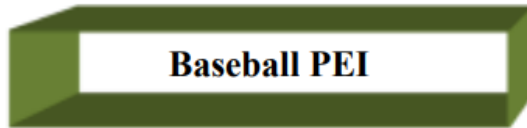


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## 2023 BPEI 15U “A” Rules

### **Roster Rules**

- Players must be 15U-aged, meaning they turn 14- or 15-years-old during the calendar year of 2023.

### **Game Rules**

- Follows Baseball Canada 15U rules except for the following adaptations:

- o All games will be played using Rawlings 80cc baseballs (or better).
- o All games played on Prince Edward Island will use the Baseball PEI Pitch Count Rules.
- o Each inning will end with three (3) outs, or five (5) runs scored, except for the seventh inning, which is an “open” inning (a team can score as many runs as possible before three outs are recorded).
- o Steel and rubber cleats are both permitted.
- o For all regular season and exhibition games, if the game is still taking place after the two-hour mark, the inning the game is currently in will be finished, and no new innings will be started.
- o For all regular season and exhibition games, if the score is tied after seven (7) innings, the game will remain tied. No extra innings will be played.
- o Players cannot take lead-offs; the base runner's foot cannot come off the base until the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.
- o Players are allowed to steal home/advance home on a passed ball or wild pitch.
- o During the regular season and at Provincial Championships, all players will bat and there can be unlimited substitutions on the field defensively.
- o Bat rules for 15U will follow Baseball Canada's rules.

### **Affiliate Player Rules**

- o A player can be called up to one (1) higher division team within their age category or an older age category for three (3) games within their own minor baseball association/zone. He/she must be marked as an affiliated player (AP) on the lineup card and marked on the game report, via the website. After the third game at a higher level, the player is no longer permitted to be an affiliated player. In any circumstance where an ineligible player is allowed to be an affiliated player, the offending coach(es) will be subject to discipline by the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI.
- o Exhibition games – including tournaments not run by Baseball PEI – do not count towards the three (3) games a player is permitted to affiliate with one (1) team each season.
  - o 15U “A” teams can affiliate players from 13U “AA” and 13U “A.” Players may affiliate only with “AA” teams from the same minor baseball association.
- o A 15U “A” team can call up a maximum of two (2) 13U “AA” players as affiliated players per game, and they must play in the corner outfield and bat in the bottom of the batting order.
- o Teams that are playing in a Baseball PEI League or Provincial Tournament where, by rule, everyone on the roster must bat can only use affiliate players when less than twelve (12) regular-roster players are available and can only add enough affiliate players to raise the game-eligible roster to a maximum of twelve (12).



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- o Any coach wishing to use an affiliated player must contact that player's coach before contacting the player. Only after the coach of the affiliated player gives his/her permission can the coach of the higher-level team contact the player in question.
- o Only players 15U-aged can pitch; therefore, no affiliated players may pitch.

### **Provincials Eligibility**

- The regular season must be completed no later than Sept 2, 2023 and the Provincial Championships will be played Sept 7-10th, or Sept 14-17th depending on the Tier.
- Teams must complete their schedule in order to be eligible for the Provincial Championships.

### **Miscellaneous Rules**

- After each game (the deadline is noon the next day) the home team must record the game score, names of pitchers for both teams, the pitch counts of all pitchers, and the names of both of the umpires on their team webpage. Failure to do so will result in a fine.
- The home team is to provide two (2) brand new baseballs for each game and two (2) good "second" balls.

