

## By-Laws

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### 1.00 REGISTRATION OF LEAGUES

1.01 Any league registered with the Federation on or before May 15 of the playing year may conduct its own league playoffs to declare its representative or representatives for provincial playoffs. In the age limit divisions the applicable date shall be July 1.

1.02 Leagues registered with the Federation shall adopt a Constitution and By-Laws, copies of which must be submitted for approval to the Federation on or before May 15 of the playing year. Failure to comply strictly with this provision will result in the delay of the recognition of the league for playoff purposes until such time as this provision has been satisfied. In the age limit divisions the applicable date shall be July 1.

1.03 Registered leagues shall be responsible for reporting the classification of the teams within their respective leagues at the time of registering their leagues. Where there are three (3) or more teams of any given classification within the league, the league shall serve as a registered league for any such classification or classifications. Otherwise teams shall be regarded as independent teams for purposes of provincial playoffs. No registered league team may withdraw from its league and enter provincial playoffs unless removed against its will by the registered league. Any team or teams so affected may appeal their case to the Federation in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws.

1.04 Registered leagues may determine in their respective Constitution and By-Laws:

a) For regular season play only, any minor alterations to the playing rules or these By-Laws, such as: designated hitter; length of games; number of umpires per game and between-inning warm-up periods; tie-breaking methods for games or standings; intentional walks; 10-run rule; catcher's substitution as a base runner, etc.

b) For regular season play or league playoffs, team territorial rights in respect of players playing with league teams.

c) For regular season play or league playoffs, player mobility rights from season to season or team to team within or into the league.

d) For league playoffs, minimum number of regular season games played for players to be eligible.



e) For regular season play or league playoffs, methods for compensating visiting teams and/or dividing gate receipts.

## **2.00 REGISTRATION OF TEAMS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

2.01 a) All team registered with B.N.B. must be affiliated with an association registered with Baseball New Brunswick.

b) All association, league, team, and player registration must be done through Baseball New Brunswick's online registration system (RAMP) in order to be considered sanctioned by the Federation.

c) All associations registering with Baseball NB must submit an up to date constitution and bylaws at the time of registration every season.

2.02 a) All member teams of the Federation are required to register annually with the Federation on or before May 15 (June 1 for age- limit divisions) of the playing year to be eligible to participate in provincial Playoffs in that playing year. Membership registration fees must be included.

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

c) The New Brunswick Baseball Umpires Association must register by May 15 with Baseball New Brunswick

2.03 All teams registered with the Federation shall be guaranteed at least a best two-of-three round competition in Provincial playoffs including any applicable league playoffs), or any other format which guarantees a minimum of two (2) games.

2.04 Each team be authorized to have 1 manager, 1 head coach and 2 assistant coaches to be indicated at the time the team is registered. Complete address, including postal code and telephone number, must be reported to the Executive Director at the same time.

2.05 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.

2.06a) Late registration for adult teams (Senior and Intermediate will only be accepted up to and including June 1st at an amount of ten (\$10) dollars per day.

b) Late registration for minor teams (11U-21U) will only be accepted up to and including June 15th at an amount of five (\$5.00) dollars per day per team.

2.07 a. The Executive Director shall forward player registration forms to the manager of each registered team. The forms must be completed in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.00 of these By-Laws and must be forwarded on or before June 1 to the Executive Director. The names and complete addresses of all officers and officials of the registered team must be indicated on the registration form. All registration forms must be legibly prepared.

b. Managers may submit changes to the submitted player registration form by contacting the Executive Director up to and including June 30<sup>th</sup> of the playing year.

2.08 A player or manager of a team which is engaged in Provincial, Regional or National playoffs must produce, upon demand by the opposing team, a copy of the team's player registration form.

2.09 Sole discretion in final classification of teams which are members, or apply to become members of the Federation, rests with the Board of the Federation in compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws.

2.10 All member teams of the Federation must abide by the Federation's Constitution and By-Laws.

2.11 Divisions Senior to Intermediate inclusive may be referred to as Adult Divisions, while divisions 21U to 11U inclusive may be referred to as Age-Limit divisions. Teams which register with the Federation to participate in provincial playdowns, shall compete in the following classes:

