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2010 SASK BASEBALL PROVINCIAL PLAYOFFS

The Sask Baseball Playoff Committee has selected host sites for this seasons Provincial Playoffs.
Take a quick look to see where your team may be headed this summer!!!

DIVISION	HOST COMMUNITY	DATES
Mosquito AAA	Regina	July16-18
Mosquito AA	North Battleford	July16-18
Mosquito AA Tier II	Saskatoon	July16-18
Mosquito A	HOST NEEDED	July16-18
Mosquito A2	HOST NEEDED	July16-18
Pee Wee AAA	Regina	July 30-August 2
Pee Wee AA	Lloydminster	July16-18
Pee Wee AA Tier II	Saskatoon	July16-18
Pee Wee A	HOST NEEDED	July16-18
Pee Wee A2	HOST NEEDED	July16-18
Bantam AAA	Saskatoon	July 30-August 2
Bantam AA	Yorkton	July16-18
Bantam AA Tier II	Regina	July16-18
Bantam A	Melfort	July16-18
Bantam A2	HOST NEEDED	July16-18
Midget AAA	Saskatoon	July 30-August 2
Midget AA	HOST NEEDED	July 23-25
Midget AA Tier II	HOST NEEDED	July 23-25
Midget A	HOST NEEDED	July 23-25
Midget A2	HOST NEEDED	July 23-25
Junior AAA	HOST NEEDED	July 30-August 2
Senior AA	HOST NEEDED	July 30-August 2
Senior A	Saskatoon	August 7-8
Senior A2	Kindersley	August 7-8
Twilite Maxi	TBA	July TBA
Twilite Masters	TBA	July TBA

*If you are interested in hosting an unawarded Provincial Championship, you can contact
Mike Ramage in the Regina Office @ 780-9237 or e-mail him at
mramage@sasktel.net*

NOTICE OF MEETING

The 2010 Sask Baseball Special General Meeting will be held March 27 in Saskatoon at the Radisson Inn. We encourage all of our members to attend, as this is an open meeting to all who are interested. We hope to see as many people as possible.

The following are times that you need to know:

Saturday, March 27

Management/Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 AM
Playoff & Rules Committee Meeting	11:00 AM
Sask Baseball Semi-Annual Meeting	1:00 PM

Please contact Mike Ramage at the office in Regina at 780-9237
or e-mail mramage@sasktel.net
to confirm your attendance!!!

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2010 NATIONAL DATES

Baseball Canada Championships

Pee Wee Regional August 18-23
Brandon, MB

Bantam AAA August 26-30
Vaughan, ON

Bantam Girls August 26-30
Richmond, BC

Midget AAA August 19-23
London, ON

Junior AAA August 19-23
Trois Rivieres, QB

Senior AAA August 26-30
Dartmouth, NS

Baseball Canada Cup August 11-16
Kindersley, SK

2010 WESTERN CANADA DATES

Pee Wee Regional August 18-23
Brandon, MB

Bantam AAA August 19-23
Alberta TBA

Midget AAA August 19-23
Saskatoon, SK

Junior AAA August 12-15
Regina, SK - If Enough Teams

Senior August 12-15
Muenster, SK

AA Minor August 12-15
Newton, BC

SASK BASEBALL HALL OF FAME MARONUİK-MARCOUX AWARD

This award is presented to a young baseball player 12 years or under aimed to assist in his/her dedication and determination to developing his/her natural outstanding baseball abilities. This 5-Year award was made possible through a donation made in honour and memory of the late John Maronuik, by a friend of his, and a great supporter of this association, Grant Marcoux, of Saskatoon.

Following the completion of the five year award, the Selection Committee recommended that this scholarship continue, and rename it the Maronuik -Marcoux Award recognizing both individuals for their contribution to our great Saskatchewan Baseball Heritage.

The 26th Annual Induction Dinner will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2010. Please contact Jane Shury for your tickets.

COACHES!!!

We are soliciting and accepting nominations for the above award that will be selected in April by the selection committee.

