



2018

ANNUAL REPORT

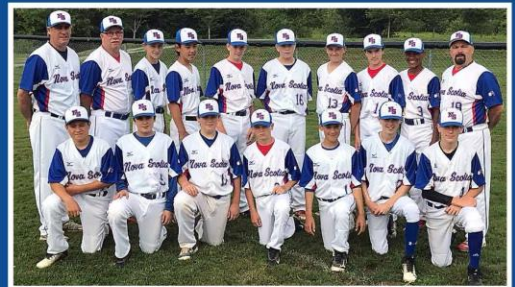


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1. Message from the President – Andrew Downs

Pablo Picasso, a famous painter was quoted as saying, “Action is the foundational key to all success.

From the first annual “Hot Stove” session last fall, there were a lot of suggestions, wants and needs of the membership that the organization needed to review and act upon.

As the leader of this organization, it was my passion and commitment to address and where practical deliver programs and events that the membership wanted. Through focus groups, sub committees, hard work and dedication from the Staff, Executive and Board of Directors we been successful in living up to what was promised in my 2017 Presidential report:

- ✓ Recreational baseball:
 - More opportunities for Rally Cap, My First Pitch and other core programming across the province
- ✓ Provincial Championships:
 - Introduction of Tiered Provincials
- ✓ Bluenose League
 - Addressing long standing concerns and issues around cancellations with measures to
- ✓ Increase coaching education opportunities
 - Increased NCCP training, with free Initiation and Teaching & Learning courses
 - Hitting Instruction Camps (Darren Doucette)
 - Recreational Coaching Education sessions
- ✓ Creating Opportunities for girls in baseball
 - 2- 16U Provincial teams
 - Coaching and leadership opportunities for graduating players of the program to give back
- ✓ Umpire Training / Development
 - Hosted a Caravan (Train the Trainer)
 - Grassroots umpire evaluations increased
 - Development opportunities for National level umpires

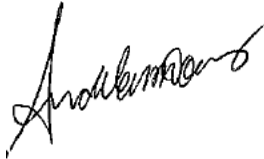
Organizationally, we moved the dial in the right direction. With success, came some challenges and areas to improve upon for the 2019 season.

I would like to congratulate Halifax 13U AAA on winning the Bronze Medal at the 13U National Atlantic Championship, 17U Boys Provincial Team on winning a Bronze Medal at Nationals, 16U Girls White team for winning a Silver Medal at Nationals, and our 21U Girls team on repeating as national Bronze Medal winners.

Heading into the offseason, BNS will be having a Strategic Planning Weekend to develop a plan to guide us for the next 5 years. We will be addressing such items defining our mission vision and values, Participation, Coaching / Officials and Excellence / High Performance. This will be a big piece of the future of the organization and will also position the organization to be eligible for grants and funding going forward.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Executive and Board of Directors. A personal thank you to out going VP-Operations Ken Linehan. Ken your common-sense approach, dedication and commitment to the organization has been second to none. You will be missed.

Enjoy your offseason!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Downs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial "A".

Andrew Downs
President, Baseball Nova Scotia

2. Finance

2.1 Income Statement

Baseball Nova Scotia Comparative Income Statement

	Budget 2018-04-01 to 2019-03-31	Actual 2018-04-01 to 2018-10-22	Difference
REVENUE			
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Membership Fees	175,000.00	158,720.00	16,280.00
Provincial Championship Fees	23,000.00	24,300.00	-1,300.00
Bluenose League Fees	17,700.00	17,850.00	-150.00
REGISTRATION TOTAL	215,700.00	200,870.00	14,830.00
NCCP Clinic Registration	9,000.00	4,654.00	4,346.00
Participation Development Grant	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Block Funding Grant	42,500.00	42,500.00	0.00
Canada Games Grant	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Non-Canada Games Grant	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Provincial Coach Grant	35,000.00	17,500.02	17,499.98
TOTAL PROVINCIAL GRANTS	122,500.00	90,000.02	32,499.98
Student Employment Grant	9,616.50	9,616.50	0.00
Rally Cap Hats	2,000.00	1,682.00	318.00
Awards Banquet	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
Fines/Appeals	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	4,000.00	2,418.49	1,581.51
Interest Revenue	26.00	455.70	-429.70
TOTAL REVENUE	364,642.50	309,696.71	54,945.79
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EXPENSE			
PAYROLL			
Payroll	155,500.00	89,583.44	65,916.56
MERC Expense	10,000.00	6,249.30	3,750.70
RRSP Expense	6,600.00	3,380.59	3,219.41
Payroll Expense	100.00	275.55	-175.55
TOTAL PAYROLL	172,200.00	99,488.88	72,711.12
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE...			
Interest and Bank Charges	400.00	396.95	3.05
Baseball Canada Membership	13,100.00	13,100.00	0.00
Baseball Atlantic Membership	500.00	500.00	0.00
Sport Nova Scotia Membership	345.00	345.00	0.00
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	13,945.00	13,945.00	0.00
Office Travel	500.00	289.85	210.15
Baseball Canada Meetings - Staff	3,500.00	1,571.05	1,928.95
Professional Development	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Rent & Storage	3,500.00	2,296.16	1,203.84
Cell Phones	3,500.00	2,866.25	633.75
Printing	650.00	1,208.11	-558.11
Office Equipment	1,800.00	1,663.19	136.81
Parking	4,400.00	1,897.50	2,502.50
Network & Internet	1,500.00	1,593.53	-93.53
Mailing & Shipping	1,000.00	362.91	637.09
Licences and Fees	50.00	31.15	18.85
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSE	23,400.00	13,779.70	9,620.30
Provincial Medals	5,000.00	5,590.66	-590.66
Provincial Banners	1,000.00	774.70	225.30
Provincial Hosting Stipends	15,000.00	12,950.00	2,050.00
TOTAL PROVINCIAL CHAMPIO...	21,000.00	19,315.36	1,684.64
Board Meetings	3,000.00	763.01	2,236.99
Baseball Canada Meetings - Bo...	2,000.00	109.00	1,891.00
Regional Meetings	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Standing Committee Expense	1,500.00	337.42	1,162.58
TOTAL BOARD EXPENSE	8,000.00	1,209.43	6,790.57
Nationals Hosting Stipend	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00