Senior-----twenty-one(21) players

Intermediate 'A'----twenty (20) players

Intermediate 'B'----twenty (20) players

21U -----twenty (20) players

18U 'AAA'-----eighteen (18) players

18U 'AA'----- eighteen (18) players

18U 'A'-----twenty (20) players

15U 'AAA'-----eighteen (18) players

15U 'AA'-----eighteen (18) players

15U 'A'-----twenty (20) players

13U 'AAA'-----eighteen (18) players

13U 'AA'-----eighteen (18) players

13U 'A'-----twenty (20) players

11U 'AA'-----eighteen (18) players

11U 'A'-----twenty (20) players

### **3.00 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS**

3.01 Player registration forms shall be completed for each team registered. The player registration form shall indicate the date of birth(age class teams only), full residential address and telephone number for each player on the team. The Association president/registrar is required to verify the dates of birth and residential address of each player. The Association president/registrar shall certify the eligibility of the players on the roster form. The team shall provide proof of age and residence upon request by B.N.B. A coach may be suspended by B.N.B. if a player is found to be ineligible because of age, residence, or registration with another team. If forms are incorrectly completed, they are to be returned and said teams will not be considered registered until properly completed forms are returned.

3.02 Any player not added to a roster on or before the date prescribed in By-Law 2.07 for their division is ineligible for any further competition in that playing year. Except for players who have permanently moved to a new location with their legal guardian(s).

3.03 Any player added to more than one (1) roster, and such forms have been submitted to the Federation, via RAMP shall be automatically suspended for the balance of that playing year, and the federation may review the case for further action regarding the player or other team officer or official who knowingly participates in the violation.

3.04 Players are eligible to play only for the team with which they registered during the playing season for all regular season, league playoffs or provincial playoffs following the player registration deadline for the division in question, except:

- a) affiliated players
- b) Atlantic Playoffs (where accepted)
- c) All national playoffs
- d) Except for players who have permanently moved to a new location with their legal guardian(s).

**E) Players' whose second team is a girls team formed for the participation in the Baseball NB Girls League/Tournaments**

**3.05 Affiliation Agreement:**

Baseball New Brunswick has in place an affiliation agreement for all teams that play in Baseball NB. Such clubs must follow stated rules\*:

- i. Teams must affiliate players in a lower age classification of the same tier, or a lower tier within the same age classification on rosters submitted via RAMP.  
\*AAA players may only affiliate to a higher age category of AAA baseball. For example, 15U AAA players may only affiliate on 18U AAA teams.  
\*\*A/AA players may affiliate to a higher tier within the same age classification. For example, 15U A may affiliate to 15U AAA.
- ii. Players may only affiliate with one team.
- iii. Team must name affiliate players, up to a maximum of 18 players by July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- iv. Players listed as "AP" on team rosters may be eligible to play, with no game limit.
- v. A maximum of six (6) affiliated players may play any one (1) game.
- vi. All affiliations must be done by association president/registrar via RAMP, or through request of Baseball NB Executive Director to be added on RAMP.
- vii. A lower tier team of a higher age classification may AP a AAA player if there is no higher tier team within the proper age group of the association.
- viii. Associations wishing to affiliate recreation players to competitive teams may do so without additional fees if their AAA/AA/A team roster has a minimum of 12 players.
- ix. Teams with less than 12 players wishing to affiliate recreation players must pay the difference of the recreation and competitive player fee for each additional player.

\*For the New Brunswick Senior League please see the New Brunswick Senior League Constitution; for all other leagues please follow the above.

3.06 Players who have been under contract with a recognized professional baseball club in the same playing year shall not be eligible for any competition within the Federation for that playing year unless such players can produce valid releases from the appropriate professional club, or the Federation otherwise gives direct permission for such eligibility in writing.

3.07 All age class players, except those covered by valid league restrictions as applicable under By-Law 1.04, currently registered with a Baseball New Brunswick team and / or Association must register with that team and / or Association the following year unless a release is granted by the team and / or Association.

3.07a A player may apply for a yearly release from their association to play at a higher caliber of baseball that is not available to them in their own association. Any player applying to move to a higher caliber of baseball **may select any association within their Baseball NB zone. The association the player chooses will be their permanent association for the AAA tier only. A player must return to their home association if a AAA team is added the following year.** Any player who applies to move to a higher caliber and is not successful in their attempt must return to their home association if the next lower caliber of baseball is offered. \*Refer to section 3.07c.

3.07b Player's registration fees will be transferred from the player's home association to their new one upon successfully becoming a player of a higher caliber team in that team's association. The player will be responsible for paying the difference in fees or collecting the difference in fees to or from the appropriate association.

3.07c A player who played outside of their home association for any reason will automatically be released back to their home association at the conclusion of the playing season.

3.08 In the case of age-limit registrations, a player may change his registration from one age-limit team to another age-limit team due to the bona fide relocation of that player's family during the playing year. The final decision on such changes shall rest with the Federation.

