



# **BASEBALL**

*New Brunswick*

Baseball NB 11U Major League

Rules and Regulations

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## Section 1

### Name

1.1 The 11U Major Division shall be known as “Baseball NB 11U Major” and is hereinafter referred to as “11U Major” or “the league”.

### Affiliation

1.2 The league will be a Baseball NB league, organized by its members.

### Objective

1.3 The objective of the 11U League is to promote, govern and conduct the 11U Major division baseball league in the province of New Brunswick under the jurisdiction of Baseball NB.

## Section 2

### Membership

2.1 Any team eligible and registering as a 11U Major team with Baseball NB and is in good standing with Baseball NB will be considered a member of the 11U Major Division. This eligibility is subject to other conditions in the constitution and by-laws of the league and of Baseball NB.

### League Executive

2.2a The management of the property and affairs of the league shall be vested in the league executive and Baseball NB. The league executive upon appointment of the Baseball NB board of directors immediately enters upon the performance of their duties and shall continue their duties as the league executive until successors have been named by Baseball NB.

2.2b The required members of the league executive are:

- i) The Baseball NB Vice President of Minor
- ii) The Baseball NB Executive Director
- iii) The Baseball NB League Coordinator

### Executive Member Duties

2.3a The Baseball NB Vice President shall;

- i) conduct the affairs of the league and execute the policies established by the league
- ii) be responsible for the conduct of the league
- iii) investigate complaints, irregularities, and conditions detrimental to the league and report thereon to the league at the annual general meeting.
- iv) prepare and submit a report of condition of the league at the annual general meeting
- v) be an “ex-officio” member of committees that are formed
- vi) order the calling of any meetings of the league
- vii) preside at all league meetings
- viii) be responsible for appointing executive members to act on committees, and the said committees shall be formed at the discretion of the Baseball NB Vice President.

2.3b The League Coordinator shall;

- i) coordinate the league schedule with the input from league members, umpire coordinators and the Baseball NB office.
- ii) coordinate and aid league members in the rescheduling of games due to weather or other instances.
- iii) responsible for collecting game scores from league members and reporting them to the Baseball NB office, along with any and all game incident reports.
- iv) coordinate with umpire coordinators to ensure umpires are scheduled for all league games including provincial tournaments.
- v) updating gamechanger stats and standings, including pitch counts, on a weekly basis

2.3c The Executive Director shall;

- i) perform such duties as herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of the Secretary or as may be assigned by the league executive.
- ii) prepare the minutes of all meetings
- iii) keep records for the receipt of all monies and securities of the league
- iv) collect all membership fees from league members and forward them to the Baseball NB office.
- v) in case of the absence or disability of the Baseball NB Vice President of Minor, the Executive Director shall perform the duties of the Baseball NB Vice President of Minor, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of that office, and shall have such other duties from time to time that may be assigned by the league executive or Baseball NB Vice President of Minor.

## Meetings

2.4a Annual General Meeting. The annual general meeting of the league should be held at the annual general meeting of Baseball New Brunswick, for the purpose of receiving reports and for the transaction of business.

2.4b The agenda for the annual general meeting is as follows:

- i) Presentation of Delegate's Credentials
- ii) Reading of Minutes
- iii) Business Arising out of the Minutes
- iv) Vice President of Minor Report
- v) League Coordinator Report
- vi) Special Committee Reports
- vii) Correspondence
- viii) Unfinished Business
- ix) New Business
- x) Adjournment

2.4c Special meetings may be called by the Vice President of Baseball New Brunswick or shall be called upon the written request of four (4) member clubs in good standing with the league. Notices of such meetings shall mention the subject(s) to be discussed at said meeting.

2.4d There shall be a preseason meeting held before March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year to discuss the subject of scheduling and applications of members.

2.4e A quorum for all meetings shall consist of a majority of the voting members.

2.4f No proxy vote shall be permitted at any meeting in the league.

2.4g Decisions of voting shall be by majority of the votes cast at any meeting of the league.

2.4h Voting shall be by voice unless a secret ballot is requested.

## Section 3

### Team Registration and Eligibility

3.1a Any team registered in the 11U Major Division must be affiliated with an association registered with Baseball New Brunswick.

3.1b Larger associations are required to enter multiple balanced teams or have expanded rosters to participate in the 11U Major division. The following will be the team and roster requirements per association:

- 3 teams (Min. 12 players per team) – Fredericton Minor Baseball
- 2 teams (Min. 12 players per team) – Moncton Minor Baseball
- 1 team (Min. 14 players per team) – Dieppe Minor Baseball, Port City Pirates, KV Minor Baseball, Miramichi Minor Baseball
- All other associations wishing to have an 11U Major team must have a minimum roster of 12 players.

3.1c All teams participating in the league are to submit their initial rosters and schedules by May 30<sup>th</sup> via RAMP or email. Final rosters must be submitted via RAMP by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

3.1d Each team be authorized to have a minimum of 1 manager, 1 head coach and 2 assistant coaches to be indicated at the time the team is registered. Complete address, including postal code, telephone number, and NCCP number must be submitted via RAMP.

