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INTENT

The Baseball Manitoba Playing Rules and Regulations is a supplement to the Constitution and By-Laws. It is intended to be an administrative document with limited flexibility for the adoption of policies which, under the circumstances of each occasion, will contribute to the success of each baseball program year.

NOTE: These rules apply only to minor baseball, unless Senior and Junior Baseball is specifically mentioned

Baseball Canada's official rules apply unless an exception is specifically mentioned in this rulebook.

APPLICATION TO LEAGUES & ASSOCIATIONS

Baseball Manitoba Playing Rules and Regulations shall apply separately to leagues and associations of Baseball Manitoba. These shall include:

- Minor Leagues - Zone 1 & Zone 2
- Manitoba 22U (Junior) Baseball League
- Manitoba Senior Leagues

REVISIONS TO PLAYING RULES & REGULATIONS

Revision to Playing Rules and Regulations may originate with any member of M.B.A. and be forwarded to the Management Committee for a decision. Approval of the revision in its original or amended form shall require approval of the Management Committee.

Any additions or revisions approved by the Management Committee during the playing season shall be effective for the balance of that season. At the Annual Meeting or Semi-Annual Meeting of M.B.A. such additions or revisions approved by the Management Committee shall appear on the Agenda as a Resolution for ratification at such Annual Meeting or Semi-Annual Meeting. (Refer to Clause 15.3 of the Constitution)

In the event that a Resolution is defeated at the Annual Meeting or Semi-Annual Meeting, the subject shall not be introduced, either with duplicate or similar intent, during the regular playing season immediately following such Annual Meeting or Semi-Annual Meeting.

GUIDELINES FOR REGISTRATION

- 1) Players and coaches are to register with their local club or community.
- 2) Baseball Manitoba's RAMP Interactive Registration system will be used to accept registrations. Registrars will use the system to create their teams (make rosters). Coaches (or Team Managers) will be directed to verify their roster information in the system. Please make sure the team verifies each roster, not the central registrar. The roster must be verified in the system before the due date. LEAGUES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE CHANGES TO ROSTERS AFTER THE DUE DATE. THE BASEBALL MANITOBA OFFICE MUST BE CONTACTED TO REQUEST ANY CHANGES.
- 3) Baseball Manitoba will provide each league with a form to complete, which outlines the number of players registered with your league by age division and the number of teams affiliated with your league. (League Affiliation Form)
- 4) Leagues forward the League Affiliation Form and fees to Baseball Manitoba by the fee deadline. These forms will be used as a summary to track player fees and to plan Provincial and Regional Championships.
- 5) Leagues must submit a \$200.00 performance bond.
- 6) Rosters for minor (7U to 18U) club ("A", Tier 1, 2 and 3) teams are due on May 15. Tier 1 teams may be extended to June 1. Rosters for all "AA", "AAA", SR and 22U teams are due on June 15.
- 7) Player fees for minor (7U to 18U) club (AA, A) teams are due on June 1. Player fees for All AAA teams in 13U, 15U, 18U, 22U and Senior are due June 15.

NOTICE: Late Fees will be tracked and administered.

- 8) Late additions to Rosters will be accepted up to **fourteen** days after the closing date. **However, any team submitting late rosters shall be fined \$200.00 for the first week or \$500.00 in the second week.** The Association must receive this fine before a team is considered registered. This applies to individual entries as well. No team will be eligible to compete in Provincial Play if their roster has not been submitted to the Registrar by the later registration deadline. Fines will be assessed to the leagues responsible, rather than to specific teams.

9) Leagues have 30 days to pay from the date of any invoice. After that a \$200 per month fine will be applied. Under special circumstances the Management Committee may waive the penalties.

10) Teams must have a minimum of 2 trained/certified coaches per roster, a Head Coach and an Assistant Coach. Any roster submitted without adhering to this stipulation is subject to a \$75 fine (per roster) to the association.

11) All teams must have team rosters completed in order to be eligible for playoffs.

12) No teams will be accepted for individual entry from leagues that choose not to register with Baseball Manitoba.

13) No teams will be permitted to compete in Provincial or Regional Competition from leagues that have not paid their league fees.

14) Invoices will be sent for Provincial fees after the Provincial Championships have been conducted

15) A league shall consist of a minimum of three teams.

16) Leagues will be assessed the following fines for failure to attend the following meetings, without sufficient notice.

- Annual General Meeting (Spring) \$100
- Semi-Annual Meeting (Fall) \$100
- Competition Committee Meetings \$50 per meeting (to a maximum of 3)

a) Since the Senior "AA" Leagues, as a group, have only one vote at the AGM and SGM, each Senior "AA" League would pay a \$200 Performance Bond only. The Senior "AA" Leagues will not be fined for missing any meetings.

b) All voting eligible Minor Leagues, the Manitoba Junior Baseball League, the Manitoba Senior Baseball League and the Winnipeg "AAA" Baseball Association and the Senior Baseball Council must send the correct number of representatives to the AGM and SGM. If this is not met, they will be fined \$100 per meeting missed.

c) All voting eligible Minor Leagues must meet the requirement of having someone on the Sport Development Committee. There will be a \$50 fine for each meeting missed.

d) All voting eligible Minor Leagues, and the Winnipeg “AAA” Baseball Association must meet the requirement of having someone on the Competition Committee. There will be a \$50 fine for each meeting missed.

e) All voting eligible Minor Leagues, and the Winnipeg “AAA” Baseball Association must meet the requirement of having someone on the Coaching Committee. There will be a \$50 fine for each meeting missed.

f) Regarding the AGM and SGM, should leagues that have two votes only be able to provide one voting member, the requirements of attendance will still be met. For leagues that have 2 votes they should endeavour to send two representatives.



RESIDENCY RULES

1) Each league, in conjunction with Baseball Manitoba, determines the actual geographic boundaries of the area from within which it shall select players. These boundaries must be described in detail, shown on a map and dated.

2) Any disputes regarding boundaries between leagues, and final determinations of boundaries will be made by the sub-committee of the Competition Committee.

3) For Baseball Manitoba purposes the principal residence for all 18U age category and younger players shall be the actual physical structure in which the person resides (not box office) as of April 1. This is the designated geographical area where the primary care giver resides.

4) .An “address of convenience” is not permitted. Baseball Manitoba does not recognize temporary relocation for baseball registration purposes only. The penalty for violation of this rule may result in the disqualification of a player, team, or entire league from regular season and/or provincial championship competition.

5) Residence is established by:

a) The parents’ usual residence when parents live in the same house, or if one of the parents is deceased, the usual residence of the surviving parent as of January 1 of the current calendar year.

b) In cases where parents do not live in the same residence, the legal residence is the usual residence of the parent having legal custody of the player; or, if both parents have legal custody, the usual residence of the parent with whom the player usually lives; or again, if the player lives equally with both parents, his place of residence shall be determined by Baseball Manitoba as of January 1 of the current calendar year.

c) When legal custody has been granted to a third person, the usual residence of that person (in which case there must be a Court order or other lawful proof of guardianship) as of April 1 of the current calendar year.

NOTE: The term “usual residence” is defined as four (4) out of seven (7) days.

NOTE: In the application of the above, the term “legal custody” and/or “legal guardian” refers to the granting of custody as determined by a Court of Law in one of the following circumstances:

a) the application of the Divorce ACT,

b) in the case of an order enforcing or recognizing a legal separation agreement,

c) loss of parental authority,

d) when it is deemed the child’s development is compromised,

e) when both (2) parents are deceased,

f) married, or the equivalent of married

6) Players who are required to change residence and continue to live with their parents will automatically be released.

7) If a player moves with parent or guardians, new residency for purpose of baseball must be established prior to April 1 of the current calendar year.

8) Baseball Manitoba shall retain the right to request the information listed below, but is not limited to, in order to confirm residency status. Residence shall be established and supported by documents dated on or in force between April 1st of the previous year and April 1st of the current year, from three or more of the following categories to determine residency of such parent(s) or guardian:

- i) Property Tax Assessment
- ii) Current utility statement or credit card statement (i.e. gas, electric, water, phone)
- iii) Manitoba Driver's License
- iv) Rental agreement or bill of purchase of new residence
- v) Voter's Registration
- vi) Welfare / Child Care Records
- vii) Local (municipal) Records
- viii) Insurance Documents
- ix) Military Records
- x) Internet, Cable, or Satellite Records
- xi) Vehicle Records
- xii) Financial Records (loan, credit, investments, etc.)

9) Any documents submitted as proof of residence must show customary usage or consumption to demonstrate bona fide continuous habitation by Baseball Manitoba in its discretion. It is recommended that leagues require some proof of residence within the league's boundaries at the time the player registers. Players and their parents/guardians are advised that a false statement of residence may lead to ineligibility to baseball.

