



**BASEBALL**  
*New Brunswick/Nouveau-Brunswick*

Baseball NB Competitive League

Rules and Regulations

2022

## Section 1

### Game Procedures

1.a In addition to the Baseball NB Game Procedures the following amendments will be included for all competitive league games; between Inning time limit of 90 seconds.

1.b Teams shall arrive at the designated playing field at least forty-five (45) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the game. Starting 25 minutes before the designated time of the game, the home team shall have the field for 10 minutes for infield/outfield practice. The visiting team shall then have the field for ten (10) minutes for infield/outfield practice. A meeting at home plate among the Head Coaches and the umpires shall follow this.

1.c It is encouraged that all games will declare a winner.

1.d The starting line up including all available substitutes listed, shall be given the official scorer at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the game. The list shall include the surname of each player, coach, and manager with his/her usual first name and his/her uniform number. The uniform number is to be listed to the left of each name and the playing position of the starting players listed to the right of each name.

1.e Twenty minutes prior to turning over the official line-up cards to the umpire, team managers will indicate to each other if they plan "left" or "right" handed pitcher to start the game.

1.f For all league games in the 11U and 13U divisions, in the event that a player is injured if a team had no other players available for selection OR in the event of an ejection, the game would proceed with the remaining players, without forfeit. A player removed due to injury or ejection in this circumstance is not permitted to re-turn to the game. Any further loss of players would result in a forfeit.

To ensure the enforcement of the official rules of the game as adopted by Baseball New Brunswick, the playing rules as set out in the current Baseball Canada Rule Book shall apply for all classifications. All members shall conduct themselves in a manner considered to be in the best interests of the game.

### Team Registration and Eligibility

Any team registered with a Baseball NB Competitive League must be affiliated with an association registered with Baseball New Brunswick.

All member teams of the Federation are required to register annually with the Federation on or before (Month, Day) of the playing year to be eligible to participate in provincial playoff in that playing year.

Any community without an association must register their players and teams with Baseball New Brunswick.

Each team to 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 reported to the League Coordinator and Baseball NB Executive Director at the same time.

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.

The proper Baseball New Brunswick roster forms must be complete in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.0 in the Baseball NB By-laws and must be forwarded on or before (Month, day) to the league coordinator and Baseball NB Executive Director. The names and compete email addresses of all officers, officials and players of the registered team must be indicated on the roster form. All roster forms must be submitted electronically.

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

Position	11U	13U	15U	18U
Head Coach	11U Trained	13U Trained	15U Trained	18U Trained
Assistant Coaches	Coach Initiation in Sport  Initiation in Baseball – Fundamentals	Coach Initiation in Sport  Initiation in Baseball – Fundamentals	Coach Initiation in Sport  Initiation in Baseball – Fundamentals	Coach initiation in Sport  Initiation in Baseball – Fundamentals

All Coaches are required to take the Coaching Association of Canada Safe Sport Online Training

## League Schedule

The schedule will begin each year at the discretion of Baseball New Brunswick.

All teams must meet their scheduled commitment to be eligible to participate in Baseball NB provincials, or atlantics.

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

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.

All games are encouraged to be completed in full, in instances of a tie game follow the below extra innings procedure.

## Extra Inning Procedure

- If the game is tied at the completion of regulation (7 innings, 6 innings for 11U), the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings for all league games:
- 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 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.

## 11U Division

### Rules

- The length for all 11U BNB Competitive league games shall be 6 innings. Games shall be considered completed if 4 innings have been played, should the game be called for weather/unsafe playing conditions.
- 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”

- Both teams have free substitutions for all defensive positions
- 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).
- 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.
- Where all players are placed in the batting order, in the event of an injury/ejection, the team shall skip over the injured/ejected batter turn at bat and proceed to the next batter in the batting order. Where a team has substitutes that are not in the batting order, the team is required to replace the injured/ejected player in the batting order with one of the substitutes.
- For the 11U category 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.
- Intentional walks are forbidden at the 11U division
- The minimum standard of baseball to be used in league play is a 45CC Rawlings baseball.

## Equipment Guidelines

- Bat: Aluminum bats are permitted, up to a -12 rating (length-weight).
- 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.

## 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).
- (h) The use of safety bases is permitted at this division but not mandatory.

## Pitch Count

11U							
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

A pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first 2 days combined do not exceed the 0 days rest threshold. If the pitcher's day 1 plus day 2 pitch counts exceed the 0 days rest threshold, they require at least one day rest.

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 day's rest 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.

Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the calendar day.

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

Any violation of any part of the pitch count rules results in the Head Coach being ejected from the current game and receives an additional game suspension.

## 13U Division

### Rules

- A) For provincial Competitive league play, 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; "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"
- B) Both teams have free substitutions for all defensive positions.
- C) 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).
- D) A ten-run mercy rule shall apply after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning or 4.5 innings if the home team is leading. A fifteen-run mercy shall apply after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning or 3.5 innings if the home team is leading.
- E) A five (5) run rule will apply for the first six (6) innings, with the last inning being open.

- F) In the event of an injury or ejection, where all batters are placed in the batting order, the team shall skip over the injured/ejected batter and proceed to the next in the batting order without the consequence of an out being recorded.
- G) The designated hitter rule is not permitted in the 13U age division.
- H) All baserunners are permitted to lead-off.
- I) The minimum standard of baseball to be used in this league is a 65CC Rawlings baseball.

