

Saskatoon Bantam AAA Baseball League; Fall Tryouts Reference Document

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Recommendations for your players / team

- U15-AAA tryouts: The following notes will provide details on this process; Fall tryouts schedule for warmups, skills, outdoor situational and mock games
1. Please ensure your player is practicing at minimum 2-3 days per week leading up to the tryouts to ensure arm care management. Please contact GYTC or IP for one-on-one skills mentoring and or other skills sessions provided by each.
 2. Players are asked to warm up/be prepared for tryouts 30-45 minutes prior to the noted tryout time. Fall tryout dates are posted, and player times for specific dates will be posted as soon as possible after registration closes.
 3. Sept 8, 2022 – skills session 1 (4-6 groups); 4 to 10pm
 - Outdoor skills sessions will include infield, outfield skills, base running, as well as pitcher/catcher sessions
 4. Sept 10, 2022 – skills session 2 (4-6 groups); 9am to 3pm
 - Outdoor skills sessions will include infield, outfield skills, base running, as well as pitcher/catcher sessions
 5. Sept 13, 2022, make-up skills session 2a (12-15 players maximum); 6pm to 8pm for players with justified absence from session 2
 6. SBAAABL-U15 recommends ALL players attend both skills sessions to improve their draft scoring.
 - If a player can only attend one skills session – that is up to the player.
 - If a player cannot attend either skills session, please contact SBAAABL-U15 Administration for direction.
 - A make up skills session is available from 6 to 8 pm on Sept 13 for up to 12-15 players that have justification for not attending the skills sessions.
 7. Sept 21 & 22 – situational / mock game sessions – 48 players (4 teams; players TBA); 6 to 10pm; players notified after skills sessions are completed
 - Situational/mock games may or may not include some added game skills / situations, - time dependent
 - *Each player should ensure they play at their most skilled position noted at registration to allow coaches to view game play; This is coordinated by the Training company and the SBAAABL Tryouts coordinator.*
 - Game time allowance is 1.5-2 hours
 - Sept 21 - Team 1 vs 4 at 6pm, team 2 vs 3 at 8pm
 - Sept 22 - Team 1 vs 2 at 6pm, team 3 vs 4 at 8pm

8. Using a previous U18 tryout template the following will apply for the 2023 season:
 - Team Head coaches will draft 14 to 18 players upon conclusion of the tryouts.
 - The Draft will occur within 7 days of the tryouts conclusion due to scheduling
 - Based on skills scores, a draft discussion with coaches will determine a “drafted players protected group” for each team.
 - Example - the remaining group of players (~4 to 8 players) are open to practice and compete for positions 9, 10, 11 and 12 on the team as well as the 2 affiliate positions.
 - *Final Roster of 12 players and 2 affiliates must be submitted to SBAAABL for the first week of January (Player notification by each team coach to each player).*
 - *Coaches will also contact players not on a final roster position during the first week of January. Players not selected must return to their respective zone and register for the 2023 season.*
9. Each team’s selected/drafted players pay \$150 to SBAAABL-U15 for team practice costs from September to the end of December
 - ✓ Outdoor and indoor practices/times will be set up by each Coach and the practice costs paid by the funds submitted to SBAAABL-U15 (*funds for each team based on the number of selected players on that team - maybe different for each team*); Coaches must submit/update practice times so as an accounting of time and costs is transparent and SBAAABL can administer timely funds.
 - ✓ Coordination of each team’s practice payments to be discussed at the draft. Coaches to have a discussion plan for practices prior to the draft.
 - Each team must have a minimum of 9 practices from September to December. Once the practice funds for each team are spent, then practices will stop for that team. This provides some balance on the practices amongst the teams. Practices can resume once a final roster is set and teams build a Parent group for team management.
 - Any funds left over from practices will be forwarded to that team once the final roster is submitted to SBAAABL (first week of January) and a team Parent group is formed with a Team Manager/Treasurer.
 - This format provides the coaches many options to work with players for skills and team development. Intersquad play can be planned with the additional players.
 - Each player should attend as many practices as possible to build team chemistry.
 - The September to December practices will build skills and team chemistry for all the players, developing those players that may not make the final roster to assist each with skills development towards a well prepared 2023 season. Players returning to the zone will have a better understanding of preparation for eligible tryouts in the fall of 2023. The fall practice time will build player leadership, confidence, fun and skills application for those players in the AA leagues.
 - Optional: consensus decision determined at the draft: Prior to submitting the final rosters, each team’s coach can submit a request to SBAAABL to choose “one” player released from another U15-AAA Saskatoon Team to add to their roster as either a “12 Player Roster position” or an affiliate. If this occurs, the team choosing another released player must release a player from their current roster to make room for the additional player. The Final roster must be submitted to SBAAABL as noted.

