



Alberta Premier Baseball League



What is the APBL?

A “Premier” AAA College Prep League in Alberta catering primarily to the 18U AAA age group

- Modelled from the very successful BCPBL
- Focusing specifically on the highest level of AAA play across Alberta
- Extensive focus on player exposure to the next levels of baseball
- Partnerships with recruitment organizations across North America
- Stat management at both the team and player levels, accessible directly off our website
- College Prep experience and representation across Canada
- MLB based rulebook (One Year Removed)
- Team/Organization level league decision making



Why the APBL?

The Identified gap in baseball in Alberta is the College Prep Level – Players focusing on College or baseball Careers

- Limited Membership to Elite Teams/Programs
- Direct Team level ownership/input into league functions/decisions (via Committees)
- Player Exposure - Collegiate exposure across Canada/US at the league level
- Formal Statistics and Standings across the league with full player profiles and history
- Enhanced player management/control
- Provincial and future Western playdown opportunities
- Geared as THE league to play in across Alberta at the 18U Elite Level



Who is the APBL?

A group of passionate baseball minded Individuals, but most importantly, the teams.

- Joe Johnston – President & CEO
- Greg Wolfe – Executive Director
- Jeff Wang – Director & Umpire in Chief
- League Commissioner
- Team Representatives
- YOU



Scoring and Statistics

One of the core pillars to the League will be statistics and player profile management

- Live scoring of every game
- Full League, Team and Player statistics
- Year on Year historical for both Players and Teams
- Full player profiles including Stats, Bios and Spray Charts
- Cross team statistics (Player Movement)
- Team Scorekeeping Requirements
- 2 Way Scoring Confirmations (Home & Away Responsibilities)
- Published Standings for Regular Season, Playoffs and Exhibition



Teams & Team Entry

The APBL is a Premier League.

- Teams will need to be vetted and voted into the league by Committee
- Specific entry criteria will be determined by the newly formed Exec Committee (TBD)
- Teams can apply (Pre-Register) and will be contacted within 10 business days of acceptance (From the day our Committee is established)
- Team requirements for league play will be finalized by the Exec Committee (TBD)



Division & Tiers

Understanding Alberta and Travel Requirements, We will make decisions on Division and Tiers based on teams

- North and South based Divisions (70/30 or 60/40 Interdivision split play)
- Division boundaries to be determined by the Exec Committee (TBD)
- Divisional and Provincial playdown structure will be determined by the Exec Committee (TBD)
 - Divisional followed by Provincial playdown VS.
 - Interdivisional round robin play to Provincial Playdown
 - Etc.
- Understanding regional team strengths will allow for a second tier
 - Travel and Division Challenges will be considered



Team Rosters & Players

Being a College Prep League, Rosters will be capped at 22 players. April 1st Roster Deadline.

- APBL Players must be 18 or younger as of July 31st
- Players may only be rostered on one APBL team
- Cross play with other leagues will be permitted
- Team/Player Movement
 - Rostered player rights are owned by their team
 - Players seeking to play for another APBL team will be subject to a transfer fee payable by the new team during the off-season
 - Player/Parent/Coach meeting must be held as well as communication to the league
 - Transfer fee must be paid prior to working out, practice, playing with the new team



League Committees

The Strength of the League will be built on our Committees

- Board of Directors
- Executive Management Committee – The decision-making apparatus of the league
 - League Directors, Elected Officials and “Elected or Assigned” individuals from each team.
 - Each team will be allowed 1 vote for all decisions
- Rules and Procedures Committee – Reporting to the EMC, bringing in all recommendations to league changes
- Operations Committee – Scheduling, Statistics, Equipment, etc.



Umpires & Assignments

The APBL will endeavor to find, grow and develop a group of Umpires from across the province to manage our games.

- Lead by Jeff Wang
- We will take Umpire recommendations from League Members/Teams
- Focused on continued development and constant improvement
- Managed assignment via Online Assignment Program
- Umpire Fee structure we be determined in the near future



Schedule

Significant Variables including COVID concerns, we will be taken into consideration

- Teams will need to submit diamond availability and potential black out dates by the end of January (This year)
- Blackout dates can be submitted to the league for consideration
- Goal is to have a minimum 40 game schedule running May through early August
- Balanced Home/Away Schedule with coordinated travel engagements
- Exhibition schedules will be managed at the team level and coordinated through the league
- 2021 may prove challenging but we will schedule accordingly
- Rotating Cohorts will be established should we be stuck with COVID rule



Budget & League Fees

As a startup, we have a lot of variables to finalize our budget. Teams, Team locations, etc. being some of the primary

- Fees will be finalized by Mid-January (Estimates between \$2 and \$3K based on BCPBL)
- Fee structure will be based on a per-team fee
- Equipment will be coordinated as group buys (eg. Official League Balls)
- Umpires will be paid at the league level for all sanctioned games



Next Steps

All we need is you

- League Website currently in development
- Committee Volunteers required to establish the start of the EMC and Ops Committees
 - Will start accepting volunteers right away.
- Age Groups, we have been approached about inclusively starting the 21/22U program at the same time.
 - Can be another discussion, but willing to do the leg work to get it off the ground in a senior capacity to the APBL
- TEAMS – Will help us establish the lay of the land and allow the committees to go to work.
- Develop and Maintain strong relationships with current governing bodies and Provincial Sports Organization



Q&A