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**2026
SCHOOL
TOURNAMENT
UPDATE**



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In 2025, SJMBA decided to take a quick break from our school tournament series in order to start our season earlier in conjunction with the Canada Games being hosted in St. John's.

We are pleased to announce that in 2026, we will be returning with the Steve Phillips Classic and the Sgt. Geoff Walsh Memorial Tournament as we strategically ramp up our tournament offerings.

The Steve Phillips Classic will include Grades 3 and 4 and the Sgt. Geoff Walsh Memorial will include Grades 5 and 6 and offer both Competitive and Non-Competitive divisions.



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In 2026, invites to these tournaments will be extended to schools in the St. John's Minor Baseball Association catchment area as we are trying to continue to start our baseball season earlier, as we did last year, and we want to ensure we are not constricting our resources and operations prior to our opening day. Depending on how the 2026 tournaments go, SJMBA will consider expanding the schools invited to these tournaments in 2027.

Schools will be limited to entering 3 teams per tournament. In the case of the Sgt. Geoff Walsh Memorial Tournament, it is 3 teams total regardless of the split between competitive and non-competitive.



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Registration for these tournaments is not open as of this update. We will be communicating the finer details such as cost, dates, and how to register in the very near future.

We do ask that schools handle the registration and admin side of things as opposed to immediately handing these duties off to volunteers as it has led to duplicate registrations, invalid registrations, etc. in the past, and we want this rollout to be as smooth as possible for all.