Deadline to submit a nominations is March 15th.

For more information contact the Hall of Fame at (306) 446-1983.



2009 ANNUAL AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Each year, Saskatchewan Baseball Association recognizes individuals and teams that have made exceptional contributions and have represented their Association and Saskatchewan wonderfully.

At the 2009 Annual Awards Banquet in Regina, awards were presented to the following:

Player of the Year	Evan Zerff
Minor Player of the Year	Brayden Resch
Minor Team of the Year	Saskatoon Pee Wee AAA Cardinals
Senior Team of the Year	Holdfast Trappers
Manager of the Year	Mike Resch
Junior Official of the Year	Andrew Lamborn
Senior Official of the Year	Scott Mills
Builder of the Year	Aaron Elmy
Patron of the Year	Western Cycle Source for Sports
Joe McDonald Special Award of Merit	Nathan Bourassa

Congratulations to all award winners as well as all of those who were nominated.



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2010 SELECTS EVALUATION TOURNAMENT MOOSE JAW - MAY 20-24

The Sask Baseball Coaching & Player Development Committee and host, Moose Jaw Cardinals, would like to welcome you to the Annual Midget Select Tournament in Moose Jaw this year. It will be held on May 20-24, 2010. This year's tournament will be a Wood Bat tournament, as the Canada Cup is Wood Bat this year. Also, as you know this tournament is the second step in the evaluation of players for the Selects. There will be no bats provided at the tournament this year. Teams will be responsible to have their own bats.

The tournament will be a sixteen-team draw; Entry will be on a first come basis before May 2nd. Every effort will be made to accommodate any teams that wish to attend. A draw will be sent to all teams after this date. There is a minimum four game guarantee. The entry fee is \$350 plus a dozen Diamond baseballs (D1 or D2), payable to the Moose Jaw Cardinals (see address below). Payment of your entry fee will ensure an entry into the tournament. So get it in early. Prize money will be awarded, \$350 for first, and \$200 for second place. We must have typed rosters to ensure correct information on the programs. The rosters should be complete with full player names, uniform numbers and birth dates by May 1. This is of particular importance to Saskatchewan based teams. As the Select coaches use these rosters during the scouting process. They can be faxed to 692-3388, e-mailed to meacher@sasktel.net, or mailed to the address below.

It is essential that data on rosters is accurate in order to assist Team Sask coaches for evaluation purposes. Tournament will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon.

Please send entry fee to:
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**2010 SASKATCHEWAN
BANTAM SELECTS
REGINA
AUGUST 6-8**

The 2010 Bantam Selects Tournament will be held in Regina from August 6-8. Sask Baseball will be using this event to showcase our top second year Bantam Players. There will be a Zone All-Star team from each of the 8 Zones competing.. This event is only open to 2nd Year Bantam Players born in 1995. Under no circumstances will players born in any other year be eligible to play. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Each Zone Governor will select their Head Coach for their respective Zone. This Head Coach will schedule open tryouts to all 2nd Year Bantam players born in 1995. These tryout dates will likely take place sometime in May or June as the rosters must be submitted to the Sask Baseball Office.

If you are interested in trying out for a Zone Team you can contact your Zone Governor or Zone Sports Council. They will have all of the information that you require. If you do not already have a contact for either of them you can contact Mike Ramage in the Regina Sask Baseball office at 780-9237 or e-mail him at mramage@sasktel.net.



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For more information - <http://www.saskbaseball.ca/index.php?id=18>

RALLY CAP



The Rally Cap program is an entry level program designed to introduce children to the game of baseball, keeping them active and engaged, while learning the skills of the game in a fun, safe and informative atmosphere.

For more information - <http://www.saskbaseball.ca/index.php?id=17>

RBI APPROVED PROGRAM



RBI Approved Program was introduced by Baseball Canada to ensure that local baseball associations apply core common criteria to ensure that consistent good practice is in place.

For more information - <http://www.saskbaseball.ca/index.php?id=21>