3.1e All coaches registering with Baseball New Brunswick must complete “a consent for disclosure of criminal record” at the time of registration and each Association must follow through with obtaining information, as required.

## Annual League Fees

3.2a There will be no league fees for this division.

3.2b The 11U Major fees are \$51.50 per player and \$10.00 per coach. Fees to be invoiced to the Minor Baseball Association.

3.2c Annual league fees will be determined by Baseball NB each year at the annual general meeting.

## League Schedule

3.3a The schedule will begin at the discretion of Baseball New Brunswick

3.3b The schedule will be prepared by the League Coordinator and the Baseball NB office in conjunction with league members. League Coordinator will outline weekly matchups for each team. This outline will include the home and visiting team. The teams will be responsible for organizing the exact date, time, and location of the games.

3.3c All teams must meet their scheduled commitment to be eligible to participate in Baseball NB provincials and Atlantics. Failure to play rescheduled games could result in fines of up to \$250.00 and/or suspension.

3.3d All postponed games must be rescheduled within 3 days of the original date of the postponed game. The rescheduling will be done through the league coordinator to assure both teams are able attend the rescheduled date.

3.3e Any team needing to cancel or reschedule a game must notify the opposing team 24 hours in advance of the start time of the scheduled game. After notifying the opposing team, the League Coordinator is to be informed of the cancellation.

3.3f All games must be completed in full, in instances of a tie teams must follow the extra innings procedure found in the Baseball NB tournament manual. See Extra Inning Rules below.

## Section 4

### Bylaws

4.1a For provincial tournament play in the 11U Baseball NB League as it states in the Baseball NB Bylaws under the 11U section, bylaw 3.03 in the Official Rules of Baseball- Canadian Content will be implemented which is as follows; "All Players are registered on the offensive line up and each one hits at his/her turn. When a player arrives during the game, he/she is inserted in the last spot on the batting order. When a player leaves during the game, he/she is removed from the batting order. No automatic out is counted. If a player cannot complete his/her turn at bat, the following batter will replace him/her with the same count. The replaced player can be reinserted in the game. If a player cannot complete his/her presence on base, he/she is replaced with the last recorded out. The replaced player can be reinserted in the game. An offensive

inning ends when three outs are recorded or when the offensive team scores five runs. If there is a homerun outside the playing field limits (above the fence), the team will be awarded all runs even if the total runs go over the limit. However, there is no run limit during the last inning.”

4.1b Game re-entry is allowed, meaning that any player can be replaced in his defensive role and return at any time to any position, except for the pitcher’s position, if the player has already pitched.

4.1c A player must be registered on the starting defensive line up when he/she is present, at least one game out of two. (An equitable usage of players is recommended – i.e. If in two games a team plays 12 innings in defence, a player should play a minimum of 6 innings over these two games).

4.1d All teams must bat all players in their lineup. Teams will no longer have the option to reduce their order to the same size as the opposing team.

4.1e For regular season play, a team may pick up 11U aged players from within their association in order to field a team when short players due to injury or extraordinary circumstances.

4.1f Any coach not properly certified in the Baseball NCCP program will not be permitted to participate in the league. The qualifications are as follows:

**All coaches:**

1. Coach Initiation in Sport on-line
2. Initiation in Baseball- Fundamentals on-line
3. Initiation clinic
4. Absolutes
5. My First pitch eLearning
6. 11U Video package (11U Trained)
7. Safe Sport

4.1g Excluding provincial tournaments, umpires are to be paid their game fee upon their arrival at the field.

4.1h The minimum standard of baseball to be used in league play and provincials is a 45CC Rawlings baseball.

4.1i A five (5) run cap for the first five (5) innings of the game will apply with the final inning being open (no cap).

A ten-run mercy rule shall apply after the 4<sup>th</sup> innings or 3.5 innings if the home team is ahead.

4.1j For the 11U Major category and below, the runner at 3<sup>rd</sup> base can reach home plate only if the ball is hit, or the runner is forced to advance.

*There is only 1 scenario where a player can score on an error. If there is an overthrow by the catcher during a steal of 3<sup>rd</sup> base, the runner may continue home on continuous play.*

4.1k The batter cannot become a runner on a catcher's miss of a third strike. The third strike, either called or swinging does NOT have to be caught by the catcher. The batter is automatically retired, however, the ball is alive and in play.

4.1l Intentional walks are forbidden at the 11U division.

4.1m No bunting.

## Protest Procedures

4.2a The Protest Committee shall be composed of three (3) members of the 11U Baseball NB league executive or it's designate.

4.2b The names of the members of the Protest Committee shall be made known to the teams.

