

Minor League Baseball – PDC And Relationship With Major League Baseball

The National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, now known as Minor League Baseball comprises teams that are independently owned and operated from Major League Baseball Franchises.

The Las Vegas Aviators Professional Baseball team is owned and operated by Summerlin Baseball Club LLC.

The Oakland Athletics Major League Baseball team is Owned/Managing Partner, John Fisher.

Minor League Teams are then directly “affiliated” with one Major League team through a standardized Player Development Contract (PDC).

Minor and Major League teams may enter into a PDC for a two- or four-year term and may reaffiliate at the expiration of a PDC term.

The purpose of the PDC is to develop players available to play in the Major Leagues on demand.

The manager, coaching staff, trainer, strength coach and players of the Triple-A affiliate are employed by the Major League affiliate through the PDC.

(Las Vegas Aviators manager, coaches and players are employed by the Oakland A’s, beginning in the 2019 season).

There is a total of 30 Triple-A cities that comprise the 14-team International League and the 16-team Pacific Coast League...therefore the 30 Major League Teams have PDC’s with the 30 Triple-A teams.

History:

Las Vegas Professional Baseball franchise – member of the Pacific Coast League since 1983:

Las Vegas Stars (1983-2000, 18 seasons) - Triple-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres, 1,227-1,329 (.480), 7 playoff appearances & two PCL Championships (1986 & 1988).

Las Vegas 51s (2001-08, 8 seasons) - Triple-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers, 561-586 (.489), 1 playoff appearance.

Las Vegas 51s (2009-12, 4 seasons) - Triple- A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, 287-288 (.490), 0 playoff appearances.

Las Vegas 51s (2013-18, 6 seasons) - Triple-A affiliate of the New York Mets, 436-422 (.508), 2 playoff appearances.

Las Vegas Aviators (2019 -) – Triple-A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics.

ALL-TIME RECORD: 2,511-2,625 (.489), 36 seasons (1983-2018).

Oakland A’s and Las Vegas, announced on September 17, 2018, a two-year Player Development Contract (PDC), through the 2020 season.

Triple-A Franchises and Affiliates:

Pacific Coast League

Albuquerque Isotopes (Colorado Rockies)
El Paso Chihuahuas (San Diego Padres)
Fresno Grizzlies (Washington Nationals)
Iowa Cubs (Chicago Cubs)
Las Vegas Aviators (Oakland Athletics)
Memphis Redbirds (St. Louis Cardinals)
Nashville Sounds (Texas Rangers)
New Orleans Baby Cakes (Miami Marlins)
Oklahoma City Dodgers (Los Angeles Dodgers)
Omaha Storm Chasers (Kansas City Royals)
Reno Aces (Arizona Diamondbacks)
Round Rock Express (Houston Astros)
Sacramento River Cats (San Francisco Giants)
Salt Lake Bees (Los Angeles Angels)
San Antonio Missions (Milwaukee Brewers)
Tacoma Rainiers (Seattle Mariners)

International League

Buffalo Bisons (Toronto Blue Jays)
Charlotte Knights (Chicago White Sox)
Columbus Clippers (Cleveland Indians)
Durham Bulls (Tampa Bay Rays)
Gwinnett Braves (Atlanta Braves)
Indianapolis Indians (Pittsburgh Pirates)
Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs (Philadelphia Phillies)
Louisville Bats (Cincinnati Reds)
Norfolk Tides (Baltimore Orioles)
Pawtucket Red Sox (Boston Red Sox)
Rochester Red Wings (Minnesota Twins)
Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders (N.Y. Yankees)
Syracuse Chiefs (New York Mets)
Toledo Mud Hens (Detroit Tigers)