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## [Q] What is the RBI Program ?

### *RBI was introduced in 2008 by Baseball Canada to:*

- ▶ Ensure that local baseball associations apply core common criteria to ensure that consistent good practice is in place.
- ▶ To empower parents when choosing a local baseball association for their children.
- ▶ To ensure that RBI Accredited Associations are recognized through a common approach to branding.
- ▶ To provide a focus around which all baseball associations in Canada can come together to support good practice in working with children and young people.
- ▶ To promote and reward registration/membership within Baseball Canada, baseball's national federation of sport, as well as within the Provincial Baseball Associations.

### *For 2012, RBI accreditation is awarded to local baseball associations that comply with minimum operating standards in five areas:*

#### AREAS

- Development Programs
- Membership with Baseball Canada
- Coaches Training
- Accessibility
- Pitching Safety



### [Q] How can I become RBI approved for 2012 ?

*An Association can become Baseball Canada RBI Approved Association in 2012 by meeting these following mandatory criteria:*

#### CRITERIAS

- The Association is a member in good standing with the Provincial Baseball Association (as recognized by Baseball Canada) and with Baseball Canada through the registration of all players, coaches and umpires participating in the local Association.
- The Association is fully utilizing the Rally Cap program as the main Initiation program for kids between 5 and 8.
- The Association is providing support to its coaches by driving them to the Baseball Canada NCCP Programs ensuring that all coaches are properly certified as per Provincial requirements as approved by Baseball Canada.
- The Association is providing access to all programs to boys and girls at any age.
- The Association is in support and using the Baseball Canada pitch counts.

### [Q] What if my association or province is using a modified version of the Baseball Canada pitch count?

- ▶ Baseball Canada is not ruling out other forms of pitch count system that may make sense in your association or province. In the case your association or province is not using Baseball Canada's pitch count system, you can still apply for RBI program by giving us the outline of your pitch count system. Baseball Canada will review and will make decision based on proposed number of pitches in each division along with suggested rest days associated with your system.



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### [Q] What if my association does not deal with athletes in the fundamental stage and therefore not offering Rally Cap?

- ▶ Baseball Canada feels your association should still have the opportunity to apply for RBI recognition. However, Baseball Canada does think this criteria should be replaced by one or other criteria. In order to replace Rally Cap, you must get a total of 6 points in the **Enhanced Criteria** list.

#### Enhanced Criteria List:

### ENHANCED CRITERIAS

By meeting the five (5) core criteria, your association will get the bronze level designation. Your association can obtain the silver and even the gold level designation by some additional criteria from the enhanced list.

- Membership registration through Sporting DNA = **3 points**
- Grand Slam Program in place for 8-9 years old = **3 points**
- Challenger program (or similar) in place for disabled athletes = **3 points**
- Specific program in place for Girls baseball = **2 points**
- Police check requirements for volunteers = **2 points**
- All umpires working Association games are certified = **2 points**
- Membership registration through another provider = **1 point**
- Established relationship with school over Winterball program = **1 point**
- Host of a minimum of one umpire clinic = **1 point**
- Host of a minimum of three coaching clinics = **1 point**
- Scorer training program in place = **1 point**
- Association website = **1 point**
- Set registration day = **1 point**

**Silver Level Designation:** Core criteria + 10 to 16 points in enhanced criteria

**Gold Designation:** Core criteria = 16 to 22 in enhanced criteria

### [Q] How much does it cost to become an RBI Approved Association for 2012 ?

- ▶ Applying to become a RBI Baseball Canada Association is free. There is no other fee attached to this program.



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## [Q] Why should my Association become a RBI Approved Association for 2012 ?

*Here are some of the benefits we are offering all of our RBI Approved Associations for 2012 :*

### BENEFITS

- Get 1 free NCCP On-line Module access code when you purchase 10 access codes.
- Your Association will be provided permission to utilize the RBI designation and logo at registration, on all printed material as well as on your Association website for that season and a mention on Baseball Canada website.
- Your Association will be listed on the Baseball Canada and provincial Baseball websites as an RBI Approved Association.
- You will receive 10% of any purchase at the Baseball Canada Club House Shop on all Association orders.
- Your Association will receive one free dozen of Rally Caps per 100 ordered.
- All approved Associations are entered in a draw to get a full Baseball Canada day clinic for free within a year (value of \$1000).
- Baseball Canada will promote the list of RBI Approved Associations to Provincial Sport Offices as well as the local/municipal park and recreation department.

## [Q] How can my association apply for accreditation through the RBI Program for 2012 ?

In order to become a RBI Approved association for 2012, simply send an email to [rbi@baseball.ca](mailto:rbi@baseball.ca) addressing all the criteria mentioned above. Baseball Canada will contact you to approve your Association or to ask additional questions.

