BASEBALL NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Baseball Newfoundland and Labrador held its Workshops and Annual General Meeting from November 20th – 22nd, 2026 at the Quality Inn and Suites in Gander.

Registration numbers once again increased by nearly 9%, with over 4,400 players playing baseball in the province. Female baseball once again maintains a strong place amongst registration, with over 22% of registration coming from female baseball players. These female registration numbers rank Baseball NL amongst the highest per capita female registration in the country, positioning provincial baseball well to continue building strong programming for its members.

Membership also had the opportunity to come together throughout the weekend and participate in baseball-specific workshops – coaching and umpiring, minor baseball, female baseball, and high-performance programming – to help frame the direction and focus of these areas moving into the future. Attendees also took time to continue engagement on the new strategic plan for Baseball NL that will help guide the organization for years to come. These workshops and stakeholder sessions were a great opportunity to engage member association, key stakeholders, provincial baseball leaders, parents, and volunteers about the direction of the sport moving into 2027 and beyond.

On Saturday, November 22nd, Baseball NL also presented its annual awards for the 2026 season at their Annual Awards Reception. Baseball NL wishes to extend its congratulation to all of its 2026 award winners:

Minor Umpire of the Year: Ryan O'Toole, CBS
Major Umpire of the Year: Maggie Byer, St. John's
Grassroots Coach of the Year: Andrew Turner, Gander
High Performance Coach of the Year: Billy Taggart, CBS
Female Coach of the Year: Maddi Healy, St. John's
Grassroots Team of the Year: 13U A Port-aux-Basques Whalers
High Performance Team of the Year: 11U AAA CBS Raiders
Minor Female Player of the Year: Charlotte Nixon, St. John's
Major Female Player of the Year: Kirsten Sigurdsson, Corner Brook
Minor Male Player of the Year: Jax Turner, Gander
Major Male Player of the Year: Alex McGrath, St. John's
Junior/Senior Player of the Year: Kieran Cutler, Paradise
Provincial Championship Host Association of the Year: Grand Falls-Windsor Minor Baseball
Les Noseworthy Memorial Award: Gregory Whelan, Pasadena

During the Annual Awards banquet, two members of the Baseball NL community were also honoured with national awards and recognition. Andrew Turner (Gander) was honoured as the provincial recipient of the Baseball Canada Grassroots Coach of the Year, and Todd Powell (CBS) was recognized as the provincial recipient of the Baseball Canada Volunteer of the Year award. Both awards highlight Andrew's and Todd's respective significant impact and dedication

to the sport within the province, and join the nine other winners across the country in this recognition.

Baseball NL also took time to announce to membership that, at the Baseball Canada Convention in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Baseball NL was the recipient of the 2026 Baseball Canada Province of the Year Award. This award combines successes in Provincial program development and delivery along with involvement and representation at the National level, including committee representation, on-field participation, and involvement in advancing, promoting and developing National programs and initiatives.

David Janes, Baseball NL Hall of Fame Committee Chair, was also on hand to induct three new members into the Baseball NL Hall of Fame – Edwina Kirkland (Builder, St. John's), Brad Parsons (Player, Gander), and Bob Morgan (Builder, St. John's).

At the Baseball NL Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, November 22nd, the Baseball NL Board of Directors was elected for 2026 – 2027.

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

With the Baseball NL Board of Directors in place for the 2026 – 2027 season, plans are already underway for a successful and busy season. It promises to be a busy and exciting year for baseball in Newfoundland and Labrador.