



ST. JOHN'S MINOR 'A' BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Hi Folks!

Welcome to another season of baseball with St. John's Minor! To those who are returning, thank you for your continued support. To our new friends, we will do everything we can with the resources available to us to ensure that your son/daughter has a positive experience.

There has certainly been some challenges as we return to a more normal season and we do appreciate your patience as we navigate these new issues.

We do have some initiatives we would like to highlight this season:

- **Jerseys** – Uniforms will be handed out to players during their first practice or game by the coaches. If you have issues, please don't contact coaches but contact us. We will be having a jersey swap night in the coming weeks. We will send an email and post information to our social media channels.
- **A League of Their Own** – We are continuing and expanding our all-girls house league for players born in 2011 to 2004. We are excited to continue to expand this program with 12U, 14U and 17U regional leagues. Increasing the number of girls playing baseball is one of our priorities.
- **Scheduled Practices** – Most house league divisions will have practices during the week of June 27th to July 3rd. 11U, 13U and 15U house league divisions will continue to have some scheduled practices throughout the season.
- **Drills and Skills** – Summer skills programs are still open for registration through the RAMP registration system.
- **House League Clothing Order** – Due to global soft goods shortages, we are having issues getting enough timely supply of items for our order. We are still hoping to do one soon.
- **Parking Reminders** – We have a few special parking issues we like to remind parents of at the start of each season.

o At Edgar Hartery (Little St. Pat's), parents are reminded that they cannot park along the outfield fence with the exception of the right field side (by the bleachers) and either side of the laneway into the field. This is a safety concern to ensure ambulances can access both fields if necessary. *Umpires are*

instructed to not start any games if there are vehicles in this area. There is also parking available on Carpasian Rd. **We have asked the City of St. John's to ticket vehicles on the laneway so we do appreciate your compliance with this safety rule.**

o Conway Glenn parking is available on Warren Place or other streets off of Ennis Ave. Cars will be ticketed if they park on the same side of the road as Baly Haly

o Virginia Park has no parking in the condo by the field. Parents must park on Drake Cres

We do have a few things that we would like you to do to help make the season more enjoyable for all.

- **Check our web site (baseballstjohns.ca)** – our web site is our main communication tool. It has rosters, schedules, results, alerts, etc. Please make a habit of checking it frequently. Please read our **Weather Policy, Fair Play and Game Management Policies** before the season starts (policies section of web site).
- **Rain outs/Cancellations** – when the weather is inclement or fields are wet, we will make a decision by **3 pm.** as to whether games are going ahead that day. **If there is no message on the web site, the games are going ahead so head for the field. (There is no need to call the office).**
- **Behaviour** – we cannot operate our program without umpires. Most of them are young players who want to give it a try. **We have a zero tolerance policy re: any abuse of our umpires. Please don't embarrass yourself or your son/daughter with inappropriate behaviour.**
- **Social Media** – we love seeing all of your pictures and special memories! We will however not post or share anything that doesn't abide by our social media policy (which you can view on our policies page). We very much appreciate your co-operation in this matter. As well, please follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

Although we have had many challenges this year already, we are looking forward to an awesome season of baseball! While we try to accommodate all your requests, at times it just isn't possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding when we have to say 'sorry, we can't do that'.

Lastly, but most important – **Remember – Baseball is just a game! Have fun and enjoy it!**

Looking forward to a great season!

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