10) If the claim for residency is challenged, three of the above materials must be submitted to Baseball Manitoba, with an affidavit of residency from the parent(s) or guardian. Baseball Manitoba shall decide the issue, in its sole discretion, and that decision will be final and binding. Residency documents must illustrate that the residence (as defined above) was inside the league's boundaries throughout the regular season.

REGISTRATION

1.01 League

- 1.01.01** Leagues/Regions shall be the basic unit recognized by the M.B.A.
- 1.01.02** Each league shall complete a League Affiliation form for each of its teams and forward them to the M.B.A. office by the required date as listed below.
- 1.01.03** Rosters are to be submitted to Baseball Manitoba on or before the following dates:
- All "A", Tier 2 and 3 Rosters (Club) May 15
 - All Tier 1 Rosters June 1
 - All "AA" and "AAA" Rosters (All-Stars) June 15
 - All 22U and Senior ("A" and "AA") Rosters June 15

Note: A roster shall consist of not more than 18 players. *Exception: Senior "AA" and Junior (22U) teams may roster up to 21 players.*

1.01.04 There is no limit to the number of coaches that may be on a roster. However, the number of coaches allowed on a roster for a qualifier or provincial championship is four (4). If a team has more than four coaches on their roster prior to a qualifier or provincial championship, they must declare the four that will attend as official coaches. A fifth coach is allowed if one of the coaches is registered as an apprentice coach.

1.01.05 A league shall consist of a minimum of three teams in one age category.

1.02 Individual Team Entry

1.02.01 Teams not in an affiliated league because of geographical location may be accepted into "AAA" playoffs only as individual entries upon written application to the Vice-President of Competition. An exception to the "AAA" category must also be made in writing by June 1. The placement of individual entries shall be the decision of the Vice-President of Competition.

1.02.02 Any team wishing to apply to compete as an individual entry must do so by the affiliation deadline of June 1st.

1.02.03 If such an application comes from a league which chooses not to affiliate, it shall be denied immediately. Teams should apply for membership through the league, not as an individual entry.

1.02.04 Application for individual entry cannot be approved by the Registrar and must go to the Vice-President of Competition for consideration.

1.03 Players

1.03.01 All Players in a league must be registered with the M.B.A. and each shall be recorded in the online registration system.

1.03.02 In Zone II (Rural), players are not eligible as pickups for "AA" or "A", Tier 1, 2 or 3 teams.

1.03.03 SENIOR: only players registered in Manitoba and playing solely in Manitoba after July 1st will be eligible to play in Provincial playoffs. Players may participate with 2 teams in the regular season, so long as the teams are in 2 separate leagues and they declare which team (1) they will represent in Provincial Championships prior to June 15.

1.04 Female Players

1.04.01 In accordance with Baseball Canada rules, female players can play in male events one calendar year older than the male ages and are allowed to play in regional, provincial, Western Canada and Baseball Canada competition.

1.04.02 All rules of the Manitoba Baseball Association regarding the movement of players between area or regions are suspended so that there are no restrictions on the movement of any female ball player from one area or region to another and no permission will be required of any such area or region provided such movement of player is to an all-female baseball team.

1.04.03 Any right to transfer to another area or region without any area or region authority shall terminate if the female baseball team to which the player transferred ceases to exist.

1.04.04 Any female players who are directly involved with Baseball Manitoba's 21U Women's Provincial Team aged 20 or 21, may compete in the 18U age category.

1.05 Late Registrations

1.05.01 Late additions to Rosters will be accepted up to **fourteen** days after the closing date. **However, any team submitting late rosters shall be fined \$200.00 for the first week or \$500.00 in the second week.** The Association must receive this fine before a team is considered to be registered. This applies to individual entries as well. No team will be eligible to compete in Provincial Play if their roster has not been submitted to the Registrar by the later registration deadline. Fines will be assessed to the leagues responsible, rather than to specific teams.

2026 MEMBERSHIP FEES

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Individual Fee (Per Player)</u>
Challenger	\$12.00
Rally Cap (7U)	\$22.00
9U	\$27.00
11U and 12U girls	\$39.00
13U and 14U girls	\$39.00
15U	\$39.00
18U	\$39.00
22U	\$44.00
Senior	\$59.00

2026 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP FEES

Each league shall be charged the following fees based on the number of teams entering Provincials in each classification.

Provincial AAA - All Tiers	\$800.00
Provincial AA - All Tiers	\$400.00 (Final Reps. Only)
Provincial A, Tier 1, 2 and 3	\$400.00 (Final Reps. Only)

REGULATIONS

2.01 Classifications

Rally Cap	For players born 2019 or later.
9U (Grand Slam)	For players born 2017 or later.
11U	For players born 2015 or later.
13U	For players born 2013 or later.
15U	For players born 2011 or later.
18U	For players born 2004 or later.
22U	For players born 2003 or later.
Senior	Open

Proof of age for all players shall be certified by copies of birth certificates or equivalent documents submitted to the League Registrar.

2.02 Categories

- “AAA”-Zone 2** League all-star team made up of players who are members of teams within that league. Leagues may also choose to send League “AA” Champion plus pick-ups; however, the League “AA” Champion may not also compete in “AA” Provincials and may not have “AAA” players on the Provincial roster.
- “AAA”-Zone 1** These are teams from the Winnipeg "AAA" Baseball Association (W.A.B.A.). The W.A.B.A. teams are All-Star teams comprised of players from the community clubs or communities in their area.
- “AA”** Second Tier all-star teams from a region, these players may not be AAA players.
- “A” - Zone 1** Teams that play in a league that is separate from the “AA” Zone 1 teams. These teams will play in a Zone 1 championship only.
- Tier 1** The top community team in the region, or a team from a club that has more than 36 players.
- Tier 2** The second-place community team in a region, or a team from a club with 24-35 players.
- Tier 3** The best community team in the bottom half of the region, or a team from a club that has less than 24 players.

ELIGIBILITY

3.01 Play Offs - League

3.01.01 M.B.A. affiliated leagues will be required to submit a \$200.00 performance bond along with the affiliation fees at the deadline of June 1. These may be separate payments or together. The bond will be returned upon attendance of that league's teams at each Provincial Preliminary or Final to which it has committed said teams, the team must also fulfill all tournament commitments. The bond will be turned over to the M.B.A. if this commitment is not fulfilled.

3.02 Play Offs - Teams

3.02.01 When team rosters are announced for Provincial Playoffs and later fold, no pickups will be permitted from that folded roster.

3.02.02 Teams from other provinces (Saskatchewan, Ontario), if affiliated with the M.B.A. and play in an M.B.A. sanctioned league, may compete in provincial championship play.

3.02.03 Any coach who intentionally forfeits a game will be suspended as per the discipline chart, and the team will be eliminated from the tournament.

3.03 Play Offs - Players

3.03.01 An athlete participating in a Manitoba championship must be a Canadian citizen, or a full-time resident of Canada for twelve months prior to the date of participation in that particular championship. An athlete must reside in the Province for which he/she is participating as of June 1st of the current year.

3.03.02 If a Manitoba player registers with a team or league in another province, that player is not eligible to participate in Manitoba regional or provincial tournaments, nor interprovincial competition representing the province of Manitoba. Special cases shall be referred to the VP of Competition.

3.03.03 Players on teams that have folded during the course of the year but have submitted the team roster and have met all the conditions of the M.B.A. Handbook, are eligible to be drafted for provincial tournaments.

3.03.04 Any officially registered teams playing in a Manitoba Baseball Association registered league may win the league championships and provincial championships and, at 18U and 22U are entitled to represent Manitoba in any interprovincial championships, including the Western Canada Championships, the Prairie Regional's, and the National Championships.

3.03.05 Non-resident players are ineligible from "AAA" provincial competition. Special cases shall be referred to the VP of Competition.

3.03.06 A player will only be allowed to participate in only one Tier 1, 2 or 3 Championship in a given year.

3.03.07 For senior baseball provincials only players registered in Manitoba and playing solely in Manitoba after July 1st will be allowed to play in provincial playoffs.

3.04 League - Players

Minor

3.04.01 All players will be permitted to play an unlimited number of games in the centers nearest their place of dwelling which are entered in the divisions for which they are qualified by age to play.

3.04.02 Minor players 9U-15U may participate in one category up (e.g. 11U players may play during the course of the season in the 13U category). The player must register in their own age category roster.

3.04.03 Overage (affiliated) and underage players will be allowed based on league policies. Overage players can be a maximum of one year older. Underage players may be a maximum of one year younger. Both of these are based on the calendar year. Overage players are not eligible for regional or provincial competition. These players are eligible to play for only one higher age category team in their affiliated league.

Players should check with their leagues regarding further restrictions. Exception: Overage female players ARE allowed to play in regional and provincial competition.

3.04.04 If no "AAA" team exists in a player's home league; the player will then be permitted to play for an existing "AAA" team in the league bordering his/her home league which is entering an "AAA" team. That player, however, must still play community baseball (A, Tier 1, 2 or 3) as outlined in 7.01.01, if he/she chooses to. Approved Transfers must be completed and obtained by Baseball Manitoba in all cases.

