# BASEBALL SASK



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 19
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### SASKATCHEWAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

1.	To encourage individuals of all ages to participate in the sport of baseball at the level of
	their choice;

- 2. To foster, coordinate, and improve the sport of baseball in Saskatchewan;
- 3. To encourage the qualities of sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, and respect for authority and property among participants in the sport of baseball.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WOW, what a year for Baseball Sask! I am so proud of all the accomplishments that we have experienced this year's 2024 season! This was by far one of our most successful seasons both on and off the field. Our membership numbers went up 4% and our teams entered into our Provincial Championships was an all-time high with a total of 315. We attribute this to the fantastic grass root programs many of our associations can offer such as Rally Cap, Baseball5 and My First Pitch. Without the dedication and commitment from many volunteers behind the scenes, we would not be able to have the successes that are shared.

I must give a real pat on the back, and congrats to our Playoff Committee, as they endured a lot of extra work this past year and then some. With the ranking system, we are seeing more teams, and closer meaningful games, with lots of teams playing in provincial tournaments that see competition from all corners of the province. We also pioneered the 13U Selects new format. We no longer selected a team to attend the Baseball Canada 13U National Championship. Instead, we held 2 talent ID Camps to provide some instruction from some of our Baseball Sask Coaches. We had one in each Regina and Saskatoon. From there, the top 48 players were invited to attend the Final 48 Camp that took place in Saskatoon from August 23-25. This was well-run and every player that was invited took part.

I look forward to our upcoming Annual General Meeting in Regina and seeing as many of our members and Board Members as possible. It is always an honor to recognize all our Annual Award winners and Provincial Champions that we will do again at the 2024 Annual Awards Luncheon.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff, Nolan Bracken, Greg Brons, Tyson Black and Mike Ramage for another successful season.

As I enter my last year as your President, I know we will remain in good hands with our remaining executive, board, and many volunteers to keep doing what they do, putting baseball at the forefront for all to enjoy! I thank you all for what you do! It's very much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Butler Baseball Sask President

#### 2024 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

President	Terry Butler	Saskatoon
Vice-President	Regan L'Heureux	Unity
Past President	Vacant	
Co-Commissioner	Ken Ready	Regina
Co-Commissioner	Ken Hamilton	Assiniboia
Co-Commissioner	Blaine Kovach	Estevan
High Performance Chairman	Chad Hofmann	Muenster
Umpire Supervisor	Scott Mills	Saskatoon
Playoff Chairman	Terry Butler	Saskatoon

ZONE 1	Governor	Blaine Kovach
	Directors	Blair Beck, Trent Dorrance, James Gallagher
ZONE 2	Governor	Jean MacDonald
	Directors	Lorne Chow, Norm Loehr
ZONE 3	Governor	Jack Cameron
	Directors	Charlie Meacher, Neil Hogg, Ken Hamilton
ZONE 4	Governor	Mark Jacobs
	Directors	Larry Kitchen, Tyrel Thorpe
ZONE 5	Governor	Shawn Klisowsky
	Directors	Curtis Strueby, Aaron Schmidt, Chad Hofmann
ZONE 6	Governor	Vacant
	Directors	Craig Stevenson, Jarred Stratechuk, Jessica Green
ZONE 7	Governor	Regan Beck
	Directors	Dean Dimmick, Blain Hilbig, Brett Harrison, Jason Schell
ZONE 8	Governor	Glenn McRae
- · · - ·	Directors	Jamie Capner, Eric Morin, Corey Borthwick, Nathan Noble

#### **UMPIRE DIRECTORS**

ZONE 1	Kevin Culy	ZONE 5	Doug Jackson
ZONE 2	Derek Csada	ZONE 6	Aaron Szejvolt
ZONE 3	Bruce Walker	ZONE 7	Vacant
ZONE 4	Vacant	ZONE 8	Terry Schneider
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STAFF:	<b>Executive Director</b>	Mike Ramage
	<b>High Performance Director</b>	<b>Greg Brons</b>
	<b>Grass Roots Coordinator</b>	Nolan Bracken
	Sport Development	Tyson Black

#### **BASEBALL SASK**

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2:00 PM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024 REGINA PROPOSED AGENDA

CALL		

- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. AGM VOTING PROCEDURES
- 4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
- 5. REVIEW OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
- 6. OFFICERS REPORTS
  - **6A PRESIDENT**
  - **6B COMMISSIONER**
  - **6C EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
  - 6D HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR
  - 6E GRASS ROOTS DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
  - 6F SPORT DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
- 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - **7A UMPIRE COMMITTEE**
  - **7B COACHING & DEVELOPMENT**
  - **7C DIVISION SUPERVISORS**
  - 7D FINANCIAL
  - **7E PLAYOFF COMMITTEE**
  - **7F ZONE GOVERNORS**
  - **7G SPORT LEGACY**
  - **7H AWARDS COMMITTEE**
  - 7I HARASSMENT COMMITTEE
  - 7J RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
  - **7K NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**
- 8. **NEW BUSINESS**
- 9. OTHER
- 10. ADJOURN

# BASEBALL SASK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023 SASKATOON 2:00 PM MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER 2:05 PM

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Regan Beck Tony Black Tyson Black **Greg Brons** Nolan Bracken Terry Butler Jack Cameron Lorne Chow **Thomas Collins Huck Craig** Kevin Culv Trent Dorrance Trevor Drury Jenn Gabruck Ken Hamilton Mark Jacobs Shawn Klisowsky Garret Korte Blaine Kovach Regan L'Heureux Jean MacDonald Leo MacDonald Philip McGee Glenn McRae **Kelley Mills** Scott Mills Darryl Pisio Josh Rempel **Brett Suchan** Mike Ramage

Aaron Szejvolt Blake Thille Jason Van Otterloo

Marty Yeager

#### 3. AGM VOTING PROCEDURES

There are 29 voting members which means that in order to pass a motion or general resolution 15 votes are needed. Scrutineers named were Tyson Black and Nolan Bracken.

#### 4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

#### **MOTION 2023 AGM-01**

To approve the agenda as circulated.

KOVACH/JACOBS CARRIED

#### 5. ADOPTION OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

#### **MOTION 2023 AGM-02**

To approve the minutes as circulated.

R.BECK / JACOBS CARRIED

#### 6. OFFICERS REPORTS

**6A PRESIDENT** – As in Annual Report

6B COMMISSIONER – As in Annual Report
6C HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR - As in Annual Report
6D EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - As in Annual Report
6E GRASS ROOTS COORDINATOR – As in Annual Report

**MOTION 2023 AGM-03** 

Motion to accept reports.

MILLS/DRURY

**CARRIED** 

#### 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**7A UMPIRE COMMITTEE** – As is Annual Report

7B COACHING & DEVELOPMENT- As in Annual Report

7C DIVISION SUPERVISORS - As in Annual Report

#### **7D FINANCIAL**

Mike Ramage stated that the audited statements are detailed in the Annual Report which were approved at the 2023 Semi-Annual Meeting.

**7E PLAYOFF COMMITTEE-** As in Annual Report

**7F ZONE GOVERNORS**- As in Annual Report

#### **7G SPORT LEGACY**

There is roughly about \$200,000 in the Sport Legacy Fund at this time.

#### **7H AWARDS COMMITTEE**

The 2023 Annual Awards were just handed out at the Awards Luncheon.

#### **7I RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

#### **2023 RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION 2023-01

CARRIED

MOVED BY JEAN MACDONALD SECONDED BY LORNE CHOW

WHEREAS: Currently 18U Tier 2 follow different rules than 18U AA Tier 1.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Due to the ongoing fact that 18U AA SPBL consistently has 14 or more teams resulting in Tier 2 being all or all but 1 SPBL teams, that Tier 2 follows Tier 1 rules.

#### **RESOLUTION 2023-02**

**CARRIED** 

MOVED BY GARETT KORTE
SECONDED BY ROB CHEREPUSCHAK

**WHEREAS:** Currently SPBL AAA 18U and 15U have to follow Sask Sport zones to form teams.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That Baseball Sask allows SPBL to determine AAA centres; determine number of teams per centre; and a distinct drawiung area regardless of zones and approve the resulting Zone Transfers. This would need to be approved by the Baseball Sask Board of Governors.

#### **RESOLUTION 2023-03**

CARRIED

MOVED BY JEAN MACDONALD SECONDED BY LORNE CHOW

WHEREAS: In 2023, the 18U AA Tiers were on split weekends.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** that for 18U AA, all Tiers be on the same weekend.

#### **RESOLUTION 2023-04**

**CARRIED** 

MOVED BY KEN HAMILTON SECONDED BY REGAN BECK

WHEREAS: Baseball Sask is required to have an Annual Audit.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That Baseball Sask uses the services of Berger Cavan to conduct our Annual Audit.

#### **RECOMMENDATION to Discuss in January Board Meeting**

MOVED BY REGAN BECK SECONDED BY JEAN MACDONALD

**WHEREAS:** Baseball Sask age rules results in players with a November / December birthday being in Grade 12, but aged out of 18U.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That Baseball Sask look at and discuss the logistics of allowing the above overages to play in 18U. his be discussed further during.

#### 7L HARASSMENT COMMITTEE

There was nothing to report.

#### **MOTION 2023 AGM-04**

To accept all reports up to this point.

#### **KOVACH/MACDONALD**

**CARRIED** 

#### 7M NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Terry Butler took to the podium for this item on the agenda.

The Nominations Committee brought forward the name of Blaine Kovach for Zone 1 Governor.

After 3 calls for nominations, no nominations were received.

#### **BLAINE KOVACH ELECTED ZONE 1 GOVERNOR**

The Nominations Committee brought forward the name of Jean MacDonald for Zone 2 Governor.

After 3 calls for nominations, no nominations were received.

#### JEAN MACDONALD ELECTED ZONE 2 GOVERNOR

The Nominations Committee brought forward the name of Jack Cameron for Zone 3 Governor.

After 3 calls for nominations, no nominations were received.

#### **JACK CAMERON ELECTED ZONE 3 GOVERNOR**

The Nominations Committee brought forward the name of Mark Jacobs for Zone 4 Governor.

After 3 calls for nominations, no nominations were received.

#### MARK JACOBS ELECTED ZONE 4 GOVERNOR

The Nominations Committee brought forward the name of Shawn Klisowsky for Zone 5 Governor.

After 3 calls for nominations, no nominations were received.

#### SHAWN KLISOWSKY ELECTED ZONE 5 GOVERNOR

The Nominations Committee brought forward the name of Jennifer Lindsay for Zone 6 Governor.

After 3 calls for nominations, no nominations were received.

#### JENNIFER LINDSAY ELECTED ZONE 6 GOVERNOR

The Nominations Committee brought forward the name of Regan Beck for Zone 7 Governor.

After 3 calls for nominations, no nominations were received.

#### **REGAN BECK ELECTED ZONE 7 GOVERNOR**

The Nominations Committee brought forward the name of Glenn McRae for Zone 8 Governor.

After 3 calls for nominations, no nominations were received.

#### **GLENN MCRAE ELECTED ZONE 8 GOVERNOR**

The Nominations Committee brought forward the name of Regan L'Heureux for Vice-President

After 3 calls for nominations, no nominations were received.

#### **REGAN L'HEUREUX ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT**

The Nominations Committee brought forward the name of Terry Butler for President

After 3 calls for nominations, no nominations were received.

#### TERRY BUTLER ELECTED PRESIDENT

#### **MOTION 2023 AGM-05**

To approve all nominations.

MILLS / SZEJVOLT

**CARRIED** 

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS

There was nothing brought forth.

#### 9. OTHER

There was nothing brought forth.

**10.** ADJOURN Cameron 2:29 PM

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

In 2024, we were very fortunate again to have another successful season on and off the diamond. Our membership numbers increased once again, increasing by almost 4% and 750 members. Once again, there were also teams that played, but did not register with Baseball Sask, even though they should be. Many Senior teams in Regina and Saskatoon are among this list.

We had a record-setting 315 teams register for Provincials in 2024, which we cannot thank you all enough for. We are very fortunate to have so many tremendous communities that Hosted our 43 Provincial Championships across Saskatchewan. We could not have so many successful Championships without you and all your hard-working volunteers. THANK YOU!

I would like to thank the Board of Governors for all their hard work and dedication over the past year. I would also like to give a BIG THANK YOU to our Playoff Committee who continued the large task of ranking teams for Provincial Championships. This creates a great deal of work and time by them; however, I feel this was once again a major success as it created many more meaningful games.

