

CABUA Legacy Training Fund Policy

Purpose of Legacy Training Fund

CABUA has recognized there is great value to its members experiencing umpire training beyond what is available locally through the CABUA, Baseball Alberta or Baseball Canada NUCP clinics. Members that have previously attended advanced umpire training, such as the Jim Evans Professional Umpire Academy, have returned with greatly elevated rules knowledge, mechanics, judgment, game management skills and instructional techniques.

CABUA's current By-Laws provide for a minimum of \$500 per year from its general revenues to be deposited in its Legacy Training Fund. The funds are available to members, upon application and approval, to off-set the costs related to attending the approved advanced training institution.

Eligibility

Open to all CABUA members in good standing seeking to improve their umpiring skills through attendance at an advanced amateur or professional training school and intending to continue accepting CABUA game assignments.

Members unable to accept future CABUA game assignments due to being offered a professional umpiring contract will be required to re-pay the Training Grant through in-kind provision of their time as an instructor at the first available off-season CABUA training clinic (based on NUCP instructor per diem rates). They may also elect to re-pay the training grant in cash.

Eligible Schools/Clinics

Eligibility of 'advanced' training schools or clinics will be approved by the CABUA Umpire Development Committee. Their approval will be based on research, recommendation or reports from trusted sources and general reputation of the school or clinic. The current CABUA, Baseball Alberta or Baseball Canada NUCP clinics are not considered eligible for this program.

Current approved Advanced Training Schools/Clinics are:

Jim Evans Professional Umpire Academy

- Desert Classic (one week amateur school)
- Florida Classis (one week amateur school)
- Five-week Academy

Amateur Baseball Umpires Association (ABUA)

- Various annual clinic offerings throughout USA
- Clinic chosen by applicant to be pre-approved by UD Committee

Application Process & Criteria

Applicant to complete the 'CABUA Advanced Training Legacy Fund' application form. The application form will include:

- ◆ Name, dates, location of training school with program description, website and other pertinent information
- ◆ Estimated tuition, travel, accommodation, meals or other related costs
- ◆ Current self-assessment and personal learning goals the applicant is seeking to attain
- ◆ Applicants previous NUCP or other umpire training
- ◆ Recommendation from two CABUA umpires of which one must be a member of the Umpire Development Committee
- ◆ In the event of a last-minute opportunity arising to attend an approved clinic, a post-clinic application for a training grant may be made. If training grant funds have already been approved and allocated to other applicants for that year, post-clinic applications will not be approved unless sufficient funds are available without decreasing the already committed amounts to previously approved applicants.
- ◆ The applicant's eligibility for a Training Grant will also be subject to review by the Umpire Development Committee. Criteria to be considered will include the applicant's:
 - Previous participation in local training opportunities and gaining experience at a level where advanced training will be of benefit to the individual and CABUA
 - Demonstrated commitment to CABUA and its programs
 - Personal umpiring goals

Training Grant Amount

A maximum of \$500 will be provided to approved applicants upon completion of the clinic and the post-clinic requirements which are:

- ◆ submission of proof of attendance
- ◆ 400 word report of their experience, assessment of personal training goals attained and any recommendations for future students. Report may be used in a CABUA newsletter or posting on website.
- ◆ Commitment to attend an upcoming CABUA training clinic to share key lessons learned with other students either via classroom or field lecture/demo.

In the event of multiple applicants in the same year, the available funds will be split equally among the approved applicants, to a maximum of \$500 each.

CABUA reserves the right to change its Legacy Training Fund Grant criteria with or without notice.



Legacy Training Fund Application

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Average number of games worked per season in the last three seasons: _____

Current NUCP Level: _____

Clinics Attended in the Past Five Years: _____

Name of Clinic/School: _____

Location: _____

Dates: _____

Website: _____

(Attached brochure or web info re clinic curriculum, Instructors or other descriptive information)

Estimated Costs (Canadian Dollars):

Tuition: _____

Other: _____

Total: _____

The following two umpires recommend CABUA provide financial support to this application:

My current umpiring goals and reason for attending this clinic are (Insert additional page if space required): _____

I, _____, understand, in return for receiving a training grant to off-set costs incurred in attending a CABUA approved advanced training clinic, I will provide proof of attendance and a written report within two months of my return from the clinic. I will also make myself available for one CABUA Winter Umpire School class to assist in the classroom and/or gym session.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Send to Mike Whitely c/o president@cabua.ca