



2017 SMBA Coach Guide

Key Dates

January 1 2017 – Voluntary workouts can begin

March 1 2017 – Mandatory workouts can begin

Feb 7 – April 15 2017 – Red game shirts need to be sized and ordered. Sizing set will be kept at Jeff Keller's house. Please arrange your sizing night need through him and return the same night. Also, order 2 extra shirts (most common size for your team) to have for call ups.

For a second set: Second set of jerseys are optional. However, the style and colour have already been chosen. Everyone will have the same second jersey this year. They will be blue with the same logo on the front/sleeve. They can be ordered from Dunny's only. 2/3 majority vote needed.

April 15 2017 - \$460 travel fee due paid in full (or 3 postdated cheques for April 15/May 15/June 15 for \$160/\$150/\$150). ALL registration must be paid or submitted (post-dated cheques) by May 1st. We will send out a list of players who have not paid.

Key Contacts

Registration

Heike Reiche hmreiche64@gmail.com / 519-949-4900

Umpires/Equipment - contact appropriate people (umps/diamond) for all game postponements/changes

Barry Grasby bgrasb@yahoo.ca / 519-949-8045

Dave Graff president@stratfordminorbaseball.ca / 226-921-1852

Diamonds

Facility Manager

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Stadium

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SERC (both diamonds)

Steve Vaters steveanne.vaters@sympatico.ca / 519-272-9547

Dufferin

Don Grasby smbaprez@rogers.com / 519-301-6482

Optimist

Liam McCann mccannliam4@hotmail.com / 226-921-1852

If ever any questions or concerns on top of getting a hold of the appropriate contacts above please call either below;

Dave Graff 226-921-1852 president@stratfordminorbaseball.ca

Jeff Keller 519-854-0108 vicepresident@stratfordminorbaseball.ca

Tournaments

Minor Mosquito tournament – June 2-4. Eight teams signed up.

Midget tournament – June 9-11. Two teams signed up.

Rookie tournament – June 16-18. One team signed up.

Minor Bantam tournament – July 7-9. Seven teams signed up.

Minor Bantam (Select) tournament – July 7-9. Five teams signed up.

Minor Bantam ICBA team will host the OBA B on LDW.

OBA Sites LDW (*= not yet approved)

Minor Rookie

A-Peterborough

B- N/A

Major Rookie

Tecumseh

Chatham

Minor Mosquito

North London

Northumberland

Major Mosquito

A-Niagara

B-Welland

Minor Peewee

London West

Halton Hills

Major Peewee

Richmond Hill

Leamington

Minor Bantam

A-N/A

B-Stratford

Major Bantam

Vaughn*

Leamington

Midget (Aug 25)

AA-Brantford

A-Mississauga SW

B-Leamington*

Junior (Aug 18)

Chatham

Port Lambton

N/A

Coach Clinics – each head coach given grid of who needs what for clinics for 2017 season.

If any discrepancies please have that coach send Dave Graff a copy from NCCP showing completed clinics. All clinics required for each coach must be completed by July 31 2017 or that coach will not be allowed on the bench for the remainder of the season.

ICBA coaches meeting will be either Wed April 26 or Thurs April 27 at North Park Collegiate in Brantford at 7pm. Mandatory attendance. Head Coach to send an assistant if they cannot attend.

ICBA Tier 1 – Major Rookie, Minor Peewee, Minor Bantam, Major Bantam, Midget

ICBA Tier 2 – Minor and Major Mosquito, Major Peewee, Midget

July 14-16 Blackout weekend for any tournaments or league makeup games. All coaches, players and parent groups will be expected to volunteer in different capacities at the SMBA slo-pitch fund raiser tournament. This typically generates a large financial gain for SMBA and allows us to keep fees reasonable year after year.

Park Upkeep – Please do the following after each home game and practice;

- rake the infield and level off mound (where applicable)
- put bases away
- clean up any excess garbage on benches or on premises

Stratford Minor Baseball Rep Teams Preferred Home Nights 2017

Minor Rookie		Monday	Optimist Park
Major Rookie	Tier 1	Thursday	Optimist Park
Minor Mosquito	Tier 2	Wednesday	Optimist Park
Major Mosquito	Tier 2	Tuesday	Dufferin Park
Minor Peewee	Tier 1	Wednesday	Dufferin Park
Major Peewee	Tier 2	Thursday	Dufferin Park
Minor Bantam	Tier 1	Wednesday	SERC Hardball
Minor Bantam 2		Tuesday	SERC Hardball
Major Bantam	Tier 1	Sunday	National Stadium
Midget	Tier 1	Wednesday	National Stadium
Midget	Tier 2	Thursday	National Stadium
Junior		Tuesday/Friday	National Stadium

NEW - Coaches Liaison

Mud Grasby – text or call only. 519-301-6482

Roles:

- Mentoring
- Parent Issues/Team Issues – end solver with team/executive involvement

Each team to designate a parent rep – the expectation for any complaint is for the parent to abide by the 24 hour rule and then present their complaint to the parent rep.

WEBSITE:

- Each team has own page. Coaches already have access
 - o Can designate a parent, just email Jeff for access
- Initial schedules will be entered by Jeff – please send them to him ASAP
- Schedule changes/exhibition games scheduled by team
- No pictures of kids unless you have the parents' permission
- Scheduling Free Diamond Time – Unused Field Bookings. Will send out details.
- “coaches corner”