



BPEI PRESIDENT REPORT OCT 2026

Our past season has been extremely busy with many positives and a few less than what was expected.

Positives:

- Teams: 46 9U; 23 11A; 12 11AA Minor; 11AA; 6 11UAAA
- Teams: 21 13A; 9AA and 6 13AAA; 11 15A, 5AA and 5 15AAA
- Teams: 8 18A, 6 18 Minor and 5 18AA
- Broke 3000 players involved with our teams not including 22U, etc.

Growth: Besides our increases as above, the 22U league went well, KCBL continues to prosper, Holland College and UPEI both have teams and the Senior Islanders have again for the 4th consecutive year advanced to BBC Nationals next year. Also, we officially opened the new Don MacDougall ball field, with full turf infield, in the Western Association; Summerside has revamped their facility into two full sized fields with new infield and turf included; and Stratford is on the verge of having their 3 new fields in play.

Our leagues ran well, Eliminations and Provincials, were quite competitive and our results at Atlantics produced 2 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze with 10 teams participating..... an excellent season

At Nationals, we had an overall record of 10-15, headed by a 4th place finish with the 18U team

Work with umpire development, training opportunities, attendance at Nationals, and continued/upgraded effort into young officials' mentorship, reflects a huge success with 181 active umpires across our whole program.

Rally Cap continued to have a positive effect on our youngest players and their leaders

Our summer student program, with 8 summer students active, ran over 150 no -charge clinics across the province with students from closer to camp homes allowed over a 50% increase in total clinics.

The addition of Kelly to our office staff along greatly enhanced the delivery and scheduling of our umpires. There were a few issues early with a couple computer glitches but the extra time this allowed our core umpires for umpiring and mentoring, the significantly less stress for local





associations trying to find umpires and the much fewer cancellations due to lack of officials were reflective of Kelly's work.

We ran clinics during the year that were well attended and players indicated they benefitted from the experience.

Our Provincial teams "all" ran dedicated off-season training at the various indoor facilities, as well as utilizing the experience and dedication of the staff at the ABA.

Our girls participating in- season and working hard in the off-season is a positive and experiences some growth which we hope will continue and expand over the next years.

Office staff has worked hard at our exposure to social media and it is hoped that what the public and baseball community requires is being delivered.

BPEI will host the Baseball Canada Convention in early November as well as the combined BPEI and BBC Awards Banquet.

Items to Improve:

Weather!! Unusual amounts of long periods of rain obviously made it difficult to get all practices and games completed. Better weather next year would be a bonus!!!

We had problems with inappropriate behavior among some fans and will continue to work on educating our parents, family members and in general, fans, on the expected behavior at the ball field.

We have most of our associations working hard to ensure the team-selection procedures for their teams is fair and unbiased. We will continue to encourage and assist, where necessary, those associations that still have problems with the perception that players selected to teams in their associations is totally impartial.

We recognize that the learning obtained by our 9U and 11U teams is still not exactly what we hope for but we must, and intend to, continue to work hard with the parents of this age group and develop coaches who are exposed to "best practices of learning baseball" as well as the fun and enjoyment that all the children deserve. The "A" level of teams has shown growth and more skill as our push for a better ratio of practice-time to game-time has shown skill improvement as well as retention of players due to enjoyment. This is reflected also in the number of coaches who have been nominated for awards recognizing their great work with the youth.





We also must continue to enhance our coaching for our elite players through more clinics at reasonable costs and opportunities to work with players on higher level of drills to produce greater skill reward.

On the horizon:

Baseball Canada has some changes coming down the wire including a first time increase in a registration fee for all players, coaches, and officials. This proposal is a major topic for discussion at the November Convention but a small addition of a fee directly paid to Baseball Canada can be expected. This should actually decrease the cost of coaches NCCP training, provide additional support to BBC programs and assist with the costs for teams to attend National Championships. More information will follow shortly.

In conclusion:

Our Board of Directors, under Rhonda's leadership, has worked very hard to make our league and overall full-year programming run very well, the results of which are clearly shown by our increase in numbers and the successes on the field. Adaptations developed and funding opportunities realized, have made more and more programs available, which our growth in players continues to reflect.

Thank you for opportunity to serve on the BPEI Board as president.

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