At the post-provincial level, we had some great success. At Nationals, the 21U Women won a silver medal for the first time ever. At the Senior Men, the Regina Trappers won a silver medal for the second straight year. They will now be hosting this national championship in Regina in 2025. At the Westerns, Gold Medals were won by both the Estevan 18U AA Brewers as well as the Regina 13U AAA White Sox. Congratulations to all!

Thank you to our Staff members, Greg Brons, Nolan Bracken and Tyson Black. It was another busy season, and you all allowed it to be the tremendous success that it was with all of your hard work. Also, thank you to our Executive Committee and Board of Governors for all your support. You allow us as staff to continue doing what is needed to keep this train rolling.

In conclusion, I would like to personally give a MASSIVE thank you to 3 very important Board Members who will be stepping away from their roles. Ken Hamilton, Jack Cameron and Glenn McRae have put in countless volunteer hours over multiple decades. I wish you all nothing but the very best and hope you all keep in touch. You will all be missed tremendously.

I look forward to another great baseball season in 2025!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Ramage Executive Director

#### **GRASS ROOTS COORDINATOR REPORT**

#### **Grassroots Development Programs**

**Baseball5 Program** - The Baseball5 program had 30 schools registered in 2024. Baseball5 donates equipment to schools so that they can play Baseball5 in their physical education and intramural programs. Schools that registered for Baseball5 were located in Bengough, Churchbridge, Clavet, Cudworth, Cut Knife, Esterhazy, Hepburn, Kamsack, Kipling, Martensville, North Battleford, Ogema, Osler, Ponteix, Raymore, Regina, Rosetown, Saskatoon, and Swift Current. Registration will be open in January to kick off the program again for 2025.

Rally Cap Program - The Rally Cap program is Baseball Canada's official Initiation program for 8U players across the country. In total, there are almost 100 communities in the province that are using Rally Cap with 87 associations registering for 2024. The goal for the Rally Cap program is to have all communities in the province with Initiation age players to be using the official Rally Cap program resources and materials. The Toronto Blue Jays are the National sponsor for the Rally Cap Program. The Blue Jays donate hats to all Rally Cap programs and also provide coaching manuals and player report cards. All new resources are available from the Baseball Sask office and online at rallycap.ca.

**My First Pitch Program** - The My First Pitch program is Baseball Canada's official Introduction to Pitching program. The program aims to teach correct pitching mechanics at a young age to improve skill development and reduce injuries. The My First Pitch program is now available as an online module that can be completed on the Baseball Canada NCCP website. To complete the training log in to your account on the Baseball Canada NCCP website (nccp.baseball.ca) and go to the 11U section.

**Grassroots Development Camps** – A special thank you to Dan Feser, Andrew Feser, and Tommy Snell from Unity for organizing a number of successful grassroots clinics in the spring. Grassroots camps were held in Glaslyn, Loon Lake, Luseland, Meadow Lake, and Wilkie.

#### National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP)

In 2024, there were 39 NCCP coaching clinics delivered with over 500 registered coaches taking part. The clinics were a combination of in person clinics and online clinics. The clinics ranged from the Initiation Coach Level to the Provincial Coach Level to certify coaches in all divisions and categories. There were 389 new baseball coaches in Saskatchewan that registered on the Baseball Canada NCCP website. There were 60 requests submitted to Baseball Sask for NCCP Evaluations in 2024. A special thank you to Greg Brons, Brett Walchuk, and Kevin Kusch for facilitating NCCP clinics and doing coach evaluations across the province.

**Call for NCCP Coach Developers and Evaluators** – Please contact the Baseball Sask office if you are interested in completing training to become a NCCP Coach Developer or Evaluator. We are in need of more Coach Developers and Evaluators in all zones of the province.

Thank you and see you at the ballpark next season!

Nolan Bracken Grassroots & Coaching Director

#### SPORT DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

#### 2024 Girl's/Women's Championships

14U Western Canada Championship

Congratulations to the following athletes who were selected to represent Team Saskatchewan at the 2024 14U Girls Western Canada Championships:

Lexi Cuthbert – Saskatoon	Berklee Bourelle – Saskatoon	Rylee Lenius – Saskatoon
Dylan Tatlow – Saskatoon	Kinsey Golightly – Saskatoon	Gracyn Olver – Saskatoon
Elizabeth Sarauer – Clavet	Taryn Parent – Saskatoon	Andie Marshall – Martensville
Lilliana Dolan – Saskatoon	Jovie Herperger – La Ronge	Ava Hill – Saskatoon

The 14U Girls team had a successful season led by coaches Corey Lenius, Garret Olver, Nora Hutchison and Duane Hill. Team Sask ended up losing a hard fought battle in extra innings in the bronze medal game, finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

16U Girls National Championship

Congratulations to the following athletes who were selected to represent Team Saskatchewan at the 2024 16U Girls National Championships:

Paetyn Lenius – Saskatoon	Cassandra Bishop – Saskatoon	Brenna Birdsall – Saskatoon
Kendall Grimes – Arcola	Criseyde Borthwick – Prince Albert	Makenna Dobrowolsky – Saskatoon
Paisley McHarg – Saskatoon	Camden Suchan – Humboldt	Elizabeth Hanson – Saskatoon
Taylor Schueller – Saskatoon	Victoria Bateman – Regina	Rylee Stewart – Saskatoon
Nora Hutchison – Saskatoon	Bailey Lacelle - Saskatoon	

The 16U Girls team had a very successful season competing in the Prairie Classic Exhibition Series, the Webber Academy Canada Day Tournament, numerous weekend camps and the 16U Girls Nationals. The team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in their pool moving on the semi-final to drop a close 3-0 game to the eventual National Champions Quebec. They ended up placing 4<sup>th</sup> place and will look to build on this performance at next year's Canada Games. The 16U team was coached by Tyson Black, Lauren Owens, Ethan Ginther and Melissa Meacham, and Brad Hutchison was the Chef De Mission. A huge thank you goes out to Corey Lenius and the rest of the Saskatoon Royals and Baseball Saskatoon volunteers for doing an outstanding job hosting the 2024 16U Girl's National Championship.

#### 21U Women's National Championship

Congratulations to the following athletes who were selected to represent Team Saskatchewan at the 2024 21U Women's National Championships:

Clara Plain – Saskatoon	Mackenzie Fredlund – Saskatoon	Amy Johnson – Saskatoon
Addie Ziebart – Saskatoon	Sophie Graham – Saskatoon	Braidy Birdsall – Saskatoon
Taylor Schueller – Saskatoon	Victoria Bateman – Regina	Nora Hutchison – Saskatoon
Bailey Lacelle – Saskatoon	Makenna Dobrowolsky – Saskatoon	Camden Suchan - Humboldt

The 21U Women's team had an outstanding showing at Nationals this year, defeating Quebec in the semi-finals 8-2 (the first year Quebec has not made the finals in this Championships history). Saskatchewan is only the 4<sup>th</sup> province to make the National Championship in this age division's history as previously only Ontario, Quebec and BC have made the finals. They went on to lose a hard-fought battle in the finals against BC 8-5, taking home the silver medal. This is the second medal for Team Saskatchewan's 21U team in the past 3 years and they will look to build

on this success next year. Amy Johnson (Pitcher), Braidy Birdsall (3B), and Addie Zeibart (Outfield) were all named to the all-star team at this event and Amy Johnson also took home defensive player of the tournament. Addie Ziebart and Braidy Birdsall also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the pre-tournament Home Run Derby. This team was coached by Tony Black, Lauren Owens, Ethan Ginther and Tyson Black, and Audrey Biletski was the Chef De Mission.

#### Women's National Championship

Congratulations to the following athletes who were selected to represent Team Saskatchewan at the 2024 Women's National Championships:

Clara Plain – Saskatoon	Paige Thompson – Saskatoon	Amy Johnson – Saskatoon
Addie Ziebart – Saskatoon	Sophie Graham – Saskatoon	Braidy Birdsall – Saskatoon
Taylor Schueller – Saskatoon	Victoria Bateman – Regina	Bailey Lacelle – Saskatoon
Rylee Stewart – Saskatoon	Lauren Owens – Saskatoon	

The Women's Team built off their quarter-final appearance in 2023 by making a medal game run in 2024. The team walked off Team Ontario in the quarter final game before finding themselves in a bronze medal game on Sunday and eventually placed 4<sup>th</sup> in their third year attending this Championship. This team was coached by Tony Black, Ethan Ginther and Tyson Black, and Cherolyn Owens was the Chef De Mission.

#### 2023/2024 Indoor Training

We hosted indoor training again during the 2023/2034 off-season open to all female players in the 14U, 16U, and 21U/SR age divisions. These sessions run from November to April and play a huge part in the success of our female provincial programs. This is something we will continue to offer and focus on, especially with the Canada Games coming in 2025.

#### 14U, 16U, 21U Women's Rafflebox Fundraiser

We once again held a Raffle Box fundraiser this year to raise money for our female provincial programs. The total amount of ticket sales was \$14,750.00, congratulations to Mike Haswell of Carnduff for taking home half of the jackpot! Thanks again to everyone who purchased tickets in support of these programs.

#### 2024 Prairie Classic - Exhibition Series

We hosted an event over the May long weekend with Manitoba and the Women's National Team coach Anthony Pluta this year. This event took place at the Gordie Howe Indoor Sports Complex, Leakos Field and Nutana Field. Both Saskatchewan and Manitoba had a 16U and a Women's team that attended. This event included a private workout for each team with Anthony Pluta in the Gordie Howe Sports Complex on Friday and two exhibition games on Saturday and Sunday with Anthony in attendance.

This was a great opportunity for Anthony Pluta to create relationships and evaluate all of the players in our programs and for the teams to compete against other female teams prior to National Championships. This is something we plan on making an annual event as Manitoba will be hosting in Brandon on May 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> in 2025.

#### 2024/2025 Indoor Training

The 2024/2025 indoor training dates have been booked at the Gordie Howe Indoor Complex for all age groups. We also hosted a 16U ID Camp on September 14<sup>th</sup> to identify a specific pool of players to train indoors to prepare for the 2025 Canada Summer Games. These teams will also work with Ignite Athletics again as they run our strength and conditioning program. Indoor training in preparation for the 2025 season will begin in early November and go until April.

#### Social Media

Our social media following has continued to grow this year, and we will look to continue that growth. We have found that our posts promoting our provincial teams and members success influenced the most interactions, this informs us that this is the type of content our followers would like to see more of. Each year we will look for new ways to promote our provincial programs and our members success in the sport. Below is a list of our account usernames:

Instagram: baseball sask

X: BaseballSask

Facebook: Baseball Sask

#### Membership/Invoicing

All membership (coaches, staff and executives/volunteers) invoices have been sent to local organizations for the 2024 season. Numbers are up again as we had 14,024 players, 2,572 coaches, and 95 executive/volunteers registered this year.

#### **2024 WNT**

During the 2024 season Amy Johnson (Current Team Sask Player) and Heather Healey (2023 Team Sask Player) were both invited to the Women's National Team selection camp in July. During this event, the WNT coaching staff evaluated players for the Women's Baseball World Cup that took place in Thunder Bay later that month. Amy Johnson was selected for the final roster and pitched in relief for the WNT at the Women's Baseball World Cup. Amy and Team Canada beat Mexico on home soil to take home the bronze medal.

#### Volunteers

Huge thank you to all the following volunteers who contributed to the female program's success during the 2024 season!

Tony Black Corey Lenius Cherolyn Owens Lauren Owens Garret Olver Brad Hutchison

Ethan Ginther Duane Hill Saskatoon Royals Organization

Melissa Meacham Audrey Biletski

Tyson Black Sport Development Coordinator

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORT**

In 2023 there were a total of 113 yellow cards, ejections and other incidents reported. 47 of those were to coaches and 66 to players and one was a complaint about an umpire. These numbers do not include two pitch count violations which were handled by Mike. By division there were 18 in senior, 51 in U18, 22 in U15, 15 in U13, and 6 in U11 and the 1 umpire complaint.

There were 20 incidents which were classified as subject to review, and required action by the commissioners. By division there were 5 in senior, 12 in U18 and 3 in U15. 13 were players, 6 were coaches and 1 was an umpire. The majority of the cases were for verbal abuse of umpires with a number also including failure to leave the park after being ejected. On was for deliberate attempt to injure. In total the commissioners issued discipline to 14 members. The discipline ranged from warning letters to 7 games and 2 years' probation.