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Atlantics Hosting Stipend		500.00		500.00	0.00
Awards Banquet		12,500.00		200.00	12,300.00
NCCP Facilitator	6,500.00		9,298.95		-2,798.95
NCCP Materials	500.00		372.10		127.90
NCCP Facility Rental	500.00		338.10		161.90
TOTAL NCCP CLINIC EXPENSE		7,500.00		10,009.15	-2,509.15
Insurance		14,920.00		14,920.00	0.00
17U Provincial Team	5,000.00		5,000.00		0.00
15U Provincial Team	5,000.00		5,000.00		0.00
16U Girls Provincial Team	7,500.00		7,500.00		0.00
21U Girls Provincial Team	7,500.00		7,500.00		0.00
13U Provincial Team	4,000.00		4,000.00		0.00
14U Girls Provincial Team	1,000.00		1,236.50		-236.50
Provincial Team Jerseys	10,000.00		10,812.47		-812.47
TOTAL PROVINIAL TEAM EX...		40,000.00		41,048.97	-1,048.97
Rally Cap	3,000.00		6,205.31		-3,205.31
My First Pitch	1,000.00		0.00		1,000.00
Challenger	2,000.00		1,493.52		506.48
Girls Grassroots	3,000.00		617.18		2,382.82
Winterball	4,000.00		1,989.97		2,010.03
Recreational Baseball	2,000.00		4,154.89		-2,154.89
Player Camps	0.00		0.00		0.00
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT PROG...		15,000.00		14,460.87	539.13
Umpires Rulebooks		700.00		0.00	700.00
Umpires Development		10,000.00		10,075.00	-75.00
Website & Database		3,700.00		3,607.80	92.20
Atlantic Travel Stipend	3,500.00		3,500.00		0.00
National Travel Stipend	3,000.00		1,000.00		2,000.00
TOTAL CLUB TRAVEL EXPENSE		6,500.00		4,500.00	2,000.00
Provincial Coach NCCP & PD	1,500.00		2,827.20		-1,327.20
Club Coach PD	500.00		0.00		500.00
TOTAL COACH DEVELOPMENT		2,000.00		2,827.20	-827.20
Bluenose League Fields	200.00		0.00		200.00
Bluenose League Medals	2,000.00		997.62		1,002.38
TOTAL BLUENOSE LEAGUE E...		2,200.00		997.62	1,202.38
Marketing Initiative		1,000.00		1,769.26	-769.26
Legal Fees		5,676.50		4,681.26	995.24
Miscellaneous Expense		1,000.00		4,807.66	-3,807.66
TOTAL GENERAL & ADMIN EX...		192,441.50		165,551.23	26,890.27
TOTAL EXPENSE		364,641.50		265,040.11	99,601.39

2.2 Balance Sheet

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Investment GIC	57,364.46
Scotiabank Chequeing	0.00
Scotiabank Operating	109,944.51
Payroll Bank	21,645.22
Accounts Receivable	1,220.48
Prepaid Expenses	0.00

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>190,174.67</u>
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LIABILITY

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	0.00
Payroll Payable	3,331.86
EI Payable	0.00
CPP Payable	0.00
Income Tax Payable	0.00
Visa 1016	0.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>3,331.86</u>
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EQUITY

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Retained Earnings	142,186.21
Current Earnings	44,656.60

TOTAL EQUITY	<u>186,842.81</u>
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u><u>190,174.67</u></u>
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2.3 Independent Audit Report

Dear BNS Membership:

A request was made by the Membership at last year's BNS Annual General Meeting (AGM) to conduct an audit of their Financial Statements and other corresponding source documents (i.e. bank statements, bank reconciliations, etc). While in attendance at last year's BNS AGM, I volunteered to conduct (participate) in the audit and thus I have completed the audit of Fiscal 2018 (April 1st, 2017 to March 31st, 2018).

I completed the below noted audit items on Wednesday October 10th. In attendance of my audit was Chris Lurette (BNS-Operations Coordinator) and Holly LaPierre (BNS-Vice-President of Finance):

- (a) Reviewed the 12 monthly bank statements and audited all individual withdrawals/debits over \$2,500 and all deposits/credits over \$5,000 to the supporting documentation.
- (b) Reviewed the 12 monthly bank reconciliations to ensure the balance as per bank statement reconciled to the balance as per General Ledger (GL).
- (c) Reviewed the 12 monthly Financial Statements (Balance Sheet and Income Statements):
 - For The Balance Sheet, I ensured the Assets reconciled to the Liabilities & Equity. Further, I ensured the Bank balance as per the GL on the bank reconciliation reconciled to the Bank balance in the Assets section of the Balance Sheet.
 - For the Income Statement, I ensured the monthly profit/loss reconciled to the Current Equity section of the Balance Sheet.

During my audit, the Financial Books of BNS appear to be in good standing and thus I had no concerns of accuracy.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Brian J. Lamb
Bachelor of Commerce, Major in Accounting
Saint Mary's University

3. Coaching

2018 was another busy year for the NCCP. In an effort to boost the number of trained coaches around the province, the Initiation and Teaching & Learning courses were free to all BNS members. This resulted in a 64 % increase in coaches completing their Online Initiation training (137 in 2017 and 215 in 2018). This initiative increased participation in NCCP clinics around the province. We also saw a large increase in certified coaches, with 13 newly certified coaches (vs only 6 newly Certified in 2017). Overall, 43 NCCP clinics were attended by 483 participants in 2018. Please see below for a comprehensive breakdown of NCCP clinics around Nova Scotia (clinic attendance in brackets)

Region	Location	Initiation	Teaching & Learning	Absolutes	Planning	Stratigies	Pitching & Catching
Metro							
	Sackville	1(24) 2(7)	1(24) 2(14)	1(14)	1(18) 2(22)	1(10) 2(5)	1(11) 2(7)
	Dartmouth	1(12)	1(12)				
	Hammonds Plains	1(17)	1(17)				
	Halifax			1(12)			
	LWF			1(11)			
		Total: 4(60)	Total: 4(67)	Total: 3(37)	Total: 2(40)	Total: 2(15)	Total: 2(18)
Cape Breton							
	Port Hawkesbury	1(11)	1(11)		1(3)		
	New Waterford	1(21)	1(21)	1(5)			
		Total: 2(32)	Total: 2(32)	Total: 1(5)	Total: 1(3)	Total: N/A	Total: N/A
Northern							
	Westville	1(11)	1(11)	1(6)	1(5)		
	Stewiacke	1(18)	1(18)				
	Amherst	1(6)	1(6)	1(7)	1(7)		
		Total: 3(35)	Total: 3(35)	Total: 1(7)	Total: 1(7)	Total: N/A	Total: N/A
Southern							
	Yarmouth			1(4)	1(10)		
	Weymouth	1(12)	1(12)	1(3)			
	Kentville	1(7)	1(7)	1(11)	1(6)		
	Lunenburg	1(9)	1(9)				1(1)
		Total: 3(28)	Total: 3(28)	Total: 3(18)	Total: 2(16)	Total: N/A	Total: 1(1)
	Grand Totals	12 - (155)	12 - (162)	8 - (67)	6 - (66)	2 - (15)	3 - (18)

