



Baseball PEI Director of Skill Development Report

- The hitting clinics were replaced with overall baseball skills clinics and were hosted in Stratford and Summerside. The focus of these camps was fundamentals of hitting, pitching, infield defense, and baserunning. These were well attended by players but not as many coaches. I feel it may have been too early to get the target coaching audience involved.
- Young adults continue to become involved in baseball on PEI. This summer I heard about more older siblings stepping in to take on larger roles. These are great developments for the future of baseball on PEI.
- PEI continues to benefit from “importing” knowledgeable baseball minds as well as baseball focused islanders returning home.
- I do wonder if Holland College and/or UPEI baseball programs have interest in running baseball camps to reach more players and to fill in gaps that might be getting missed. I will speak with the Holland College coach as I see him often after school, but I will probably not see UPEI coach now that the 15U season is done.
- Is it possible for BPEI to facilitate baseball camps in the summer months? Day time camps (maybe 3, 4, 5 hours long that are pay to attend and provide more focused or intense setting for instruction. Will this interfere too much with current clinician set-up which is provided free of charge?

Is there interest in such a camp from the parents' perspective? A 11U, 13U or a 15U camp that takes in 20-24 campers. 3-5 hours per day for 4 or 5 days. 1-2 hours of skills and drills followed by 2-3 hours of situations and game play.

Could this be an opportunity for a private venture by a group of people in coordination with BPEI? Or without BPEI?

- I have recorded my observations from coaching at the 13U national tournament and seeing other provinces' players and skills they showcased. I have turned these observations into a few members of the board along with an outline of ideas to help PEI begin to close the gap with these other provinces. I believe this gap can be closed but will take some innovative strategies to access the players with enough drills and reps needed.

