**2024 BPEI 13U “AA” RULES**

* Players must be 13U-aged, meaning they turn 13-years-old or younger during the 2024 calendar year.
* Games will be seven (7) innings. For all regular season and exhibition games, if the score is tied after seven (7) innings, the game will remain tied. No extra innings will be played in regular-season games.
* No new inning shall start after 2 hours.
* For all regular season and exhibition games, if the game is still incomplete after the two hour mark, the completion of that inning (regardless of what inning it is) shall be the end of the game.
* Max 4 runs per inning except in the 7th inning which is open.
* Players playing in a game with an affiliated team in a higher age category cannot pitch and should bat at the bottom of the order and play left or right field.
* Mercy Rules - 10 Run rule after 5 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings.
* Lead offs and stealing are permitted.

• HUSTLE on and off the Field

* 4 runs rule/inning: An offensive inning ends when three outs are recorded or when the offensive team scores 4 runs. If there is a homerun outside the playing field limits (above the fence), the team will be awarded all runs even if total runs go over the inning limit. However, there is no run limit during the last inning.
* If a game is suspended before it is official late in the season, the division director has the authority to decide that the game does not need to be replayed. This would happen only in cases where this is not possible or reasonable.
* All games will be played using Rawlings 65cc baseballs (or better).
* Rubber cleats are permitted; steel cleats are not permitted.
* During the regular season, all players will bat and there can be unlimited substitutions on the field defensively. At Provincials and eliminations, only nine (9) players will bat (or ten [10] with the “Extra Hitter” rule), with the re-entry rule in place.
* Once a player takes on the role of pitcher they cannot catch for the remainder of that day.
* Runners may proceed to first on a dropped third strike by the catcher if a) there are less than two outs and first base is unoccupied at the time the pitch is delivered or b) there are two outs regardless of where the runners are situated.
* Bat rules for 13U: Bats with a max barrel of 2 3/4” with (i) a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) or (ii) USA Baseball Model with BBCOR “wood-like” BPF are permitted. For this division using up to a minus 10 length/weight differential is permitted.
* Official Baseball Canada and Baseball PEI Pitch Count Rules will be in effect
* After each game (deadline: 12PM noon the next day) the home team must record the game score, names of pitchers for both teams, the pitch counts of all pitchers, any affiliate players, and the names of both of the umpires on their team webpage. If they do not, they will be fined under the Association Performance Bond.
* The home team is to provide two (2) brand new 65 cc baseballs for each game, and two (2) good “second” balls.