For the first time, Recreational Coaching Education sessions were offered to all member coaches of BNS. These sessions provided relevant, on-field training with BNS Technical Director, Cory Boutilier. In November, 2017, a survey was sent to all associations. Nine topics were offered, with respondents ranking their top five choices. Thirty respondents chose Practice: How to Make the Most of Your Time, and Keeping Athletes Engaged (first choice in 46%), and Pitchers and Catchers Practice: Developing the Two Most Active Positions in the Game (first choice in 27%). Coaches who attended received training material developed by BNS. Sessions were held in the following towns:

Region	Location	Date/Time	# Participants
Southern	Berwick	June 13th, 6-8pm	16
Northern	Oxford	June 18th, 6-8pm	6
Northern	Westville	June 20th, 6-8pm	4
Northern	Truro	June 22nd, 6-8pm	9
Metro South	Halifax	June 24th, 6-8pm	6
Southern	North Kings	June 25th, 6-8pm	14
Southern	Bridgewater	June 27th, 6-8pm	5
Northern	Antigonish	July 2nd, 6-8pm	3
Metro South	Prospect	July 4th, 6-8pm	4
Metro North	Hammonds Plains	July 5th, 6-8pm	8
Metro North	Lower Sackville	July 15th, 9-11am	5
Cape Breton	Sydney	July 16th, 6-8pm	0
Cape Breton	New Waterford	July 17th, 6-8pm	8
Cape Breton	St. Peters	July 18, 6-8pm	4
Cape Breton	Port Hood	July 19th, 6-9pm	6

Former professional player, and current BNS 15U coach, Darren Doucette, also traveled the province offering free Hitting clinics for coaches. Darren visited Kingston, Yarmouth, Lunenburg, Sydney, Port Hawkesbury, and Lower Sackville.

Baseball Nova Scotia will continue to make coaching education a number one priority through further enhancement of the NCCP program and providing professional development opportunities. A recent Sport Nova Scotia report ranked BNS as a top 5 sport in the province for coaching development and education. As this is something to be proud of, BNS will continue to strive for improved coaching education opportunities in all regions of the province.

Ken Lenihan
VP of Operations

4. Officials – Supervisor of Umpires, Blaine Gallant

BNSUD continued to see it's membership grow in 2018. Please see below for a full report on this year's activities.

Level	2018	2017	% increase (decrease)
Level 1	402	312	28.8%
Level 2	72	54	33.3%
Level 3	51	58	-12.9%
Level 4	16	16	0%
Level 5	2	2	0%
TOTAL	543	442	22.8%

Strengths/Successes

1. BNSUD began a pilot program with funding from BNS for umpire development in 2016. Initially, this was targeting new umpires (free registrations in the rural areas and new organizations for up to 60 umpires in total. Since 2016, we increased our number of umpires from 311 in 2015 to 543 this year. Beginning in 2019, we will decrease the number of free registrations and turn to using this money more for development.

2. We began a program in 2017 of using selected tournaments and leagues to run 3 umpires for the cost of two. We continued this in 2018. During these games, the base umpires switch halfway through, so they work both 1st and 3rd. When doing evaluations during these games, the evaluators will often go on the field between innings to give immediate feedback. We have found this has improved the performance overall. This was aimed at training for Nationals, for level four and umpires interested in attaining their level four. At the time we started this, we were in dire need for umpires who could work at the Major Level events. We have seen an immediate improvement at the Nationals.

Up to 2016, our umpire performances at the Nationals were mixed at best and our umpires were not progressing despite attending multiple events. In 2017 all umpires maintained or increased their rating. In 2018, we sent nine all but two increased their rating. Of the nine, five of them worked one of the four "big" plates (Semi, Bronze/Gold) at their events. We had only one of these in the past four years combined. We now have 3 recommended for Senior (in 2016, we only had 2 at a Major rating at all with Jody and Andrew gone). More importantly, we have many young umpires who now have either a Major or Cup rating. I am hopeful that this will see us have seven or eight with a Major rating and five of those at a Senior level. This will allow me to move more of those younger umpires up the ladder, shifting the focus of the older umpires to the Supervisory side of things.

3. During 2016, BNSUD also began to use more money aimed at doing more evaluations. In 2016, this was aimed at primarily level 3 and 4 umpires. In 2017, we began to include the Level 2 umpires. During the first two years, this was a pilot to see what worked, what didn't and how we could roll out a Provincial program aimed at all levels. In 2018, we planned to roll out a huge program which for the first time, was to prioritize our level one umpires. We used a simplified

report and trained about 30 Level 3 and 4 umpires to do these. Basically, the evaluator would watch about half a game. They would actively give feedback between innings and sometimes even shadow the umpires in real time during the action (for example, be directly beside the umpire in P3, P4 etc.). This approach achieved a few things. First, the umpires got immediate feedback and were able to fix errors or improve what they are doing well. Two other things this did was the following. As the evaluators were in uniform, everyone at the field knew there was a “senior” official there. This was met with a great deal of positive remarks. It also allowed the umpires to umpire and learn in a safe environment. It also allowed the evaluators to work with the coaches on their behavior. Overall, this was a huge success. We also hoped to make this part of our Level 4 umpire program. This was part of them giving back to the younger umpires.

Here are the numbers of umpires and money we spent over the past three years.

2016 – 33 evaluations done – all level 3 and 4 – Cost \$1600

2017 – 62 evaluations done – Level 2/3/4 – Cost \$2290

2018 - 123 Level 1, 31 level 2, 22 level 3, 25 level 4 – Cost \$ 5066

As you can tell, we have increased our supervision tremendously. What has made this a real success is to simplify the Level one evaluation and encourage these being interactive. Of course, this was possible as we had money now to do this. Without the initial infusion of cash from BNS to start this program, this doesn't grow. Success breeds success. We hope our efforts will increase our retention of umpires in 2019.

The lessons we learned this year were the following.

1. Our most successful evaluators at the entry levels were “retired” umpires who wanted to stay involved. I will be seeking out more of these people next year. Once trained, they did a tremendous job. Also, they can get out every night, so they are reliable.
 2. We need to set up our expectations for our Level 4 umpires at the beginning of the year. These umpires are very busy officiating games. However, if we make it part of the program, then we will be more successful in getting more umpires seen.
 3. With the Caravan, we have more umpires working toward their Senior CC level. These guys evaluated at our Elimination events and at the Girls Nationals with me. This will help us to better evaluate those at levels 2 and 3 in future years.
4. Female Umpires –the majority of free registrations were used to grow this number. In 2017, we had 13. In 2018, we had 37! Lisa Turbitt was brought in to run a female only clinic and we will continue this in the future. If money allows, we will bring Lisa back every few years to help with this. At the Girls Nationals this year, we had 5 females umpiring (one from PEI). We also had an all female crew work the “primetime” opening game on the first day of the event.
5. Caravan – We ran our first caravan in the Atlantic provinces since 2012. We did not get as many from our own province (only 3), but overall it was very successful. We are already budgeting to put on another in 2021.
6. Supervisors – Blaine Gallant achieved Senior status, while two others attained Novice status and one Junior status. Two of these worked as assistants at the 18U and 21 U Eliminations as well at the 16U Girls Nationals. The other is focusing on our younger umpires. We hope that we will have two of them working toward Senior status in the next few years.