22U

3.04.05 By-Laws and regulations of the Manitoba Junior Baseball League, or of another 22U league shall be subject to the approval of the M.B.A. and shall be part of this section.

Senior

3.04.06 On an interim basis players 16-22 years of age (within the calendar year) may play in an unlimited number of games in three categories (18U, 22U and Senior "AA" provided they are recorded on a roster in each category that they participate in. 22U and Senior teams must receive written permission from the 18U team to use rostered 18U players in competition. Written permission can take the form of a text or email.

Additions/Deletions to Roster

3.05.01 Baseball Manitoba requires the Player/Coach Deletion form to be submitted to delete a player from a roster prior to provincial championships, under the following requirements.

a) The Player/Coach Deletion form must have the signature of both the parent/legal guardian of the player, if a minor or adult player (18 years of age or older) and the league president

b) The Player/Coach Deletion form must indicate the reason for the player/coach being dropped from the roster, and these are limited to:

- injury/sickness
- family moves
- player quits team
- holiday
- work

The Player/Coach Deletion form must be submitted to the Baseball Manitoba office a minimum of 3 days prior to the provincial championships. It is expected that the form will be submitted as soon as the situation regarding the player or coach becomes apparent.

All Divisions

3.06.00 Medic Alert Bracelets and Necklaces are not to be considered jewelry and are not mandated to be removed by the wearer.

RULES AND RE-ENTRY

4.01.01 Except where specifically defined by the M.B.A., all championships shall be governed by the text of the Baseball Canada Rulebook (C.F.A.B. Official Baseball Rules).

4.02 Re-Entry Rule

4.02.01 This rule will be used for all levels of minor “AAA” (13U, 15U and 18U) and for “AA” 18U and shall be in effect for M.B.A. playoffs for these divisions. All players in the starting batting order shall be permitted to re-enter the game once. The original starting player and the substitute may not be in the game at the same time. All normal Baseball Canada pitching rules will be in effect. i.e.). Once a pitcher has been removed from the pitching position, even though he re-enters, he may not pitch. These players, upon re-entering, must re-occupy the same position in the batting order, but not necessarily the same defensive position. Some relevant examples:

4.02.02 Brown playing 2B, batting 1st. Smith goes in for Brown at 2B, batting 1st. Brown re-enters for Smith at 2B, batting 1st. (LEGAL)

4.02.03 Brown playing 2B, batting 1st. Smith goes in for Brown, plays LF, batting 1st. Brown re-enters for Smith, plays 2B, bats 1st. (LEGAL)

4.02.04 Brown playing 2B, batting 1st. Smith goes in for Brown, plays 2B, bats 1st. Brown re-enters for Smith, plays LF, bats 1st. (LEGAL)

4.02.05 Brown playing 2B, batting 1st. Smith goes in for Brown, plays 2B, bats 1st. Brown re-enters for Smith, pitches, bats 1st. (LEGAL) A player may re-enter and take the pitching position provided he has not previously pitched.

4.02.06 Brown playing 2B, batting 1st. Smith goes in for Brown, pitches, bats 1st. Brown re-enters for Smith, pitches, bats 1st. (LEGAL) Smith may enter to pitch, and Brown may re-enter and take the pitching position provided he has not previously pitched.

4.02.07 Brown playing 2B, bats 1st. Smith goes in for Brown, plays 2B, bats 1st. Brown re-enters for Smith, plays 2B, bats 4th.(ILLEGAL) Brown must re-occupy the same spot in the batting order and Smith must leave the game when replaced and cannot enter the game again.

4.02.08 Brown playing 2B, bats 1st. Smith goes in for Brown, plays 2B, bats 1st. Brown re-enters for Smith, plays 2B, bats 1st. Smith re-enters for Brown plays 2B, bats 1st. (ILLEGAL) Only the starting 9 may re-enter once.

4.02.09 Brown playing 2B, bats 1st. Smith goes in for Brown, plays 2B, bats 1st. Brown re-enters for Smith, plays 2B, bats 1st. Jones goes in for Brown, plays 2B, bats 1st. Brown re-enters for Jones (ILLEGAL). A starting player withdrawn from the game more than once cannot re-enter.

4.02.10 Brown playing 2B, batting 1st. Smith goes in for Brown. Jones goes in for Smith. Brown re-enters for Jones, batting 1st (LEGAL). Only Brown, as the starting player, can re-enter the game. Once Smith is replaced by Jones, he may not re-enter.

4.02.11 Brown playing 2B, bats 1st. Smith goes in for Brown, plays 2B, bats 1st. Jones goes in for Smith, plays 2B, bats 1st. Brown re-enters for Jones, plays 2B, bats 1st. (LEGAL). Smith and Jones are now out of the game and cannot re-enter.

4.02.12 Brown is pitching and batting 2nd. When his turn to bat comes up in the bottom of the third inning, Smith bats in his place. At the start of the fourth inning, Brown returns to the mound to pitch. (ILLEGAL) Even though Brown is not actually on the mound pitching, he has been removed from the batting order, and thus the pitching position. Upon re-entering the game, Brown may no longer pitch.

NOTE: Normal pitching rules will govern the re-entry of pitchers.

4.02.13 The re-entry rule may not be used to replace ejected players.

4.02.14 Brown playing 2B, bats 1st. Smith goes in for Brown, plays 2B, bats 1st. Smith is ejected. Brown re-enters for Smith plays 2B, bats 1st. (ILLEGAL) Brown may not re-enter for Smith after he has been ejected.

4.03 Injury Rule: In situations where an injury occurs to a player in the 18U category and lower, and all other players are ineligible to enter the game, the last player leaving the game may re-enter to replace the injured player. This replacement must bat in the injured player's spot in the batting order and may not pitch in that game. The injured player may not re-enter the game. This injury rule may not be used for 22U and Senior Baseball Manitoba Provincial Championships. When the Everybody Bats Rule is being used, the injury rule is not used or needed.

4.04 Illegal Player Rule: Any coach knowingly playing an illegal player shall be suspended, according to the Discipline Chart. The illegal player may also be subject to discipline.

4.05 Bat Rules

4.05.01 Metal BBCOR bats may be used at 15U and 18U A, AA and AAA Provincial Championships. Wood (and composite) bats are to be used for the 22U “AAA” , Senior “AAA” and Senior “AA” All-stars provincial championships. Wood (and composite) bats can be used at all levels of baseball. If, for example, a 13U “AA” player chooses to use a wood bat, that would be perfectly acceptable. Note that there is no weight to length restriction on wood bats.

4.05.02 “AA”, “A” and Tier 1, 2 and 3 15U teams may use minus 5 (-5) bats or minus 3 (-3) metal bats for “AA” and “A” provincial championships.

4.05.03 Female players in the 15U and 18U category are allowed to use -5 metal bats in “A”, “AA” and “AAA” league play and Provincial Championships.

4.05.04 Baseball Manitoba Teams and players will follow the Western Canada Baseball Association and Baseball Canada rules regarding bats for WCBA and National Championships.

Where non-wood bats are permitted, only approved “BBCOR” stamped aluminum bats in the 15U AAA and 18U categories will be permitted for use.

AGE/LEVEL	MAX DIFFERENTIAL	MAX DIAMETER	MAX LENGTH
11U	None	2 3/4	32"
13U & 14U Girls	-10	2 3/4	34"
15U & 16U Girls	-5	2 3/4	34"
15U AAA	-3	2 5/8	34"
18U	-3	2 5/8	35"
21U and SR Women	-5	2 3/4	35"

Note: 15U A, AA, Tier 1, 2 and 3 players may use -5 (or -3) metal bats.

Note: 22U (Junior) and Senior Players must use wood or wood composite bats.

Note: Wood or wood composite bats are allowed at all levels and there are no weight requirements for wood bats.

- Maximum differential refers to the difference between the length of the bat (inches) and the weight of the bat (ounces). So, a bat that is 30 inches long and 20 ounces is a -10 bat.

- For the 13U National Championships using up to a minus 10 length/weight differential is permitted. For 16U Girls, 21U Women and Senior Women National Championships a max barrel of 2 3/4" with a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) or USA Baseball Model and up to a minus 5 length/weight differential is permitted.
- USSSA 1.15 and USABB bats will be both approved for play under Baseball Canada rules for the 13U and under categories. This allows for all previous & current 2 1/4", 2 5/8" and 2 3/4" USSSA 1.15 certified bats to be used.
- 15U A and AA (Provincials and Westerns) may use -5 metal bats
- NEW – 15U AAA and 18U AAA National and Western Championships allow -3 BBCOR metal bats.
- All Post Provincial Championships (Western Canada Championships and Baseball Canada National Championships) for categories 22U and Men's and are wood or wood composite bat only Championships.
- The 17U Canada Cup Championship is a wood, or wood composite bat only championship.



