



Sherwood Park Minor Baseball Association

Diamond Allocation/Scheduling Guidelines



Following are the guidelines that will be used for the allocation of Diamond facilities for Sherwood Park Minor Baseball (SPMBA)

- 1) **Authority:** SPMBA is the primary contact for allocation of all baseball facilities in Sherwood Park. RPC will defer all allocation of baseball diamonds to SPMBA for allocation. This allocation will be done in accordance with the current Strathcona County Field Allocation Policy and SPMBA Diamond Allocation Guidelines.

Under the direction of the Facilities Director, the SPMBA Office will be the allocator of fields and batting cages based on these guidelines. Only the Facilities Director or their designate (Office Staff) can book diamonds/batting cages/indoor facilities for use by SPMBA and its teams. All SPMBA teams will use the facilities allocated to them and will not move or relocate any games/practices without express permission of Facilities Director or their designate.

- 2) **Process:** Diamond allocation is done at 3 major times of the season.
 - a. Start of season for initial schedules/practice requests, (Completed by May 1st)
 - b. After 1st of Month Competitive Scheduling
 - c. Practices (Both initial requests and ongoing seasonal requests)
 - d. Ongoing season requests

The initial schedule and practices will be plotted for the start of the season. Each team should have one designate to deal with facilities requests. Any game or practice requests should be sent to diamonds@spmba.ca for allocation. Please allow 48 hours for email requests. Any changes required within 48 hours should be a phone call to the office. Once requests are approved, confirmation will be sent to the respective individual/team that made the request as well as any other teams affected.

Note: For the initial practice schedule, the coaches for each team at each level should get together and draw up a shared practice schedule. It should show dates and times of requests for each team. The allocator will then assign diamonds to each request. For practices not scheduled in advance, practices will be assigned to level of diamond by time of request (first come first serve).

Any issues or disputes that arise from allocations will have the final review and decisions made by the Facilities Director.

- 3) **Hierarchy of assignment:** Assignment will be base on the following:
 - a. Type of Request
 - Special events
 - Games
 - Practices
 - b. Level of Play
 - AAA
 - AA
 - A/House League
 - c. Facility available
 - the best field at the playing level would be designated "Primary Game Diamond"
 - the next best field at the playing level would be designated "Alternate Game Diamond"



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- the next best field at the playing level would be designated “Alternate Game/Practice Diamond”
Note: Minor Sports take precedence over Adult Sports (some exceptions do apply)

Summary: As we have been discussing, the following decision process would be the foundation of the Allocation decision Process. That is, games come before practices with the highest level of play being given the top diamonds. In the event that there is a conflict, then the level of play would dictate who got what diamond. The facilities would be allocated based on Primary Game diamond first, Alternate Game diamond second and Practice diamond third.

Minor vs. Adult: On the issue of Minor sport vs. Adult sport, the county’s allocation policy of minor sports before adult sports will be followed but it would be the intention to “Share” on as fair a basis as possible the primary game diamonds.

Sherwood Park Athletics’ Senior AAA: Based on the following points:

- The team has returned to play their home games in Sherwood Park
- The team has the desire to re-establish a relationship with SPMBA
- Almost all the teams home games are played on weekday evenings
- The visiting teams are from out of town where travel is significant and later in the day
- Due to the above, these games almost always require lights

Discussions and the points above have led to an agreement between SPMBA and The Sr. Team that they will play their home games exclusively at CP9 and will take precedence over our minor teams. Every effort will be taken at the beginning of the season to eliminate or minimize any potential conflict.

Exceptions: Periodically, there will be circumstances that will force allocation contrary to these guidelines. It should be understood that this will be done after thought and with the intent to do what is best for SPMBA and its members. (Example: Midget AA hosting for the weekend, Midget AAA playing a double header. Midget AA would play on CP9, Midget AAA at SAP4).

Baseball Facilities will generally be assigned on the following basis: (Closures/Other Uses Excepted)

- Midget would be as follows: (90’ Diamond)
 - CP#9 – Primary Game Diamond
 - SAP #4 – Alternate Game / Practice
 - Ardrossan – Only if Booked and Confirmed
- Bantam would be as follows: (80’ Diamond)
 - CP#5 – Primary Game Diamond
 - Emerald Hills – Alternate Game Diamond
 - DC#1 – Alternate Game / Practice Diamond
- Peeewe would be as follows: (60’ Diamond)
 - SH#2 – Primary Game Diamond
 - SH#1 – Alternate Game Diamond
 - Emerald Hills – Alternate Game Diamond
 - SAL#1 – Alternate Game/Practice Diamond
- Mosquito would be as follows: (60’ Diamond)
 - SH#4 – Primary Game Diamond
 - SH#3 – Alternate Game Diamond
 - SH#5 – Alternate Game Diamond
 - SAL#1 – Alternate Game/Practice Diamond



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- CB#1 – Alternate Game/Practice Diamond