Weaknesses/Setbacks

1. Bulk of our Senior / higher level umpires are still in the Halifax area. The rural areas are underserved. This continues to be an issue. We are working hard to identify guys in our rural areas. We are hopeful that our enhanced evaluation program will identify more strong umpires in the rural areas.
2. The bulk of our Level 1 and 2 umpires are kids under 18. Most also play. This makes it difficult to fill many games, despite what seem like robust numbers. Next year, we are going to try to market umpiring to more adults, to get them involved. Some more 40 year old rookie umpires would be great!

Opportunities/Needs/Support Required

1. Continue to improve our evaluators and instructors. Similar to the Baseball Ontario refresher, we are hoping to do something similar over the winter. This would be a combination of learning the basics of teaching, as well as evaluations for lower level umpires.
- 2 Run a separate Level 4 clinic. We have in the past incorporated this as part of our Super Clinic. We are planning to run a separate one day Level 4 in 2019. This will allow us to focus more intensely on issues and concepts that umpires at this level should be able to attain.
3. Retention. As noted earlier, our focus is now retention, not recruitment

Thank you, and have a great winter!

Blaine Gallant
Supervisor of Umpires

5. Girls Baseball – VP of Girls Baseball, Mike Crawford

Baseball Nova Scotia continued to make strides in growing opportunities for female participants. Creating environments for females to excel as athletes, coaches, and officials continues to be a key focus across the province. Below is a snapshot of 2018's highlights:

Regional Numbers

	Metro North	Metro South	Southern	Northern	Cape Breton	Total
2018	306	79	279	231	129	1024
2017	316	97	257	271	114	1055

Development Events:

- Girls Come Try Baseball Winter clinics were held in Louisdale, Port Hawkesbury, Antigonish, Amherst, Springhill, Kentville, Digby, and Yarmouth. 75 girls attended across the camps!
- An 8 week development camp was held in Prospect in February and March for girls aged 10-14
- 12U Girls Weekend in Halifax saw 36 girls take part in a day long jamboree with training and games. Coaches and officials were female as well.
- For the first time, a 14U Girls Bedford Days tournament took place. The event featured two Nova Scotia teams, and a team from Newfoundland
- Partnership developed with Nova Scotia Girls Baseball, bringing a summer program to girls aged 4-12. Over 140 girls registered for the program

High Performance

- For the first time, two 16U female only teams participated in the Bluenose League (15U AA/A).
- Both 16U teams competed at the 16U Nationals in Bedford (Team White captured the Silver Medal, the first in program history!)
- Two Nova Scotia teams went to the 14U Atlantics in Newfoundland. Team White captured the Gold Medal, while Team Blue finished 4th)
- 21U Women captured Bronze in Stonewall, Manitoba for the second straight year

Coaching

	Metro North	Metro South	Southern	Northern	Cape Breton	Total
Female Coaches	35	9	13	44	8	109

- Team Blue at the 16U Nationals featured a female coaching for the first time in the event's history. Jenna Jackson, Carly Jackson, and Jill Stymest became the first Competition Introduction Certified coaches in the Provinces history

Officials

- 35 female umpires were registered in 2018
 - # Level 1 - 30, Level 2 - 3, Level 3 - 2
 - 20 participated a in female only clinic with Lisa Turbitt
 - 4 officiated at the 16U National event

Mike Crawford
VP of Female Baseball

6. BNS Programs

6.1 DQ Rally Cap

Promotion of the DQ Rally Cap program as the appropriate introduction program to baseball continued in 2018. A study by Baseball Canada comparing Rally Cap to a traditional T-Ball game or practice earlier this year made the following conclusions:

	T-Ball	Rally Cap	Difference
Ball Touches	17	127	7.5X Ball Touches
Ball Hits	32	486	15X Balls Hit
Positions Occupied	17	48	3X Positions Occupied
Number of Steps	1198	2896	2.5X Steps

Being the third with Dairy Queen as the National sponsor, increased opportunities were presented to associations offering the program. Along with access to discounted hats, associations had access to FREE jerseys for it's Rally Cap program. Associations also had the option to request a Rally Cap session with our Technical Director.

Rally Cap sessions were held in the following locations:

Session	Region	Location	Date/Time	# Participants Registered
1	Northern	Oxford	June 18th / 6:00-8:00pm	22
2	Northern	Westville	June 20th / 6:00-8:00pm	34
3	Cape Breton	New Waterford	July 10th / 6:00-8:00pm	12
4	Cape Breton	Port Hawkesbury	July 12th / 4:00-6:00pm	7
5	Cape Breton	Port Hood	July 19th / 4:00-6:00pm	24

The following associations accessed Rally Cap material or programming in 2018.

Region	Association
Cape Breton	Cheticamp, Port Hood, New Waterford, Port Hawkesbury
Northern	Stellarton, Oxford, Westville
Southern	Digby, Liverpool, West Hants, Yarmouth
Metro North	Bedford, LWF, Hammonds Plains
Metro South	None

6.2 Winterball

2018 was another successful season for the Winterball program. The Winterball program is sponsored by Major League Baseball and provides elementary schools with the opportunity to have the BNS Technical Director run a day of gym classes. The school will then be left with approximately \$400 worth of gym-friendly baseball equipment and lesson plans for use in physical education classes.

2018 saw a focus in Cape Breton and Northern regions of the province, as well as several in the Metro area. 2019 will see a focus on the Southern Region's schools. Schools will be contacted in December, with sessions to take place in February and March.

If you have a school in your region that may be interested in hosting the program, please contact BNS Technical Director, Cory Boutilier.

