname: _____

Provincial Organization: BC Minor PBL Little League Babe Ruth

Please provide the contact information for anyone within your association who you wish to have copied on correspondence related to this event (President, GM, Division Coordinator) in addition to the Head Coach.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Phone</u>
	Head Coach		

Please email completed form to Kyle Williams (kyle@baseball.bc.ca).

Please send payment to Baseball BC #310 – 15225 104th Ave, Surrey, BC. V3R-6Y8.

DEADLINE: April 1st for 18U & 15U AAA. June 1st for all other divisions.