



BASEBALL NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

2021 CANADA GAMES BASEBALL PROGRAM UPDATE

With the Coaching Staff selection completed, Head Coach David Coates of CBS and Assistant Coaches Kevin Higgins of Gander and David McCarthy Corner Brook are excited to begin the process of player selection for the 2021 Canada Games.

The coaching staff has developed a three-year plan leading up to the Games, and it will be implemented immediately with the identification of players born in 2003 and later for the 2019 Provincial 15U Baseball Program. Players born in 2003 are considered overage players for this program, while players born in 2004 and later are age eligible.

The first step of the plan begins this summer with the coaching staff actively scouting various invitational and provincial tournaments. Then, in the fall of 2018, there will open tryouts in various regions of the province for the 2019 Provincial 15U Baseball Program. The tryout dates have not yet been finalized, but it is anticipated they will occur in late-September based on field availability. Updates to this process will be posted on the Baseball NL website (www.baseballnl.com) and Twitter account (@BaseballNL) as they become available. Interested players are encouraged to check the website and social media.

From these evaluations, a shortlist of 2019 15U-eligible players will be selected to work out in their home region at an indoor facility under coaching staff direction until about mid-April. There will be a Winterball fee associated with a player's acceptance to the program, as well as a fundraising component that all players will be expected to participate in. Funds generated under team-directed initiatives will go directly to offset team expenses of which a portion will be specifically related to player costs.

In mid-April, this group will come together for a full assessment and evaluation in St. John's, and from there, the group will participate in an out-of-province tournament in late-May or early-June. It will be from this event that the final 15U team will be selected to prepare for competition in the National 15U Baseball Championship in Oshawa, August 22-25, 2019.

As the 2021 Canada Games process moves forward, additional information regarding what will occur for the 2020 and 2021 seasons will also be provided to all players interested in becoming involved in the 2021 Canada Games Program. Such information will be posted on the Baseball NL website at the appropriate future date.

For all inquiries please contact the staff via email at teamnl2021canadagamesbaseball@gmail.com