



2025 Baseball PEI 11U “A” Rules

1. Player Eligibility

- Players must be **11U-aged**, meaning they turn **11 years old or younger in the 2025 calendar year (born 2014 or later)**.
 - **Girls born in 2013 or later** are also eligible to participate.
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2. Game Duration & Scoring Rules

- **Length of Game:**
 - 5 complete innings (4½ if the home team is leading).
 - No new inning may start after **1 hour and 45 minutes**; the current inning is completed.
 - **No extra innings** in regular season games – ties will stand.
 - **Run Limits:**
 - Maximum of **4 runs per inning** (except in the 5th inning).
 - **No run limit in the 5th inning** (“open inning”).
 - If a **home run** clears the fence, all runs scored on that play count, even if they exceed the 4-run limit.
 - **Mercy Rule:**
 - A **10-run mercy rule** is in effect after 4 innings (or 3½ if the home team is ahead).
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3. Pitching Rules

- **Pitcher Usage:**
 - A player may pitch in **only one (1) inning per game**.
- **Pitching Mechanics:**
 - Pitchers throw up to **5 pitches per batter**.
 - If the batter does not hit the ball or strike out, the **batting team’s coach** takes over pitching until the batter reaches base or is out.
 - **Umpires will call balls and strikes** throughout (including during coach-pitch).



- A batter with **two strikes** when the coach comes in is out on the next strike, swinging or called.
 - The **coach can pitch from any distance in front of the rubber in order to make good pitches.**
 - If the coach consistently struggles to throw strikes, the **umpire may limit the number of pitches** or require a replacement coach to pitch.
 - The purpose of coach-pitch is to **speed up the game.**
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4. Batting Rules

- **Batting Order:**
 - All players on the team **must bat in turn.**
 - **Late arrivals** are added to the end of the batting order.
 - **Departing players** are removed with no penalty (no automatic out).
 - If a player **cannot complete an at-bat**, the next batter assumes the count.
 - If a player **cannot complete baserunning**, they are replaced by the **last recorded out.**
 - In both cases, the original player may be **reinserted** into the game.
 - **No bunting is permitted.**
 - **No walks** are permitted.
 - However, if a batter is **hit by a pitch from a player** (not coach), they may **advance to first base.**
 - **3rd Strike Rule:**
 - The batter is **automatically out on a third strike**; it does **not** have to be caught by the catcher.
 - **No Infield Fly will be called**
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5. Baserunning Rules

- **No leadoffs, steals, or advances** on passed balls, wild pitches, or foul balls.
 - **Runners may only score if batted in.**
 - No scoring on overthrows.
 - Runners must stop at **3rd base** on overthrows.
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6. Equipment Rules

- **Bats:**
 - Must be aluminum with **1.15 BPF**, **max 32" length**, and **2¾" barrel**.
 - May be taped up to **16 inches** from the handle.
 - **Footwear:**
 - **Metal cleats or spikes are prohibited.**
 - Rubber cleats or **running shoes** are allowed.
 - **Helmets:**
 - **Double earflap helmets** must be worn at bat, on deck, and on the bases.
 - **Chinstraps** are not required.
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7. Defensive Rules

- **9 players** on the field at a time.
 - A player **cannot play the same defensive position twice** in the same game.
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8. Fair Play & Conduct

Baseball PEI Fair Play Rules apply to all games, including Provincials.

Playing Equity Rule (All-Players-Bat Format with Unlimited Defensive Substitutions)

The following rules apply to all divisions where all players bat and unlimited defensive substitutions are allowed:

- All physically able and eligible players must be included in the batting lineup.
- Each physically able and eligible player must start defensively in **at least one of every two consecutive games** they attend.
- Coaches are expected to use players equitably. For example, over two consecutive 6-inning games, a player should play a **minimum of 6 defensive innings**, assuming full games are played.
- It is understood that certain circumstances (e.g., home/away status, mercy rule, weather, ejections, forfeits, darkness, or player conduct) may limit the literal application of this rule. However, coaches are expected to follow the **spirit of the rule**, ensuring that all players receive fair playing time and contribute both offensively and defensively.



- If a player is benched for disciplinary reasons, this must be communicated to the player's parents. It is also encouraged that this be shared with the opposing coach before the game begins.
 - **No confrontational behavior toward umpires** will be tolerated.
 - A separate handout explains **BPEI Non-Confrontation Policy**.
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9. Scorekeeping & Reporting

- **Post-game Reporting:**
 - The **home team** must update the **RAMP website** by **12 PM (noon) the next day** with:
 - Final score
 - Names of pitchers for both teams (1 inning max per game)
 - **Game Balls:**
 - Home team provides:
 - **One (1) brand new R850 baseball**
 - **Two (2) good condition “second” balls**
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10. Provincial Jamborees

- Provincial Jamborees have been slated for **Aug 10-24th** but can be hosted outside of this if an association wishes.
 - Teams must **play all scheduled games** by Aug 31st, 2025
 - We will need 3-4 associations to host a Jamboree for 8-10 teams each. Jamborees consist of 3 games per team on one day or over 2 days.
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11. Umpires

- All league games will have one house umpire provided by the home team.
- Any coach, manager, parent or community volunteer may fill this role who has provided a clear, current Criminal Record Check to the host association.
- Training for this House Umpire will be provided by the PEIBUA