Region	Town	School	Date	Local Association
Cape Breton	Eskasoni	Eskasoni Elementary and Middle School	April 9th, 2018	Sydney*
Cape Breton	Donkin	Donkin Elementary	April 10th, 2018	Glace Bay
Cape Breton	New Waterford	Greenfield Elementary	April 11th, 2018	New Waterford
Cape Breton	Sydney	Brookland Elementary	April 12th, 2018	Sydney
Cape Breton	Port Hood	Bayview Elementary	April 13th, 2018	Port Hood
North	River Hebert	River Hebert District School	April 16th, 2018	Amherst
North	Amherst	West Highlands Elementary	April 17th, 2018	Amherst
North	Oxford	Oxford Regional Education Centre	April 18th, 2018	Oxford
Metro South	Spryfield	Elizabeth Sutherland	May 28th, 2018	Halifax
Metro North	North Preston	Nelson Whynder	May 29th, 2018	Dartmouth
Metro North	East Preston	Bell Park	June 6th, 2018	Dartmouth

6.3 Challenger

Challenger Baseball is a program that provides an opportunity for children with cognitive and/or physical special needs to enjoy the full benefits of participating in organized baseball at a level structured to their abilities. Games are played in a fun and non-competitive environment where no score is kept. Buddies are assigned to each participant and assist players with their involvement in the game. Buddies create a safe environment and help participants with catching, throwing, batting and getting around the bases.

In 2018, nine communities provided Challenger Baseball programs in Nova Scotia – Annapolis Valley, Antigonish, East Hants, Glace Bay, Hammonds Plains, Inverness/Richmond, Pictou County, Sydney Mines and Truro. In total, 237 children with varying special needs and approximately 345 buddies participated. The players were both male and female and were between four and twenty-two years old. The ages of the buddies ranged from eight to seventy. All players were provided a uniform and played their games at the local baseball fields.

PROGRAM	PLAYERS	BUDDIES
ANNAPOLIS VALLEY	20	32
ANTIGONISH	34	66
EAST HANTS	19	16
GLACE BAY	10	10
HAMMONDS PLAINS	73	104
INVERNESS/RICHMOND	10	8
PICTOU COUNTY	33	70
SYDNEY MINES	8	8
TRURO	30	31
TOTAL	237	345

The development of the program was largely dependent on a group of volunteers committed to the continued development and improvement of baseball opportunities for children of all ages and abilities throughout Nova Scotia. A special thank you to all the community coordinators and buddies who made this year successful. Also, a special thank you to the Jays Care Foundation who provided programs with adaptive equipment kits, sustainable grants, shirts, hats and additional program support.

In May, Challenger Baseball leaders from Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, participated in the Jays Care Challenger Baseball Workshop in Sackville. The workshop was led by Jays Care Foundation team members, and participants had the opportunity to discuss best practices, engage in adapted activities and games and to share Challenger Baseball experiences and advice. A special thank you to the Toronto Blue Jays, Jays Care Foundation and Hammonds Plains Challenger Baseball players and families for making this weekend a success.

In early August, 55 children and 60 buddies/coordinators participated in the Toronto Blue Jays Challenger Baseball Game in Halifax. Lloyd Moseby, Duane Ward, Tanyon Sturtze, JP Arencibia, Jesse Barfield and Homer Bush were on hand to offer their support and encouragement. Thank

you to Baseball Nova Scotia and the Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Academy for their continued support with this event.

In August, 74 children and 80 buddies participated in the 5th Annual Nova Scotia Challenger Baseball Jamboree in Stellarton. Children from across the province had the opportunity to come together to participate in and celebrate Challenger Baseball. Our event was extra special this year as Challenger Baseball programs from Moncton, New Brunswick and Stratford, PEI also attended our Jamboree. The 2019 Nova Scotia Challenger Baseball Jamboree will tentatively take place in Antigonish.

Thank you to Baseball Nova Scotia, Challenger Baseball Canada and the Jays Care Foundation for their continued support of Challenger Baseball across Nova Scotia and Canada. For more information on our program, please visit www.nschallengerbaseball.com.

Challenge Perceptions. Challenge Barriers. Challenger Baseball.

Randy Crouse
Nova Scotia Challenger Baseball Coordinator

6.4 High Performance

Baseball Nova Scotia's High Performance programs had an historic year at the National Championships. Every BNS team finished with a record of .500 or better at every event and continue represent Nova Scotia with pride. See below for a program breakdown:

6.4.1 13U Boys

No.	Name	Hometown	Age
1	Brown, Xander	Beaverbank, NS	13
2	Trueman, Ashton	Middle Sackville, NS	13
3	Bonilla , Benito	Halifax, NS	13
4	King , Brett	Hantsport, NS	13
5	Crocker, Adam	Windsor, NS	13
6	Lohead, Lane	Alma, NS	13
8	Baker-Spaargaren, Ryland	Herring Cove, NS	12
9	MacDonald, Rory	Halifax, NS	12
10	Woodman, Adam	Windsor Junction, NS	13
11	Doucette, Mitchell	Dartmouth, NS	12
12	Verge, Austin	Brookside, NS	13
13	Brown, Mitchel	Brooklyn, NS	13
16	Boutilier , Brayden	Sackville, NS	13

Coaches

No.	Name	Position
15	Mason , Paul	Head Coach
18	MacDonald , Allan	Coach
19	Longaphy, Eddie	Coach
	MacDonald , Heather	Chef de mission

Season Highlights:

- 3-3 record at 13U National Championships in Woodstock, Ontario
- 4th place finish (highest finish since Provincial program began)

6.4.2 15U Boys

No.	Name	Hometown	Age
1	Cheeseman , Nolan	Upper Tantallon, NS	14
2	Riesgo, Camilo	Lower Sackville, NS	15
3	Fitzgerald, Ryan	Lucasville, NS	15
4	Hunt , Kyle	Hammonds Plains, NS	15
5	Trenholm, Ryan	Hammonds Plains, NS	15
6	Ford , Jacobie	Weymouth, NS	14
8	Rendell, Camden	Upper Tantallon, NS	14
9	Grabmann, Matthew	Dartmouth, NS	15
10	Song , Kiwean	Bedford, NS	15
11	MacLaren, Colton	Hubley, NS	15
12	Cowan, Shane	Fall River, NS	15
13	Doucette , Ty	Dartmouth, NS	14
14	George , Lane	Belnan, NS	14
16	Crowell, Nash	Yarmouth, NS	15
17	Hanrahan, Parker	Glace Bay, NS	15
18	Carruthers , Leighton	Upper Tantallon, NS	14

Coaches

No.	Name	Position
25	Doucette , Darren	Head Coach
7	Gaskell, Keegan	Coach
19	Tomlinson, Sean	Coach
	Cowan, Jeremy	Chef de mission

Season Highlights:

- 3-3 record at 15U National Championships in Oshawa, Ontario
- 7th place finish

6.4.3 17U Selects

No.	Name	Hometown	Age
2	McLaughlin, Duncan	Dartmouth, NS	16
3	White, Rory	Fall River, NS	16
5	Boutilier, Noah	Dartmouth, NS	16
8	Boutilier, Nathan	Dartmouth, NS	16
11	Murrin, Keagan	Sydney, NS	16
16	O'Toole, Evan	Bridgewater, NS	16
18	MacKenzie, Ayden	Antigonish, NS	17
19	MacKinnon, Jake	Mineville, NS	18
22	MacKinnon, Nathan	Dartmouth, NS	17
23	McDowell, Micah	Kentville, NS	17
24	Flaim, Matteo	Halifax, NS	17
27	Cuvilier, Layton	Hantsport, NS	16
29	Short, Michael	Fall River, NS	15
32	Ritchie, Chris	Cole Harbour, NS	17
34	Gravel, Nick	Fall River, NS	17
36	Haight, Jackson	Truro, NS	17
37	Mann, Timmy	Dartmouth, NS	16
39	McLellan, Ethan	Hants County, NS	15
42	Fraser, Cooper	St. Peter's, NS	16
49	Boudreau, Tyler	Bedford, NS	15

Coaches

No.	Name	Position
44	Richardson, Kevin	Head Coach
72	Parker, Todd	Head Coach
17	Hood, Larry	Coach
10	MacKinnon, Scott	Coach

Boudreau, Gareth Chef de mission

Season Highlights:

- 5-3 record at 17U Canada Cup in Moncton, New Brunswick
- 2-1 on final day, defeating Quebec in Quarterfinals, and New Brunswick in Bronze medal game
- First medal for 17U program at the Canada Cup since 1995
- Two players selected Canadian Junior National team camp (Evan O'Toole and Micah McDowell)
- Nine players selected to Team Atlantic for T12 Tournament in Toronto

6.4.4 16U Girls (White and Blue)

White

No.	Name	Hometown	Age
11	Crawford, Rachel	Upper Tantallon, NS	16
15	Maclean, Dylan	Fall River, NS	13
17	Slaunwhite, Madison	Spryfield, NS	15
18	White, Molly	Fall River, NS	14
19	MacAulay, Ellie	St Peters, NS	16
21	Bradbury, Emma	Hatchet Lake, NS	14
22	Norris, Allie	Hatchet Lake, NS	17
24	Laurette, Alyssa	Halifax, NS	16
25	MacFadyen, Emily	Hammonds Plains, NS	16
27	Gavel, Elizabeth	Weymouth, NS	15
29	Zinck, Jaelynn	Bridgewater, NS	15
32	Porter, Alaina	Springhill, NS	15

Coaches

No.	Name	Position
36	Guenette, Brandon	Head Coach
41	Langille, Chris	Coach
68	McCamon, Rob	Coach
	Boutilier, Cory	Chef de mission

Blue

No.	Name	Hometown	Age
1	Copeland, Leah	Fall River, NS	12
2	Galloway, Shona	Upper Tantallon, NS	12
3	MacFadyen, Elle	Hammonds Plains, NS	12
4	Hagen, Krissie	Dartmouth, NS	13
5	Dort, Vanessa	Guysborough, NS	14
7	Strong, Hailey	Grand Lake, NS	13
9	Smith, Avery	Springhill, NS	13
10	Strong, Aliyah	Grand Lake, NS	15
11	Ryder, Fenway	Sackville, NS	14
12	Gates, Victoria	Berwick, NS	17
13	Sampson, Lauren	Sackville, NS	14
14	Johnston, Rylee	Prospect Bay, NS	14
15	Sylliboy, Lanissa	Eskasoni, NS	14
16	Stevens, Temeka	L'Ardoise, NS	16

Coaches

No.	Name	Position
35	Jackson, Jenna	Head Coach
29	Jackson, Carly	Head Coach
37	Stymest, Jill	Head Coach
	Hagen, Carrie	Chef de mission

Season Highlights:

- Two 16U teams attended the National Championships for the first time
- Team Blue featured first all female coaching staff ever at National tournament
- Team Blue finished with a 2-4 record (10th place finish)
- Team White finished with a 5-1 record (2nd place finish)
- First National Championship game appearance ever for 16U program

6.4.5 21U Women

No.	Name	Hometown	Age
2	Jackson, Jenna	Kentville, NS	21
6	Reardon, Meaghan	Halifax, NS	18
7	Jackson, Carly	Amherst, NS	21
8	Blanchette, Skylar	Hammonds Plains, NS	19
9	Fulton, Claudia	Aylesford, NS	18
10	Pinet, Mackenzie	Stratford, PE	20
11	MacNeil, Brogan	Lower Sackville, NS	18
12	Addington, Makayla	Church Point, NS	18
13	Hood, Tessa	Charlottetown, PE	18
14	Galloway, Alexis	Okotoks, AB	17
16	Hagen, Katie	Dartmouth, NS	17
19	MacAulay, Ellie	St.Peters, NS	16
22	Norris, Allie	Prospect, NS	17
24	Laurette, Alyssa	Hammonds Plains, NS	16
25	MacFadyen, Emily	Hammonds Plains, NS	17

Coaches

No.	Name	Position
	Boutilier, Cory	Head Coach
	Guenette, Brandon	Coach
	MacFadyen, Todd	Chef de mission

Season Highlights:

- 4-2 record at 21U Women's National Championships
- 10 inning semi-final game with eventual Gold medal winner, Quebec
- Defeated Manitoba in Bronze medal game
- Back to back Bronze medals for 21U program

6.5 Bluenose League

Table 6.5.1 exhibits Bluenose League team registration from 2013-2018 inclusive, by Region. The Bluenose League has seen significant growth in the 11U and 13U divisions, and steady retention of teams at the 15U and 18U levels. Each of the five regions has seen an increase in participating teams in most divisions.

Table 6.5.2 exhibits Games Played Per Season. The table also displays the overall percentage of scheduled games that were played, and the average number of games per team in each year. Data does not account for outliers or variables (teams that were scheduled for a season but dropped out at some point, teams that requested reduced schedules, games canceled due to weather, scores that were not entered, etc.).

6.5.1 Bluenose Team Registration Per Year

11U	Cape Breton	Northern	Southern	Metro South	Metro North	Total
2013	0	3	4	7	3	17
2014	0	4	4	7	4	19
2015	1	4	2	7	6	20
2016	1	5	4	6	6	22
2017	3	4	4	7	5	23
2018	5	7	6	7	8	33

13U	Cape Breton	Northern	Southern	Metro South	Metro North	Total
2013	0	4	4	4	4	16
2014	1	4	4	6	3	18
2015	1	4	8	9	5	27
2016	1	3	6	9	6	25
2017	2	6	7	7	8	30
2018	3	7	6	6	9	31

15U	Cape Breton	Northern	Southern	Metro South	Metro North	Total
2013	0	5	6	7	5	23
2014	0	5	4	10	4	23
2015	2	3	5	7	4	21
2016	0	6	4	7	5	22
2017	1	7	6	8	6	28
2018	1	6	5	7	7	26

