



BASEBALL

New Brunswick

Baseball NB 15U AAA League

Rules and Regulations

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Section 1

Name

1.1 The 15U AAA Division League shall be known as the “Baseball NB 15U AAA League” and is hereinafter referred to as the “15U AAA League” 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 15U League is to promote, govern and conduct the 15U AAA 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 15U AAA team with Baseball NB and is in good standing with Baseball NB will be considered a member of the 15U AAA League. 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 Minor 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 pre-season meeting held before March 31st of each year to discuss the subject of scheduling and applications of members.

2.4e A quorum for all meeting 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 with the Baseball NB 15U AAA League must be affiliated with an association registered with Baseball New Brunswick.

3.1b All teams participating in the league are to submit their initial rosters and schedules by May 24th via email or RAMP. Final rosters must be submitted via RAMP by June 30th.

3.1c 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.

3.1d 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 League fees do not include Baseball NB team registration fees

3.2b The 15U AAA League fees per team are \$76.50 per player and \$10.00 per coach. \$25.00 from each player fee will be transferred to the Atlantic Championship Trust Fund, which will support teams travelling to Newfoundland for Atlantic Championships.

3.2c Annual leagues 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 zones, provincials, atlantics and or nationals. Non commitment by a team could result in fines of up to \$250.00 and/or suspensions.

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 complete in full, in instances of a tie teams must follow the extra innings procedure found in the Baseball NB tournament manual.

Section 4

Bylaws

4.1a For provincial tournament play in the 15U Baseball NB League as it states in the Baseball NB Bylaws, bylaw 3.03 in the Official Rules of Baseball- Canadian Content will be implemented which is as follows; "Any starting player may be substituted for and returned to the game, one time only. He/she must return to his/her original place in the batting order. Any pitcher, if removed from the game, may return, but may not pitch. Any further substitutions do not jeopardize the right of re-entry for the original/starting player. Any starting player returned to the game may pitch if he/she has not previously assumed that position."

4.1b For regular season play a team may pick up 15U aged players from within their association in order to field a team when short players due to injury or extraordinary circumstances. Also, in extraordinary circumstances in regular season play, if no 15U age players are eligible to be picked up a team may pick up a 13U aged player from within their association. However, a 13U aged player cannot play the position of pitcher.

4.1c 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. Absolutes clinic
4. Planning clinic
5. Teaching & learning clinic
6. Strategies clinic
7. Pitching & Catching clinic
8. Skills clinic
9. 15U video package (15U Trained)
10. Safe Sport

4.1d For Rules governing pitching, and other game procedures please refer to the Baseball NB Bylaws.

4.1e Excluding provincial tournaments, umpires are to be paid for their services by the home team prior to the starting of the home plate meeting before each game.

4.1f The EH rule will be in effect for regular season games. Teams must list an “EH” in their batting order for a total of 10 players. The EH will be marked on the lineup card and used for the entire game.

The EH may be interchanged with any position player throughout the game.

In the event that a player is injured or ejected, and the team has no substitutes available the game will proceed with 9 players, without forfeit. Any further loss of players will result in a forfeit.

4.1g For Rules governing pitching, and other game procedures please refer to Section 5.

Protest Procedures

4.2a The Protest Committee shall be composed of three (3) members of the 15U 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 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 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 Rules

15U							
Days Rest	0	1	2	3	4	2 Day Maximum	4 Day Maximum
# of Pitches	0-35	36-50	51-65	66-80	81-95	95	135

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 can complete the at-bat without the penalty on days of rest, as long as 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 pitch that will break the threshold). Umpire would then notify the scorekeeper.

Extra Inning Rule

If the game is tied at the completion of regulation (7 innings), the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings for all tournament formats, playoffs, 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 # 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

6.1 The playing field is recommended to conform to the following measurements:

- (a) The distance between all bases shall be eighty (80) feet.
- (b) The distance between the point of home base and the front side of the pitcher's plate shall be fifty-four (54) ft.
- (c) The pitcher's mound shall be raised to a gradual slope. To a height of 8 inches above the levels of the base-paths. Optional for league play but is mandatory for all Inter-Provincial play.
- (d) The coaches' boxes shall be 8x16 ft & NOT closer than 10 ft from the base paths.

(e) The backstop (behind home plate) shall NOT BE LESS THAN 40 ft. and no more than 50 ft. from home plate.

(f) The following outfield fence distances are recommended: Left and Right foul lines (245 ft min, suggested 270 ft,) Centre field (280 ft min, suggested 300 ft)

Equipment Guidelines

6.2a Bat: For 15U Boys only wood bats, bamboo bats and wood composite bats will be allowed. Wood composite bats include wood bats with fibreglass sheathing and wood barrelled bats with composite handles. Wood composite bats do not include any bat that has any metallic component.”

6.2b Shoes: Shoes with metal cleats or “spikes:’ are permitted.

6.2c Religious headgear that is consistent with Baseball Canada safety and recognized uniform code requirement is permitted.

Section 7

		15U AAA League	
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