



BASEBALL
New Brunswick



BASEBALL ATLANTIC OPERATIONS

INTRODUCTION

The organization hereby constituted shall be known as Baseball Atlantic and is hereafter referred to as Baseball Atlantic.

MANDATE

Baseball Atlantic is the composition of the four-member provincial baseball associations working together to further baseball in the Atlantic Provinces. Each provincial baseball association is a member of Baseball Canada.

PURPOSE

1. To further the development of amateur baseball in the Atlantic Provinces by working with the four-member provincial minor baseball associations
2. To organize and regulate inter-provincial playoffs and championships, to be called the “Baseball Atlantic Championships”
3. To establish warm and friendly relations among the members of Baseball Atlantic and facilitate amateur baseball development and inter-provincial competition
4. To compile and publish its rules and regulations
5. To consider and discuss issues of mutual concern of the member bodies and address these issues both internally and through Baseball Canada
6. To develop, with its partners, qualities of sportsmanship and respect in all participants
7. To apply discipline for violation of the rules of baseball and conduct not in the best interest of the game during the Baseball Atlantic competition to include other inter-provincial competition

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

1. Baseball Atlantic shall be composed of Provincial Member Associations that govern amateur baseball in the member provinces
2. Each province may be represented by one (1) Association only and the President of that Association shall be a Vice-President of Baseball Atlantic
3. Membership may be terminated by a written statement, withdrawn by a Province, or by expulsion for cause by Baseball Atlantic

4. A Provincial Member Association may be admitted or re-admitted to membership in Baseball Atlantic from time to time by resolution of a general meeting of Baseball Atlantic and, as a condition of membership, shall agree to abide and comply with the operations of this body and observe faithfully the ruling of those charged for the time being with the conduct of its affairs.
5. Baseball Atlantic may admit non-voting associate members from time to time by resolution at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

ARTICLE II – DUES

Annual membership fees and any special assessment fees for each province shall be determined annually at the Baseball Atlantic Annual General Meeting (AGM) and paid in full before March 31st of the current year. Such fees shall be paid to the designated provincial baseball association treasurer.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The President shall oversee the function of the board of Baseball Atlantic in cooperation with the Presidents of the Member Provincial Associations. He shall provide the overall vision and sense of direction for the organization. He shall be the spokesperson/liaison, schedule and preside over all organizational meetings, and shall have assigned to him all duties in this office. The President is a resident of one of the four (4) provinces and is duly proposed for election for a two-year term at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
2. The Executive is an elected President and the President of the Provincial Member Associations who shall serve as Vice-Presidents of Baseball Atlantic. The Executive shall conduct the business of Baseball Atlantic. It shall have the power to admit, suspend, or expel any club, manager, coach, or player for unacceptable conduct. The Executive shall control the regulations governing playoff competition within the Atlantic Provinces per a tournament guide. All committees and sub-committees will be responsible to the Executive.
3. The Executive of Baseball Atlantic elects the Treasurer and shall oversee the organization's finances. This includes reporting the group's financial status, recording and paying bills/reimbursements, depositing/withdrawing funds, and working closely with the Executive.
4. The Secretary records and distributes all pertinent information to all members, including meeting minutes, handles all organizational correspondence, and keeps the office organized with the assistance of the President. Such role shall be assigned to the Executive Director, ex-officio, of the province where the President of Baseball Atlantic resides.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

1. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held yearly at an agreed time and location.
2. The four Member Provincial Associations shall each pay one-fourth of the President's expenses to attend the Baseball Canada convention meeting if his attendance is required.
3. Special general meetings of the Body, including those to be held using alternate methods, must be called by the President, or in his absence, the Vice-Presidents upon request by two (2) Provincial Member Associations.
4. Thirty (30) days notice of an Annual General Meeting (AGM) and seven (7) days of a special general meeting must be given to members.

5. Special general meetings may be convened within fourteen (14) days of receipt of notice as per item 3.
6. Written notice of a general meeting of Baseball Atlantic stating the date, hour, and place and the general nature of the business to be transacted, shall be delivered or sent through e-mail.
7. No proxy votes shall be accepted at any such meeting.
8. Each certified voting delegate shall represent one (1) vote.
9. Each Provincial Member Association shall be represented by its President (Baseball Atlantic Vice-President) or his/her official representative, as designated in the assigned letter, and is entitled to a (1) vote.
10. In case of a tie vote (at an Executive, special, or Annual General Meeting), the President/Chair shall cast the deciding vote.
11. Voting at all meetings shall be verbal or oral unless a ballot vote is requested.
12. A quorum for the annual general meeting (AGM) and special general meeting shall be a minimum of three (3) Provincial Member Associations to include the President.

ARTICLE V – ORDER OF BUSINESS

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

1. The President shall call to order the meeting
2. Identification of delegates present
3. President's report
4. Business arising from previous meeting/minutes
5. Financial statement
6. Tournaments/points of discussion by each province/Baseball Canada
7. Correspondence
8. Election of Officers
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS & MOTIONS

1. Amendments to the Operations Manual may be submitted in writing for approval by any Provincial Member Association 30 days before the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
2. The proper way to propose that the group take a certain action is by making a MOTION. The Provincial Member Association proposes a motion and another Provincial Member Association must second the motion.
3. The President shall state the motion for discussion and debate. Only one member at a time may speak and must first be recognized by the president.
4. Discussion/debate must be confined to the motion before the group.
5. A member may amend a motion and another Provincial Member Association must second the amended motion.
6. The President takes the vote on the motion. The vote shall be verbal unless a ballot vote is requested.
7. The President shall announce the results of the vote.

8. Where a motion is “amended” and seconded by another Provincial Member Association, this motion shall be stated first by the President for vote. The President shall announce the results. Should the motion be defeated, then the original motion is stated by the President for vote. The President shall announce the results of the vote.
9. The floor is now open and another motion can be proposed.
10. In the event of a tie vote, the President shall cast the deciding vote.
11. In the absence of the President, a further meeting will be held to deal with matter(s) of concern.

ARTICLE VII – DISCIPLINE FOR VIOLATION

Baseball Atlantic may apply discipline for violation of the rules of baseball or conduct not in the best interest of the game, during Baseball Atlantic competitions and other inter-provincial play.

The Executive shall have the power to admit, suspend, expel, and/or fine any club, manager, coach, or player for conduct adjudged unacceptable.

ARTICLE VIII - APPEAL

Any individual, team, or association suspended by the Executive of Baseball Atlantic has the right to appeal the suspension to the Atlantic Appeals Committee. The decision of this Committee shall be final and binding on all parties to the appeal. The Appeals Committee shall consist of the Executive, plus any two other appointees by the President, from a province not involved in the dispute.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of Baseball Atlantic, all its remaining funds, after the payment of its liabilities, shall be distributed equally among the four (4) Provincial Member Associations.