



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.

Already this season has had some unexpected and difficult challenges, but we have also had so much support from the City of St. John's, our volunteers and membership. Thank you all for your kind words and patience as we navigate this new normal.

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

- **COVID-19 Guidelines** – Please familiarize yourself and your child with our COVID-19 guidelines. It is essential that we follow these guidelines to ensure we have a safe and fulfilling season.
- **Jersey** – Our distributor was shut down during the pandemic so we hope to have jerseys out next week. Players will not be permitted to wear uniforms when they receive, they must be washed first. Once distributed, we will host jersey swap nights for any exchanges.
- **A League of Their Own** – We are continuing and expanding our all-girls house league for players born in 2010 to 2003. We are excited to continue to expand this program with 12U and 16U regional leagues. Increasing the number of girls playing baseball is one of our priorities.
- **Scheduled Practices** – All divisions will have practices during the week of June 29th to July 5th. 11U, 12U, 13U and 16U house league divisions will continue to have some scheduled practices throughout the season.
- **Drills and Skills** – We have revamped our day camp program this year with expanded offerings. Currently all camps are full but based on updated Level 2 guidelines we do anticipate to contact some waitlist participants early next week.
- **House League Clothing Order** – Like last summer, we will be doing a clothing order through Sportscraft. We will have an online store on the website once samples become available.

• **Parking Reminders** – We have a few speciality parking issues we like to remind parents of at the start of each season.

- 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 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.
- Conway Glenn is a new addition to our fields this summer. Parking for Conway Glenn is available on Warren Pl or other streets off of Ennis Ave. Cars will be ticketed if they park on the same side of the road as Baly Haly
- 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.**

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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