4.06 Special Rules (Minor)

4.06.01 11U - There is no Provincial "AAA" 11U Competition because there is no sanctioned out-of-province championship for 11U.

4.06.02 11U - As the 11U category competition is open to league teams only, no All-Star teams will be permitted at 11U A Zone 1, Tier1, 2 or 3. Leagues found to have formed All-Star teams will not be permitted to enter any teams and are subject to discipline by the Vice President of Competition. Leagues will be closely monitored.

4.06.03 Bunting is NOT allowed at 11U, (all categories), 13U Tier 1, 2, 3 and A.

4.06.04 Intentional Walks are NOT allowed at 11U, (all categories), 13U Tier 1, 2, 3 and A.

For all 11U, 13U and 15U "A", Tier 1, 2, 3 and "AA" Regional and Provincial championships, the Everybody Bats rule and Unlimited Substitutions rule will be in effect. The rules are as follows:

4.06.05 Everybody Bats - a team will list all the players on their roster, and they bat in order. If a player is ejected or injured, their spot in the order is passed with no out declared. Players who are not there at game time are to be placed at the bottom of the batting order when they arrive. It will be up to the coach to advise the umpire & the opposing coach that the player is late. It will then be up to the coach to immediately advise the umpire & the opposing coach when the player arrives, so he can be placed into the batting rotation. Until he arrives, his spot will not be counted as an out. Once a team has fewer than 9 players, the game is forfeited.

4.06.06 Unlimited Substitutions – players may be inserted or removed from the game in any position (exception: pitching limitations). The re-entry rule is not used. Baseball Manitoba suggests that each player is used for a minimum of 2 innings per game.

4.06.07 5 Run Limit - For all 11U "A" and "AA" ball, and 13U "A" and "AA" play, a maximum of five runs may be scored by a team in their offensive half of an inning. Once five runs are reached, regardless of the number of outs, the team at bat would take the field and the defensive team would come up to bat. This would apply for all innings except the last inning of the game. This will apply for regional and provincial championships.

4.06.08 6 Run Limit - For all 15U "A" play, a maximum of six runs may be scored by a team in their offensive half of an inning. Once six runs are reached, regardless of the number of outs, the team at bat would take the field and the defensive team would come up to bat. This would apply for all innings except the last inning of the game. This will apply for regional and provincial championships.

4.06.09 Pitch Count Rules – The Pitch Count Program will be used for all players, for all games, based on their age. This also applies for all Regional and Provincial Championships. Baseball Canada Pitch count rules will be followed, unless otherwise stated in this document.

4.06.10 The Baseball Manitoba pitch count App must be used for all players in all games. This includes games played outside of Manitoba.

PITCH COUNT REGULATIONS

- 1)** Any player on the team is eligible to pitch and there are NO restrictions to the number of pitchers a coach may use in a game. This includes 9-year-old players in the 11U age category.
- 2)** An appearance shall be defined as 1 pitch thrown or more.
- 3)** Pitchers are permitted to have a maximum of 2 appearances in the same calendar day. If a pitcher requires a rest following the 1st appearance, they cannot return to pitch in the same day. (Example: a 13U pitcher throws 29 pitches in their 1st appearance. That pitcher has not reached a rest threshold and may pitch in another game that calendar day. Another 13U pitcher throws 40 pitches in their 1st appearance. That pitcher has exceeded the no-rest threshold of 30 pitches and cannot pitch for the remainder of the day). The official scorekeeper will calculate the total pitches thrown for that calendar day and determine the required rest starting the next calendar day. These two appearances would only occur if 2 or more games are being played on the same day.
- 4)** Every pitch thrown in the game is counted (including foul tips, and all foul balls). Warm-up pitches between innings, or when a new pitcher enters the game, are not part of the count.
- 5)** A pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first two (2) days combined does not exceed:

11U: 25 13U: 30 15U: 35 18U: 40 22U: 45

If a pitcher's Day 1 + Day 2 total exceeds the figure shown above (and Rule 8 was not applied), they require at least one day's rest. A pitcher cannot pitch four consecutive days. Minimally one days rest is required. (Example: A 13U Pitcher throws 15 pitches on Day 1 (Friday). That same pitcher throws 10 pitches on Day 2 (Saturday). The two-day total is 25 pitches, which is less than the limit of 30. This pitcher can pitch on Day 3 (Sunday) to their maximum limit, which for 13U is 30.

- 6)** The official scorekeeper will calculate the total pitches thrown for that calendar day and determine the required rest (if any) starting the next calendar day. Athletes must not exceed the maximum pitch count total for that day. If there is no official Pitch Count scorekeeper, the home team Pitch Count scorekeeper will become the official Pitch Count scorekeeper.
- 7)** Once a player assumes the role of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day. This rule allows a player to catch, and then pitch in the same game or the same day. However, a player cannot pitch and then catch in the same game or day.

8) When a pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches allowed for a threshold, he can complete the at-bat without the penalty on days of rest, if he does not pitch to another batter. In this situation, the number of pitches corresponding to the threshold reached will be indicated on the pitching log. The coach or manager needs to acknowledge this to the umpire at this moment prior to the next pitch. The Umpire would then notify the scorekeeper.

EXAMPLE: 13U Pitcher uses 10 pitches on Friday. On Saturday, the coach declares on his/her 19th pitch of the day that the pitcher will finish the batter (Using Rule 8). The pitcher finished the batter, using 4 pitches – making a 2-day total of 33. He/she will then be eligible to pitch on Sunday, being marked for 30 pitches.

9) Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if their maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day. (e.g. 75 for a 11U pitcher, 85 for a 13U pitcher)

10) Intentional walks will be included in Pitch Count totals. Only pitches actually thrown will be included in Pitch Count totals. Automatic balls during an intentional walk do not count towards Pitch Count totals.

EXAMPLE: if during a count of 2 balls - 0 strikes, a team signals to the umpire that a batter will receive an intentional walk, only 2 pitches will be counted for pitch count.

11) Required Rest shall be defined in “Days” starting at 12:01 a.m. and ending at 11:59 p.m. of the next calendar day.

12) A pitcher who is removed from the mound during the game shall not be permitted to return to pitch in the same game, even if the pitcher is retained in the game in another position.

13) Baseball Canada’s Pitch Rules that do NOT apply in Manitoba (from the Baseball Canada Rule Book – Canadian Content: Rule 6.02(3): 2-day and Rule 6.02(4) [second half]: 4 day.

11U (+ 9 Year Olds)	13U	15U	18U	22U	Rest Required
1-25	1-30	1-35	1-40-	1-44	None
26-40	31-45	36-50	41-55	45-60	1 Day
41-55	46-60	51-65	56-70	61-75	2 Days
56-65	61-75	66-80	71-85	76-90	3 Days
75	85	95	105	115	Total Pitches Allowed in a day

4.06.08 Extra Inning Procedure - Baseball Manitoba has adopted the Baseball Canada extra-inning procedure as follows:

- If the game is tied at the completion of regulation (7 innings), the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings:
- Each team will begin the extra inning (and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a player on first and second, no outs.
- The batting order of the extra inning or any subsequent innings will be determined by how the previous inning ended.
- The traditional system of the visiting team hitting in the top of the inning and the home team hitting in the bottom of the inning will remain in effect until a winner is determined.

Example:

If the last regulation inning ends with the #6 hitter having the last plate appearance, then the extra inning begins with the #7 hitter at bat, and the #5 hitter at second base and the #6 hitter at first base.

For the Tie-breaking formula and extra inning rule, only the runs scored/allowed in the regular 7 innings be counted in the run ratio. Do not use the extra inning stats in the tie-breaking formula.

4.06.09 Base Running Rule For 11U Only – Runners at 3rd base must be batted home or forced by means of a bases loaded base on balls or hit by pitch. They cannot advance on a passed ball, wild pitch, or overthrow on a stolen base. If a runner reaches 3rd base by means of a batted ball they may continue home as a continuous part of the play. They do not have to stop at 3rd and wait for the next play. The intent of this rule is to promote hitting the runner home.

4.06.10 Oversize Home Plate Rule For 11U Only - All leagues will use the Killarney plate (oversize home plate) for all 11U "A" and "AA" competition. This will also apply to regional and provincial championship competitions.

4.06.11 11U Base Distances - At Provincial Championships for 11U the base paths will be 70 feet for AA, Tier 1, 2 and 3 and 60 feet for Zone 1 A

PLAYOFF COMPETITION

5.01 M.B.A. Playoff Competition

5.01.01 The Manitoba Baseball Association shall be responsible for Regional and Final Provincial Championship tournaments in all categories, while any playoffs leading up to these events shall be the responsibility of affiliated leagues recognized by the M.B.A. Draws for all regional and final events shall be defined by the M.B.A., and the M.B.A. shall reserve the right to select the sites for Provincial Final Tournaments. Regions will select the sites for their own playoffs.

