



2026 BPEI 9U RULES

Roster Eligibility

- Players must be 9 years old or younger as of December 31, 2026.
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Game Format

- Games follow **Baseball Canada 11U rules** with the following modifications:
 - **Game Length:** 5 innings maximum.
 - **Time Limit:** No new inning may begin after **1 hour and 30 minutes**. Finish the current inning only.
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Inning Structure

- Innings end with **3 outs**, or **4 runs scored**, *except for the 5th inning*:
 - In the 5th inning, **every player bats**, regardless of outs.
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Batting & Pitching Rules

- No walks or strikeouts (including hit-by-pitch).
 - The **hitting team's coach** will pitch overhand.
 - Coaches **cannot interfere** with play after pitching.
 - **Each batter receives a maximum of 5 pitches:**
 - If the batter does not hit a fair ball, they **must hit off a tee**.
 - **No exceptions.**
 - *This rule is strictly enforced to maintain game pace and reduce negative connotation of using a tee.*
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Defensive Rules

- Players may play **each defensive position only once per game**.
 - Maximum of **5 infielders (not including catcher)**.
 - **All outfielders must remain in the grass.**
 - Coaches may agree to adjust this rule based on field layout.
 - Teams with **7 or 8 players** may still play:
 - A coach may act as catcher in these cases.
 - **Coaches will make all calls** (no official umpires).
 - If this becomes problematic, Baseball PEI may require umpires.
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Base Running Rules

- **No leadoffs, steals, or advancement** on passed balls, foul balls, or overthrows.
 - **Baserunners may only score if batted in** (no scoring on overthrows).
 - **Bunting is not allowed.**
 - **Double Max Rule:** Batters may advance a maximum of **2 bases per hit** (no triples or inside-the-park home runs).
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Equipment

- All games must use **Rawlings TVB850 Soft Practice Balls**.
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Provincial Jamboree Eligibility

- Teams must complete their **entire scheduled season** to be eligible for Jamborees.
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