In 2024 there were a total of 144 yellow cards, ejections and other incidents reported, 71 of those were to coaches, 72 were players and there was one about an umpire. These numbers do not include pitch count violations which Mike handled. By division the numbers were 14 in U11, 21 in U13, 13 in U15, 60 in U18 and 13 in senior.

There were 58 incidents classified as subject to review. By division there were 10 in U11, 8 in U13, 13 in U15, 26 in U18 and I in senior. 16 involved players and 42 in involved coaches. As in past years the majority of cases involved abuse of umpires, failing to leave the ball park and there were a few attempt to injure by not sliding or avoiding. In total the commissioners issued discipline to 28 members in 2024. That included 16 coaches and 12 players. Suspensions were from warning letters to 5 games and 2 years probation.

2024 was the worst year by far since I have been a commissioner. To put this in perspective in 2021 there were a total of 76 Yellow Cards and ejections issued, in 2022 there were 102, and in 2023 there were 113. We have basically doubled since 2021 and even more concerning is the number occurring in the lower divisions.

Later in the year to try and get a handle on things we decided to start penalizing coaches for the actions of their players. If a player got ejected for abuse of an official or intent to injure both the player and the coach would be suspended for the balance of a provincial tournament. The result was a significant drop in issues.

I am recommending some things going forward:

- 1. That any unremarkable ejection of a player also result in ejection of the head coach as well.
- 2. That any unremarkable ejection of a player or coach result in an automatic 1 additional game suspension. This has been done by some senior leagues with good results.
- 3. That any subject to review ejection of a player for abuse of an umpire or failure to slide or avoid which results in additional suspension for the player, that the same additional suspension be applied to the head coach.

This may sound harsh but I think it would help get the coaches and players to think before they act. The head coach is responsible for the actions of his players and the players often emulate the coach's behavior so it has to start with them accepting responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Ready /Ken Hamilton/Blaine Kovach Co-Commissioners

#### **PLAYOFF COMMITTEE REPORT**



The following pages show the 2024 Provincial Championship results.

DIVISION	TOURNAMENT DATE	HOST COMMUNITY
11U AAA Order of Finish:	July 19-21 1. Saskatoon Bridge City Jays 3. Regina Wolfpack 5. Regina White Sox 7. Saskatoon Braves 9. Estevan Brewers 11. Regina A's 13. Yorkton Cardinals	Regina 2. Saskatoon Cardinals 4. Sask Central Pirates 6. Swift Current 57's 8. Saskatoon A's 10. Saskatoon Blue Jay Dirtbags 12. White Butte Broncos 14. Sask Five Giants
<b>11U AA Tier 1</b> Order of Finish:	July 19-21 1. Humboldt Dodgers 3. Moose Jaw Canucks 5. Prince Albert Royals 7. Southern Aces	Prince Albert 2. Unity Cardinals 4. Kindersley Royals 6. Weyburn Beavers 8. Swift Current 57's
<b>11U AA Tier 2A</b> Order of Finish:	July 19-21 1. Saskatoon Blue Jay Bucks 3. Saskatoon Cardinal Crew 5. Saskatoon Cardinal Cannons 7. White Butte Broncos Black 9. White Butte Broncos White	Saskatoon 2. Saskatoon Brave Bombers 4. Sask Five Giants 6. Saskatoon Avalanche A's 8. Regina White Sox
11U AA Tier 2B Order of Finish:	July 19-21 1. Saskatoon BJ Mud Dawgs 3. Sask Central River Pirates 5. Saskatoon Astro A's 7. Regina Wolfpack 9. Regina Expos	Estevan  2. Estevan Brewers  4. Saskatoon Blue Jay Bombers  6. Regina Athletics  8. Sask Five Giants Steelers
<b>11U AA Tier 2C</b> Order of Finish:	July 19-21 1. Tisdale Rangers 3. Eston Ramblers 5. Saskatoon Blue Jay Diggers 7. Humboldt Dodgers	<b>Tisdale</b> 2. Saskatoon Cardinal Cavalry 4. Saskatoon Royal Ravens 6. Saskatoon Cardinal Trappers 8. Regina White Sox

11U AA Tier 3 Order of Finish:	July 19-21 1. Battlefords Beavers 3. Outlook Riverhawks 5. Elrose Aces 7. Langenburg Miners	Muenster 2. Cudworth Cyclones 4. Muenster Red Sox 6. Lumsden Cubs 8. Meadow Lake Sox
11U AA Tier 4 Order of Finish:	July 19-21 1. Nipawin Giants 3. East Central Expos 5. Redvers A's 7. Melville Millionaires	Melville  2. Macklin Lakers  4. Shellbrook Knights  6. Eatonia Wheat Kings  8. Wawota Pats
11U AA Tier 5 Order of Finish:	July 19-21 1. Rosetown Angels 3. Carnduff Astros 5. Maple Creek Red Sox 7. Gull Lake Greyhounds	Gull Lake 2. Wilkie Brewers 4. Holdfast Knights 6. Watrous Lakers 8. Yorkton Cardinals
11U AA Tier 6 Order of Finish:	July 19-21 1. Lanigan Pirates 3. Biggar Nationals 5. Quad Town Steelers 7. Swift Current 57's	Sask Five 2. Naicam Vikings 4. Luseland Dust Devils 6. North East Knights 8. Sask Five Sluggers
11U AA Tier 7 Order of Finish:	July 19-21 1. Maidstone Lakers 3. Edam Blue Sox 5. Prince Albert Royals 7. Lumsden Cubs	Battlefords 2. Battlefords Beavers 4. Sask Five Giants Steelers 1 6. Saskatoon Alpha A's 8. Sask Five Giants Steelers 2
13U AAA Tier 1	August 2-4	Regina
Order of Finish:	<ol> <li>Saskatoon Cardinals</li> <li>Saskatoon Blue Jays</li> <li>Moose Jaw Canucks</li> <li>Yorkton Cardinals</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Regina White Sox</li> <li>Swift Current 57's</li> <li>Regina Wolfpack</li> <li>Sask Five Giants</li> </ol>
13U AAA Tier 2 Order of Finish:	July 26-28 1. Weyburn Beavers 3. Saskatoon A's 5. Lumsden Cubs	Lumsden 2. Estevan Brewers 4. White Butte Broncos 6. Saskatoon Braves
13U AA Tier 1	July 26-28	Meadow Lake
Order of Finish:	<ol> <li>Maidstone Lakers</li> <li>Muenster Red Sox</li> <li>Meadow Lake Sox</li> <li>Esterhazy Cyclones</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Carnduff Astros</li> <li>Saskatoon BJ Big Horns</li> <li>Swift Current 57's</li> <li>Shellbrook Knights</li> </ol>

<b>13U AA Tier 2</b> Order of Finish:	July 26-28 1. Assiniboia Southern Aces 3. Yorkton Cardinals 5. Outlook River Hawks 7. Watrous Lakers	Sask Five 2. Sask Five Flying Squirrels 4. Weyburn Beavers 6. Regina Athletics 8. Regina Wolfpack
13U AA Tier 3 Order of Finish:	July 26-28  1. Luseland Dust Devils  3. Unity Cardinals  5. Humboldt Dodgers  7. Saskatoon A's  9. Twin Centres	Moose Jaw 2. Saskatoon Sandlot Cardinals 4. White Butte Broncos 6. Moose Jaw Canucks 8. Turtleford Tigers 10. Sask Five Sliders
13U AA Tier 4	July 26-28	Saskatoon
Order of Finish:	<ol> <li>Saskatoon Blue Jay Cannons</li> <li>Battlefords Beavers</li> <li>Regina White Sox</li> <li>Davidson Cardinals</li> <li>Rosetown Angels</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Kindersley Royals</li> <li>Saskatoon Cardinal Cannons</li> <li>Saskatoon Braves</li> <li>Lumsden Cubs</li> <li>La Ronge Hooks</li> </ol>
13U AA Tier 5	July 26-28	Estevan
Order of Finish:	<ol> <li>Biggar Nationals</li> <li>Balcarres Broncs</li> <li>Gravelbourg Lightning</li> <li>Estevan Brewers</li> <li>Carrot River Loggers</li> </ol>	<ul><li>2. Prince Albert Royals</li><li>4. Regina Blue Jays</li><li>6. Eston Ramblers</li><li>8. Canora Reds</li></ul>
13U AA Tier 6	July 26-28	Moosomin
Order of Finish:	<ol> <li>Moosomin Rangers</li> <li>Glaslyn Mudhens</li> <li>Kamsack Cyclones</li> <li>Carlyle Cardinals</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Saskatoon Royals 64's</li> <li>Wilkie Brewers</li> <li>Watrous Lakers</li> <li>Humboldt Dodgers</li> </ol>
<b>13U AA Tier 7</b> Order of Finish:	July 26-28 1. Shaunavon Badgers 3. Delisle Tigers 5. Rosetown Angels 7. Saskatoon Blue Jay Goats 9. Saskatoon Cardinal Red Bull	Cupar  2. Leader Expos  4. Saskatoon Blue Jay Thunder  6. Saskatoon Braves Sandlot  8. Sask Five Crushers  10. Southey Eagles
<b>13U AA Tier 8</b> Order of Finish	July 26-28 1. Sask Five Giants Aces 3. Saskatoon Royal Rebels 5. Saskatoon Royal Chaos	Sask Five 2. Saskatoon Royal Renegades 4. Saskatoon Warrior A's

<b>15U AAA</b> Order of Finish:	August 2-4  1. Saskatoon Astros 3. Saskatoon Expos 5. Regina White Sox 7. White Butte Broncos	Saskatoon 2. Saskatoon Brewers 4. Yorkton Cardinals 6. Sask Five Giants 8. Regina Wolfpack
<b>15U AAA Tier 2</b> Order of Finish:	August 2-4 1. East Central Dodgers 3. South East A's 5. Regina Athletics	Regina 2. Swift Current 57's 4. Moose Jaw Canucks
<b>15U AA Tier 1</b> Order of Finish:	July 19-21 1. Saskatoon Braves 3. Estevan Brewers 5. White Butte Broncos 7. Sask Five Giants	Estevan 2. Prince Albert Royals 4. Maidstone Lakers 6. East Central Dodgers
<b>15U AA Tier 2</b> Order of Finish:	July 19-21 1. Weyburn Beavers 3. Moose Jaw Canucks 5. Saskatoon Cardinal Aces 7. Macklin Lakers	Moose Jaw 2. Saskatoon Blue Jays 4. Lumsden Cubs 6. Saskatoon A's Black 8. Battlefords Beavers
<b>15U AA Tier 3</b> Order of Finish:	July 19-21 1. Regina Athletics 3. Moosomin Rangers 5. Regina White Sox 7. Saskatoon Brave Monarchs 9. Unity Cardinals	Regina 2. Gull Lake Greyhounds 4. Regina Blue Jays 6. South East Cyclones 8. Shamrock Mad Dogs
	<ol> <li>Regina Athletics</li> <li>Moosomin Rangers</li> <li>Regina White Sox</li> <li>Saskatoon Brave Monarchs</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Gull Lake Greyhounds</li> <li>Regina Blue Jays</li> <li>South East Cyclones</li> </ol>
Order of Finish:  15U AA Tier 4	<ol> <li>Regina Athletics</li> <li>Moosomin Rangers</li> <li>Regina White Sox</li> <li>Saskatoon Brave Monarchs</li> <li>Unity Cardinals</li> <li>July 19-21</li> <li>North Battleford Beavers</li> <li>Prince Albert Royal Ballers</li> <li>Cabri River Rats</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Gull Lake Greyhounds</li> <li>Regina Blue Jays</li> <li>South East Cyclones</li> <li>Shamrock Mad Dogs</li> </ol> Prince Albert <ol> <li>Redvers A's</li> <li>Tisdale Rangers</li> <li>Moose Jaw Canucks</li> </ol>

