



Swift Current Minor Baseball Association 2023



Welcome to Swift Current Minor Baseball for 2023!! We are looking forward to the spring and to our upcoming 2023 season! Whether your son or daughter has played baseball in the past or if it is their first year, we hope that he/she will find it enjoyable. Swift Current Minor Baseball would like to share some information with you.

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What's Next?

Once the weather is warm enough, the respective Division Heads will contact you with details regarding an evaluation night where the players will go through a short series of drills. This evaluation will assist the Division Head and the coaches in selecting House League teams that are fair and equal in skill levels. Once the teams are determined, the coaches will contact you to let you know which team your child is on.

The season will start in late April/early May (depending on weather) and continue until the end of June. Players that are interested and selected to play on the Provincial Teams will continue play until later in July.

Divisions

Weather permitting season will begin our season April 20th and end June 30

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| Tee-Ball (2018, 2019) | Tue & Thurs or Mon & Wed | City Complex Ball Diamonds (by Paterson Grain) |
| Rally Cap (2015, 2016, 2017) | Tue & Thurs or Mon & Wed | City Complex Ball Diamonds (by Paterson Grain) |
| U11 (2012, 2013, 2014) | Mon/Wed (House) Tue/Thur (Rep) | Sharon Hogg, 19th SW & Fairview |
| U13 (2010, 2011) | Any night | Ford Field & Riverdene |
| U15 (2008, 2009) | Any night | Kiwanis |
| U18 (2005, 2006, 2007) | Any night | Kinsmen & Mitchell Field |

Personal Batting Helmets

For personal hygiene benefits, all players will be responsible for providing their own batting helmet – SCMB does not provide helmets for players. Helmets can be purchased at a number of businesses within Swift Current. It is essential to have your helmet ready for your first practice.

Requests to Move Up or Move Down Divisions

SCMB will not accept requests for moving players up divisions in T-Ball, Rally-Cap, and U11. We will consider moving players in other divisions to allow players the chance to play ball when there are not enough registered players to make a team.

T-Ball and Rally Cap divisions

Swift Current Minor baseball has always had a policy that there must be a guardian on site for every player at every scheduled event. **NO-EXCEPTIONS!**

Coaches and Assistant Coaches Needed – Clinic Available to Help

We are urgently requesting parents (and others interested) to consider helping SCMB with volunteering to serve as a Coach or Assistant Coach with our House League teams this year. In the past, Division Heads have had to phone every parent in their division to plead for people willing to help out with their child's team. However, in order for minor ball to be successful this year and into the future, we need to have additional coaches "step up to the plate" and offer their time. Frankly, if there are no coaches for house leagues ... There are no house leagues! Those willing to step up and coach this year full time will receive a refund at the end of the season for their son/daughter's registration as a thank you for making the season for the team possible!

Not sure of what being a Coach or Assistant Coach includes? Please feel free to chat with one of the SCMB board members about what is involved – you may be surprised at how little it is!! We will also be offering a coaching clinic night to go over how to run practices/ games and have some drills outlined for coaches for house league teams.

PLEASE CONSIDER PUTTING YOUR NAME FORWARD AS A COACH OR ASSISTANT COACH – YOUR HELP IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!!!!!!

Coach Development

Baseball Canada revised its national coaching certification program (NCCP) in 2008, and has replaced the old "Level 1" system with a new "Initiation Coach" program. The SBA has minimum requirements for coaches who are involved with teams in provincial/western/national championships (see http://www.saskbaseball.ca/nccp_pageoverview.htm for more information).

Swift Current Minor Baseball has implemented a policy in 2012, that all rep coaches, 11U and up, complete the coach's development program that Swift Current Minor Baseball offers.

THE FUTURE OF SCMB DEPENDS ON HAVING A CONTINUAL SUPPLY OF SBA CERTIFIED COACHES.

"Safe Places" Youth Certified Certificate

Swift Current Minor Baseball policy is that all coaches must have their "Safe Places" youth certified certificate by April 1st or they will not be allowed to coach any team for Swift Current Minor Baseball.

Provincial Representative Teams

In addition to House League teams, SCMB is proud to offer the opportunity for Players in the U11, U13, U15, and U18 Divisions to attend and compete for a Provincial Championship.

The following coaches have been selected to head up the respective teams:

- ❑ 18U AAA – Kurri Darby
- ❑ 18U AA- TBD
- ❑ 15U AAA – Craig Kilshaw
- ❑ 15U AA – TBD
- ❑ 13U AAA – Joe Carnahan
- ❑ 13U AA – Wyatt Harkes
- ❑ 11U AAA – Tom Christianson
- ❑ 11U AA – TBD
- ❑ 11U A- TBD

If you have any questions about the provincial team process, please feel free to contact the respective above-named coach or one of the SCMB Executive members. Watch for tryout information in the future.

Umpire Clinic

SCMB is facing a shortage of qualified umpires that are available to help with House League play, older Division (Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget) competitive league play and other Provincial Team-related activities (tournaments, provincial championships, etc.). We are **VERY INTERESTED** in increasing the numbers of certified umpires (of all ages) in Swift Current and surrounding areas.

SCMB follows provincially-determined guidelines for the payment of umpires and depending on the age division, you can earn anywhere from \$25-\$50 per game. A number of local opportunities will be available to be active in umpiring tournaments/games where our local umpires will be given priority to work ... good chance to gain some experience and make some good money.

SCMB will be hosting a clinic in the near future for people interested in becoming a Level 1 or Level 2/3 certified umpire. The clinics will include a mixture of classroom preparation (rules, etc.) and on-the-field instruction to provide a hands-on approach to becoming an umpire.

SCMB will help to offset the registration expenses for this clinic. Please contact Toni Adair 306-741-7381 or email [**presidentscmba@gmail.com**](mailto:presidentscmba@gmail.com) for more information and/or to register.

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We would like to wish all players and parents a great baseball season in 2023! Please watch for more information coming your way from your division heads and coaches. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact your division head or any other member of the SCMB board.