



BASEBALL NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

2025 MENS CANADA GAMES PROGRAM FINAL TRYOUT INFORMATION

“Baseball has been a part of the Canada Summer Games program since the first edition in 1969 in Halifax-Dartmouth... Notable alumni include MLB players Russel Martin, Mike Soroka, Jeff Francis, Zach Pop, Abraham Toro and Stubby Clapp”. - Canada Games Council

Baseball NL and the 2025 Male Canada Games coaching staff are pleased to announce the final tryout information for the 2025 Canada Games team. This tryout is open to male athletes born 2008 – 2010. Additionally, athletes born in 2007 are eligible to try out for one of the possible four (4) overage roster spots. All interested players 2007 – 2010 must register in advance in order to attend.

Program Information

Baseball Newfoundland & Labrador's Male Canada Games Program is entering its sixth phase of preparation prior to selecting its final 20-person roster (and two alternates) leading up to the Canada Games, hosted in St. John's, Newfoundland, August 8 – 16, 2025. The final phase of the Program has been designed with the explicit intention of preparing our athletes to compete for a medal in 2025.

Given the high expectations, there are **mandatory commitments** required in order to participate in the program. If geography prohibits full-participation, equivalent training and competition may be considered or provided. The determination of equivalency is at the sole discretion of the coaching staff. Prior to completing the registration form, please read the following information carefully.

1. September 20 – 22, 2024: Open Tryouts

The final evaluation weekend will take place from September 20th – 22nd in the St. John's-Metro area. Details are below:

- Friday, September 20th
 - 6 pm - 10 pm at Smallwood and/or 6 pm – 10 pm at the Techniplex
 - More information to be sent to registered players by the coaching staff in advance of the tryout date.
- Saturday, September 21st
 - 8 am - 11 am at Wishingwell
 - 6 pm - 10 pm at Smallwood
- Sunday, September 22nd
 - 8 am - 11 am at Wishingwell

Once Registration has closed, the athletes will be grouped into teams, and the finalized schedule will be communicated to all participants.

From this tryout, 22 athletes will be selected on or before September 29th, which will serve as the final Canada Games Training Pool.

For more information on selection criteria, please refer to the [Male Team Selection Criteria](#) document.

2. October 11 – 14, 2024: Atlantic Canada Trip

Targeting a single round robin format, with the top-2 teams playing in a 1-game final (Atlantic Provinces).

3. October 2024 – May 2025: 1 or 2X Weekly Skill/Strength/Mental Performance Training – details to be confirmed.

4. March 7 – 17, 2025: Florida/Georgia Spring Training Trip

Training camp, exhibition games, and/or competitive tournament. This trip serves as the last evaluation after off-season training, with the final 20-person roster being selected on or before March 31st, 2025. After final selection, the remaining two (2) athletes will be designated as alternates.

5. June – September 2025: St. John’s Amateur Baseball Senior League & Weekly Practices – details to be confirmed.

6. July 2025: Pre-Canada Games Tournament & Training Camp

Plans are currently underway to identify teams, locations and dates. There is a possibility that both events could be held in Newfoundland. More information to follow.

7. August 8 – 16, 2025: Canada Games – details to be confirmed.

Important Registration Information

- Registration must be completed by **September 15th**; no exceptions or extensions.
- For injured athletes, you will be required to attend the tryouts and participate in any activities you are medically cleared to do. If there are any activities you are unable to participate in, we will review previous Baseball NL/Canada Games Tryout Data as well as take prior individual experience and success into consideration (International, National, Atlantic, Provincial, etc).
- The only exemption for tryout attendance is reserved for athletes who are participating in Baseball Canada’s Junior National Program or have been identified by the Toronto Blue Jays (through Baseball Newfoundland & Labrador) to participate in the Blue Jays Academy Showcase.
- The registration portal can be found [HERE](#)

- For those with existing RAMP accounts, sign in using your log in information and follow the registration process
- For those without existing RAMP accounts, create your account and then sign in using your log in information and follow the registration process

We look forward to seeing everyone at the final tryouts September 20 – 22, as we continue with our preparations on our **Road to Gold** in 2025, right here at home, in St. John's, NL!

Sincerely,

2025 Male Canada Games Coaching Staff

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