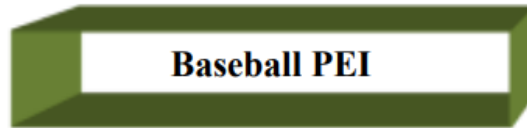


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2023 BPEI 11U “A” RULES

Roster Rules

-Players must be 11U-aged, meaning they turn 11-years-old or younger during the 2023 calendar year (born 2012 or later also eligible are Girls born in 2011 or later).

Game Rules

1. Length of game:

- The length of games shall be five (5) complete innings (4 ½ complete innings if the home team is ahead) or if the game is still taking place after one hour and forty-five, the inning the game is currently in will be finished, and no new innings will be started.
- Unless this is the 5th inning it will NOT be an open inning.
- No extra innings in regular season games - ties will stand.

2. 4 Runs/inning Rule: An offensive inning ends when three (3) outs are recorded or when the offensive team scores four (4) runs. If there is a homerun outside the playing field limits (above the fence), the team will be awarded all runs even if total runs go over the inning limit. There is no run limit during the open 5th inning.

3. Ten-run mercy rule will be in effect after 4 innings (or 3 ½ innings if the home team is ahead).

4. The bat:

- For minus 5 and above, all aluminum bats can be used. It shall not be more than 32 inches in length, and the max barrel up to 2 ¾ inches with 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor).
- Bats may be taped to a distance not exceeding sixteen (16) inches from the handle.

5. Cleats: Shoes with metal cleats or “spikes” are prohibited.

Rubber molded cleats or running shoes are permitted.

6. Protective headgear:

- All players shall wear double earflap helmets while at bat, in the on-deck circle, and on the base paths in both categories. Chinstraps on batting helmets are not mandatory.

7. Batting order: All players on the roster shall bat in turn. Also:

- a. When a player arrives during a game, he is inserted in the last spot on the batting order.
- b. If a player leaves during the game, he is removed from the batting order. No automatic out.
- c. If a player cannot complete his turn at bat, the following batter will replace him with the same count. - The replaced player can be reinserted in the game.
- d. If a player cannot complete his presence on bases, he is replaced with the last recorded out.



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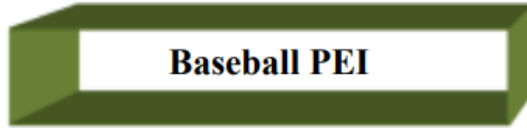
- e. The replaced player can be reinserted in the game.
- 8. 9 players will play on the field, a player can't play the same position twice in the same game.
- 9. No pitch count rules; instead a player is allowed to pitch in only one (1) inning in a game.
 - Pitchers will throw up to 5 pitches to each batter, if the batter has not hit the ball or has not struck out in those pitches then the batting team's coach will take over pitching until either the batter reaches base or is out.
 - a. The umpire will call balls and strikes (when a pitcher or coach is pitching and the batter keeps the count if he has 2 strikes when the coach comes in then one more strike and he is out). Yes, the umpire is to call strikes even when the batter doesn't swing.
 - b. The coach will pitch from the pitching rubber.
 - c. If the coach is having issues throwing strikes and it is slowing the game, put in a different coach or parent to pitch, or the umpire will have the right to limit the number of pitches that a coach can throw.
(bringing in the coach is meant to speed up the game, not slow it down!!!)
- 10. The batter:
 - a. The batter cannot become a runner on a catcher's miss of a 3rd strike. The third strike, either called or swinging, does not have to be caught by the catcher. - the batter is automatically retired.
 - b. There will be no base-on-balls; however, if the batter is hit by a pitch – by a player, not a coach – they may take first base.
 - c. Baserunners will not be permitted to take lead-offs, steal bases or advance on passed balls, or advance on balls out of play or in foul.
 - d. Baserunners cannot score unless batted in; scoring on an overthrow is not permitted and the baserunner must stop at 3rd base.
- 11. Bunting will NOT be permitted.
- 12. Baseball PEI Fair Play Rules apply to all games including Provincials.
- 13. Non-Confrontational Rule Regarding umpire - see separate handout regarding how this works.

Provincials Eligibility

- The regular season must be completed no later than September 2, 2023, and the Provincial Championships will be Sept 7-10, and Sept 14-17 depending on the tier.
- Teams must play each game of the schedule in order to be eligible for the Provincial Championships.



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Miscellaneous Rules

- After each game (the deadline is noon the next day) the home team must record the game score and the names of pitchers for both teams on their team RAMP webpage.
- The home team is to provide one (1) brand new R850 baseball for each game, and two (2) good “second” balls.