5.01.02 The M.B.A. has adopted the following suspended game rule for all Provincial Playoffs: In the event of a major disruption to the championship (severe lengthy rain, etc.) the championship committee has the power to amend the draw for teams still in contention and may further reduce the length of game providing a minimum of five innings is played. The Committee is also empowered to utilize alternate facilities (within reasonable proximity of the hosting site).

5.01.03 The Competition Committee reserves the right to eliminate preliminary tournaments or playoffs in any division and hold one Provincial Championship tournament for all teams in the division.

5.01.04 Spectators shall not be permitted on the field, in the dugout or on the bench or in designated bullpens.

5.01.05 Team Dress: Teams shall be dressed in matching uniforms of an acceptable standard, including baseball pants. All uniforms, including those of managers and coaches shall be matched and numbered. When coaching the bases, team apparel must be worn. If a team shirt, jacket, hoodie, or wind shirt is worn, it must include the team's official logo and be consistent with the team's uniform color and apparel.

5.01.06 A pre-tournament meeting shall be held, via Conference Call, at least 2 days prior to the Start of Provincial Championships. The Schedule, Team Contacts and a written list of tournament rules shall be provided to coaches and officials at this time. The Conference Call must be attended by a rostered person for each team attending a Provincial Championship, there will be a \$100 fine imposed to the team/association if this is not done.

5.01.07 In a mercy rule game, for run calculations used to determine standings, the winning team will receive credit for 7 defensive innings (21 outs) while the losing team will only receive credit for the actual innings played.

5.01.08 Any players 18U or younger that are coaching a base wear a double ear flapped helmet" (This is also a Baseball Canada Championships rule, in the blue section of the Baseball Canada rulebook, Page b11, 2.1.2 (4).)

5.02 Competitions

5.02.01 The following competitions are for minor classifications:

Provincial “AAA” Finals	13U, 15U and 18U (Tier 1 and 2)
Provincial “AAA” Qualifiers	13U, 15U, 18U
Provincial “AA” Finals	11U, 13U, 15U, 18U
Zone 1 “A” Finals (Wpg)	11U, 13U, 15U, 18U
Tier 1, 2 and 3 Finals	11U, 13U, 15U, 18U (Tier 1 only)
NEW	12U Girls

Provincial Championship and Finalist medals will be awarded to the winner and runner-up teams in all categories at provincial finals.

5.03 Provincial “AAA” Eligibility

5.03.01 All “AAA” Coaches that are recorded on a roster must be certified to Baseball Canada standards, which are the following:

- 13U: Head Coach - 13U Certified. Assistant Coaches - 13U Trained
- 15U: Head Coach - 15U Certified. Assistant Coaches - 15U Trained
- 18U: Head Coach - 16+ Certified. Assistant Coaches - 16+ Trained

The coaching certification deadline for “AAA” teams will be the same as the roster deadline – June 1. If the coach listed is not properly certified, their name is removed. No additional coaches may be added, except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the V/P of Competition. If no coaches on the team are certified, the team is ineligible to compete.

5.03.02 All coaches must have the Sport Manitoba “Respect in Sport” course completed by May 15.

5.03.03 “AAA” Competition teams must register a minimum of 12 players on the roster.

5.03.04 Any Zone II teams wanting to participate in Zone I (W.A.B.A.) must have written permission from their area association or president.

5.03.05 All “AAA” teams are eligible for the provincial championships, provided they are registered with Baseball Manitoba by June 1.

5.03.06 There shall be one representative team from each affiliated league entitled to participate in the M.B.A. “AAA” Provincial Tournament. This shall be a League All-Star team.

5.03.07 Teams will be comprised of players who are members of the league. There shall be no additions to the “AAA” roster after June 30th. The only exceptions are as it pertains to injury replacements and/or pickups after Qualifiers.

5.03.08 “AAA” teams must have a minimum of two (2) coaches on the roster.

5.04 Preliminary “AAA” Tournaments

5.04.01 Qualifying Tournaments will be held for the 13U “AAA”, 15U “AAA” and 18U “AAA” divisions. See Appendix XIII for the Qualifier process.

5.05 Provincial “AA” and “A” Eligibility

5.05.01 All “A & AA” Coaches that are recorded on a roster must be certified to Baseball Manitoba standards. Please refer to the Coach Requirements Chart (Appendix III).

5.05.02 All coaches must have the Sport Manitoba “Respect in Sport” course completed by May 15.

5.05.03 Teams may have a maximum of 4 coaches per team, at any one game. Only in cases where an apprentice coach is involved, may the Apprentice Coach be allowed as the 5th coach.

5.05.04 Zone 1 will play in an “A” Championship. There will also be Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 Championships for club teams which may have AA and AAA players.

5.05.05 AA Provincials: Each registered league will be eligible to send a “AA” team to the “AA” Provincial Championships, so long as there are no AAA players on the Provincial Roster. The Zone 1 “AA” Qualifier is the Zone 1 “AA” playoffs. The Zone 2 “AA” provincial placements/playdown format will be decided once leagues state their interest by the June 1st deadline (this deadline may be adjusted to an earlier date at the April Zone 2 Provincial restructure meeting).

5.05.06 There will be a maximum of 10 teams at each Provincial Championship.

A Host team will also be in the Final. The Competition Committee will determine the tournament format.

5.05.07 Tier 1, 2 and 3 Championships

A Host team will also be in the Final. The Competition Committee will determine the tournament format.

5.05.08 For leagues that have separate “AA” and “A” (or Tier 1 and 2) divisions, teams that participate as “AA” teams, or are eliminated in “AA” league playoffs, will not be permitted to compete in Tier 3 Provincials.

5.05.09 Zone 1 “A” Championships – Zone 1 Leagues will determine their own championship format, if any.

5.05.10 Regional boundaries will be based primarily along existing government directions; however, if the majority of teams in a league are based within one region, with a minority of others in a neighbouring region, that entire league shall play in the home region of the majority.

5.05.10 Competition is open only to league teams; no All-Star Teams will be permitted.

5.05.11 Provincial play will be conducted as per the structure outlined in 5.05.04 and 5.05.05.

5.06 22U

5.06.01 The Provincial representative shall be the winner of the Manitoba Junior Baseball League (MJBL). The Manitoba Baseball Association will have jurisdiction over the 22U play-offs, and the Manitoba Junior Baseball League must follow M.B.A. eligibility rules.

5.06.02 In the case where a second Junior AAA baseball league is formed the MBA will arrange for a play-off between the two leagues to determine the Provincial Champion and Manitoba's representative for Inter-Provincial play starting in the second year of operation of the new league.

5.07 Senior AA All-Stars Provincial Championship

5.07.01 The format for Senior AA All-Stars Provincial Championships will feature representatives from affiliated leagues as well as a Host Team. All leagues will be eligible to be represented by one League All-Star Team or League Champion only, with pickups. The final decision on both operating the event and to the number of teams in the Provincial Final will be determined by the Senior Council once the leagues are established for the season, or by May 15.

5.07.02 The tournament format will be determined by the number of leagues registering, with the winner advancing to the Western Canada Senior AA Baseball Championship.

5.07.03 No direct entries or entries from new leagues will be permitted to enter a representative in this event, unless deemed necessary by Senior Council.

5.07.04 Senior AA All-Stars Playoff eligibility for leagues is established by Senior Council.

5.08 Senior AA Provincial Championships

5.08.01 The format for Senior AA Provincial Championships will feature representatives from affiliated leagues, a host team, as well as a wild-card team(s).

5.08.02 The Senior AA Provincial Final format will be determined once all leagues are established for the season, or by May 15th.

5.08.03 Each team entering Provincial Finals may drop to a maximum of four players from their roster and add an additional four players to their roster from teams within their own league. Fourteen players must be retained from the original roster.

5.08.04 The Senior AA playoff eligibility for leagues will be established by the Senior Council.

5.09 Tournament Wild-Card – Senior “AA”

5.09.01 Each year a playoff will be held between the winners of all new leagues and direct-entry teams to determine the wild-card representative for the Provincial “AA” Championship. The format of the playoffs will be determined on the basis of the number of teams involved.

5.09.02 If any of the established leagues cannot field a representative in the Senior “AA” All-Star or Senior “AA” Finals, the wild-card playoff will be used to fill those additional openings.

5.09.03 Any team within a reasonable distance of an affiliated league that chooses not to register with that league will not be permitted direct entry into M.B.A. provincial tournaments.

5.10 Senior “A”

5.10.01 The format for Senior “A” competition will feature representatives from all leagues as well as a host team.

5.10.02 The competition will be for teams from towns with populations less than 1000 or are in the lower half of their Senior “AA” league.

5.10.03 Teams are allowed to register by June 15, with a final deadline of July 1.

5.10.04 The tournament will have 6 teams.

5.10.05 Each team will be allowed to pick up 2 players from their league, but no pickups from their leagues "AA" All-star team.