	<ul><li>5. Quad Town Steelers</li><li>7. Davidson Cardinals</li><li>9. Saskatoon Bandit A's</li></ul>	<ul><li>6. Neilburg Monarchs</li><li>8. Lumsden Cubs</li><li>10. Saskatoon Cardinal Heat</li></ul>
<b>18U AAA</b> Order of Finish:	July 26-28 1. Saskatoon Giants 3. Saskatoon Cubs 5. Swift Current 57's 7. Regina Athletics	Regina 2. Saskatoon Diamondbacks 4. East Central Red Sox 6. White Butte Broncos 8. Regina White Sox
<b>18U AA Tier 1</b> Order of Finish:	July 26-28 1. Estevan Brewers 3. Regina Blue Jays 5. Regina White Sox 7. Assiniboia Aces	North Battleford  2. North Battleford Beavers  4. White Butte Broncos  6. Weyburn Angels  8. Prince Albert Royals
18U AA Tier 2	July 26-28	Saskatoon
Order of Finish:	<ol> <li>East Central Red Sox</li> <li>Saskatoon Blue Jays</li> <li>Moose Jaw Canucks</li> <li>Regina Pacers</li> </ol>	<ul><li>2. Lumsden Cubs</li><li>4. Regina Buffalos</li><li>6. Saskatoon A's</li></ul>
18U AA Tier 3	July 26-28	Sask Five
Order of Finish:	<ol> <li>Macklin Lakers</li> <li>Dinsmore Dynamos</li> <li>Saskatoon Braves</li> <li>Melfort Red Sox</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Saskatoon Blue Jay Bombers</li> <li>Lashburn Cardinals</li> <li>Canora Reds</li> <li>Sask Five Giants</li> </ol>
18U AA Tier 4	July 26-28	Unity
Order of Finish:	<ol> <li>Unity Cardinals</li> <li>Esterhazy Cyclones</li> <li>Saskatoon Cardinal Kings</li> <li>Saskatoon Blue Jay Crush</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Meadow Lake Sox</li> <li>Weyburn Warhawks</li> <li>Tisdale Rangers</li> <li>Saskatoon Blue Jay Thunder</li> </ol>
18U AA Tier 5	July 26-28	Estevan
Order of Finish:	<ol> <li>Gull Lake Greyhounds</li> <li>Carnduff Astros</li> <li>Edam Blue Sox</li> </ol>	<ul><li>2. Yorkton Cardinals</li><li>3. Wynyard Blues</li><li>6. White Butte Broncos</li></ul>
18U AA Tier 6		

Senior AA Tier 1	August 2-4	Regina
Order of Finish:	1. Regina Trappers	2. Carlyle Cardinals
	<ul><li>3. Regina Rockies</li><li>5. Marysburg Royals</li></ul>	4. Saskatoon Outlaws
Senior AA Tier 2	August 9-11	Unity
Order of Finish:	1. Unity Cardinals	2. Lashburn Cardinals
	3. North Battleford Beavers	4. Standard Hill Lakers
Senior AA Tier 3	August 9-11	Windthorst
Order of Finish:	1. Assiniboia Aces	2. Cabri River Rats
	3. Findlater Braves	4. Wilkie Brewers
	5. North East Red Sox	6. Windthorst Pirates
Senior AA Tier 4	August 0 11	
	August 9-11	Estevan
Order of Finish:	1. Macklin Lakers	Estevan  2. Arcola Threshers
Order of Finish:	•	
Order of Finish:	1. Macklin Lakers	2. Arcola Threshers

#### **2024 WESTERN CANADA CHAMPIONSHIPS**



DIVISION	TEAM	RESULT	HOST
13U AAA	Regina White Sox	GOLD	St. James, MB
13U AAA	Saskatoon Cardinals	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	St. James, MB
13U AA	Maidstone Lakers	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	St. James, MB
14U Girls	Team Saskatchewan	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Spruce Grove, AB
15U AAA	Saskatoon Astros	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Winnipeg, MB
15U AA	Saskatoon Braves	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	St. James, MB
18U AAA	Saskatoon Diamondbacks	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Chilliwack, BC
18U AA	Estevan Brewers	GOLD	St. James, MB
22U	Prince Albert Royals	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Winnipeg, MB
22U	Diefenbaker Ducks	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Winnipeg, MB
Senior AA	Marysburg Royals	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Delta, BC

#### 2024 BASEBALL CANADA CHAMPIONSHIPS



DIVISION	TEAM	RESULT	HOST
15U Ray Carter Cup	Team Saskatchewan	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Laval, QC
16U Girls	Team Saskatchewan	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Saskatoon, SK
18U AAA Saskatoon Giants		5th Place	St. John's, NL
18U Canada Cup Team Saskatchewan		4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Fort McMurray, AB
21U Women's	Team Saskatchewan	SILVER	Summerside, PEI
Women's Open	Team Saskatchewan	4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Quebec City, QC
Senior Men's	Regina Trappers	SILVER	Tecumseh, ON

#### HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

#### **ABCA Dallas Convention / ISG Clinic**

Once again, I attended the ABCA convention and attended all of the clinics including the ABCA International Coaches meeting. This year Tom O'Connell set us up with 2 very good speakers for our ISG clinic in April. We had Ron Wolforth from the Texas Baseball Ranch and former MLB outfielder Preston Wilson present on April 19-21<sup>st</sup>. We had over 35 coaches in attendance. I was hoping we would get more as Ron Wolforth is one of the leading pitching gurus in North America. Overall we were really happy with the clinic and we received some very good feedback from coaches. I would also have liked to see more SPBL and Academy coaches in attendance as the level of instruction was geared more to their level. Timing of the clinic might be the issue. I cannot guarantee that we will get another clinic for 2025 but I will be attending the International meeting once again and see if our province can receive another one.

#### **NCCP Clinics**

Once again we did some of our NCCP clinics for coaches online this year. I really do believe that we should only be doing a chosen few of these clinics online. I think many coaches left their certification to the very end just to have the chance to do most of their certification online.

#### **Team Sask – Spring Training**

We traveled to Vero Beach during the Easter Break as the Jackie Robinson Complex hosted our spring training. This year our competition was better than the previous year's training. The experience was very positive and it enabled us to get to know the players better. We are booked in again for 2025 in April during majority of the Easter break. We are looking at bring 30-32 players. Big thanks to the following coaches who attended in 2024 – Jared Franklin, Logan Hofmann, Joe Carnahan, and Dan Jahnke.

#### **Best of the West**

We did not qualify for the Best of the West for 2024. However, we are getting another chance in 2025 as long as we bring an older group.

#### **Selects Tournament – Swift Current**

Swift Current hosted our annual Selects Tournament during the long weekend of May. All AAA SPBL teams attended and it gave us a great opportunity to scout all players in the league. In 2025 we will once again be looking for host for this tournament.

#### Sask Summer Games 2024 - Lloydminster

Lloydminster hosted the Sk Summer Games July 24-27. The games were very well organized. At the start of the event there were some lopsided games but every zone won at least one game. Zone 6 defeated Zone 2 for the gold medal and Zone 7 defeated Zone 4 for the bronze medal game. We used this tournament to also evaluate players for the Ray Carter Cup. This is the first time the Sk Summer Games have been held since Estevan in 2016.

#### **Ray Carter Cup**

Team Sask finished 4<sup>th</sup> at the Ray Carter Cup as they lost to Quebec 6-2. One of the highlights was Tucker Jesson of Regina throwing a no hitter vs Team Ontario. This finish will put us in the A pool for next year. To select this team we conducted a camp in Regina for the weekend of June 15 and 16<sup>th</sup> and

we had a good turn out of player despite the weather on Sunday. Big thanks to Blair Beck, Regan Beck and Trent Dorrance who spent a lot of time scouting and coaching this team.

#### Canada Cup

The Canada Cup was hosted in Fort McMurray and once again they continue to be a great host for national championships. There was a new format this year for the tournament as we now have 5 teams in the A pool – Ontario, Quebec, BC and Nova Scotia. We were 1 win and 3 losses in our pool and we got to the ¼ final vs Team Ontario where came up with a big upset win to advance to the semi final vs Team Quebec. In the semi final we lost in extra innings to Quebec and then played for the bronze medal against Team Manitoba and lost 6-5. We finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall and well enough to stay in next year's A pool. In 2025 the Canada Cup will be officially part of the Canada Summer Games in St. John's, NF. I would like to thank Jared Franklin and Chad Hofmann for all of their work and time as well as our chef de Mission Darrell Baker.

#### **13U Development Camp**

Nolan Bracken did an outstanding job organizing the tryout camps and the final camp in August with the top 13U players in the province that we hosted in Saskatoon at Geoff Hughes Complex, August 23-25<sup>th</sup>. We did skills in the morning and in the afternoon we played games. We believe it was well received by parents and players. This was a great way to introduce players to Team Saskatchewan. We are looking forward to doing this again in 2025.

Prospect Series, St. Albert, AB August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>

This year we had our top 16U and 14U play against Team Alberta, Manitoba and BC. The 16U lost to Team Alberta in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place game and the 14U finished 3<sup>rd</sup> as they had 2 wins and 2 losses in pool play but lost to Team Alberta in the semi final. We are looking at continuing our participation in this tournament and it will likely be held in Alberta or Sask in the future.

#### Arizona Sophomore Classic

As I write this we will be leaving for Phoenix, Arizona to face some of the best teams in the southwest United States. Players that will be representing Saskatchewan will be:

Rhett Amberson – Regina
Sean Coverett – Saskatoon | Cole Laidlaw – Regina
Nash Langton – Regina
Kaden Carson – Regina
Keaton Lejan – Saskatoon
Tyson Cann – Regina
Tyson Cann – Regina
Micah Taylor – Regina
Quinn Bolton – Swift Current
Rowan Blechinger - Saskatoon
Cole Laidlaw – Regina
Kyler Bilokreli - Yorkton
Tucker Jesson – Regina
Evan Helt - Saskatoon
Niko Hasapis - Regina

Respectfully Submitted, Greg Brons

#### **UMPIRE SUPERVISOR REPORT**

#### **Umpire Numbers**

Level	Number of Umpires	2023	2022	Overall Growth
Level 1	642	737	587	-95
Level 2	305	181	139	+124
Level 3	65	51	52	+14
Level 4/5	28	27	28	+1

	Umpire Registrations			
Zone	2022	2023	2024	Difference
1	129 65	176	176	0 +24
2	65	77	92	+15
3	72	110	87	-15
4	64	83	65	-18
5	153	141	177	+36
6	167	200	188	-12
7	88	94	108	+14
8	108	115	147	+32
Totals	848	996	1040	+44

2024 was another year of growth for umpires in Saskatchewan as overall umpire numbers grew by 44 umpires. There has been a decrease in growth at level 1 but the growth at Level 2 is encouraging that we are retaining more of our level 1 umpires and this growth should continue to filter up into the level 3 numbers in the next few years. Most of the growth has been in urban centers and the overall numbers are trending down in rural areas. There are a variety of factors that could be driving this trend which will be discussed later in the report. I will also address some proposed changes we need to make to our grassroots umpire training program later in this report. The ability to register and track umpires in Saskatchewan with the RAMP registration system continues to be invaluable for our program. This season we had to work through some issues because of the use of a hybrid model this season. Many users were confused about having to register on RAMP first, then go to On Deck. The problems were expected, and we will need to streamline the instructions for next season. Umpires were required to register online prior to completing their online learning. Some umpires were still under the assumption they had to attend an in-person clinic and then they were registered, even though they were told at the clinics about the registration process. This extra step in registration continues to be one of the biggest issues with older umpires who had been with the program prior to the online registration. They "forget" to register and then they attend a clinic or are unable/unwilling to learn the new process. We need to do a better job of providing that information to clinic participants. Other than the previous scenario, most of the minor issues with the new system have been resolved. We still need to find a better way of tracking our umpires and their completion of the online learning, and work with OBA to make the selection of the proper materials easier as we had many umpires, not follow the instructions provided and completed the OBA materials instead of the Saskatchewan modules. This will be a focus for us during the off season.

Saskatchewan held many provincial championships this past summer. This year was another challenging year to fill provincial championships with umpires for several reasons:

- 1. Even though we saw growth in our umpire numbers this season, once again, many of those umpires were brand new level 1 umpires and were inadequately experienced to work many provincial championships. This coupled with the increasing number of teams that are being allowed to participate in provincials, it stretched the available umpires very thin. The growth and development of umpires is not increasing at the same rate as players and teams. There were many umpires that had to travel to multiple championships to ensure all provincials had umpire crews. There were several championships that did not have adequate number of officials and umpires had to work too many games a day. These umpires did an admirable job working in difficult conditions.
- 2. Once again, this season, I expressed concerns throughout the process of granting of host sites regarding the number of registered umpires in many of the host sites. Baseball Saskatchewan has started to heed some of the advice regarding centers and umpire numbers, but there is still room to improve this process. There were still some host sites that were awarded that had no registered officials. This made the job of the zone directors to assign these tournaments extremely challenging. Umpires were travelling on multiple weekends due to shortages.
- 3. Many of the shortages also had to do with the number of tournaments scheduled on the available weekends. Many of the younger umpires that registered were unavailable to work because they were playing or travelling with the family due to a sibling playing. This put strains even in the larger centers that had registered umpires.