10. Once the final rosters are set, team meetings can be planned for the 2023 season, and team planning can begin with more lead time to the start of the SPBL-U15-AAA season.
 - Planning for parent meetings
 - ✓ Parents can determine all the Parent Group volunteer positions: team Admin/treasurer; Communications, travel planner, tournament planner, Assistant Coaches, etc. ALL Coaches/Ass't Coaches to submit application with credentials to SBAAABL as well as Criminal Record Checks (CRCs).
>> CRCs are paid for by Baseball Saskatoon and invoiced to SBAAABL. Notify SPS at the time of application, that the CRC is paid for by Baseball Saskatoon.
 - ✓ Each Team to determine "Team Fees" to cover team practices (indoor/outdoor), team tournament play, team baseball equipment, etc. Recommendation for splitting team fee payments with the additional time to allow Parents to manage costs.
 - ✓ Team practice gear should be ordered through Al Anderson's Team Sports, as they are a U15-AAA Saskatoon Teams Sponsor. Mandatory team practice gear includes: practice shirt, practice shorts, Team Hoodie. Other items are optional or TBA by Team parent Group; team travel jacket/cage jacket, etc.
 - Planning for practice times from January to the season start – first week of May; (other non-Nutana field use as determined by City of Saskatoon (CofS)) can also be completed to work in with all the various player schedules.
 - Spring practice frequency will be set by the Coaches and Parent group to accommodate all the various schedules. Bookings through Baseball Saskatoon-Nutana and or CofS for other CofS fields.
 - ✓ **Best Case is to book Nutana practice time as soon as possible and cancel as needed, so teams get needed practice time on U15 Diamonds.**
11. SPBL will determine a date (typically March or April) for Coaches and Team Managers to attend a planning meeting to build each team's season game schedule.
12. Coaches and the Parent Group should balance the SPBL travel schedule with any tournament plans to coordinate players practice time with game play
 - Planning for SPBL travel
 - ✓ 50% of games will be travel games (2022 teams included: Alameda, Martensville, Moose Jaw, Muenster, Regina, Swift Current, White City, Yorkton)
 - ✓ Parent Group/Team Travel planner or Parent Group Tournament Coordinator can book advance Hotel rooms for better rates and or guaranteed rooms for SPBL and Tournament travel
12. Coaches and the Parent Group should balance the SPBL travel schedule with any tournament plans to coordinate players practice time with game play for skill development.
13. SBAAABL-U15-AAA Saskatoon Team Coordination fees are due during the first month of the season. Payments can be split into two. 2023 season fees are \$675/player (same as 2022). *SBAAABL-U15-AAA Saskatoon Team Coordination fees cover Nutana game play (includes support for Nutana operations), umpires, registrations (Baseball Saskatoon, Baseball Sask), uniforms, hats, insurance, CRC's, website administration, Coach training through Baseball Sask, SBAAABL-U15-AAA Saskatoon Team Coordination and administration costs of operations, etc., (these are reviewed/covered at the Baseball Saskatoon AGM).*

Reference Information:

- **Sask Baseball; Coaching certification courses: NCCP**
 - a) Refer to Sask Baseball listing for training courses needed for Provincial Tournament acceptance <https://www.baseballsask.ca/programs/nccp-coaches>
 - b) Coaches can complete on-line course needed and then book a procvativce or game review to receive certification for Provincial Tournament Play.
 - c) NCCP - Refer to: [coach.ca](https://www.coach.ca); drills, practice plans, etc.

- **Potential/available tournaments: Contact tournaments ASAP to get booking (as of 2022).**
 - a) Regina Ice Breaker – Early May <http://www.baseballregina.com/events>
 - b) Saskatoon Evan Thomas Memorial <https://www.baseballsaskatoon.com/bantam/>
 - c) Okotoks Invitational <https://dawgsacademy.ca/host-tournaments/>
 - d) Sherwood Park invitational <https://www.spmba.ca/doc-plotsky-memorial/>
 - e) Other (Provincial Tournament) <https://www.baseballsask.ca/tournaments/local-tournaments>
 - f) Other (Montana) <https://www.infosports.com/?req=listing&lr=MT&s=b&t=t>

- **Coach Notes 2022; Practice fields**
 - a) GHTC – Bookings; To make a booking contact Mark Loehndorf: eventbookings@howesports.ca
 - b) City of Saskatoon Field House Bookings: Contact the Field House and talk to the booking clerk (booking clerk changes often) to get contact name to submit application for team bookings. Midfield area is ~\$70/hr, two midfield areas to simulate a diamond infield is ~\$140/hr (2022 rates).
 - c) City of Saskatoon Outside Diamond Bookings: *TBA – re March 23/2022 SBAAABL Coach Document update.*
 - d) Batting cage bookings at GHTC, Jeff Hughes peewee diamonds, Kilburn Mosquito diamonds; check with GHTC to ensure pitching machines are calibrated as needed.