



2026 BPEI 11UAA Minor Rules

Player Eligibility

- Players must be 11U-aged, meaning they turn 11 years old or younger during the 2026 calendar year.
 - Eligible birth years:
 - Born in 2015 or later
 - Girls born in 2014 or later
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Game Structure

- Games shall be six (6) complete innings (or 5½ innings if the home team is ahead).
 - If a game is still taking place after two (2) hours, the inning currently in progress shall be completed and no new inning shall begin.
 - Unless it is the 6th inning, the inning will not be open.
 - No extra innings will be played during regular season games. Ties will stand.
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Run Rules

- **4 Runs/Inning Rule:** An offensive inning ends when:
 - Three (3) outs are recorded, or
 - Four (4) runs are scored.
 - If a home run *leaves the playing field* (over the fence), all runs resulting from the play shall count, even if the total exceeds the inning limit.
 - The 6th inning is an **open inning** with no run limit.
 - **Mercy Rule:** A ten (10) run mercy rule will be in effect after:
 - Four (4) innings, or
 - Three and one-half (3½) innings if the home team is ahead.
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Equipment

- All games will be played using Rawlings 65cc baseballs or better.
- **Bat Rules:**
 - For minus-5 and above, all aluminum bats may be used.



- Bats shall not exceed 32 inches in length.
 - Maximum barrel diameter is 2¾ inches.
 - Bats must have a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor).
 - Bats may be taped up to sixteen (16) inches from the handle.
 - **Footwear:**
 - Metal cleats or spikes are prohibited.
 - Rubber molded cleats and running shoes are permitted.
 - **Protective Headgear:**
 - All players shall wear double earflap helmets while batting, in the on-deck circle, and while on the bases.
 - Chin straps are not mandatory.
 - **Home Plate:**
 - **New for 2026, all games in the 11UAA Minor division will use a 21-inch home plate.**
 - A 21-inch home plate will be provided to each team.
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Batting & Lineup

- All players on the roster shall bat in turn.
 - If a player arrives after the game has started, they shall be inserted at the end of the batting order.
 - If a player leaves during the game, they shall be removed from the batting order with no automatic out assessed.
 - If a player cannot complete an at-bat:
 - The next batter assumes the same count.
 - The replaced player may re-enter the game.
 - If a player cannot continue as a baserunner:
 - The last recorded out shall replace them.
 - The replaced player may re-enter the game.
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Defensive Substitution

- Unlimited defensive substitutions are permitted.
- Any player may be replaced defensively and return at any time to any position, except:
 - A player who has already pitched and is restricted by pitch count rules.
 - A player who has pitched may not catch on ***the same day***. (meaning if you have a double header you may not catch in the 2nd game even if you do not pitch in that game)



Batting Rules

- A batter may not advance to first base on a dropped third strike.
- The third strike, whether swinging or called, does not need to be caught by the catcher.
- The batter is automatically retired.
- The ball remains live and runners may advance at their own risk.
- The In-Field Fly rule is NOT in effect.

Baserunning Rules

Lead-Off Rule

- Runners shall not leave their base until the pitched ball reaches the batter.
- If a runner leaves early and the batter does not hit the ball:
 - If the runner is put out, the out stands.
 - If the runner reaches safely, time shall be called and the runner returned to the original base with no out assessed.
- If a runner leaves early and the batter hits the ball:
 - The runner must return to their original base if the batter is retired.
 - Otherwise, the runner must return to the nearest unoccupied base.
 - The batter may not advance beyond:
 - First base on a single
 - Second base on a double
 - Third base on a triple
- If a runner leaves early and the batter hits or bunts a ball that, in the umpire's judgment, could have resulted in an out on the runner:
 - No runner shall advance or score unless forced.
 - All runners shall remain at their base.
- If bases are loaded and a runner violates the lead-off rule while the batter reaches first safely:
 - The violating runner shall be declared out.

Stealing

- A baserunner may steal a base or bases on a catcher's missed pitch.

Advancing Home



- A runner at third base may score only when:
 - The ball is hit, or
 - The runner is forced home.
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Courtesy Runners

- Courtesy or designated runners are not permitted.
 - If a catcher reaches base with two (2) outs, a courtesy runner shall not be used.
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Other Game Rules

- Bunting is permitted.
 - Baseball Canada Pitch Count Rules shall apply.
 - Baseball PEI Fair Play Rules apply to all games, including Provincials, Eliminations, and Atlantics.
 - Baseball PEI Non-Confrontation Rules regarding umpires shall apply. See separate handout for details.
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Post-Game Responsibilities

- Following each game, the home team must update the website by 12:00 PM noon the following day.
- The following information must be recorded:
 - Final score
 - Pitcher names
 - Pitcher numbers
 - Number of pitches thrown by all pitchers for both teams
- The home team shall provide:
 - Two (2) new 65cc or better baseballs
 - At least one (1) good extra baseball.