In 2025, zone directors are once again going to have to make a concerted effort to encourage the communities in their zones to focus on developing umpires with similar dedication that they develop players and coaches and actively recruit umpires to the program. Some centres have seen significant growth but there are some strong baseball centres in the province that have very poor numbers of umpires. We had some bounce back this year with an increase in our Level 2 umpires registering but there was a decline in level 1 umpires. This may have been due to the new online set up and some of the inaccuracies created in the dual platform registration. Even though we have seen some bounce back, we still have some major concerns regarding communities that are ignoring the development of umpires in their baseball programs. There are still many communities that are using unregistered officials for all levels of baseball and there are some communities with established baseball programs and very few or no registered umpires in their communities. We will again be addressing this issue with Baseball Saskatchewan as there currently is no incentive for communities to use registered officials, and until there is enforcement and repercussions for using unregistered officials, many communities will have little interest in umpire development. With the introduction of online learning for basic level 1/2 registration, there is no longer any excuse for communities to use unregistered umpires.

The Baseball Sask Umpire Division has and recommendation that could help with finding umpires for provincial championships. Baseball Saskatchewan should follow the lead of Hockey Saskatchewan and require all minor ball associations to have an umpire coordinator/liaison on their executive. The name and contact info of these individuals would be sent to Baseball Sask so they could be forwarded to the umpire division. These individuals would be responsible for umpire clinics in their community, taking an inventory of officials in their community and if they are awarded a provincial championship, they would see which umpires would be available to work and would then work with the zone director to staff the championship. Even if the umpire liaison asks umpires if they are available to work provincials, the decision will still lie with the zone director to determine if the umpires are qualified and capable of a championship at the level hosted. The Liaison would be able to give feedback and information in the officials. This will be very valuable in rural centers. The exact responsibilities of this position can be determined at a later date, but this would help to alleviate the stress and time that a zone director has to go through finding umpires in communities that they do not know the officials. Since the proposal of an honorarium for assigning was not approved in 2024, this proposal does not cost anything to the hosts and will help will the time and effort many zone directors need to put in to assign championships.

In looking at our level 3 umpires and the gaps in their development, we decided to once again this season host level 3 clinic. We hosted clinics in Regina and Saskatoon. We made these clinics extended 1-day clinics instead of a 2-day clinic so that participants would not have to arrange for accommodations for a 2-day clinic in hopes of increasing participation at these clinics. Many communities hosted Level 1 and 2 on field clinics as this was a

requirement for full certification for provincial championships. We will be hosting in person level 3 clinics again in 2025.

This season we made a significant change in our umpire education. We partnered with Ontario Baseball Association (OBA), to take advantage of the online umpire educational materials they already have developed. They took their materials and branded them with Baseball Sask Logos, etc. Completing the online allowed an official to be registered and eligible to work local baseball. For an umpire to be fully certified and eligible to work provincial championships, they would have to complete the online materials and attend a 4 hour on field umpire camp. This requirement encouraged umpires to attend, but we need to work with PBA to have better access to the umpire data on completing the online, etc. These are some of the logistics that we need to work on during the off season to streamline the process.

This year, we also took advantage of the Accelerated Umpire program hosted by Baseball Ontario. This program is an off-season program where umpires can complete all the level 1 and 2 modules in one year to become a fully certified level 2 umpire. An umpire must apply for this program and meet certain criteria to be approved for this program. We had 10 umpires register for and complete the program. The one thing we need to do better next season is to follow up with these umpires and provide them with mentorship and on field training to get them to the skill set a fully certified level 2 umpire.

I would like to recognize, Huck Craig, Phil McGee and Kevin Culy for their initiative and hard work in developing a pilot level 3 umpire development program. This year was a Sask Summer Games year, so these 3 developed an umpire camp and virtual training program along with ongoing mentorship throughout the year. They took a group of 12 umpires who were selected to work the Summer Games and led them through these activities to prepare them for the Summer Games. There was a great deal of positive feedback form the participants. We would like to propose that we continue this developmental program. We feel that we should extend this program to an annual training opportunity for level 2/3 development and use the 15U AAA Tier 1 provincial as the end goal for umpires selected. We have a training camp for development and improvement during the season. We are willing and able to draft a proposal and would recommend that we raise umpire fees by \$5/ umpire registration to help fund this and other umpire programs.

Saskatchewan sent umpires to most Baseball Canada national championships in 2024, and the umpires selected represented us very well. The following umpires were selected to represent Saskatchewan at the following tournaments:

13U National Championship - Woodstock, On. – Riley Csenar

15U Ray Carter Cup – Laval, QC. – Blake Thille

18U National Championship – St. John's, NL — Michael Smith

Canada Cup – Fort McMurray, Ab. – Clayton Obst

22U National Championship - Dartmouth, NS - Matthew Schule

Senior National Championship – Tecumseh, On. – Elemer Jerkovits

16U Girls Invitational Championship-Summerside, PEI - Alana Wilson, Kelley Mills, Braidy Birdsall, Scott Mills

Our program has come a long way in the quality of umpire that we send to Nationals in the past 15 years. Saskatchewan is well respected, and supervisors know that umpires that attend an event from Saskatchewan will be a solid umpire that can be counted on.

For the second year in a row, the Baseball Saskatchewan umpire program was proud to select a female official to attend a national championship. In fact, we improved upon last year we sent 3 female officials and 1 male to the 16U Girls Invitational Championship in Saskatoon, Sk. Kelley and Alana were selected to the tournament and Braidy was a last-minute addition for an injured umpire. We are immensely proud of the work that these ladies did throughout the season as well as their body of work at the championship. Alana worked 1st base on a semi final, Kelley 3rd base on the gold medal game and Braidy earned a bronze medal plate as a last-minute fill in umpire. A phenomenal achievement for these ladies. Scott Mills was added to this even as an on-field mentor/crew chief to assist in the development of these female officials.

Saskatchewan also showed very well on the male side of the championships. All Saskatchewan umpires at national championships also had good tournaments and represented our province with honor and class.

Huck Craig and Scott Mills received invitations to attend the Blue Jays Canadian Futures Showcase tournament in September. This tournament is hosted by the Toronto Blue Jays and is used by the Baseball Canada High Performance committee to identify umpires for inclusion on the WBSC International Assignment list. Scott Mils was unable to accept the invitation to this year's tournament, but Huck attended the 2024 Showcase Tournament on September 17 – 21 at the Rogers Center in Toronto. Huck had an excellent tournament and was offered 1 of 2 invitations to be added to the Canadian roster of international WBSC Umpires. Congratulations Huck! Our Social Media presence has continued to grow and has been very well received! I would like to thank Philip McGee for being the lead on this and developing our social media platform to be the envy of most other provinces in Canada. There are more followers and post engagements every month on our Facebook page. We will be looking at expanding our social media presence and utilizing other media platforms. Some of the most popular posts in the past were our National Assignment announcements and our sendoff posts to umpires as they left for their nationals. We are continuing to vary our posts and maintain engagement through the past season.

Saskatchewan continues to take a role in Baseball Canada committees for the further development of umpires in Canada, which also benefits umpires in Saskatchewan. Trevor Drury (Instructor Development), Philip McGee (Instructor Development) and Scott Mills (Grassroots) are significant contributors on these national committees and will continue to be involved provincially as well. These committees produced materials that filter down to the provinces for use by our umpires for training, instruction, etc. Continue the good work gentlemen.

I have continued to work with the Co-Commissioners of Baseball Sask in tracking all sanctions reported this year. The number of ejections were still at a significant amount this year with a decrease of only 2 ejections, but the number of incidents that required supplementary discipline jumped significantly this season. Of the 71 ejections this season, there were 30 that were marked as subject to review (some of which probably should not have been marked as such) and 31 incidents that required supplementary discipline. Of these 31 incidents, there were 11 warning letters, 3 – 2 year probations, and 54 games in suspensions (5 – 5 game suspensions in those, which is significant). There were some very challenging incidents in 2024, but we are very pleased with how Baseball Sask supports its officials, and we will continue to work together regarding discipline of players, coaches and umpires. Player and coach decorum overall was poor again this season as shown by the consistent levels in ejections and suspension numbers and in a time when we are trying to recruit and retain umpires, this does not provide an attractive environment for individuals to become umpires. There is still some work to be done in some centers regarding incidents where coaches and fans were abusive or made inappropriate comments towards umpires, followed umpires off the field to both directly and indirectly voice displeasure with an umpire's performance. We will continue to educate umpires on game management as we continue with face-to-face clinics.

I would like to personally that Ken Hamilton for all the years of work he has put into his position as cocommissioner. He has been excellent to work with regarding disciplinary issues and his contributions will not be soon forgotten.

Baseball Saskatchewan Sanctions				
	2022	2023	2024	Difference
Yellow Cards	33	32	24	-8
Ejections (No Yellow Card)	51	70	68	-2
Ejections (Following Yellow Card)	7	8	3	-5
Other Incident	9	5	14	+9

During this offseason, the umpire division is looking at a shuffling of our portfolios and restructuring what each portfolio will be responsible for. This will be completed prior to the end of the year and people put in place to ensure the work gets done that our division wants to complete.

We recognize that the education of our high-performance umpires needs some improvement. We will be moving away from an all-in-one model of clinic and evaluations on the May Long weekend. This clinic has served its purpose and run its course; therefore, change is needed. In 2025 we will be starting this change by hosting a bi-provincial superclinic with Manitoba umpires. The first clinic like this, which we hosted with Alberta in 2020 was a huge success. We have started preliminary discussion with Manitoba instructors, and we plan to invite a couple of high-profile guest instructors and make this an event. We will be hosting this event in Moose Jaw in February 2025.

All level 4/5 Saskatchewan umpires and some level 3 umpires will be invited to attend. In 2026 we will be looking at hosting a full weekend level 4/5 clinic in March and umpires will need to attend the evaluation tournaments designated by the high-performance committee.

Our executive would like to propose a change in our umpire division annual meeting. We would like to move our annual AGM in 2025 to coincide with our annual Level 4/5 superclinic. The reason for this change is 2-fold:

- 1. We have our umpire executive on the Friday night of the AGM weekend. This is the meeting where we do most of the heavy lifting and work. Our AGM on Saturday is generally attended by the same group that was in the meeting room on Friday, so it is not overly productive as most of the body of umpires that are able to make many decisions and get involved in our process do not attend the AGM. By removing the AGM from Saturday morning, this would free us up to attend the hot stove meetings and contribute to these discussions and help to facilitate some positive change in Baseball Sask policies and still allow us to be available for the luncheon and the Baseball Sask AGM.
- 2. By moving the AGM to the superclinic, the majority of high-level umpires are at that event so the meeting will be better attended, more voices can be heard that can direct us on initiatives that our membership needs, it would make recruiting new zone directors, new portfolio committee members and keeping our umpires informed of what we are doing more effective.

We would ask that this be approved by the Board so that we can move forward and try this new format for a couple of years and see if engagement improves by umpires in the province.

I would like to thank the entire Umpire division executive and zone supervisors for their hard work this year in challenging situations. I would like to thank Trevor Drury, Huck Craig and Phil McGee for their guidance and assistance during the past year, and I know I will continue to lean on these gentlemen, along with the rest of the executive to continue to improve the program here in Saskatchewan.

Yours in Baseball,

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Mills

#### **ZONE GOVERNOR REPORTS**

#### **ZONE 1 GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

Another beautiful summer in 2024 for Zone 1! Our total numbers in our zone were down very slightly in our player category but did not slow down communities within our zone to show off our facilities yet again when it came to provincial tournament time. I would like to thank Estevan, Moosomin and Windthorst for hosting provincial tournaments. I would like to also congratulate the Estevan Brewers 18u AA team for winning Westerns! A special note of recognition to Carter Beck for his first season with the Saskatoon Berries, picking up the Most Outstanding Canadian, Rookie of the year, 1st Team All-star, and All -Star MVP.

Respectfully Submitted, Blaine Kovach

#### **ZONE 2 GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

It was a cold, wet spring in Regina that led to many cancelled games at the start of the season. But eventually the weather cooperated, and players, coaches and families had a busy season with scheduled and re-scheduled games!

Thank you to all in our zone that make baseball prosper; the volunteers that work behind the scenes to organize baseball; the coaches who mentor and help players develop skills; the parks that maintain safe and quality diamonds for the games; the umpires, scorekeepers, and pitch count trackers; and all the parents/guardians for supporting the players.

