



Attention Coaches:

Baseball Sask along with International Sports Group will be hosting a unique opportunity April 29-30th in Saskatoon at the Gordie Howe Sports Complex. Tim Saunders and Jim Jones of the International Sports Group will be in Saskatoon April 29 and 30th to work with coaches. Baseball Sask will be offering the following for coaches to achieve their NCCP certification:

Friday April 29th

5:00 PM – @ Gordie Howe Indoor Training Centre
5:15 – Hitting Mechanics and Drills to develop Hitters – Tim Saunders
6:30 – Practice Organization – How to run an effective Practice – Jim Jones
7:15 – Infield – Drills to enhance good habits
8:00 – Baseball Strategies – Tim Saunders
8:45 – Baseball Skills – Jim Jones
10:00 – Conclude

Coaches who need their Skills Clinic, Baseball Strategies and their Baseball Absolutes module will receive credit for those courses when they attend the above sessions. Cost to receive all three courses is \$100. If you need only one of the modules the cost is \$50. Cheques can be made payable to Baseball Sask. Be sure to register for these modules on <http://nccp.baseball.ca>. If you would like to attend the Friday sessions but don't need certification and you need NCCP pd points the cost is \$25 to attend. Please register on <http://nccp.baseball.ca> under "Baseball Sask Coaching Seminar."

Receipts will be handed out to coaches in order to get reimbursed from their association.

Saturday April 30th – Coach Practice Evaluations:

If you and your assistant coaches need a NCCP Coach Practice Evaluation you can get this done on the Saturday on the turf at Gordie Howe. Coaches will have to present a practice plan to our evaluators and you will have one hour of turf time and ½ hour of cage time at Gordie Howe. Cost is \$100 per team (this covers turf and cage time). There are only 6 sessions available – be sure to book your session early as these will fill up.

April 30th

Session 1 – 8:30 – 9:30 AM – Turf and 9:30 – 10:00 am in 3 cages.

Session 2 – 9:30 – 10:30 AM – Turf and 10:30 – 11:00 am in 3 cages

Session 3 – 10:30 – 11:30 AM – Turf and 11:30 – 12:00 in 3 cages
12:00 – Lunch break
Session 4 – 12:30 – 1:30 PM – Turf and 1:30 – 2:00 in 3 cages
Session 5 – 1:30 – 2:30 PM – Turf and 2:30 – 3:00 3 in cages
Session 6 – 2:30 – 3:30 – 3 cages only

4:00 PM – All Coaches meet in classroom for final debrief and certification. *Players do not need to attend this.*

To register for Friday please go to <http://nccp.baseball.ca> and register for the modules you need. We will collect cheques when you arrive. We will have limited space. If you and your coaches need a coach evaluation please email Greg Brons at greg@baseballsask.ca to reserve your session.

Our Speakers and Evaluators

Tim Saunders

Tim Saunders comes to us from Dublin Ohio. Tim has over 37 years of baseball coaching experience. He was an assistant coach with Indiana University Hoosiers for 2 years and at Meigs High School for 4 years and Dublin Coffman High School for 33 years. In 2001 his team won the High School Division 1 State Championship and in the Final 4 in 2000. He has spoken at 12 State Coaches clinics and 6 National clinics. In 2000 he was the USA Developmental coach and USA 16U gold medal head coach in the championship in Monterey, Mexico. He was the Ohio High School Baseball Coach of the Year in 2000 and inducted in the Ohio Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004 and NHBSCA Hall of Fame in 2011. He received the 2013 ABCA High School Ethics in coaching and became the National High School Baseball Coaches Association President in 2015. Tim was inducted into the Dublin Coffman High School Hall of Fame in 2013. From 2016-2019 he was the ABCA Executive Board/National HS Chair and in 2018 to present he has become the NHBSCA Executive Director. He has received the “Mike Burwell” Award from the Central District Umpires Association and lastly he was inducted into the prestigious American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in for 2023. His overall coaching record at at Dublin is 589 wins and 396 losses.

Jim Jones:

Jim Jones has over 50 years of baseball coaching experience at the youth, high school, college, semi-pro and international levels. He served as assistant coach at Stanford University before becoming head coach at the University of Wyoming and St. Mary’s College (CA). Since retiring and moving the Klamath Falls, OR, he has served as a coach for the Oregon Tech’s Golf (5 yrs.) and Baseball (2yrs.) teams. Jim is a Past- President of International Sports Group, Inc.

In 1991, Jim began his international experience by becoming coach in residence in Czechoslovakia as part of a joint **IBA-MLBI** program. Following that “Lone Ranger” assignment, he served with Bill Arce as **MLBI’s** Co-coordinator of Game Development in Europe. His duties there allowed him to over-see the selection and evaluation of Coaches assigned to various European federations as well as overseeing many of MLBI’s winter coaches’ clinics.

Jim was recently inducted into the Czech Baseball Hall of Fame for his work with Czech National and club teams. He presently is the only non-Czech in their hall of fame and has been a member of the ABCA for 52 consecutive years.

When his **MLB** duties took him further away from the baseball field and into the administration offices, Jim decided he wanted to return to activities that allowed him to interact directly with European coaches and players. That desire allowed him to take a new path in international baseball. Since that return to the field, he has worked with baseball federations in the Czech Republic, France, Spain, Holland, Croatia and Portugal. He has served as an instructor, manager and assistant coach at all levels from Cadets through the Senior level of play.

At the 2006 European Baseball Coaches Association's winter convention, Jim received **EBCA’s** Achievement Award in recognition of his work in European Baseball since the early 1990's. He also has received MLB’s Julio Puentes Award for his outstanding work as an MLB Envoy Coach

From 2005 to 2009, Coach Jones worked with the Spanish Baseball Federation working with coaches and players in clubs and camps - as well as serving as the pitching and catching coach from the Cadet, Junior and Senior National Teams. Following his work in Spain, Coach Jones worked 5 years with the French Baseball Academies in France.

Rouen, Montpellier, Bretagne and Talence, helping them prepare for various up-coming international tournaments. During June 2010, while back in the USA, Jim served as coach of the Armed Forces team, US9, during an exhibition tour in Western Wisconsin.

An additional international opportunity arose in 1998 when he joined with Bill Arce and **International Sports Group** to take over the administration of the winter baseball and softball clinics. The demand for coaching clinics remains high in Europe and **ISG Baseball** is committed to fulfilling that game development need with the help of outside sponsorship. Jim served as ISG's president until he chose to step back on his administrative duties. He remains as an active board member of this important organization.

Jim has had the opportunity to work with players of all ages and coaches from many European countries, Canada and Curacao as well as staging baseball camps in New Zealand. These experiences combine with his USA coaching to give him a strong background to help game development programs in those federations desiring outside assistance.

Jim and his wife, Sally, have two grown sons, Don and Mickey and grandsons Kalliah Creek and Jeremiah.