3.09 No additional player's names will be accepted after team player lists are filed with Baseball New Brunswick. Except for players who have permanently moved to a new location with their legal guardian(s); or under extraordinary circumstances approved by the Executive Committee.

3.10 No age class player will be permitted to move up an age division unless forced by age or no division exists within the Association, or upon written request from the Association, presented for review to Baseball New Brunswick office. Only 18U and 21U age players, may be permitted to play outside their prescribed age class upon obtaining a written release from the last junior team played for or the last association they were registered in.

3.11 There is no restriction for players registering to play for both Little League and Federation baseball. However, any player signed with both governing bodies, must commit to play in Federation Provincial, Atlantic and Canadian championships.

#### **4.00 FEES**

##### **4.01 Membership Fees:**

Baseball NB registration fees as set by the Board of Directors are available by reviewing the Baseball NB website. Any changes to these fees will be presented to the membership a minimum of 3 months in advance of the playing season prior to taking effect.

4.02 Players and coaches not registered with provincial teams will be subject to an annual administrative fee. Such fee would be representative of their membership to the association and would provide coverage for eligibility, insurance, access to programs, general assistance to provincial, national and international programs. Registrations to be submitted by the Minor Baseball Association and all fees to accompany this registration.

4.03 In Senior and Junior categories, if only one (1) provincial league is registered, any team wishing membership in Baseball N.B., must apply in writing, by February 1st, to the league president, with a copy to Executive Director of Baseball New Brunswick. The said team must be permitted membership within league, providing team meets all league criteria.

4.04 All league, association, coach, and player rosters, including recreation and competitive (adult and minor) will be submitted by July 31<sup>st</sup> of that playing season.

4.05 All league, association, coach, and player fees, including recreation and competitive (adult and minor) will be paid in full by August 14<sup>th</sup> of that playing year. Associations owing will not be permitted to participate in provincial championships. Furthermore, members of associations owing money will be considered not in good standing and therefore subject to suspension of their insurance coverage.

#### **5.00 RESIDENCE**

5.01 A player, to be eligible for any competition under the jurisdiction of the Federation in the playing year, is required to be a bona fide and/or continuous resident of New Brunswick on/before June 30 (July 1 for age-limit divisions) of the playing year, unless he is eligible as an import in his division. For purposes of certainty, a place of residence, or a place of residence within New Brunswick, as the case may be, shall be determined in accordance with the following:

a) If the player is a married person,

i) at the place where his family lives and sleeps, and to which, when away, he intends to return,

or

ii) if he is living apart from his family with the intent to remain so apart from it, then at a place where he lives and sleeps and to which, when away, he intends to return, without regard to where he takes his meals or is employed.

b) If the player is not married, at the place where he lives and sleeps and to which, when away, he intends to return, without regard to where he takes his meals or is employed or where his family lives and sleeps.

c) Where the player is a full-time student at an accredited institution and is domiciled either within or outside New Brunswick, as the case may be the player is ordinarily resident where he is domiciled, unless a contrary intention can be established.

d) Armed forces and legitimate business transfer personnel are to be classified as residents of home town unless they claim residence in another area.

e) All 11U to 21U players residing within a fifteen (15) mile radius from border communities be allowed to play within the province.

5.03 A player, to be eligible to compete with any team in League, league playoffs, zone playoffs or provincial championship playoffs, is required to have been a **primary** resident of the area in which the team is based on/before June 30 (July 1 for age limit divisions) of the playing year affected unless **they** is covered by 5.01(c) or (d), 5.04.

5.04 A player, whose **primary** residence in New Brunswick is outside a given "area" and the "area" is not represented by a team of the same classification registered with Baseball New Brunswick, may commute from their place of residence to **any team within their Baseball NB designated zone**.

5.05 For the purposes of this section, "area" means all that region within a fifteen (15) mile radius of a given city, town or village, measured from the nearest border points. For the purposes of clarification, all teams centered in a given "area" are deemed to be equidistant from other areas outside their 15 mile radius. Teams or associations within a region may agree between themselves to establish boundaries for the purposes of registering players.

## **6.00 IMPORTS**

6.01 An import is a person who resides outside the boundaries of New Brunswick.

## **7.00 Tournament Manual – Please see Tournament Manual Document**

## **8.00 PROTESTS**

8.01 All protests, complaints and appeals and evidence in support thereof, must be in the hands of the President within twenty-four (24) hours after the completion of the game in question or the rendering of the decision which is appealed, as well as verbal notification to the Zone Commissioner or other officer assigned to the Division in question. A deposit of One Hundred (\$100.00) dollar (cash or certified cheque) must accompany each protest filed, to be returned to the team if the protest is upheld.

