



AKBA Competitive Team Policy (Jr./Sr. Teams)

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy applies to the AKBA's junior and senior competitive teams (22U+).

HEAD COACH

Commencing with the 2027 season, Chris Fafalios shall serve as Head Coach of the Junior Team. Chris shall be offered the opportunity to continue in that role from season to season until the AKBA forms a competitive Senior Team, unless another individual applies for the position and the Board of Directors determines, by ordinary resolution, to appoint that individual as Head Coach in his place.

Upon the formation of a competitive Senior Team, Chris Fafalios shall automatically become Head Coach of the Senior Team. At that time, the AKBA may solicit applications for the position of Head Coach of the Junior Team.

Chris shall be offered the opportunity to continue as Head Coach of the Senior Team from season to season, unless another individual applies for the position and the Board of Directors determines, by ordinary resolution, to appoint that individual as Head Coach in his place.

ATHLETE SELECTION AND TRYOUTS

The AKBA will host tryouts annually, if deemed necessary by the Head Coach,, in their sole discretion.

The selection of players shall be at the **sole and unfettered discretion of the Head Coach.**

Once selected, a player shall be given **no more than twenty-four (24) hours** to complete registration and remit the **non-refundable competitive team fee** to secure their roster spot.

IMPORTS

There is no restriction on imports, other than those set by the OBA and any other governing body from time to time.

TEAM COMPOSITION

- Competitive teams must roster a **minimum of twelve (12) players** and a **maximum of twenty eight (28) players**
- Teams operating below the minimum without approval may be subject to discipline and shall be financially responsible for registration costs (excluding uniforms) for each roster spot below twelve.

SUPPORT STAFF

The Head Coach shall arrange their support staff as they see fit.

CERTIFICATIONS

All team staff must meet Baseball Ontario certification requirements and AKBA Screening Policy standards.

TEAM FINANCES

The Head Coach of the Junior and Senior Teams shall be responsible for the financial administration of their respective teams, including, without limitation:

- (a) ordering and purchasing AKBA-approved uniforms for players;
- (b) payment of YSBA fees;
- (c) payment of any other applicable league fees, including, but not limited to, NDBL fees;
- (d) purchasing any other items associated with the operation of their teams, in their sole discretion; and
- (e) determining, collecting, and obtaining reimbursement of team-related expenditures from players and/or their families as the Head Coach deems appropriate.

For greater certainty, the AKBA shall not be responsible or liable for any fees, costs, expenses, purchases, reimbursements, or financial obligations associated with the Junior or Senior Teams, including those set out above.

EQUIPMENT

- Teams are responsible for their own equipment.
- AKBA will supply:
 - 2–3 dozen game balls annually (subject to availability); and
 - all diamond-related equipment.

REGISTRATION FEES

All Junior and Senior Team players must register with the AKBA and pay the full registration fee as approved by the Board of Directors from time to time. The mandatory registration fee shall apply equally to all players and shall not fluctuate or be adjusted based on the number of players rostered to a given team.

UNIFORMS, APPAREL, AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Uniforms

Only the approved AKBA uniform may be worn during games when representing the Association.

Official AKBA apparel shall not be altered, modified, or further customized in any manner whatsoever.

The sole exception to this requirement is where a tournament explicitly permits teams to design a specific item of apparel for exclusive use during that tournament.

Additional Apparel and Swag

Individuals and teams may purchase additional apparel and swag items—including, but not limited to, team bags, helmets, hoodies, jackets, practice shorts, and similar items—using personal or team funds exclusively through Centretown Sports (<https://centretownsports.com/collections/aurora-king-jays>).

Centretown Sports is the official supplier of AKBA-licensed apparel.

Use of AKBA Intellectual Property

The unauthorized use of AKBA’s designs and artistic works, including logos and related marks (“AKBA IP”), by any individual or team, for any purpose whatsoever, is strictly prohibited.

Teams that are required or encouraged by a tournament to create custom apparel (e.g., caps) and wish to incorporate AKBA IP into such designs must:

1. Request official logo files from the VP, Administration & League Operations at leagueoperations@akba.ca; and
2. Submit a complete design mock-up for prior written approval by AKBA.

All other fan wear, player apparel, and accessories displaying AKBA IP—or anything substantially similar—must be purchased through Centretown Sports.

Sponsorship Logos

Corporate sponsorship logos may only be applied to items purchased through **Centretown Sports**. Teams are required to exercise discretion in the selection of corporate sponsors. For clarity, organizations that provide products or services intended for individuals **19 years of age or older** are **strictly prohibited** from being advertised in any form, including but not limited to team banners, apparel, equipment, or related materials.

Teams are prohibited from creating any custom apparel except as expressly permitted above.

DIAMOND TIME ALLOCATION

Permit allocations are determined annually and subject to municipal permit approval. Each team will receive at least one regular, weekly permit to host a game.

UMPIRES

- **AKBA** shall pay umpire fees for all **regular-season home games**.
- **Teams** are responsible for all umpire fees associated with **exhibition games**.
- Any **schedule change or game cancellation** must be communicated to the **Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) no later than forty-five (45) minutes prior** to the scheduled start time of the game.
- Failure to provide the required notice will result in the **full umpire fee being charged to the team**, regardless of whether the game is played.

OBAS

- AKBA will reimburse OBA entry fees for qualifying teams.

HOSTING TOURNAMENTS/EVENTS

- Host teams shall **retain all tournament profits** and **assume responsibility for all associated costs**, including but not limited to diamond permits, umpire fees, and related expenses.
- The host team is responsible for providing the **AKBA Umpire-in-Chief (UIC)** with the tournament/event schedule **promptly upon approval by the OBA**, to ensure that umpires can be properly assigned to all games.

SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is limited to team families and friends. Cold-calling community sponsors is prohibited as the Association reserves the right to fundraise from these organizations.

TEAM CLASSIFICATION

Team classifications must be approved by the VP Competitive. Disputes are resolved by the Board, whose decision is final.

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