4.2c When a protestable incident occurs, the protesting Head Coach must, before the next play, inform the game umpire in chief that he/she is lodging a protest. Any protest must emanate from a decision deemed as contradictory to the rules and must be made at the time of the play. No protest must be made on a judgment call. The opportunity of presenting any case in point, in reference to the disputed claim, ceases upon delivery of the first legal pitch or subsequent play immediately after the action in question. Only the Head Coach or acting Head Coach can lodge a protest. A \$50.00 fee must accompany ALL protests. Fee will be refunded if protest is upheld.

4.2d The game umpire in chief shall then confirm that the protest does not relate to a judgment call, suspend play and inform the Head Coach of the opposing team and the Protest Committee.

4.2e The Protest Committee, team Head Coaches and game umpire in chief shall retire to a private area away from the teams, spectators and other persons. This may also take place via conference call.

4.2f The Protest Committee shall hear and question in the following order:

- i. Game umpire in chief
- ii. Protesting head coach
- iii. Opposing Head Coach (if necessary)

The Protest Committee shall have the power to exclude any of these persons in talking to the others.

4.2g The Head Coaches and umpire in chief shall then leave while the Protest Committee shall discuss the protest.

4.2h Before ruling on the protest, the Protest Committee may confer with any person whom they believe may be helpful in assisting them reach a decision.

4.2i The Protest Committee shall rule on the protest and inform the game umpire in chief and he/she in turn will advise the Head Coaches and resume play.



4.2j The spectators shall be informed of the decision by an announcement over the public address system.

4.2k The game umpire in chief shall put the decision into effect and order resumption of play from the point of suspension.

4.2l No further argument or comment on the protest will be entertained. Teams shall obey the direction of the Protest Committee or be liable to immediate suspension and forfeiture of the game.

4.2m The decision of the Protest Committee shall be final. There shall be no appeal to any other body.

## Section 5

### Pitch Count

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Days Rest	0	1	2	3	4	2 Day Maximum	4 Day Maximum
# of Pitches	0-25	26-40	41-55	56-65	66-75	75	105

Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if his or her maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day.

(A) When a pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches allowed for a threshold (see table above), he/she may complete the at-bat without the penalty on days of rest, as long as he/she 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 pitch that will break the threshold). The umpire would then notify the scorekeeper.

### Extra Inning Rule

If the game is tied at the completion of regulation (6 innings), the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings for all tournament format, playoff, and regular season.

Each team will begin the extra inning (and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a player on first and second, no outs (see example below to confirm who is on first and second).

The batting order of the extra inning or any subsequent innings will be determined by how the previous inning ended (see example below to confirm who is at the bat).

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 (PA), 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. With the exception of beginning the inning with runners on first and second base with no one out, all other "Official Baseball Rules" and "Canadian Rules" will remain in effect during extra innings required to determine a winner.

## Section 6

### Recommended Field Dimensions

The playing field shall conform to the following measurements:

- (a) The distance between all bases shall be sixty (60) feet.
- (b) The distance between the point of home base and the front side of the pitcher's plate shall be forty-four (44) feet
- (c) The batter's box shall be rectangular in shape, the size being 6 ft. x 3 ft. & shall extend to the front from the centre of home plate, 3 ft. and an equal distance of 3 ft to the rear. The inside line shall be four (4) inches from the plate.
- (d) The pitcher's mound shall be raised to a gradual slope. At a height of 6 inches above the levels of the base paths. Optional for league play but it is mandatory for all Inter-Provincial play.
- (e) The coaches' box shall be 8x12 feet & not closer than ten (10) feet to the base path.
- (f) The backstop (behind home plate) shall NOT be less than 25 feet nor MORE than 40 feet from home plate.
- (g) The following outfield fence distances are recommended: Left and right field foul line (180 feet min., suggested 200 feet), (Centre field 200 feet min., suggested 225 feet).

### Equipment Guidelines

SHOES: Shoes with metal cleats or "spikes" are prohibited. Rubber molded cleats on running shoes are permitted.

Religious headgear that is consistent with Baseball Canada safety and recognized uniform code requirement is permitted.

## Section 7

### Provincial Championships

The Provincial Championship will follow a 3-game round robin format. The top 8 teams will move onto the AAA Atlantic Qualifier and the remaining teams will play in the AA Atlantic Qualifier. The top tier will consist of a quarter final, semi final, and championship game. The AA tier will consist of a quarter final a semi final and a championship game. The top two teams in the AA tier from the round robin will receive a bye in the quarter finals.

Provincials will take place over 4 days, beginning with 1 game each on Thursday.

The draw for provincial championship pools will consist of 4 plots. Plots will be based on regular season rankings. All teams from plot 1 will be drawn and placed in Pools A through D in the order they are drawn. The same procedure will take place for all 4 plots.

Pool A and B will play a 3 game round robin within their pool. Pool C and D will play a cross pool format for their 3 round robin games.

Plot 1	Plot 2	Plot 3	Plot 4
1st	5th	9th	13th
2nd	6th	10th	14th
3rd	7th	11th	
4th	8th	12th	