8.02 Upon receipt of a protest, action shall be taken immediately by the President to dispose of same.

8.03 Protests based on an umpire's judgement decision will not be heard.

8.04 Protests which, in the opinion of the Protest Committee, are based solely on technicalities which could have had no possible bearing on the outcome of a game, will not be entertained.

8.05 The Federation Executive reserves the right to award protested games to the losing team if, in their opinion, the evidence warrants it.



8.06 The President, or the Appeals Committee, as the case may be, shall record all decisions in respect of protests and appeals.

## **9.00 APPEALS**

9.01 All appeals must be filed within 48 hours from the time the affected party or parties were informed of the decision.

9.02 An appeal as provided by the Constitution and By-Laws against action by the Executive shall be accompanied by a deposit of Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars (cash or certified cheque), said deposit to be forfeited to the Federation if the appeal is rejected.

9.03 Any appeal must be perfected and presented in writing to BNB within 7 days of the day the appeal was filed. Once the perfected appeal has been submitted the appointed appeal committee shall hear the matter within 7 days. The appeal shall be heard as expeditiously as possible.

## **10.00 AMENDMENTS**

10.01 These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3rd) majority vote of the voting delegates present at any Annual or General Meeting of the Federation.

## **11.00 HONORARIUM**

11.01 The President shall receive an annual honorarium of Five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

## **12.00 EQUIPMENT**

12.01 It is mandatory that all players in all levels of Baseball New Brunswick, wear a flapped helmet in batting circles, at the plate, on the base paths. Under no circumstances shall local leagues or teams be permitted to amend this rule at their level.

## **13.00 MISCELLANEOUS POLICY**

N.C.C.P. Certification:

13.01 Any coach not properly certified, shall not be permitted to coach in a national championship.

13.02 Any coach not properly certified, shall not be permitted to coach in an Atlantic Championship.

13.03 All on-field coaches registering with Baseball New Brunswick must be community sport trained.

Provincial team coaches must be regionally trained (or full certified level 1 under old NCCP System)

Baseball New Brunswick Meetings:

13.04 A.) All B.N.B. Board of Director's or Executive meetings shall be closed to the general membership.

B.) Any member of Baseball New Brunswick may make a presentation to the Board of Director's but shall be excluded from the discussion and the remainder of the meeting.

Nationals:

13.05 All Baseball New Brunswick teams competing in National Championships must have their player registration form completed and in the hands of the Executive Director fifteen (15) full days prior to the first day of competition of the Baseball Canada Championship.

13.06 Any team hosting a national event, where all 10 provinces are (or can be) represented, the provincial winner shall have first choice of pickups (excluding the host community) (Note: "Community" being city,

town, or village). Any player refusing to play for provincial winner, will not be permitted to play for host.

**Atlantics:**

13.07 Any team hosting an Atlantic event where pickups are permitted, the provincial winner shall have first choice of pickups (excluding host community). All said players must be declared within a time a period of 50% or less of the time available between provincial and Atlantic event. Any player refusing to play for provincial winner, will not be permitted to play for host.

13.08 If the provincial winner cannot participate in the Baseball Atlantic playdowns, that the runner up would be permitted to attend as the provincial representative.

13.09 If the Atlantic host is also the provincial winner, than the provincial runner-up team be permitted to attend said tournament.

13.10 All Atlantics hosted in province will have sites determined in the fall of the year prior to Atlantics being held.

**Elimination Tournament:**

13.11 Baseball New Brunswick establish a provincial 13U "AAA" elimination tournament, to be held the third weekend of July, for purposes of determining two provincial representatives to attend the Baseball Canada 13U Atlantic Championship of the same year, when the championship is located in Newfoundland. In all other years the Provincial winner and runner-up will represent New Brunswick at the Baseball Canada 13U Atlantic Championship.

13.12 For the elimination tournaments, draw will be conducted with two (2) zone commissioners and one (1) host area representative.

**Provincials:**

13.13 Baseball New Brunswick will provide medals to provincial host sites for presentation to provincial winners and runner-up (gold and silver).

**13.14 Girls Baseball:**

Age class for girls playing within New Brunswick: 11U (9-12), 13U (13-14), 15U (15-16).

The BNB board has the authority in exceptional or extra ordinary circumstances to allow a female player to play in a division that will facilitate her development as a player.