5.10.06 Wild card entries will be allowed from those teams who applied to play in this competition.

5.11 Senior "AAA"

5.11.1 Senior "AAA" will be comprised of Senior "AA" teams, either individual or combined, that want to compete for the right to represent Manitoba at Baseball Canada National Senior Championships. The format, number of team, location and cost for this event will be determined annually by the Senior Baseball Council. If no teams declare an intent to attend the National Championship, Senior Council may elect to operate a Senior All-Star Team to attend the National Championship.

RULES, FIELD DIMENSIONS AND EQUIPMENT SUMMARY FOR COACHES

Category	9U	11U	13U	15U	18U
Age (calendar year)	8-9	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-18
Base Distance	60 ft.	70 ft.	70 ft.	80 ft.	90 ft.
Home to 2nd distance	84 ft. 10¼ in.	99 ft.	99 ft.	113. ft 1½ in.	127 ft. 3 3/8 in.
Pitching Distance	40-42 ft. (machine)	44 ft.	48 ft.	54 ft.	60 ft. 6 in.
Recommended Ball (Rawlings)	ROTB1	65CC	80CC	80CC	ROML
Bat Type	Metal or Wood	Metal or Wood			
Max. Bat Length	32 in.	32 in.	33 in.	42 in.	42 in.
Max Bat Diameter	2¾ in.	2¾ in.	2¾ in.	2¾ in.	2¾ in.
Bat Weight to Length Ratio	N/A	N/A	-10	-3 AAA (-5 AA & A)	N/A
Game Length (innings)	6	6	7	7	7
Cleats	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Metal	Metal
Designated Hitter (DH) / Extra Hitter (EH)	No	No	No/EH at AAA	No/EH at AAA	EH or DH
10 Run Mercy Rule	N/A	After 4 innings or 3½ if home team ahead	After 5 innings or 4½ if home team ahead	After 5 innings or 4½ if home team ahead	After 5 innings or 4½ if home team ahead
NEW: 15 Run Mercy Rule	N/A	After 3 innings or 2½ if home team ahead	After 4 innings or 3½ if home team ahead	After 4 innings or 3½ if home team ahead	After 4 innings or 3½ if home team ahead
Chin Straps Mandatory	No	No	No	No	No

Note 1: Female players may swing -5 Metal Bats at any level.

Note 2: There are no weight requirements for Wood Bats.

Note 3: Some Leagues at 11U, 13U, 15U and 18U have different rules than what is listed above. Check with your local association for clarification.

REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL PICK UPS

6.01 Regional and Provincial Pick-Ups

6.01.01 All pick-ups should be channeled through the president, regional director or their appointee for each eligible league. Through the league representative, pick-ups for Regional and Provincial “AAA”, “AA” & “A” competition must be submitted to the M.B.A. office 2 days (recommended 1 week) prior to the tournament in order to be eligible.

6.01.02 Underage players may be picked up for provincials one category above the category they have registered in (e.g. 11U player may be picked up to participate in the 13U category). Pick-ups to be governed in accordance with the M.B.A. rule dealing with pick-ups for provincial playdowns.

6.01.03 Any player age advanced and being recorded on a roster at the next highest level (e.g. 13U aged player being recorded as a 15U aged player), will be eligible to be picked up at the level they are recorded at only. Any exception would have to be in writing to the Vice-President of Competition by July 1.

6.01.04 Pitching rules for age advanced players: The pitching restrictions for age-advanced pitchers will be followed depending on the date of birth of the pitcher, not the age category the pitcher is playing. Thus, an age advanced pitcher will be bound by the eligible number of pitches for their chronological age, not for the category they are playing in. Except for 9-year-old players on 11U rosters – these players may pitch under 11U Pitch Count Rules (Example: a 15-year-old 15U aged pitcher who is age advanced to play 18U will be limited to 90 pitches per game and the corresponding rest rule - the 15U limit, instead 105 pitches – the 18U limit).

6.01.05 All player additions are to be made in accordance with the rules as laid out in each of the age groups following, and shall be conducted in rotation based on the order of finish, where applicable.

6.01.06 If a player refuses or denies (in any way) to play for the team that selects them as a pick-up, they will be ineligible to play for any other team.

6.01.07 Pick-ups for Provincial Championships must be submitted to Baseball Manitoba before 12PM on the Wednesday immediately prior to the Championship.

Note: In accordance with rule 3.03.07 A player will only be allowed to participate in only one minor Tier 1, 2 or 3 Championship in a given year, and may not play in both.

6.02 “AA” Minor Player Pick-ups – Zone 1 (City)

Zone 1 – City Regions – Preliminary Tournament

6.02.01 Each team will be permitted to add two players prior to the preliminary tournament. These players can be “AA” or “A” players and must be from their league only. Rosters can be filled only to a maximum of 18 players.

Zone 1 - City Regions – Provincial Representatives

6.02.02 Following the City Region Preliminary Tournament, each team will be permitted to add a maximum of two additional players (to a roster maximum of 18) prior to the final tournament (Provincial Championships). These additions may be “AA” and “A” players from their regional playoff or league. Only “A” players who have completed “A” competition may be added. Each player addition shall be made on a rotational basis in order of standing at the completion of the preliminary zone tournament. Therefore, for players who played in the city preliminary tournament, player selections will be made on a rotating basis with the top seed selecting first.

6.03 “A” Minor Player Pick-ups – Zone 1 (City)

6.03.01 Each “A” team will be permitted to add two players prior to the Provincial tournament. These players can be “A” players only and must be from their league only. Rosters can be filled only to a maximum of 18 players.

6.03.02 All Zone 1 leagues must enter “AAA” teams into 13U, 15U and 18U provincial competition for the leagues “A” and “AA” teams to be eligible for pick-ups. If a Zone 1 League does not have a “AAA” team in an age division, any “A” and “AA” team representing that league in that age division going to Provincial Championships may not be allowed any pick-ups. If the region requesting “A” and “AA” pickups has allowed any “AAA” players requesting a transfer the ability to play “AAA” in another region, and the Executive Director and VP-Competition are consulted, pick-ups for “A” and “AA” teams attending Provincial Championships may be allowed, at the discretion of the Executive Director and the VP-Competition.

6.03.03 12U Girls players will count as pickups, if they are not listed on the original roster of the team attending Regionals or Provincials

6.04 “AA” and Tier 1, 2 and 3 Minor Player Pick-ups – Zone 2 (Rural)

6.04.01 Zone 2 Players must choose whether they wish to play for the league All-Star (“AAA”) team, or be picked up for “AA”, “A” Tier 1, 2 or 3 Competition. Only members of the Tier 1, 2 and 3 league champion may also play for the league All-Star team.

6.04.02 All Zone 2 leagues must enter “AAA” teams into 13U, 15U and 18U provincial competition for the leagues “A” and “AA” teams to be eligible for pick-ups. If a Zone 2 League does not have a “AAA” team in an age division, any Tier 1, 2 or 3 or “AA” team representing that league in that age division going to Provincial Championships may not be allowed any pick-ups. If the region requesting Tier 1, 2 or 3 and “AA” pickups has allowed any “AAA” players requesting a transfer the ability to play “AAA” in another region, and the Executive Director and VP-Competition are consulted, pick-ups for Tier 1, 2 and 3 and “AA” teams attending Provincial Championships may be allowed, at the discretion of the Executive Director and the VP-Competition.

Zone II –Rural Regions – “AA”

6.04.03 Each team will be permitted to add a maximum of four additional players (to a roster maximum of 18) from their league, prior to the Provincial Championships. These may be “AA” or “A” players and must not be members of the League “AAA” All-Star Teams.

Zone II –Rural Regions –Tier 1, 2 and 3

6.04.04 Each team will be permitted to add a maximum of four additional players (to a roster maximum of 18) from their league, prior to the Provincial Championships. These players must not be members of the League “AAA” All-Star Teams.

6.06 Host Site Pick-ups

6.06.01 Zone 1 “AA” Minor Provincial Host (City): A Zone 1 provincial host site team, if not competing in the City Preliminary regional competition, is allowed, in accordance with the section rules, to select two players from their (league), after all other teams going to the city play-offs have selected. Once the City Preliminary competition is completed, this host site team would also be allowed two additional pick-ups for provincial competition from their (league). These additional selections for provincial championships cannot be from the league representative (the league team that is going to provincials).

6.06.02 Zone 2 “AA” and Tier 1, 2 and 3 Minor Provincial Host (Rural): A Zone 2 provincial host site team, following league competition, is allowed in accordance with the section rules, to select four players from their league for provincial competition, after the league representative has made their selections. These additional selections for provincial championships may not be from the league representative (the league team that is going to provincials).

6.07 22U “AAA”

No player additions are allowed for regional or provincial championships in this category until inter-provincial competition (Western Canada or Baseball Canada Championships).

