

### St James Minor Baseball Commitment Expectations - "A" VS "AA"

	when playing in <b>A Leagues</b>	when playing in <b>AA Leagues</b>	Initial
<b>Primary Focus</b>	Work Hard and Have Fun playing Baseball. Emphasis on teaching Basic Baseball Skills. Less emphasis on competition	Dedicated players Have Fun and Work Harder. Further develop Baseball Skills and Strategies. More competitive	
<b>Family Commitment Summary</b>	Baseball about 3 times per week; maybe 4 occasionally. 11U and 13U will finish their season by end of June. 15U and 18U will play through first week of July	Baseball 4-5 times per week until middle first week of July for all teams, and until middle of July for those teams that qualify for the provincial championship tournament.	
General Expectations	Attend games and practices. Notify coach in advance of any absences.	Baseball is a high priority for players and their families. Players will attend all games and practices. Absences should be rare and may affect playing time. <b>Families must commit to baseball through middle of July</b>	
Games and Practices	2 games per week; plus usually 1 practice per week	2-3 games per week; plus 1-3 practices per week	
Regular Season Travel	11U and 13U - all games within St. James / North Winnipeg 15U and 18U - games occur city-wide	11U - 18U - games occur city-wide	
Tournaments	None or few; optional; usually in or near Winnipeg.  Expect less than \$200 in total costs to participate in and drive to optional tournaments.	Often 2-3; all players expected to participate.  Tournaments might involve travel as far away as North Dakota, Minnesota or Saskatchewan. Can be quite costly, depending on level of team success, and number and distance of tournaments entered. Could add as much as \$1000 to the family's cost of participating in baseball.	
Playoffs	11U and 13U - league championships end of June 11U, 13U - 2 teams per league will play in Cities end of June 15U - top 10 teams in league play in Cities first week of July 18U - top 5 teams in league play in Cities first week of July No Provincial championships	11U - 18U City playoffs first week of July  If team qualifies, Provincial Championships may be held anywhere in Manitoba.	
Western Canada Championships	None	Yes, for 13U to 18U Manitoba Provincial champions and runner-ups. Can be held anywhere in BC, Alberta Saskatchewan, or Manitoba.	

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<b>Game Play</b> Playing Time	All players get equal playing time.	Fair playing time during regular season. Stronger players get more time during playoffs.	
Typical Roster Sizes	11U and 13U rosters usually have 12-13 players. 15U rosters usually have 14-15 players. 18U rosters usually have 15-16 players.	11U and 13U rosters usually have 12-13 players. 15U and 18U rosters usually have 13-14 players.	
Position Play	11U and 13U all players learn almost all positions.  15U and 18U players express preferences, usually play several positions throughout season.	Regular season, 11U and 13U players learn almost all positions. Usually play 2-3 positions during playoffs.  15U and 18U players express preferences, usually play several positions during regular season. Often play 1-2 positions during playoffs.	
Batting Rotation	Everybody bats in a continuous batting order	11U to 15U - everybody bats in a continuous batting order  18U - only the 9 fielding players bat	
Field Substitution	Unlimited substitutions except for the pitcher	11U to 15U - unlimited substitutions except for the pitcher  18U - re-entry rules in effect	
Coach Qualifications	Often parent coaches with limited experience. At least one coach per team should have Initiation Coach Trained certification.  for 11U only - at least one coach per team must have My First Pitch certification.	Usually experienced parent coaches. All coaches should have Initiation Coach Trained certification, and at least one coach per team often will have or be working toward Provincial Coach certification. for 11U only - at least one coach per team must have My First Pitch certification.	

**Players and Parents Interested in participating in AA baseball for this year, please sign below:**

I understand the commitment required to play AA Baseball for St James and agree to make our AA teams games and practices very high priority for myself and for our family throughout the baseball season. We have read, agree with, and will abide by the AA expectations as described in this chart.

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Player Name (please print)

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Parent Name (please print)

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Player Signature

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