



Baseball PEI Annual General Meeting

Director's Report – 9U Division

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The 2025 season marked my **third year** serving as Director for the 9U Division, which continues to be one of Baseball PEI's **largest and most active divisions**. This year, **42 teams** participated across the province, reflecting the strong and growing interest in baseball at the grassroots level.

Season Overview

The division was structured into **three regional groupings**: *Central, Eastern, and Western*. Each team was provided with a **14-game schedule**, ensuring that every team faced one another at least once during the season.

Overall, feedback on the schedule was limited, with **no significant concerns raised** regarding the number of games played. The season ran smoothly, with **minimal issues** related to league rules, coaching conduct, or team behaviour — a positive reflection of the efforts and sportsmanship of coaches and volunteers across the Island.

Jamboree Format Changes

A key change in 2025 was Baseball PEI's decision **not to host a centralized 9U Jamboree**. This change came about at the urging of the associations themselves. Instead, local associations and teams were encouraged to organize and host their own jamboree events and finance the jamborees themselves.

While some associations took advantage of this opportunity, feedback indicated that **fewer jamborees were held overall** compared to previous seasons. This will be reviewed to determine if additional coordination or support is needed moving forward.



Administrative Challenges

The **main challenge** encountered this season involved **coach registration on RAMP**. A number of game rescheduling issues occurred when contact information for unregistered coaches was unavailable.

To address this, I reached out to several association presidents who confirmed they were **actively reminding coaches** to complete registration. For next season, I am recommending a **virtual league meeting prior to the season**, with an emphasis on ensuring **all coaches are registered by that meeting date** to avoid similar administrative disruptions.

Acknowledgements

I would like to extend my thanks to **Rhonda and Mitchell** for their assistance with RAMP administration and communication throughout the season. Their support was greatly appreciated and contributed to a well-managed year overall.

Summary

The 2025 season for the 9U Division was successful, steady, and well-conducted, with strong participation and positive engagement from associations and coaches. Continued focus on administrative efficiency and local engagement through jamborees will help strengthen this important foundational level of baseball in the years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
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