



Director of Female Development Report 2026 Submitted By Rayanne Frizzell

2026 was another fantastic year for female baseball, setting an all-time record for the number of females registered at 385! This is fantastic growth and happened despite there being no 19U provincial team for the second year in a row.

Annual registration change: 2023 +41.1% | 2024 +16.9% | 2025 -1.6% | 2026 +2.7%

Birth year	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2025-26 change
2007 & Older	1		10	17	11	—
2008		2	2	2	3	—
2009	4	7	10	15	10	-42.9%
2010	0	2	3	8	4	-100.0%
2011	8	10	12	14	6	-20.0%
2012	8	7	14	10	7	+14.3%
2013	11	9	17	21	18	+22.2%
2014	12	12	26	33	24	0.0%
2015	16	15	22	21	30	+6.7%
2016	23	20	27	34	41	+15.0%
2017	31	32	53	57	45	-3.1%
2018	34	44	60	49	17	-22.7%
2019	42	71	66	33	13	-40.8%
2020	67	76	62 *20 & younger	11	2	-11.8%
2021	68	50				+36.0%
2022	46	18				+155.6%
2023	14					—
Total	385	375	381	326	231	+2.7%

Percentage change compares 2026 with 2025 for the same birth-year group. A dash means the comparison is unavailable. The total row reflects overall female registration growth.

Our 14U team competed in the Atlantic 14U tournament hosted in Moncton. This team was led by Mark McKenzie, Karli Snow, Blake Schade and Isabella Acorn. After last years strong finish, only 2 over-agers were permitted. The team had a fantastic tournament going 2-2 in round robin and taking home the bronze medal game over Newfoundland. What's exciting is that almost all players will be eligible in 2027!

The 16U girls competed against a few teams in the 15U AA league. Thank you to the coaches and players in this league for being respectful and encouraging to our players. Nationals were held in Moncton, NB with a number of close games. Unfortunately, placement games were rained out, so we will claim a tie for 9th. Thank you to our all-female coaching staff Karli Snow, Ella Gallant, Claire Keough and Layla O'Brien and all of the players and parents for a fantastic year. All but 1 player is eligible to return in 2027, so we look forward to watching them continue to grow.

Sadly, we were unable to field a 19u team again this year and we were not alone in facing that challenge. In the spring, NS, NB and PEI all intended to field teams. By early June, a last-ditch effort was made by PEI to field a joint team with all 3 provinces, but we just didn't have the commitment. We are hopeful that a joint team with NB will be possible in 2027 as NS is indicating they will field a team.





Girls' Clinics and Female Leadership

Baseball PEI's 2026 Summer Clinic Schedule identifies 14 sessions specifically labelled as girls' camps or girls' programming, including a girls' pitching camp. Attendance was recorded for 13 of these sessions, totalling 133 player attendances; attendance for the girls' pitching camp was not entered. These are session attendances, not a count of unique girls. None of the 14 entries is explicitly marked cancelled in the schedule, but the schedule does not independently verify completion of every session. A separate pitching clinic attended by 12 girls was not labelled girls-only, so it has not been counted among the 14 designated sessions.

Baseball PEI also hired two female summer camp clinicians and made a deliberate effort to use them as much as possible across our programs. This provided young players with opportunities to learn from female instructors and role models. When appropriate, they were supported by specialist instructors, including Nathan VanPutten and Jack MacKenzie for pitching.

Developing Female Coaches

Three female coaches attended Competition Development (Comp Dev) training in Moncton during 2026. This was an important investment in female coaching leadership and helps create stronger pathways for women to coach at advanced levels of baseball. Attendance at training does not by itself confirm completion of the full certification process.

The year had some challenges but we continued to see positive steps forward for girls' baseball. There is a lot of excitement and interest in the community and we believe there is great opportunity for growth with the support of Associations. We look forward to engaging with all of our players over the winter and making plans for 2027!

