



# 2026 11UAA Rules

## 1. 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 are also eligible.
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## 2. Game Structure

- **Game Length:** 6 complete innings (or 5½ if the home team is ahead).
  - No new innings after 2 hours. The current inning will be completed.
  - If not the 6th inning, it will NOT be an open inning.
  - **No extra innings** in regular season games. Ties will stand.
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## 3. Run Rules

- **4 Runs/Inning Rule:** An inning ends when 3 outs occur, or 4 runs are scored.
    - Exception: If a home run clears the fence, all runs on the play count, even if it exceeds the 4-run limit.
  - **Open Inning:** The 6th inning has no run limit.
  - **Mercy Rule:** 10-run lead ends game after 4 innings (or 3½ if the home team is ahead).
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## 4. Equipment

- **Bats:**
  - Max length: 32 inches.
  - Max barrel: 2¾ inches.
  - Must have 1.15 BPF certification.
  - Bat grip tape may extend up to 16 inches from the handle.
- **Footwear:**
  - Metal cleats/spikes are prohibited.
  - Rubber molded cleats or running shoes are permitted.
- **Helmets:**



- Double earflap helmets must be worn at bat, on-deck, and on base.
  - Chinstraps are optional.
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## 5. Batting & Lineup

- All players on the roster must bat in order.
  - Late arrivals are added to the end of the lineup.
  - Players leaving during the game are removed from the lineup—no automatic out.
  - If a player cannot complete an at-bat, the next batter continues with the same count.
    - The original player may return later.
  - If a player cannot run the bases, the last recorded out takes their place.
    - The original player may return later.
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## 6. Defensive Substitution

- **Unlimited substitutions** allowed on defense.
  - Exceptions:
    - A player who has pitched may not re-enter as a pitcher.
    - A player who has pitched may not catch on the same day.
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## 7. Batting Rules

- On a dropped third strike, the batter is automatically out.
    - The ball remains live and runners may advance.
  - In-Field Fly is in effect
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## 8. Baserunning Rules

- **Lead-Off Rules:**
  - Runners must remain on base until the pitched ball reaches the batter.
  - If they leave early and the batter doesn't hit, they return to their original base unless tagged out.
  - If the batter hits the ball:
    - Runners return to their previous base unless forced forward.
    - Batter's advancement is limited based on hit type (single/double/triple).



- If the early leadoff allows an infielder to potentially make an out, all runners must remain unless forced.
    - If three runners are on base and the batter reaches safely, the runner who violated the rule is declared out.
  - **Stealing:**
    - A baserunner may steal a base(s) but cannot score on a catcher's miss of a pitch.
  - **Courtesy Runners:**
    - **Not allowed**, even for catchers with 2 outs.
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## 9. Other Game Rules

- **Bunting:** Permitted.
  - **Pitch Count:** Baseball Canada Pitch Count Rules apply.
  - **Intentional Walks** shall not be permitted for this age category.
  - **Fair Play:** Baseball PEI Fair Play Rules apply to all games, including Provincials, Eliminations, and Atlantics.
  - **Umpire Interactions:** See the separate handout on the Non-Confrontational Rule.
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## 10. Post-Game Responsibilities

- The **Home Team** must update the league website by 12:00 PM the following day.
    - Include: Score, pitcher names, jersey numbers, and pitch counts for both teams.
  - The **Home Team** provides game balls:
    - 2 new 65cc or better balls
    - At least 1 good extra ball
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