



BASEBALL NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Baseball Newfoundland and Labrador held its Workshops and Annual General Meeting from November 21st – 23rd, 2025 at the Quality Inn and Suites in Gander.

Registration numbers once again increased and, for the first time in history, eclipsed 4,000 players province-wide. Female baseball once again maintains a strong place in the province, with nearly 22% of registration coming from female baseball players. The growth of the female game, coupled with the 2025 Canada Summer Games and female baseball's inclusion for the first time, will be exciting for the continued growth and development moving into the future.

Membership also had the opportunity to come together throughout the weekend and participate in five baseball-specific workshops – coaching and umpiring, minor baseball, female baseball, high-performance programming and a future in baseball planning session – to help frame the direction and focus of these areas moving into the future. These workshops were a great opportunity to engage member association, key stakeholders, provincial baseball leaders, parents, and volunteers about the direction of the sport moving into 2026 and beyond.

Additionally, attendees were provided the opportunity to participate in a Safe Sport workshop offered by Sport Newfoundland and Labrador. In the current sports landscape, Safe Sport has become critically important in today's culture and environment. The opportunity to engage and learn on this topic was fantastic, and provided attendees a way to learn how to continue to offer sports programming in a safe, inclusive and fun space. Thanks to Sport NL for making this opportunity available to our membership.

Baseball NL also presented its annual awards for the 2025 season at their Annual Awards banquet on Saturday, November 22nd. Baseball NL wishes to extend its congratulation to all of its 2025 award winners:

Minor Umpire of the Year: James Ryan, St. John's
Major Umpire of the Year: Riley Jenkins, Corner Brook
Grassroots Coach of the Year: Matt Green, Gander
High Performance Coach of the Year: Alex Curtis, St. John's
Female Coach of the Year: Nikki Musseau, St. John's
Grassroots Team of the Year: 13U AA Pasadena Pirates
High Performance Team of the Year: Team NL 14U Team Black
Minor Female Player of the Year: Kinsley Haynes, St. John's
Major Female Player of the Year: Kerry Russell, Grand Falls Windsor
Minor Male Player of the Year: Nigel Noel, Pasadena
Major Male Player of the Year: Kieran Cutler, Paradise
Junior/Senior Player of the Year: Liam Bavis, Mount Pearl
Les Noseworthy Memorial Award: Danny Penton, St. John's

During the Annual Awards banquet, two members of the Baseball NL community were also honoured with national awards. Nikki Musseau (St. John's) was honoured as the provincial recipient of the Baseball Canada Grassroots Coach of the Year, and Michelle Healy (St. John's) was honoured as the national recipient of the Baseball Canada Volunteer of the Year award.

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At the Baseball NL Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, November 23rd, the Baseball NL Board of Directors was elected for 2025 – 2026.

- President: Darren Hancock
- Vice President: Mark Healy
- Treasurer: Joe Fowler
- Metro Director: Kristyn Coley
- Eastern Director: Todd Powell
- Central Director: Andrew Turner
- Western Director: Greg Whelan

With the Baseball NL Board of Directors in place for the 2025 – 2026 season, plans are already underway for a successful and busy season. With a hopeful increase in registration as a result of the Toronto Blue Jays successes from 2025, it figures to be a promising and fruitful 2026 for baseball province-wide.