



2026 BPEI 11U “AAA” Division Rules

Eligibility

- Players must be 11U-aged (turning 11 or younger in 2026).
 - **Boys born 2015 or later**
 - **Girls born 2014 or later**
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1. Game Format

- **Length:** 6 innings (5½ if the home team is ahead)
 - **Time Limit:** 2 hours max. Finish the current inning; no new innings begin after 2 hours.
 - The final inning is **not** considered an open inning unless it is the **6th inning**.
 - **Ties:** No extra innings in the regular season. Ties stand.
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2. Run Limits

- **Per Inning:** Max 5 runs, except:
 - **Over-the-fence home runs:** All runs count, even if over 5.
 - **6th Inning:** Open (no run limit).
 - **Mercy Rule:**
 - **Provincials:** 10-run rule after 4 innings (3½ if home team is ahead)
 - **League Play:** 10-run rule after 5 innings (4½ if home team is ahead)
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3. Bat Regulations

- Aluminum bats allowed.
 - Max: 32” length, 2¾” barrel, 1.15 BPF.
 - Tape allowed up to 16” from the handle.
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4. Footwear

- **Prohibited:** Metal cleats/spikes
 - **Allowed:** Rubber molded cleats, running shoes
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5. Helmets

- Double earflap helmets required when:
 - At bat
 - On-deck
 - On base
 - Chinstraps are **OPTIONAL**
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6. Batting Order

- All players on the roster bat in turn.
 - **Late Arrivals:** Added to end of lineup
 - **Early Departures:** Removed from lineup, **no automatic out**
 - **Injury During At-Bat:** Next batter takes over count; injured player may return
 - **Injury on Bases:** Replaced by last recorded out; may return later
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7. Defensive Substitutions

- **Unlimited** defensive changes
 - **Restrictions:**
 - A pitcher **cannot return to pitch** once removed
 - A player who has pitched **cannot** catch in the same day
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8. Batter Rules

- **Dropped 3rd Strike:** Batter is **automatically out** and may not attempt to steal first base. The ball remains live, and runners may advance.



9. Baserunning & Leadoffs

- Runners **may not** leave base until the pitch crosses the plate.
 - **If the ball is not hit and runner left early:**
 - Runner may proceed at own risk
 - If out: OUT stands
 - If safe: Runner must return to time of pitch base; no out
 - **If batter hits ball and runner left early:**
 - Baserunner must be placed as follows:
 - Single: to 2nd
 - Double: to 3rd
 - Triple: home
 - If infielder could have made an out had the leadoff violation not occurred, **no advancement or scoring allowed**
 - **If 3 runners are on base (force all around) and the batter reaches 1st base safely - any runner who left early, will be OUT**
 - **Stealing** is allowed on passed balls and overthrows

10. Courtesy/Designated Runners

- **Not permitted** (even for catchers with 2 outs)

11. Bunting

- **Permitted**

12. Pitch Count

- **Baseball Canada Pitch Count Rules** apply.

13. Fair Play



- **Baseball PEI Fair Play Rules** are in effect at all times (league, Provincials, Eliminations, Atlantics)
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14. Umpire Interaction

- **Non-Confrontational Rule** applies – see separate handout for details.
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15. Game Reporting

- **Home team must update website by 12:00 noon** the day after the game.
 - Include: Score, pitcher names/numbers, pitch counts (both teams)
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16. Game Balls

- **Home team supplies:**
 - 2 new 65cc (or better) balls
 - At least 2 good extras
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17. Provincials Roster Requirement

- Teams must field **12 hitters**, all of whom will bat.
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18. Affiliate Player (AP) Exception – 2025 ONLY

- For 11UAAA and 13UAAA ONLY:
 - APs may play in **up to 5 Provincial games**, provided their **total for the season does not exceed 6 games**
 - **Non-league games** (e.g., exhibition or tournament) **do not count** toward the 6-game maximum
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