Congratulations to the following Regina teams who earned the right to attend post provincial championships: Regina 13U AAA White Sox - Gold at the Western Canada Championship after getting a silver at AAA Tier 1 Provincials; and Regina Trappers Senior Tier 1 - Silver at the Baseball Canada National Championship after getting gold at Provincials. Also, congratulations to Regina 15U AA Tier 3 Athletics – Tier 3 gold medal Provincial Champions as well as those teams that made it through to playoffs in their provincials.

Congratulations to the Zone 2 15U Sask Summer Games team who had a great tournament and took home the silver medal. Baseball Regina also had several players chosen for the various Baseball Sask Selects teams and programs.

Regina hosted 6 Provincial Championships this summer. Thank you to the host committees for each and to all the volunteers who helped on the weekends to make it a special event for the teams involved.

Respectfully Submitted, Jean MacDonald

#### **ZONE 3 GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

Congratulations to all the provincial champs from Zone 3. The Shaunavon Badgers beat the Leader Expos 5-3 in a great battle of Zone 3 teams to capture gold in 13U Tier 7.

Also, a big shout out to Assiniboia Aces for winning 13U Tier 2.

The Gull Lake Greyhounds won the 18U Tier 5 crown.

The Senior AA Tier 3 title went to the Assiniboia Aces over the Cabri Bulldogs.

Thank you to the hosts in Zone 3 11U Tier 5 in Gull Lake and the 13U AA & 15U AA Tier 2 in Moose Jaw.

A big Thank You to Wayne Kobley and his assistants for taking the Zone 3 team to the Summer games in Lloydminster. They performed exceptionally well.

All things must come to an end so this will be the last report from me as Zone 3 governor. I appreciated all the help and friendship from my directors, Ken Hamilton, Charlie Meacher and Neil Hogg. It's been a fun and interesting few years.

I would like to Thank Terry Butler and all the zone governors for putting up with me over the years.

Also thank you to Nolan Bracken, Greg Brons and Tyson Black for doing what you do. Much appreciation and a special thank you to Mike Ramage. We have gone through a lot since we started those many years ago. I remember when Mike used to write my reports and many other things.

Thank You to all in Baseball Saskatchewan. Hope to see you on a ball diamond soon.

Respectfully Submitted, Jack Cameron

#### **ZONE 4 GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

Wow! Another year on the diamonds has come and gone in the blink of an eye. I would like to first thank all the volunteers on and off the diamonds that ensure our youth continue to have a place to play baseball. A thank you also to all coaches, players, parents/guardians, and umpires for their roles in the 2024 season. A special thank you also to the community of Melville for hosting the 11U AA Tier 4 provincial championship.

2024 also saw the long-awaited return of the Saskatchewan Summer Games in Lloydminster. Players from the communities of Yorkton, Melville, Langenburg, Esterhazy, Sturgis, Balcarres, Theodore, Springside, Round Lake, and Churchbridge made up Team Parkland Valley. Parkland Valley finished 1-2 in round robin play and came up just short in the 5<sup>th</sup> place game.

A congratulations to Theodore's Kyler Bilokreli for being selected to participate in the 2024 15U Ray Carter Cup for Team Saskatchewan in Laval, Quebec.

Respectfully Submitted, Mark Jacobs

#### **ZONE 5 GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

The 2024 Baseball Season was very successful for Zone 5, with 4 new baseball memberships joining SBA for the first time or coming back into the mix. Viscount, Fort Qu'Appelle, Diefenbaker and Sask Central (Clavet & Aberdeen). These additional memberships into SBA Zone 5 increase the total by 18.22% or 426, which means that our SBA Grassroot Program is growing and succeeding in the overall growth of this sport.

We had a total growth of 17.9 % or 451 members which includes SBA umpires in Zone 5. Zone 5 is healthy and inviting new players and umpires to this sport.

See Attachment below for growth from year to year.

ZONE 5	2022	2023	2024
Annaheim	0	0	0
Beechy	0	0	0
Birsay	0	0	0
Bruno	53	49	50
Central Sask	18	0	0
Colonsay	0	13	19
Dalmeny	33	43	48
Davidson	20	49	38
Delisle	0	40	62
Deifenbaker	0	0	17
Fort Qu'Appelle	0	0	16
Hanley	20	0	0
Humboldt	263	242	239
Kelvington	0	24	28
Kenaston	0	0	0
Lake Lenore	0	0	0
Lanigan	51	67	70
Lockwood	0	15	14
Lucky Lake	0	0	29
Lumsden	124	133	187
Marysburg	21	20	24
Middle Lake	0	0	0
Muenster	142	133	141
Nokomis	15	27	19
Outlook	144	102	90
Quill Lake	36	17	37
Raymore	67	61	67
Regina Beach	50	43	66
Sask Central	0	0	140
Sask Five	445	517	579
Southey	128	103	108
St. Brieux	0	13	14
Viscount	0	0	40
Wadena	33	48	39
Watrous	76	91	82
Wynyard	53	61	74
Umpires	136	155	180
TOTAL	1928	2066	2517

Honorable Mention in Zone 5 in 2024

• SK Summer Games: Coach by Brett Suchan from Humboldt

After winning Pool B with a 2 and 1 record, they lost out to Rivers West in the Bronze Medal game. Players that represented Prairie Central (Zone 5)

- 1. Brady Anderson
- 2. Ryder Collins
- 3. Grasen Dahl
- 4. Kyler Fischer
- 5. Colton Hansen
- 6. Austin Kasahoff
- 7. Lincoln Martin 8. Luke Manz
- 9. Grady McMahon
- 10. Ben Mayo
- 11. Owen Odermatt
- 12. Carson Perrier
- 13. Jaxson Schleper
- 14. Mason Schierling
- 15. Everitt Solar
  - Congrats to Merek Yeager of Muenster for being invited to the Junior National Team tryout in Florida in April
  - Lanigan Pirates 11U AA Tier 6 Provincial Champion
  - Humboldt Dodgers 11U AA Tier 1 Provincial Champion
  - Sask Five Giant Aces 13U AA Tier 8 Provincial Champion
  - Sask Five Flying Squirrels 13U AA Tier 2 Silver Medal Provincial Champion
  - Sask Five Giants Sluggers 15U AA Tier 5 Provincial Champion
  - Southey Eagles 18U AA Tier 6 Silver Medal Provincial Champion
  - Lumsden Cubs 18U AA Tier 2 Silver Medal Provincial Champion
  - Diefenbaker Ducks 22U AAA Silver Medal Provincial Champion

#### Congrats to all the winners

Special Thank-you to all the Provincial Host Communities in Zone 5 this year. We would like to recognize the countless of hours that you put into these provincials to make them memorable, successful and entertaining for all to enjoy. Without your communities stepping up we couldn't have these provincials.

- Muenster
  - 11U AA Tier 3
- Sask Five (Martensville)
  - o 11U AA Tier 6
  - o 13U AA Tier 2
  - o 13U AA Tier 8
  - o 15U AA Tier 5
  - o 18U AA Tier 3
- Lumsden
  - o 13U AAA Tier 2
- Cupar (Southey Eagles)
  - o 13U AA Tier 7

Final recognition: To all the membership executives, coaches, managers, players, parents, and fans. A big **Thank-you**, without your love for this sport we couldn't be as successful as we are. Have a great off season and see you all at the ballpark in 2025

Respectfully Submitted, Shawn Klisowsky

#### **ZONE 6 GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

There is no report as the previous Zone Governor resigned in March and Baseball Saskatoon was not able to find a replacement in-season.

#### **ZONE 7 GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

Baseball Saskatchewan registrations remain strong with 2,430 members registered for the 2024 season. Special recognition is in order for the communities that hosted successful provincial championships this season:

- 11U AA Tier 7- Battlefords
- 13U AA Tier 1- Meadow Lake
- 18U AA Tier 1- North Battleford
- 18U AA Tier 4- Unity
- Senior AA Tier 2- Unity

Congratulations to our 2024 Zone 7 Provincial Champions!

- 11U AA Tier 3- Battleford Beavers
- 11U AA Tier 5- Rosetown Angels
- 11U AA Tier 7- Maidstone Lakers
- 13U AA Tier 1- Maidstone Lakers
- 13U AA Tier 5- Biggar Nationals
- 15U AA Tier 4- North Battleford Beavers
- 18U AA Tier 3- Macklin Lakers
- 18U AA Tier 4- Unity Cardinals
- Senior AA Tier 2- Unity Cardinals
- Senior AA Tier 4- Macklin Lakers

Zone 7 is also very excited to see the return of 15U AAA ball to the zone with the Z7 Sun Devils program expanding in the to the 15U SPBL.

Respectfully Submitted, Regan Beck

#### **ZONE 8 GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

#### Zone 8 teams that entered Provincials: (20 minor teams, 3 senior teams)

PA Royals	11U AA Tier 1	July 19-21	Prince Albert	
Tisdale Rangers	11U AA Tier 2C	July 19-21	Tisdale	Won Provincials
Cudworth Cyclones	11U AA Tier 3	July 19-21	Muenster	Lost in Final
Nipawin Giants	11U AA Tier 4	July 19-21	Melville	Won Provincials
Shellbrook Knights	11U AA Tier 4	July 19-21	Melville	Lost in Semi
Naicam Vikings	11U AA Tier 6	July 19-21	Martensville	Lost in Final
Northeast Knights	11U AA Tier 6	July 19-21	Martensville	
PA Royals B	11U AA Tier 7	July 19-21	North Battleford	
Shellbrook Knights	13U AA Tier 1	July 26-28	Meadow Lake	
Nipawin / Tisdale	13U AA Tier 3	July 26-28	Moose Jaw	
La Ronge Hooks	13U AA Tier 4	July 26-28	Saskatoon	
Carrot River Loggers	13U AA Tier 5	July 26-28	Estevan	
PA Royals	13U AA Tier 5	July 26-28	Estevan	Lost in Final
PA Royals	15U AA Tier 1	July 19-21	Estevan	Lost in Final
PA TLS Royal Ballers	15U AA Tier 4	July 19-21	Prince Albert	Lost in Semi
Shellbrook Knights	15U AA Tier 4	July 19-21	Prince Albert	
Tisdale Rangers	15U AA Tier 4	July 19-21	Prince Albert	Lost in Semi
North East Knights	15U AA Tier 5	July 19-21	Sask Five	
Melfort Red Sox	18U AA Tier 3	July 26-28	Sask Five	
Tisdale Rangers	18U AA Tier 4	July 26-28	Unity	
PA Royals	22U AAA	July 27-28	Prince Albert	Won Provincials
North East Red Sox	Senior Tier 3	August 9-11	Windthorst	Lost in Tie Breaker
Birch Hills Brewers	Senior Tier 4	August 9-11	Estevan	

#### **Lakeland Z8 15U Selects:**

Zone 8 competed in the Saskatchewan Summer games in Lloydminster July 24 to 27.

Thanks to coaches Corey Borthwick, Jason Van Otterloo, Nathan Reiter, and manager Mike Bonthoux.

Members of the team from Prince Albert, Nipawin, Tisdale, and Porcupine Plain:

Daniel Acorn (PA), Josh Bonthoux (PA), Criseyde Borthwick (PA), Declan Borthwick (PA),

Markus Exner (PA), Emmett Kihn (PA), Grayden Jackson (Nip), Seamus McFarlane (PA), Jett Miller (PA), Nash Noble (PA), Sawyer Pollon (Tis), Cruz Reed (PP), Logan Smith (PP), Noah Van Otterloo (PA)

#### Baseball Saskatchewan 2024 Membership:

Membership in Zone 8 had an increase in 2024 to 2052 members, up from 1870 in 2023.

Zone 8 represents a little more than 10% of the Provincial membership.

Thank you to Tisdale for hosting 11U AA Tier 2C and

Prince Albert for hosting 11U AA Tier 1, 15U AA Tier 4, and 22U AAA.

Thanks to the many coaches and volunteers, players, and parents for making 2024 another great year. Special thanks to our Umpires and thank you to our Zone 8 Umpire Director, Terry Schneider of Wakaw. Thanks to Z8 Directors Corey Borthwick, Eric Morin, Jamie Capner, and Nathan Noble.

Respectfully Submitted, Glenn McRae

#### **DIVISION SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

#### 11U DIVISION REPORT

It was a fun, full season of playing, record-breaking year for 11U Baseball in the province. We had 88 teams that registered for provincials with over 10 baseball communities hosting this year – **UNBELIEVABLE!!!** There were 3197 11U players registered to SBA this year, the second highest age group in SBA. Baseball in Saskatchewan will be strong for years to come with the hard work of these young talented players and coaches.