## Pitch Count Rules

13U							
Days Rest	0	1	2	3	4	2 Day Maximum	4 Day Maximum
# of Pitches	0-30	36-45	46-60	61-75	76-85	85	120

A pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first 2 days combined do not exceed the 0 days rest threshold. If the pitcher's day 1 plus day 2 pitch counts exceed the 0 days rest threshold, they require at least one day rest.

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 day's rest 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.

Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the calendar day.

Only pitches actually thrown will be included in the 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 the batter will receive an intentional walk, only 2 pitches will be counted for the pitch count.

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

Any violation of any part of the pitch count rules results in the Head Coach being ejected from the current game and receives an additional game suspension.

## Recommended Field Dimensions

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

- (a) The distance between all bases shall be seventy (70) feet.
- (b) The distance between the point of home base and the front side of the pitcher's plate shall be forty-eight (48) feet.
- (c) The pitcher's mound shall be raised to a gradual slope. To a height of 6 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 8 x 12 feet and NOT closer than 10 feet from the base paths.
- (e) The backstop (behind) home plate shall NOT be less than 35 feet and no more than 45 feet from home plate. NOTE: It is recommended that the fence-line to the base-path distance be twenty-five (25) feet.
- (f) The following outfield fence distances are recommended: Left and Right foul lines (200-ft min, suggested 225 ft). Centre field (225-ft min, suggested 260 ft).

(g) Safety bases are permitted in this division but not mandatory.

## Equipment Guidelines

**Bat:** For 13U a max barrel of 2 3/4" with (i) a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) or (ii) USA Baseball Model is permitted. For the 13U National Championships using up to a minus 10-length/weight differential is permitted.

**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.

## 15U Division

- A) Each team shall have 10 players in the batting lineup, one placed in the extra hitter (EH) position.
- B) Both teams have free substitutions for all defensive positions, this means a player does not have to be in the batting order to play in the field.
- C) For the 15U and 18U divisions the re-entry rule 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."
- D) A ten-run mercy shall apply after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning or 4.5 inning if the home team is leading. A fifteen-run mercy shall apply after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning or 3.5 innings if the home team is leading.
- E) In the event of an injury, the re-entry rule shall apply. If there are no available substitutions the coach may insert any player that would normally be deemed an ineligible player. In the event of an ejection, if there are no available substitutions, the team shall continue with 9 players in the batting lineup. Any subsequent ejections will result in a forfeit.
- F) The Designated Hitter rule is not permitted in this division.
- G) All base runners are permitted to lead-off.
- H) The minimum standard of baseball to be used at this division is an 80CC Rawlings baseball.

## 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

A pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first 2 days combined do not exceed the 0 days rest threshold. If the pitcher's day 1 plus day 2 pitch counts exceed the 0 days rest threshold, they require at least one day rest.

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 day's rest 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.

Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the calendar day.

Only pitches actually thrown will be included in the 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 the batter will receive an intentional walk, only 2 pitches will be counted for the pitch count.

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

Any violation of any part of the pitch count rules results in the Head Coach being ejected from the current game and receives an additional game suspension.

## 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) should 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

**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."

**Shoes:** Shoes with metal cleats or "spikes:" are permitted.

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

## 18U Division

- A) Each team shall have 10 players in the batting lineup, one player placed in the extra hitter position.
- B) Both teams have free substitutions for all defensive positions, a player does not have to be in the batting order to play in the field.
- C) For the 15U and 18U divisions the re-entry rule 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."
- D) A ten-run mercy shall apply after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning or 4.5 innings if the home team is leading. A fifteen-run mercy shall apply after the 4<sup>th</sup> inning or 3.5 innings if the home team is leading.
- E) In the event of an injury, the re-entry rule may apply, or if there are no available substitutions the coach may inset any player that is no longer in the lineup. In the event of an ejection, if there are no available



substitutions, the team shall continue with 9 players in the batting lineup. Any subsequent ejections will result in a forfeit.

- F) The designated hitter rule is permitted in this league.
- G) All base runners are permitted to lead off.
- H) The minimum standard of baseball to be used at this division is an 80cc Rawlings baseball.

## Pitch Count

18U							
Days Rest	0	1	2	3	4	2 Day Maximum	4 Day Maximum
# of Pitches	0-40	41-55	56-70	71-85	86-105	105	150

A pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first 2 days combined do not exceed the 0 days rest threshold. If the pitcher's day 1 plus day 2 pitch counts exceed the 0 days rest threshold, they require at least one day rest.

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 day's rest 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.

Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the calendar day.

Only pitches actually thrown will be included in the 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 the batter will receive an intentional walk, only 2 pitches will be counted for the pitch count.

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

Any violation of any part of the pitch count rules results in the Head Coach being ejected from the current game and receives an additional game suspension.

## Extra Hitter

The Extra Hitter must be used in 15U, 16U Girls, and 18U.

An Extra-Hitter (EH) shall be placed on the lineup card (a 10th hitter which can be placed anywhere in the batting order) as a way to get more athletes at-bats throughout the game. The EH must be marked on the lineup card at the start of the game and must be used for the entire game.

The EH may be interchanged with any other position during the game and can be changed multiple times. For example, the SS could become the EH and the EH become the SS.

In the event that a player is injured, and the team has no eligible substitutes available, Re-entry Rule (currently 2.1.8 b) would apply, and the team would continue to bat ten players. If the team had no other players available for selection OR in the event of an ejection, the game would proceed with 9 players, without forfeit. A player removed due to injury or ejection in this circumstance is not permitted to re-turn to the game. Any further loss of players would result in a forfeit.