



## **Kelowna Minor Baseball Association**

### **All-Star Selection Guidelines**

#### **Coaches**

Head coaches must apply in writing by April 30, on the form included in the coaches' binder. Please include a copy of your NCCP certification passport to verify eligibility. The selection committee will review applications, interview where necessary, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors, who will appoint head coaches by June 1, where possible. Once appointed, head coaches may nominate qualified assistant coaches to the Vice-President (Baseball), who will make final approvals of the coaching staffs.

#### **Players**

Playing summer baseball is a large commitment of time and money for families. Teams are usually playing most weekends between the end of June and early August, and usually practice at least twice during the week. Kelowna Minor Baseball all-star teams will carry at least twelve players on their roster. Tryouts for all-star teams are open to all interested players, and should begin after the Victoria Day long weekend. At least three practices should be held before selections begin. The head coach, in making selections, needs to ensure that those helping in the process do not have children trying out, or have children who unquestionably will make the team (in top five or six selections). Where the head coach wants an assistant whose child is not in the top twelve players, the team should carry a thirteenth player so none of the top twelve are cut to allow for the coach's child to play. Selection criteria should be clearly outlined at the beginning of the process, and should include baseball skills, work ethic, coachability and attitude. Ultimately it is the head coach's responsibility to use his/her judgement to choose the players who best fit the needs of the team. Appeals from parents re all-star selection process will be handled by the Vice-President (Baseball). Where possible, final team selections should be completed by June 20 to enable parents to make arrangements for travel and accommodations for early summer tournaments.

#### **Costs**

Parents should be aware that there are significant costs related to all-star play that are not part of house league. An all-star registration fee is required from each player to cover costs of participation in zone and provincial playoffs, umpires, field rentals, equipment, etc. Those fees are as follows:

Mosquito -- \$60

Pee Wee -- \$70

Bantam -- \$75

Midget -- \$80

In addition, teams often attend out of town games and tournaments, and there are costs related to food, travel and accommodations that must be borne by parents. Uniforms are provided, and kids keep the K hats they are given. However, socks (black and/or red) must be purchased, at about \$6.50 a pair. Sometimes teams decide to purchase special clothing or equipment (undershirts, jackets, bags, etc.)