Provincial ranking: I will admit, this is my first year and found it very disheartening that I made some mistakes in ranking. Many of the teams were in the right pools but less than a handful were not. To those teams I will make you a promise that I will ask more questions and get more information from you earlier, so we can rectify these issues from this past season and limit the misplacements.

Overall provincials were a huge success. Many of battles in each game for win, strategic planning by all coaches, batters were there to hit, runners were there steal, defense were there to stop the runners and pitchers were there to take over the game to win. It was lots of fun to watch for all fans out there.

#### Provincial Outcomes for 11U

-	AAA -Host Regina
Gold	Saskatoon Bridge City Blue Jays

Silver Saskatoon Cardinals

#### AA-Tier 1 - Host PA

Gold Humboldt Dodgers Silver Unity Cardinals

#### AA-Tier 2A - Host Saskatoon

Gold Saskatoon Blue Jay Bucks Silver Saskatoon Brave Bombers

#### AA-Tier 2B -Host Estevan

Gold Saskatoon Blue Jays Mud Dawgs

Silver Estevan Brewers

#### **AA-Tier 2C- Host Tisdale**

Gold Tisdale Rangers
Silver Saskatoon Cardinals Cavalry

# AA-Tier 3- Host Muenster

Gold Battleford Beavers
Silver Cudworth Cyclones

#### **AA-Tier 4-Host Melville**

Gold Nipawin Giants Silver Macklin Lakers

#### **AA-Tier 5- Host Gull Lake**

Gold Rosetown Angels Silver Wilkie Brewers

#### **AA-Tier 6- Host Martensville**

Gold Lanigan Pirates Silver Naicam Vikings

#### **AA-Tier 7- Host Battleford**

Gold Maidstone Lakers
Silver Battleford Beavers

Our 10 Host Communities: A big THANK-YOU !!!; lots of compliments from teams, fans, parents, coaches and the list goes on, for the job you did to host. The Ball Parks were unbelievable and the work you did was unmatched. Again, Thank-you

Finally, our SBA Reps that were out at these provincials. Your quiet demeanor out watching the games, help answered questions from teams, asked questions when unsure from me, reporting the successful

weekend back to SBA and getting those priceless plaques back to SBA. Thank you for your volunteer hours.

Respectfully submitted, Shawn Klisowsky

#### **13U DIVISION REPORT**

The 13U Division had another outstanding year with 82 teams entered in the provincial championships across 10 different championship levels. We used a web-based poll for our questionnaire and received a 100% response rate from all coaches, which helped greatly in refining our ranking system.

This year marked a significant change as it was the first year we did not send a team to Nationals. Instead, the focus shifted to development within the province. To support this initiative, we held a province-wide open tryout, which saw overwhelming participation. Over 200 players attended the first round of tryouts in both Saskatoon and Regina. From there, we cut it down to 48 players, who were invited back for a weekend dedicated to skills development and competitive games.

It was encouraging to see many new teams and communities participating this year. We continued to focus on targeting smaller championships where applicable to ensure balanced and competitive play. A big thank you goes out to all of the communities that hosted this year's championships. We are so thankful for the hard work, dedication, and effort they put in to make the championship weekends a success. Your contributions made it possible for the players, coaches, and fans to enjoy an incredible experience.

The communities that hosted successful championships this year are:

- AAA Tier 1 Regina
- AAA Tier 2 Lumsden
- AA Tier 1 Meadow Lake
- AA Tier 2 Sask Five Giants
- AA Tier 3 Moose Jaw
- AA Tier 4 Saskatoon
- AA Tier 5 Estevan
- AA Tier 6 Moosomin
- AA Tier 7 Cupar
- AA Tier 8 Saskatoon

Respectfully submitted, Regan L'Heureux

#### **15U DIVISION REPORT**

Congratulations to the winners of the provincial championship:

AAA Tier 1	Saskatoon Astros
AAA Tier 2	East Central Dodgers
AA Tier 1	Saskatoon Braves
AA Tier 2	Weyburn Beavers
AA Tier 3	Regina Athletics
AA Tier 4	North Battleford Beavers
AA Tier 5	Sask Five Sluggers
AA Tier 6	Wartime Marlins

Thank you to Blair & Regan Beck and Trent Dorrance for coaching the 15U Selects National team. They performed admirably in Laval, Quebec.

The Saskatoon Astros & Saskatoon Braves did well at Westerns.

The Saskatchewan summer games were held in Lloydminster, Sask. Thanks to the organizers and the City of Lloydminster for hosting this event. It finally got done after the covid shutdown. Thanks for the perseverance.

This report will be my last as 15U supervisor. I consider getting a Selects team to go to the Nationals as one of our greatest accomplishments.

It is a challenging position as 15U supervisor. I hope the next supervisor will enjoy it as much as I did.

Thank you to all who made 15U baseball in Saskatchewan great.

Respectfully Submitted, Jack Cameron

#### **18U DIVISION REPORT**

Great to see the number of players across the province is growing at the 18U level. This had the positive effect of increasing the number of teams again entered into 18U provincials. It was especially awesome to see small centres that are new or have been absent for a few years in provincials this year. This increase was enough that I went with adding one more Tier to 18U provincials instead of creating larger provincials. This allowed me to keep the number of teams in each division between 6 and 8 which creates a better opportunity for making it to the playoff round for teams as well as increases the number of communities that have enough diamonds to host.

It was great to have my hosts all lined up before provincial registration deadline this year as we had a full contingent of Hosting Bids. Even with the additional Tier, I was lucky to have Estevan step up right away and offer to host a second Provincial. I encourage communities/teams to submit a Hosting Bid prior to May (or even June) 1 as then everything is much easier for everyone – me, the host, and teams. A big thank you to the 2024 Host Communities for doing a great job: Regina (AAA), North Battleford (AA Tier 1), Saskatoon (AA Tier 2), Martensville (AA Tier 3), Unity (AA Tier 4), and Estevan (AA Tier 5 & 6).

Congratulations to Saskatoon Giants (AAA), Estevan Brewers (AA Tier 1), East Central Red Sox (AA Tier 2), Macklin Lakers (AA Tier 3), Unity Cardinals (AA Tier 4), Gull Lake Greyhounds (AA Tier 5), and Eston Ramblers (AA Tier 6) on their Provincial Championship. The Saskatoon Giants represented Saskatchewan at the Baseball Canada Nationals and the Estevan Brewers were the Saskatchewan Reps at the Western Canada Championship where they went undefeated and won gold!

Thank you as well to the people who volunteered their weekend to be SBA reps at the provincials. You are an essential partner with Baseball Sask.

I must also add that after a less than stellar season regarding ejections in 18U, I was very pleased to have the players and coaches take seriously the new rule at all Provincials regarding ejections. The weekend was uneventful in that area and the SBA rep (and myself) and everyone at the parks were able to sit back and enjoy a weekend of good baseball.

Respectfully Submitted, Jean MacDonald

#### **22U DIVISION REPORT**

This year there were only 2 teams registered in the 22U Provincials. The Prince Albert Royals and the Diefenbaker Ducks. With this, Prince Albert defeated the Ducks in a Best of 3 to win the Provincial Championship. Both teams advanced to the Westerns in Manitoba.

Hopefully over the next few years we will see a trend upward in the 22U category as it has been stagnant for several years now. With so many senior programs available across the province many players, once have graduated from minor ball programs, tend to continue with the senior baseball route.

Respectfully Submitted Blaine Kovach

#### SENIOR DIVISION REPORT

Another busy and memorable baseball season has come and gone. Saskatchewan senior baseball teams kept diamonds busy across the country well into August. First, a huge thank you to the communities of Regina, Unity, Windthorst, and Estevan for hosting provincial championships at various tiers. For teams to compete for a provincial championship, we first need a hard-working volunteer base to step up and host.

Congratulations to the Regina Trappers (Tier 1), Unity Cardinals (Tier 2), Assiniboia Aces (Tier 3), and the Macklin Lakers (Tier 4) on their provincial championship wins. The Marysburg Royals also competed well at the Senior Westerns in Delta, British Columbia.

A huge congratulations also goes to the Regina Trappers for their efforts at the Senior Men's Nationals in Tecumseh, Ontario. The Trappers competed very well, coming up just short in the Gold Medal game vs. Team Quebec. The province is looking forward to you hosting this event in Regina next year!

Respectfully Submitted, Mark Jacobs

## **RESOLUTIONS**



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## Financial Statements

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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

To the Members of Saskatchewan Baseball Association Inc.

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Saskatchewan Baseball Association Inc., which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the association as at December 31, 2023, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are Independent of the association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the association's financial reporting process.

## **Independent Auditors' Report (continued)**

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
  that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
  effectiveness of the association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the
  disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events
  in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Regina, Saskatchewan March 28, 2024 Berger Cavan Group LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants

Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31	2023	2022
Revenues Sask Lotteries Trust Fund, Sport Division (schedule 1) Self help revenue (schedule 2)	\$ 568,700 784,739	\$ 509,908 693,910
	1,353,439	1,203,818
Expenditures	·	
Administration (schedule 3)	311,331	265,007
Capacity/Interaction (schedule 4)	84,084	87,094
Participation (schedule 5)	335,746	236,673
Excellence (schedule 6)	305,389	312,502
Categorical grants (schedule 7)	273,582	275,381
Fundraising expense	28,157	26,980
(Gain) loss on disposal of capital assets	(16,978)	237
	1,321,311	1,203,874
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ 32,128	\$ (56)

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	beg	Balance, inning of year	7	ransfers	of r	Excess ficiency) evenues over nditures	Bala	2023 ance, end of year
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$	768,194	\$	(25,078)	\$	43,040	\$	786,156
Invested in Property and Equipment	•	7,989		25,078		(10,912)		22,155
Contingency Fund		85,000				-	,	85,000
Zwack Bursary Fund	·	11,527		-		· <b>-</b>		11,527
	\$	872,710	\$	-	\$	32,128	\$	904,838
	beç	Balance, ginning of year		<u>Fransfers</u>	reven	Excess iency) of ues over enditures	Bala	2022 ance, end of year
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$	764,078	\$	-	\$	4,116	\$.	768,194
Invested in Property and Equipment		12,161		-		(4,172)		7,989
Contingency Fund		85,000						85,000
Zwack Bursary Fund		11,527		•		**		11,527
	\$	872,766	\$	. <del>-</del>	\$	(56)	\$	872,710

# Saskatchewan Baseball Association Inc. Statement of Financial Position

December 31,	2023	2022
Assets		
Current		
Cash (note 3)	\$ 790,755	\$ 1,130,351
Investments (note 4) Accounts receivable (note 5)	39,608 79,060	37,826 57,319
Grants receivable	6,440	10,425
Prepaid expenses	41,524	12,865
Inventory	14,330	15,955
Loan receivable (note 6)	4,000	4,000
	975,717	1,268,741
Sport Legacy Fund (note 7)	215,084	202,761
Vehicles and equipment (note 8)	22,155	7,989
	\$ 1,212,956	\$ 1,479,491
Liabilities  Current  Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 93,034	\$ 99,170
Deferred revenue (note 9)		304,850
	93,034	404,020
Sport Legacy Fund (note 7)	215,084	202,761
	308,118	606,781
Net Assets		
Inrestricted Net Assets	786,156	768,194
nvested in Vehicles and Equipment	22,155	7,989
Contingency Fund	85,000 11,527	85,000 11,527
wack Bursary Fund (note 10)		
	904,838	872,710
	\$ 1,212,956	\$ 1,479,491

Lease commitments (note 11)

Approved on behalf of the board:

Member

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Statemen	it of	Cash	Flows
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For the control of December 24	2023	2022
For the year ended December 31	2023	2022
Cash provided by (used for)		
Operating activities	•	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ 32,128	\$ (56)
Item not affecting cash	,	
Amortization	10,912	3,935
		0.070
	43,040	3,879
Change in non-cash working capital items	(04.744)	(07.704)
Accounts receivable	(21,741)	(37,761)
Grants receivable	3,985	(3,985)
Prepaid expenses	(28,659)	1,513 14,129
Inventory	1,625	(201,225)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(6,136)	
Deferred revenue	(304,850)	(30,320)
	(312,736)	(253,770)
Investing activities		
Investments	(1,782)	(637)
Loan receivable	(1,1.0=)	4,000
Purchase of vehicles and equipment	(29,600)	·•
Proceeds from disposal of asset	21,500	-
(Gain) loss on disposal of vehicles and equipment	(16,978)	237
	(26,860)	3,600
Decrease in cash	(339,596)	(250,170)
Cash, beginning of year	1,130,351	1,380,521
Cash, end of year	\$ 790,755	\$ 1,130,351

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### December 31, 2023

#### 1. Nature of operations

The Saskatchewan Baseball Association Inc. is a provincial sport governing body, dedicated to the promotion and support of amateur baseball in Saskatchewan. The association is a non-profit entity established under The Societies Act of Saskatchewan and is a not-for-profit organization within the meaning of the Income Tax Act and, accordingly, is exempt from income taxes.