6.08 Senior “AAA”

Senior “AAA” teams participating in the championship will be allowed 3 pick-ups from any Senior AA roster in the province. Picks will be determined by a lottery and rotate from first to last and reverse, until picks are complete.

6.09 Senior “AA” All-Stars Provincial Championships

6.09.01 The format for Senior “AA” All-Stars Provincial Championships will feature representatives from affiliated leagues as well as a Host Team. As such Rural Leagues are not allowed player pick-ups as teams will submit their all-star roster.

6.10 Senior “AA” and “A” Provincial Championships

6.10.01 Each Team entering Provincial Finals may drop to a maximum of two (2) players from their roster, and add additional four players to their roster from teams within their own league. Fourteen players must be retained from the original roster.

6.10.02 Teams attending “AA” Provincials would make their 2 pickups first from within their league, and then the teams attending “A” Provincials would select their 2 pickups after the “AA” pickup selection process was completed.

6.11 Injury Replacement

6.11.01 13U, 15U and 18U “AAA” teams, along with 22U “AAA”, and Senior “AA” teams may replace an injured player prior to provincial championships, provided they show medical proof of injury. The medical proof must come from a doctor’s office, hospital or some other medical specialist indicating the extent of the injury and the expected time off.

TRANSFERS AND RELEASES

7.01.01 All players will be permitted to play an unlimited number of games in the centres nearest their place of dwelling which are entered in the divisions for which they are qualified by age to play. There will be provision for inter-league or inter-region transfer of players, as outlined below.

7.01.02 All transfers will be for a 1-year term only. Players must re-apply for transfers and register in their home region annually.

Note: Transfer rules (outlined in rule 7) are not applicable to Senior and Junior Baseball

7.02 Transfer Process

7.02.01 Before consideration of granting a release to any player, said player must register at their home center (community club, town or region) at the time of registration.

7.02.02 Player shall request release form from league/regions they were last a member of and by way of written email to the League President or Registrar.

7.02.03 Transferring Region shall review and approve or deny request in RAMP. If denied, the player shall be informed in writing. If approved, the online request will be forwarded to the Region which the player wants to go to (Accepting Region) for completion in RAMP.

7.02.04 Accepting Region shall review and approve or deny request. If denied, the request will be returned to the Transferring Region. If approved, the online request will be completed and forwarded through RAMP to Baseball Manitoba.

7.02.05 Baseball Manitoba's Executive Director (or delegate) shall ensure the player is transferred in RAMP, once the process is finalized.

7.02.06 Documented transfers shall be required by all players moving from one Region to another, even if there is no program available to the player in their home Region.

7.02.07 Failure to comply with these transfer rules will result in the player's removal from the roster for Provincial play, including any Qualifiers.

INTER-PROVINCIAL COMPETITION

8.01 Inter-Provincial Competition General

8.01.01 Teams who have advanced to inter-provincial “AAA” competition may make player additions from their own age group without restriction. All players who are age-eligible may be player additions.

8.01.02 In cases where Manitoba hosts inter-provincial championships, the Provincial Champion and Host Team will select player additions alternately.

8.01.03 If the Manitoba Host team for a WCBA or Baseball Canada Championship does not compete in provincial competition, that team may add up to 4 players to its roster, space permitting. Two players would be eligible to come from their league following the provincial championships, and two more players could be added after the provincial championships from the province. The selection of the last two players would be done alternately with the provincial representative team, in accordance with rule 8.01.02.

8.01.04 Manitoba's representative to the Baseball Canada National Junior Championship and Western Canada Championship will be determined by the MJBL. The MJBL will declare its intent to represent Manitoba by March 1 of the current playing season.

8.01.05 The M.B.A. will require each team to carry a roster of at least 12 players to inter-provincial competitions.

8.01.06 Only certified eligible coaches may attend a Western Canada or National Championship. Coaches not meeting the certification requirements will not be on the roster.

8.01.07 For Baseball Canada National Championships, Baseball Manitoba will provide a \$5,000 grant to the attending team.

8.01.08 For Western Canada Baseball Championships, Baseball Manitoba will provide travel assistance – the amount is based on the host Province of the event.

Baseball Manitoba will provide the attending team with a \$5,000 Travel Assistance Grant for attending National Championships.

As per the Senior Council, the Senior All Star team attending Nationals will also receive \$10 per Senior Player towards Travel costs.

Travel Assistance to Western Canada Championship competition, will be available for AAA teams, as noted in the chart below. There is no Travel Assistance for any intra-provincial competition which takes place in Manitoba.

	Saskatchewan	Alberta	BC
13U, 15U, 18U, Junior & Senior Westerns	\$1000 May be split amongst all MB teams attending	\$2000 May be split amongst all MB teams attending	\$3000 May be split amongst all MB teams attending

Flights/Transportation for Western Canada or National Competition

Club teams traveling for Baseball Canada National Championships will be responsible for their own travel arrangements. The same applies for team attending the Western Canada Baseball Championships. Baseball Manitoba will not be booking flights or arranging transportation to these events. Baseball Manitoba will only pre-book flights for Provincial Teams.

8.02 Inter-Provincial “AAA” Competition

8.02.01 All teams traveling to inter-provincial AAA competition must have all coaches certified to WCBA and Baseball Canada standards, under the N.C.C.P. Program.

8.02.02 The Tier 1 18U AAA Provincial Champion will participate in the Baseball Canada National Championship. The Tier 1 13U and 15U AAA Provincial Champion, conditionally with the second-place team in the provincial finals will participate in the Western Canadian Championships (should one be held in that category). The 13U, 15U and 18U Tier 2 AAA Provincial Champion will compete at the WCBA AA Championship event.

8.03 Inter-Provincial “AA” Competition

8.03.01 Teams that advance to the Western Canadian “AA” Championships (13U 15U, 18U) will be the Provincial Champions of the Tier 2 “AAA” Provincial Championships. Two player additions will be allowed to the roster. These players may either come from the championship team’s league, or have played in the Provincial Tier 2 “AAA” championship.

8.03.02 All teams traveling to inter-provincial WCBA “AA” minor competition (13U, 15U or 18U,) must have met the NCCP requirements outlined in the WCBA Handbook.

8.03.03 Any Senior “AA” team attending National or Western Canada Championships may add players from any of the Senior Leagues in Manitoba to complement their roster. The addition of a player will not affect that player’s eligibility in provincial competition

Western Canada and National Championships:

CHEF DE MISSION

BASEBALL CANADA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Baseball Canada requires a Chef de mission from each team for National Championships. The Chef de mission, or Business Manager, is to serve as the representative of the team and Baseball Manitoba, may travel with the team and be responsible for the team’s conduct (in conjunction with the head coach) off the field.

The Chef de mission should be the primary point of contact for the team in its dealing with Baseball Canada officials and the host committee.

These dealings include, but are not limited to:

- Must attend all meetings at the National Championships (even if this means missing a team game)
- Team transportation issues
- Team accommodation issues
- Team meal issues
- Protests involving the team
- Team Discipline
- Tournament rescheduling that affects the team
- Any team-related financial issues

The Chef de mission must always be available and reachable by the Host Committee and Baseball Canada representatives and thus cannot be a coach. The Chef de mission should be familiar with the information in the Baseball Canada Participants Guide.

This is an important position, as this person not only acts for the team, but also represents Baseball Manitoba. A Tournament post event report is required by Baseball Manitoba following the championship. The Chef de mission will receive \$100.00 for their duties following the submission of the report.

WESTERN CANADA CHAMPIONSHIPS

For Western Canada Championships, the host province may appoint a Master Chef, who serves as the Chef for all teams. This person will liaison with the Western Canada Rep and the Host Committee and will be responsible for team conduct (in conjunction with the head coach) off the field, and any issues arising including accommodations.

DISCIPLINE

- 9.01** The M.B.A. reserves the right to discipline and/or fine any club, player or team official for any action detrimental to the best interest of baseball.
- 9.02** No pertinent baseball information may be withheld from any M.B.A. official if such information is requested. Failure to supply requested information shall result in disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the Management Committee.
- 9.03** That all instances where a report is filed pertaining to physical abuse of an umpire, that report will be filed directly to Baseball Manitoba within 24 hours through an online Ejection Report. The Executive Director is to direct the report to the Vice-President of Umpires, Vice-President of Competition and to the League President of the offending person(s) immediately. Depending on the report; if a disciplinary hearing is necessary, it must take place within four days of the receipt of the report by the Baseball Manitoba; and the Hearing Committee shall be convened. The Hearing Committee shall consist of: Vice-President of Competition, Vice-President of Umpires, Executive Director; any two members of the Competition Committee or the appropriate League. After the Hearing the abuser must be informed immediately of the Hearing Committee's decision by phone and confirmed in writing. The team and league involved are to be advised accordingly. If the Executive Director, upon receipt of the report, believes the actions are serious enough to warrant a suspension before the Hearing Committee is convened, they may do so by phoning the involved parties (abuser, team, league) immediately, along with the Vice-President of Umpires and the Vice-President of Competitions. Any suspensions will be honoured by all Baseball Manitoba League Members.
- 9.04** Any person suspended by the M.B.A. may appeal the suspension by filing a written appeal within 48 hours of the suspension, and a non-refundable \$50.00 appeal fee. If there is basis for an appeal, a committee will be set up to hear the appeal.
- 9.05** Players and/or team officials identified by the umpire as uttering racial, ethnic or gender slurs shall be ejected from the game immediately. A letter of apology from the player/team official identified as using racial, ethnic or gender slurs shall be sent to the opposing team and a copy forwarded to the respective league office and a copy to the Manitoba Baseball Association. Failure to do so will result in suspension until the letter is received.
- 9.06** Individual and team penalties will be imposed for violations of the rules at provincial championships. The details are on page 39 of this document.