18U	Cape Breton	Northern	Southern	Metro South	Metro North	Total
2013	0	6	6	10	2	24
2014	0	2	5	8	3	18
2015	0	4	5	10	3	22
2016	2	5	7	8	3	25
2017	6	4	6	8	4	28
2018	2	8	3	6	4	23

6.5.2 Games Played Per Season (Total Games Played/Total Games Scheduled)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
11U	201/233 86 %	222/240 93%	134/170 79%	246/266 92%	212/246 86%	382/410 93%
13U	176/237 74%	219/238 92%	177/217 86%	298/335 89%	260/287 91%	339/378 90%
15U	216/279 77%	247/292 85%	150/185 81%	252/289 87 %	251/308 82%	305/330 92%
18U	249/332 75%	180/237 76%	135/211 64%	219/296 74%	230/306 75%	237/282 84%
21U	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	48/63 76%
Overall % Scheduled Games Played	78%	86%	76%	86%	83%	90%
Games Played/Team	842/81 10.4*2	868/82 10.6*2	596/91 6.6*2	1015/97 10.5*2	953/109 8.7*2	1311/123 10.7*2
	20.8	12.2	13.2	21	17.4	21.4

6.6 Provincial Championships

In chart 6.6.1, a Provincial Championships Team Registration by Year comparison is presented. From 2013 to 2018, the chart displays significant growth in participation at the 11U and 13U levels. 15U has remained consistent, while 18U and Intermediate have fluctuated year to year. 2018 saw a record number of teams register for the Provincial Championships at 154. The 21U and Senior divisions are not included in these figures.

Chart 6.6.2 exhibits registered team who actually participated in a Provincial Championship comparison between 2017 and 2018. 2018 was the first year all teams advanced to the Provincial Championships in a tiered format, eliminating the need for Qualifying or Regional tournaments. This resulted in a 33% increase in teams that attended a championship from 2017 to 2018.

6.6.1 Provincial Championship Team Registration by Year

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
11U	34	35	33	31	36	42
13U	28	29	37	33	37	38
15U	35	33	29	31	32	34
18U	33	27	25	28	29	24
Intermediate	19	19	18	18	17	16
Total	149	143	142	141	151	154

6.6.2 Registered Teams Attending Provincial Championships

	Registered	Eliminated During Qualifier	Attended Provincial Championship
2017	151	48	103
2018	154	0	154

6.6.3 Provincial Medalists

Division	Champions	Finalist
11U A - Tier 1	Yarmouth Gateways - Fitzgerald	Hantsport Shamrocks - Caldwell
11U A - Tier 2	Stellarton Albions - Walker	Bridgewater Bullddogs - Deveau
11U A - Tier 3	Halifax Mets - Bower	New Glasgow Kinsmen - Conrad
11U A - Tier 4	Springhill Fencebusters - Wood	Hammonds Plains A's - Bailie
11U A - Tier 5	New Waterford Dodgers - Ratchford	Stewiacke Storm - Henley
11U AA	Kentville Wildcats - Pearl	Sydney Sooners - Lecky
11U AAA	Hammonds Plains A's - Gaskell	Dartmouth Arrows - Campbell
13U A - Tier 1	Sydney Sooners - Seymour	Tri County Rangers - Lee
13U A - Tier 2	East Hants Nationals - Wellwood	Shelburne Bashers - Conad
13U A - Tier 3	Weymouth Firebirds - Addington	New Glasgow Kinsmen - Avery
13U A - Tier 4	Prospect Mariners - Lajoie	Westville Miners - Best
13U AA - Tier 1	New Glasgow Kinsmen - Lothead	Yarmouth Gateways - Jeffery
13U AA - Tier 2	Tri County Rangers - Kays	Halifax Mets - Desrosiers
13U AAA	Halifax Mets - MacDonald	Truro Bearcats - Matheson
15U A - Tier 1	Strait Area Sting - Richards	Hammonds Plains A's - Hurshman
15U A - Tier 2	Bridgewater Bulldogs - Zinck	Clark's Harbour Foggies - Atwood
15U A - Tier 3	Great Village Tide - Spencer	Windsor Knights - Jones
15U AA - Tier 1	Clark's Harbour Foggies - Holland	Weymouth Firebirds - Ford
15U AA - Tier 2	Tri County Rangers - Soucy	Sydney Mines Ramblers - Bradley
15U AAA	Hammonds Plains A's - Harvey	Kentville Wildcats - Croteau
18U A - Tier 1	Eastern Passage Pirates - Lombard	Truro Bearcats - MacGillivray
18U A - Tier 2	Pictou County Padres - Snell	Porters Lake - Fredericks
18U AA	Hants North Jays - MacPhee	Cape Breton Expos - MacDonald
18U AAA	Truro Bearcats - Marquis	Kentville Wildcats - Piers
21U AAA	Halifax Mets - Munroe	17U Selects
Intermediate A	Sydney Mines Marlins - MacDonald	Inverness Athletics - Copley
Intermediate AA	Dartmouth Drillers - Mintern	Truro Bearcats - Leblanc
Intermediate AAA	Hammonds Plains A's - Gray	Noel Road Jays - Roulston
Senior	Dartmouth Moosehead Dry	Sydney Sooners

7. Atlantic Championship Results

Division	Location	Nova Scotia Representative	Result
11U AA	Moncton, NB	Kentville	5-1; Gold Medal
11U AAA	Paradise, NL	Hammonds Plains	2-3; Silver Medal
13U AA	Fredericton, NB	New Glasgow	5-1; Gold Medal
13U AAA	Summerside, PE	Halifax	4-1; Bronze Medal
		Truro	2-2; 5 th place
14U Girls	St.John's, NL	NS White	4-1; Gold Medal
		NS Blue	2-3; 4 th place
15U AA	Amherst, NS	Clark's Harbour	5-0; Gold Medal
		Amherst	3-2; 4 th place
15U AAA	Mid Isle, PE	Hammonds Plains	3-2; Gold Medal
18U AA	Cornerbrook, NL	Hants North	1-2; 4 th place

8. National Championship Results

Division	Location	Nova Scotia Representative	Result
13U	Woodstock, Ont.	BNS 13U Boys	3-3; 4 th place
15U	Guelph, Ont.	BNS 15U Boys	3-3; 7 th place
16U Girls	Bedford, NS	BNS 16U Girls White	5-1; Silver Medal
		BNS 16U Girls Blue	2-4; 10 th place
17U Canada Cup	Moncton, NB	BNS 17U	5-3; Bronze Medal
18U	Fort McMurray, AB	Truro Bearcats	0-5; 10 th place
21U	St.Thomas, Ont.	Dartmouth	1-3; 7 th place
21U Women	Stonewall, Man.	BNS 21U Women	4-2; Bronze Medal
Senior	Victoria, BC	Sydney Sooners	1-3; 7 th place

9. Regional Reports

9.1 Cape Breton

	Male	Female
Rally Cap/9U	129	54
11U	245	24
13U	115	20
15U	144	13
18U	97	15
Senior/Intermediate	59	0
Other	10	3

It was another big year for baseball in Cape Breton.

