



## NATIONAL MINOR REGULAR SEASON BASEBALL 2005 Players aged 8 - 10 years old

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Airdrie Little League will commence the National Minor League, commonly referred to as the "House League", season on April 25, 2005 and will wind up with a year end tournament the weekend on or about June 25, 2005. There will also be a "double-header" mid-season tournament on or about the weekend of May 28, 2005.

This year the League has changed the age structure of the National Minor Division to now include 8 year old players. With the modifications to the age structure of the T-Ball and American Divisions, this is a natural fit for the "House League". Through careful observation, consultation and considerable discussions, the League has concluded that an 8 year old baseball player has the physical and mental capabilities of playing the game of baseball in its truest sense, and in accordance with the guidelines of Little League Baseball. We believe that this will help to accelerate and enhance the level of baseball skill development in our National Minor program and serve to enrich the level of play throughout the League in the future.

Age Exemption: An 8 year old player, who has *not* played American Division baseball, may be eligible to play in the American Division if their skill level is such that their baseball development may be better suited to start there. This special request must to be brought to the attention of the League by each player's respective parent or guardian. Such an exemption must be approved by the Directors of both American and National Minor Baseball and endorsed by the President of the League.

Similar to the 2004 season, there will be games and practices scheduled throughout the entire week. Preferably, the game schedule for National Minor baseball will involve one weekday evening game and one weekend day game. Practice is mandatory and will be scheduled in conjunction with game schedules. This division will play an 18 game schedule. Weekday games commence at 6:30 p.m. sharp with players required to arrive at least one-half hour for warm-up prior to each game. Weekend games will ideally be scheduled for 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3:00 p.m., which will be confirmed in mid-April 2005.

The majority of National Minor games will be played at Fletcher Park baseball diamonds.

**All Star / Summer League Baseball:** At some point in early June 2005, the Director of National Minor Baseball will be announcing the dates and times for tryouts of Airdrie's 9 and 10 year old National Minor All-Star team. Should the All-Star team not advance out of Division Playdowns, they will continue playing in Little League's **Summer Showcase Baseball League**. As well, League will be entering "second" All-Star "AA" Minor team(s) to participate in Little League's **Prairie AA Summer Baseball League**. Please refer to an information letter on the website in early April 2005, under National Minor Baseball, to more fully explain how the All-Star program works.

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