9.07 Definition of Ineligible player

- a player who is not registered with Baseball Manitoba.
- a player that has not been legally added to a team (picked up)
- a player who is under suspension

9.08 Any person ejected before, after or during a game is required to leave the baseball park where the infraction took place. The game may not continue until, if in the opinion of the crew chief, the person is no longer interfering with the game and is considered removed from the baseball park. If the ejected person doesn't comply after a clear warning from an umpire to the remaining coaches of the team, the crew chief may issue a forfeit to the team that has caused the infraction. The ejected person may not return to the ballpark until the game and team handshakes have concluded and the officials have left the field.

9.09 For 22U and below, at least one certified coach or manager listed as Staff in RAMP must be present and on the bench for each game. If there is no coach/manager present or the only coach/manager present is ejected, then the game is forfeited.

Discipline Penalty Chart

(to be applied for regional and provincial competition)

The following applies to Coaches only:

Type of Offense	Consequence for 1st offense	Consequence for 2nd offense	Consequence for 3rd offense
Intentional throwing at batter (No Warnings Issued)	Ejection from current game plus the next game (1) the team plays	Ejection from current game plus the next two (2) games the team plays	Ejection from current game plus the next five (5) games the team plays
Intentional throwing at batter (Warnings Issued)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game (1) the team plays	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection
Verbal Abuse towards an umpire's call	Ejection from current game plus the next game (1) the team plays	Ejection from the current game, plus the next two (2) games the team plays	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays
Prolonged arguing after point of ejection	An additional one (1) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	An additional three (3) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	An additional five (5) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.

The following applies to Players only:

Type of Offense	Consequence for 1st offense	Consequence for 2nd offense	Consequence for 3rd offense
Intentional throwing at batter in the head area (no Warnings Issued)	Ejection from the current game, plus application of intent to injury Penalty. (Five (5) games)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games scheduled plus application of intent to injury Penalty. (Ten (10) games)	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection
Intentional throwing at batter in the head area (Warnings Issued)	Ejection from the current game, plus application of intent to injury Penalty. (Five (5) games)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games scheduled plus application of intent to injury Penalty. (Ten (10) games)	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection
Intentional throwing at batter (No Warnings Issued)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games scheduled. Intent to injury penalty may apply.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games scheduled. Intent to injury penalty may apply.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection
Intentional throwing at batter (Warnings Issued)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games scheduled. Intent to injury penalty may apply in this situation.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games scheduled. Intent to injury penalty may apply in this situation.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection

The following applies to Coaches and Team Personnel:

MINOR OFFENSES

Charging the mound (not fighting)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next one (1) game the team plays. Penalty for actions causing bench may apply.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays. Penalty for actions causing bench may apply.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays. Penalty for actions causing bench may apply.
Throwing equipment / debris on the field and/or in an opponent's direction	Ejection from the current game, plus the next one (1) game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays. Penalty for actions causing bench may apply.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays. Penalty for actions causing bench may apply.
Actions during bench clearing (not physical violence)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next (1) game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays.	Five (5) game suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.
Inappropriate gestures at an umpire	Ejection from the current game plus the next game (1) the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.
Inappropriate comments directed at an umpire (prior / during / post game)	Ejection from current game plus the next game (1) the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game three (3) the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.
Verbal abuse / bench jockeying – Actions words directed at an ordered towards an opponent or umpire for the purposes of (not limited to) embarrassment, bullying, taunting and baiting (Warning issued)	Ejection from current game plus the next two games (2) the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.
Verbal Abuse towards an umpire's call	Ejection from current game plus the next game (1) the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.
Prolonged arguing after point of ejection	An additional one (1) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	An additional three (3) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	An additional five (5) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.
Not leaving dugout after ejection	An additional one (1) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	An additional three (3) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	An additional five (5) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.
Returning to playing field / dugout after an ejection	An additional one (1) game suspension to be added	An additional three (3) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	An additional five (5) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.

The following applies to Coaches and Team Personnel:

MAJOR OFFENSES

Charging the mound (fighting)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays. Penalties for actions causing the benches to empty and/or aggressive fighting – intent to injure may apply.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next ten (10) games the team plays. Penalties for actions causing the benches to empty and/or aggressive fighting – intent to injure may apply.	Suspended one (1) calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Actions causing benches to empty	Three (3) game suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next ten (10) games the team plays.	Suspended one (1) calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Fighting (showing or fighting)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays. Penalties for actions causing benches to empty and/or aggressive fighting – intent to injure may apply.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next ten (10) games the team plays. Penalties for actions causing benches to empty and/or aggressive fighting – intent to injure may apply.	Suspended one (1) calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Fighting (aggressive fighting – intent to injure)	Three (3) game suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.	Ten (10) game suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.	Suspended one (1) calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Intent to injure	Three (3) game suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.	Ten (10) game suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.	Suspended one (1) calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Actions during bench clearing (physical violence)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays. Penalties for actions causing the benches to empty and/or aggressive fighting – intent to injure may apply.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next ten (10) games the team plays. Penalties for actions causing the benches to empty and/or aggressive fighting – intent to injure may apply.	Suspended one (1) calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Leaving position to participate in a fight	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays. Penalties for actions causing the benches to empty and/or aggressive fighting – intent to injure may apply.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next ten (10) games the team plays. Penalties for actions causing the benches to empty and/or aggressive fighting – intent to injure may apply.	Suspended one (1) calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Violently throwing equipment	Three (3) game suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.	Ten (10) game suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.	Suspended one (1) calendar year from the first day of ejection.

Threatening a spectator before, during or after a game (i.e. “I will get you after the game”, “see you in the parking lot”, “You’ll get yours”)	Ejection from current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from current game, plus the next ten (10) games the team plays. Additional penalties may apply.	Suspended one (1) calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Any person who behaves in a manner deemed objectionable based upon another’s race, religion, country of origin, disability, sexual orientation, or some other factor	Ejection from current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from current game, plus the next ten (10) games the team plays. Additional penalties may apply.	Suspended one (1) calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Returning to playing field/dugout after an ejection – participation in fight or bench clear	An additional three (3) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	An additional ten (10) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	Suspended one (1) calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Contacting an umpire (intentionally or by accident non-violent)	Ejection from current game, plus the next six (6) games the team plays.	Suspended one (1) calendar year from the first day of ejection.	Suspended for five (5) calendar years from the first day of second offense.
Causing a forfeit game	An additional one (3) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	An additional one (3) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	An additional one (3) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.
Ejection for tobacco use (includes smokeless and e-cigarettes)	Ejection from the current game.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays.
Ejection for alcohol during a game	Ejection from the current game.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays.
Displaying bad sportsmanship (not specifically covered by this policy)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.	Suspended one (1) calendar year from the first day of ejection.

OFFENSES WHICH WARRANT UNDEFINITE SUSPENSION AND AUTOMATIC SUBMISSION TO DISCIPLINE/HEARING PROCESS

<p>Abuse by an Umpire on a player or coach</p>	<p>Investigation hearing by Baseball Manitoba.</p>		
<p>Contacting an umpire (physical contact by bumping, pushing, tripping, punching, shoving, spitting on, or striking an umpire with equipment/debris) after the game</p>	<p>Immediate suspension in effect until Disciplinary Hearing decision is rendered.</p>	<p>Suspended one (1) calendar year from the first day of ejection.</p>	<p>Suspended for life.</p>
<p>Contacting an umpire (physical contact by bumping, pushing, tripping, punching, shoving, spitting on, or striking an umpire with equipment/debris)</p>	<p>Ejection from the current game, plus Disciplinary Hearing. Suspension in effect until decision is rendered.</p>	<p>Suspended one (1) calendar year from the first day of ejection.</p>	<p>Suspended for life.</p>

NOTE:

- All penalties to take effect immediately
- All penalized persons have the right to appeal through Baseball Manitoba

DEFINITIONS:

- Verbal Abuse: is when someone uses their words to assault, dominate, ridicule, manipulate, and/or degrade another person and negatively impact this person's psychological health.