There were CB teams playing in all Bluenose levels except 21U and hopefully next year there will be. 18U unfortunately only had 2 teams on the island which was down from last year. This may be due to the fact in Richmond/Strait/Inverness areas once the boys are encouraged to play RABA when they turn 15.

15U actually was up from last year and will have about the same amount as next year. 18U should have 1-2 more teams next year. 11U and 13U has plenty of teams and next year Eskasoni, Cheticamp and Baddeck may actually be able to field teams at 11U level. All teams on the island either played Bluenose, Little League or the Cape Breton Leagues. Winners of Cape Breton leagues were 11U Sydney Mines, 13u Richmond and 15U was Glace Bay.

We had Cape Bretoners playing Girls 21u, 16u and 14u and boys on the 17u and 15u and I believe you will see more kids from CB trying out for NS teams. We also had a few award winners on the island. I think CB will continue to keep growing baseball in the upcoming years

Brad Stevens
Regional Director Cape Breton

9.2 Northern

	Male	Female
Rally Cap/9U	280	67
11U	395	58
13U	234	26
15U	129	11
18U	138	5
Senior/Intermediate	59	0
Other	53	64

I would like first to thank everyone in the Northern region for their help throughout the season. Everything went pretty good here. Numbers were good. Held several provincials and 1 Atlantic Championship. I had no complaints sent to about these tournaments.

I would like to congratulate Antigonish on the 1st season back in the Bluenose League.

Also I would also like to congratulate 18U AAA Truro Bearcats (National Elimination and Provincial winner) and 13U AA New Glasgow (Provincial and Atlantic winner) for their accomplishments this season. I could go on speaking about several teams but I will keep my report brief.

Looking forward to next year.

Chris Hatchard
Regional Director Northern

9.3 Southern

	Male	Female
Rally Cap/9U	415	93
11U	537	107
13U	237	31
15U	158	21
18U	95	9
Senior/Intermediate	81	2
Other	98	16

The 2018 baseball season went extremely well in the Southern Region. The Provincial Tiering structure seemed to be well received and I would like to thank all the Associations that hosted Provincial tournaments this year. Our teams had great showings and can proudly display some of these banners. A special shout out to the Kentville Wildcats 11U AAA team and the Clark's Harbour Foggies 13U AA team for winning their Atlantic Championships as well.

The Southern Region was able to field a second Junior team for the first time in quite awhile. With the help of some team sponsors, the Bridgewater Association was able to house some individuals from Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. Not only did this allow the players from these countries an avenue to play baseball for the summer, but, as part of their exchange, it provided additional coaching resources for Bridgewater Baseball Association. These players gave some fresh and innovative training to the T-Ball, Rookie and House League players in BBA as well as some specific and individual training for the rep team players. I encourage any associations looking to broaden their baseball input with players from the Caribbean, to contact BBA for availability. Parents and players of BBA have expressed extreme gratitude with their summer experience.

Chris Zinck
Regional Director Southern

9.4 Metro North

	Male	Female
Rally Cap/9U	757	123
11U	499	33
13U	380	34
15U	313	25
18U	216	44
Senior/Intermediate	32	1
Other	98	46

The 2018 season for this region resulted in great experiences and accomplishments for players and coaches at all levels. The new tiered system created a welcomed playoff atmosphere and resulted in championship wins for all of the different skill levels. Playing for a championship at these different tiered levels not only excited the players but it also engaged the coaches for the better of baseball development in the region. The time and effort that BNS technical director Cory Boutilier dedicated to the recreational programs was also well received and encouraged to continue in future years.

In 2018 our region hosted the 11U A qualifiers; the National 18U AAA eliminations; two (2) provincial championship tournaments and the Baseball Canada 16U (Girls) National Championships, which resulted in Nova Scotia placing second (2nd) in the country for the first time.

In 2018, twenty-eight (28) teams from the Metro North Region participated in nineteen (19) different Provincial Championship and two (2) Atlantic Championship Tournaments. The Metro North Region was able to secure one (1) Atlantic Championship; six (6) Provincial Championships; one (1) Atlantic Runner-up and three (3) Provincial Runner-up titles as well as many memories and experiences that they will cherish for years to come.

Bill Laurette
Regional Director Metro North

9.5 Metro South

	Male	Female
Rally Cap/9U	280	22
11U	262	16
13U	214	15
15U	181	12
18U	109	12
Senior/Intermediate	57	0
Other	41	2

It was an excellent summer of baseball in the region this year. As shown above there were many teams in the region that had great results at Provincials, Atlantics, and/or Nationals.

The very successful winter camps are scheduled to begin again in January 2018.

Eastern Passage held the third annual opening day for all the Recreation Divisions. All the players and families had a great day enjoying the baseball and off field events/activities.

There were several Come Try Baseball Camps held in the Region again in the spring. This has become a very popular and effective way to recruit new players into the various Associations.

Brian Secord

Regional Director Metro South

10. By the Numbers

	Metro North	Metro South	Southern	Northern	Cape Breton	Total
Male Members*	2295	1144	1621	1288	799	7147
Female Members*	306	79	279	231	129	1024
Male Coaches	313	177	121	110	78	799
Female Coaches	35	9	13	44	8	109
Officials	172	138	103	101	28	542
Bluenose League 11U	8	7	6	7	5	33
Bluenose League 13U	9	6	7	6	3	31
Bluenose League 15U	7	7	5	6	1	26
Bluenose League 18U	4	6	3	8	2	23
Provincials 11U	7	9	8	8	10	42
Provincials 13U	8	7	9	9	5	38
Provincials 15U	7	8	7	7	5	34
Provincials 18U	4	6	3	8	3	24
Provincials Inter.	2	3	4	4	3	16
Male High Performance Athletes	19	14	7	5	3	38
Female High Performance Athletes	13	7	6	4	3	33
Winterball Clinics	0	3	0	3	5	11
Rally Cap Clinics	0	0	0	2	3	5
My First Pitch Clinics	0	0	0	2	2	4
Hitting Clinics	1	0	3	0	2	6
Girls Baseball Clinics	1	1	3	3	2	10
NCCP Clinics	14	3	12	8	6	43
Recreational Coach Clinic	2	2	3	4	4	15
Provincial Championships Hosted	2	10	5	7	4	28
Classification/Qualifier Tournaments Hosted	1	1	3	2	2	9
Atlantic Championships Hosted	0	0	0	1	0	1
National Championships Hosted	1	0	0	0	0	1

*does not include officials