



2025 BPEI 13U “A” Division Rules

Player Eligibility

- Players must be **12 or 13 years old by December 31, 2025** to be eligible for the 13U division.

Game Structure

- Games consist of **six (6) innings**.
- **No new inning** shall begin **after 2 hours** of play.
- **Open Inning Rule:**
 - The **6th inning is an open inning** (no run limit) only **if it starts before the 2-hour mark**.
 - If the 6th inning does **not start before 2 hours**, it will follow regular run limits (no open inning)

Game Outcomes

- **Tied Games:**
 - Regular season and exhibition games may end in a **tie** after six innings. No extra innings are played.
- **Time Limit:**
 - If a game reaches the 2-hour limit and is **incomplete**, the current inning will be completed and then the game ends.
- **Suspended Games:**
 - If a late-season game is suspended before it becomes official, the **Division Director** may determine that the game does **not need to be replayed**, if finishing the game is not reasonable or practical.

Offensive/Defensive Play

- **Runs per Inning:**
 - Each inning ends after **3 outs** or when **4 runs** are scored — **except** the 6th inning, which is an open inning if eligible (see above).
- **Baserunning Rules:**
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- **No leading off** is allowed. Runners may not leave their base until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
- Players **can steal home on a passed ball**.

Batting & Equipment

- **All-Players-Bat Rule:**
 - During the regular season and Provincial Championships, **all players must bat**, and there are **unlimited defensive substitutions** allowed.
- **Dropped Third Strike:**
 - This rule is **in effect**.
 - A batter may run to first base if:
 - The third strike is **not caught**, and
 - **First base is unoccupied**, or
 - **There are two outs**.
- **Bats:**
 - Maximum barrel size: **2 ¾"**
 - Permitted types:
 - Bats marked with **1.15 BPF**, or
 - **USA Baseball models** with **BBCOR "wood-like" BPF**
 - Maximum differential: **Minus 10 (-10)**
- **Baseballs:**
 - All games will use **Rawlings 65cc baseballs (or better)**.
- **Cleats:**
 - **Rubber cleats are permitted**.
 - **Steel cleats are not permitted**.

Pitching Rules

- **Pitch Count:**
 - **Baseball Canada and Baseball PEI Pitch Count Rules** apply.
- **Pitcher-Catcher Rule:**
 - A player who has **pitched** in a game may **not catch** for the remainder of that day.

Affiliated Players





- Coaches **must contact the player's coach first** before reaching out to the affiliated player.
- The **coach of the affiliated player must give permission** before any contact with the player is made.
- Affiliated players must:
 - Come from the **same minor baseball association/zone** as the affiliating team.
 - **Cannot pitch** when playing as an affiliate in a higher age division.
- Affiliated players can play in a maximum of 6 games in a season. They can not play in more than 4 league games or 3 provincial games.
 - So they can be divided 3-3, 4-2, or any lesser number of games.

Coaching Requirements (Provincials & Eliminations)

- **All coaches** must have proper **NCCP certification** to be on the bench.
- **Teams without certified coaches are not permitted** to participate in Provincial Championships.

Game Reporting & Responsibilities

- The **home team** must submit the following on their team webpage **by 12:00 PM (noon) the next day**:
 - Final game **score**
 - **Names of pitchers** for both teams
 - **Pitch counts** for all pitchers
 - Any **affiliate players** used
 - **Names of both umpires**
- **Failure to report** will result in a **fine** under the **Association Performance Bond**.
- The home team must provide:
 - **One (1) brand new 65cc baseball**
 - **Two (2) good used balls**

Season Timeline

- All games must be **completed by August 15, 2025**.
- The **Provincial Championship** will be held **August 22–25, 2025**.