#### 2. Significant accounting policies

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-profit Organizations (ASNPO). The significant accounting policies are detailed as follows:

#### (a) Revenue recognition

The association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Endowment contributions are recognized as direct increases in net assets.

Restricted investment income is recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.

Member fees are recognized as revenue proportionately over the fiscal year to which they relate.

#### (b) Inventory

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. The cost of inventories comprises all costs of purchase, conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less any applicable variable selling costs. The costs of purchase comprise the purchase price, import duties, non-recoverable taxes and transport, handling and other costs directly attributable to the acquisition and inbound delivery of the inventory. Costs are determined using the first-in, first-out method.

#### (c) Vehicles and equipment

Vehicles and equipment are recorded at cost. The association provides for amortization using the declining balance method at rates designed to amortize the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives, as set out in note 8.

When vehicles and equipment are sold or retired, the related cost and accumulated amortization are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is charged against earnings in the period.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### **December 31, 2023**

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (d) Financial instruments

Financial assets originated or acquired or financial liabilities issued or assumed in an arm's length transaction are initially measured at their fair value. In the case of a financial asset or financial liability not subsequently measured at its fair value, the initial fair value is adjusted for financing fees and transaction costs that are directly attributable to its origination, acquisition, Issuance or assumption. Such fees and costs in respect of financial assets and liabilities subsequently measured at fair value are expensed.

#### Subsequent measurement:

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, investments, accounts receivable, grants receivable, and loan receivable.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

At the end of each reporting period, management assesses whether there are any indications that financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost may be impaired. If there is an indication of impairment, management determines whether a significant adverse change has occurred in the expected timing or the amount of future cash flows from the asset, in which case the asset's carrying amount is reduced to the highest expected value that is recoverable by either holding the asset, selling the asset or by exercising the right to any collateral. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced directly or through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the reduction is recognized as an impairment loss in operations. Previously recognized impairment losses may be reversed to the extent of any improvement. The amount of the reversal, to a maximum of the related accumulated impairment charges recorded in respect of the particular asset, is recognized in operations.

#### (e) Use of estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include allowance for doubtful accounts, amortization, and accrued liabilities.

#### 3. Cash

Cash includes \$85,000 (2022 - \$85,000) of funds internally restricted for the contingency fund.

#### 4. Investments

		2023	 2022
TD Money Market - operating	\$	39,608	\$ 37,826

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### December 31, 2023

#### 5. Accounts receivable

Included in accounts receivable is an allowance for doubtful accounts in the amount of \$12,633 (2022 - \$21,907).

#### 6. Loan receivable

The association loaned Regina North East Baseball Association funds to assist with improvements to the Lions Baseball Park buildings and facilities. The loan is non-interest bearing, repayable in annual installments of \$4,000 per year on October 31, and matures in 2023.

#### 7. Sport Legacy Fund

The Sport Legacy Fund is a fundraising program established by Sask Sport Inc. for the continued and future development of amateur sport in Saskatchewan. The program is voluntary and available to Saskatchewan Sport Organizations. The fund is segregated by participating organizations and the draw-down of funds is made by application and subject to the approval of Sask Sport Inc.

	2023	2022
Balance, beginning of year  Contributions Income earned during the year	\$ 202,761 1,929 10,394	\$ 191,267 1,670 9,824
•	\$ 215,084	\$ 202,761

The fund has been named the beneficiary of a \$25,000 life insurance policy. The cash surrender value of the policy as at December 31, 2023 is \$8,829. The policy has not been recorded in the association's financial statements as at December 31, 2023 as the amount and timing of cashflows is uncertain.

#### 8. Vehicles and equipment

			 <del></del>		2023		2022
	Rate	 Cost	 ımulated ortization	N	let book value	١	let book value
Computer equipment Equipment Vehicles	33% 33% 33%	\$ 12,859 9,970 25,418	\$ 8,570 9,134 8,388	\$	4,289 836 17,030	\$	2,219 1,248 4,522
veriicles	3376	\$ 48,247	\$ 26,092	\$	22,155	\$_	7,989

## Notes to the Financial Statements

#### December 31, 2023

#### 9. Deferred revenue

	 	2023	 2022
Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust - Annual Funding Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund - MAP	\$	-	\$ 147,450 157,400
	\$	#	\$ 304,850

#### 10. Zwack Bursary

The fund was established to provide financial assistance to a Saskatchewan resident toward personal development in the area of coaching, playing, or officiating in baseball. Income earned on the fund is used as a bursary and paid to an approved applicant.

#### 11. Lease commitments

The association holds operating lease agreements for two vehicles. The annual minimum lease payments over the remaining term of these leases are as follows:

Fetimated	principal	repayments are as follows	
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2024 2025	\$ 14,345 7,345
2026	6,761
2027	6,241
	\$ 34,692

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### December 31, 2023

#### 12. Salaries and benefits

Salaries and benefits are distributed among the following classifications:

		2023	2022
Administration Participation Categorical	5	1,918 7,829 3,915	\$ 146,170 53,512 91,021
	\$ 359	9,662	\$ 290,703

#### 13. Financial instruments

Transactions in financial instruments may result in an entity assuming or transferring to another party one or more of the financial risks described below. The required disclosures provide information that assists users of financial statements in assessing the extent of risk related to financial instruments.

#### (a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a transaction will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The organization has credit risk in accounts receivable. The association mitigates its risk by actively pursuing member club dues, restricting participation if fees are not paid and creating an allowance for bad debts when applicable.

#### 14. Economic dependence

The association receives significant revenue in the form of grants from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation. As a result, the association is dependent upon the continuation of these grants to maintain operations at their current level.

For the year ended December 31		•		
Schedule of Sask Lotteries Trust Fund, Sport Division			S	ichedule 1
		2023		2022
Annual funding	\$	351,300	\$	294,900
HP Coach Capacity grant	Ψ	45,000	Ψ	45,000
Hosting grant		15,000		10,008
Membership Assistance Program		157,400		160,000
Methbership Assistance i Togram		101,400		100,000
	\$	568,700	\$	509,908
Schedule of Self help revenue			S	chedule 2
		2023		2022
Internal				•
Competition and clinic fees	\$	167,949	· \$	133,150
Memberships		399,400		381,536
Team and athlete fees		70,325		68,200
External				
Fundraising		55,788		42,090
Interest income		38,366		6,497
Other Grants				
Baseball Canada Rally Cap Program		-		5,000
PNPCG		25,760		25,760
Sask Sport Inc. Future Best		5,250		9,600
Sask Sport Inc. Indigenous Sport Enhancement Program		7,678		2,485
Summer Student Grant		4,198		4,097
Other revenue		3,649		13,268
Sales (net)		376		(5,440)
Sponsorship		6,000		7,667
	\$	784,739	\$	693,910

	Schedules	to the	Financial	l Statements
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\$	Schedule 3
\$	2022
\$	
	3,935
	9,494
	16,977
	31,064
	49,920
	146,170
	7,447
\$	265,007
S	Schedule 4
	2022
\$	5,563
-	3,088
	-
	10,008
	9,054
	19,406
	1,027
	6,202
	23,391
	9,355
	-
<b>.</b> \$	87,094
s	chedule 5
	2022
¢	54,973
Ψ	17,579
	41,343
	71,010
	53,512
	32,383
	14,744
	20,015
	2,124
\$	236,673
	\$ \$ S

For the	year	ended	December	31
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Schedule of Excellence	Sch				
		2023		2022	
Athlete Development					
Athlete assistance	\$	8,250	\$	9,600	
Competition	23	5,531		235,208	
Talent identification	1	7,302		30,210	
Training	•	9,044		8,675	
Coaching and Coach Development					
Professional development	1	6,202		16,104	
Coach travel		4,045		2,432	
Officials development		5,015		10,273	
	\$ 30	5,389	\$	312,502	

Schedule of Categorical grants			s	chedule 7	
	2023			2022	
Exceptional needs	\$		\$	8,000	
Future Best		5,250		9,600	
HP Coach Capacity Grant		96,915		91,021	
Indigenous sport enhancement program		7,678		2,485	
portodo oport ormanoomont program.	163,739		164,275		
	· \$	273,582	\$	275,381	

For the year ended December 31		
Schedule of MAP Recipients		Schedule 8
	2023	2022
Zone 1		
Carnduff Astros	\$ -	\$ 5,250
Estevan Minor Ball	3,300	11,525
Grenfell Minor Ball	1,000	-
Moosomin Minor Ball	6,000	3,000
Oxbow Minor Ball	1,000	1,500
Quad Town Minor Ball	750	1,000
Redvers Minor Ball	. 200	3,000
Weyburn Minor Ball	3,750	1,500
White Butte Baseball Association	-	1,000
	16,000	27,775
70	•	
Zone 2	. 19,750	22,250
Basebali Regina	. 15,730	1,000
Regina Optimist Regina Red Dogs Baseball Club	2,250	1,000
Regina Rockies	750	-
Regina Rockies Regina Trappers	2,750	2,680
Saskatchewan Premier Baseball League 15U AAA	750	2,000
Saskatchewan Premier Baseball League 15U AAA	500	-
Saskatchewan Premier Baseball League 18U AAA	750	
Saskatchewan Premier Baseball League 18U AA	500	<b>.</b>
Saskatchewart Flemiel Basebail League 100 PM	28,000	25,930
Zone 3	500	
Bengough Municipal Parks, Recreation & Cultural Authority	500 750	· -
Gravelbourg Minor Bali	3,000	-
Gull Lake Ball Diamond Board	3,000 1,875	_
Gull Lake Greyhounds	1,070	750
Gull Lake Minor Ball	• -	750 750
Gull Lake Athletic Assoc.	- 500	700
Hazelt Minor Bail	500 500	1,500
Maple Creek Minor Sports	13,525	11,875
Moose Jaw Minor Ball	10,020	500
Rouleau Minor Ball	2,200	8,400
Swift Current Minor Ball	22,850	23,775
	<u> </u>	40,110

For the year ended December 31	·	
Zone 4		
Canora Minor Ball	1,500	-
Invermay Minor Ball	750	-
Parkland Pirates	1,875	-
Yorkton Minor Ball	6,000	3,000
	10,125	3,000
Zone 5		
·	1,200	500
Davidson Junior Athletics Assoc.	·	1,875
Hanley Senior White Sox Lumsden Minor Ball	3,000	1,070
Marysburg Royals	750	750
Sask Five Giants Association	10,500	3,375
Watrous Minor Ball	3,000	1,000
VV atious ivilitor Dali	18,450	7,500
Zone 6		
Saskatoon Braves Baseball Association	1,000	
Saskatoon Cubs	3,000	3,000
Saskatoon Minor Baseball (Baseball Saskatoon) 14U Team Sask Girls	24,125	24,750 750
140 really desk offis	28,125	28,500
Zone 7		2 000
Battlefords Minor Baseball	750	3,000
Eatonia Minor Baseball Association	750 1,000	1,000
Elrose Minor Baseball	1,000	1,000
Eston Minor Baseball	2,250	1,875
Kindersley Minor Ball	700	1,070
Luseland Minor Ball Macklin Lakers Senior Mens	700	3,000
Macklin Lakers Senior Meris  Macklin Minor Baseball Assoc.	3,000	6,000
Maidstone Lakers	-	3,000
Meadow Lake Minor Baseball	2,000	0,000 -
Rosetown Minor Ball	2,000	3,000
Town of Eston		1,000
Turtleford Minor Ball	-	1,000
Unity Minor Ball	6,375	3,750
Omy Minor Ball	17,075	26,625

For the year ended December 31		
Zone 8		
Aborfield Minor Ball	500	750
Melfort Minor Ball	1,000	-
Prince Albert Minor Ball	11,100	6,750
Shelibrook Knights		3,750
	12,600	1 <u>1,250</u>
Saskatchewan Little League		-
North Regina Little League	5,547	5,357
Moose Jaw Little League	3,659	3,571
Kiwanis National Little League	1,308	992
	10,514	9,920
Total	\$ 163,739	\$ 164 <u>,275</u>