

Parents,

## **Summer Ball**

As noted in previous league communications, our summer ball season is meant to be a “rep” baseball experience at four different levels of play. Summer ball is open to players from both divisions (AL and NL) and will comprise 48 total players from U11. The summer ball season will run from the end of the spring season until the conclusion of provincial championships over the August long weekend. Families can anticipate multiple games and practices during the weeks of July, two additional tournaments per team, and a provincial championship if teams qualify. BC Minor Baseball will disseminate the league schedule in late June. Once the league schedule is out, practice dates and times will gain clarity. Here is a tentative team-by-team season breakdown (all subject to change):

### **U11 AAA**

- Top 12 players in U11, generally 2014 born players
- Tournaments include:
  - o Boulanger Memorial (Cloverdale), June 26<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - o Mid Summer Classic (Abbotsford), July 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>
  - o Provincial Championships (Cloverdale), July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>

### **U10A**

- Top 12, 2015 born players only
- Tournaments include:
  - o Boulanger Memorial (Cloverdale), June 26<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - o Penticton Summer Sizzle (Penticton – hotel block booked for \$229 + tax/night), July 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>
  - o Provincial Championships – (location TBD, may include travel to the Interior or Vancouver Island), July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **U11 AA**

- Next 12 combination of 2014 and 2015 players
- Tournaments include:
  - o Boulanger Memorial (Cloverdale), June 26<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - o Rumble in the Ridge, Jack Short (Maple Ridge), July 11<sup>th</sup> to July 13<sup>th</sup>
  - o Provincial Championships (Richmond), July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **U11 A**

- Next 12 combination of 2014 and 2015 players

- Tournaments include:
  - o Steven Dodd, (Surrey), June 26<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - o Summer Fun, (Burnaby), July 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>
  - o Provincial Championships (North Delta), July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**A player's placement on a 2024 summer ball team, doesn't guarantee their placement on a corresponding 2025 team**

### **Summer Ball Fees**

The 2025 fee to play summer ball at U11 is \$275 and will be due once teams are announced. This fee will cover one tournament, plus Provincials. If teams decide to play in the second tournament they are registered for, this will need to be covered by team funds.

### **Provincial Championship Availability**

BC Minor Baseball rules stipulate that all teams at the Provincial Championships must have **twelve hitters** in the lineup. By attending the evaluation, players are committed to attending the Provincial championships if their respective teams qualify, over the August long weekend. Some limited emergent exceptions to this rule exist, provided there is proof and documentation to support the absence.

### **Association Boundaries**

WRSSBA doesn't enforce association boundaries during the spring season. However, BC Minor Baseball requires all players on summer ball teams to be able to prove residency within their association boundaries. If you currently live outside of the following area and would like to try out for summer ball, please reach out to me to discuss options:

- To the West, Crescent Beach/The Ocean
- To the North, Colebrook Road from Crescent Beach to 152<sup>nd</sup> then 40<sup>th</sup> Ave from 152<sup>nd</sup> Street to 196<sup>th</sup> Street
- To the East, 196<sup>th</sup> from 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 0 Avenue
- To the South, 0 Avenue

### **Proof of Age**

All players should also have proof of age (passport, birth certificate, etc.). Coaches are required to attend the Provincial Championship coaches meeting with copies of the players' documentation.

### **Evaluations**

Summer Ball evaluations will take place on **Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the SSAP turf field.** WRSSBA anticipates a large number of participants and will run two waves: **5:00 to 6:30 (surname A to approx. J)** and **6:30 to 8:00 (surname approx. J to Z).** Players will be given their wave times early in the evaluation week. This is a large one-time only evaluation, please make every effort to attend your assigned time. Requests to adjust timeslots are unlikely to be accommodated.

Upon arrival, players can check in at the east turf gate.

### **Evaluated Skills**

Evaluation stations will be run by parent and coach volunteers. However, the scoring will be unassociated with the U11 division and completed by WR Tritons players and WR Tritons coaching staff. Coaches will still be present to observe players. Players will be evaluated on the following skills and rotate between stations in small groups:

- Pitching
- Fielding
- Hitting
- Flyballs
- Speed/Baserunning

### **What to bring**

Bring a baseball bag as players will need to carry items from station to station:

- Glove
- Hat
- Bat
- Helmet
- Jock/jill
- Sunscreen
- Waterbottle
- Sunglasses – the sun can be an issue at the turf in the evening

Players are prohibited from wearing any WR summer uniforms or any items of clothing with their name attached. If players attend in any of these items, they won't be permitted on the field until they are changed.

### **Jersey Preparations**

At check-in, all players will be asked for their **jersey sizes** and **top three number requests**. This does not mean players have made a summer ball team. Once teams are formed (and

before being announced), jerseys will be sent off for numbering and lettering, so they are ready in time for the first games in late June.

### **Team Formations**

The team formation process will include three components:

- 1) Evaluation night observations (skills);
- 2) Observations during the season (game play); and
- 3) Feedback from spring head coaches (attitude, sportsmanship, and coachability).

### **Team Announcements**

The league will announce summer ball teams in mid to late June, likely after the spring season. Or, once teams are selected at all levels of play (U8, U9, U11, U13, and U15). Outside of canvassing for three assistant coaches and getting those assistant coaches NCCP certified, coaches are prohibited from disclosing team participants until league announcements are made.

### **Evaluation sign-up**

To sign your player up for summer ball evaluations, please click [here](#). There is a \$20 fee for these evaluations to cover the costs of evaluation scorers. Registration for Summer Ball Evaluations will close on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 p.m.

Any questions can be directed to [u11coordinator@wrssba.com](mailto:u11coordinator@wrssba.com)

Regards,

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