



# BASEBALL PEI FALL BALL RULES

## 2023

### 10U Division Rules:

1. **Length of game:**
  - a. 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 Two hour, the inning the game is currently in will be finished, and no new innings will be started.
  - b. Unless this is the 5<sup>th</sup> inning it will NOT be an open inning.
  - c. No Extra innings in Regular Season games Ties will stand.
  
2. **Run limits:**
  - a. 4 Runs/inning Rule: An offensive inning ends when three (3) outs are recorded or when the offensive team scores four (4) runs.
  - b. 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 5th inning which would be open.
  
3. **Ten run Mercy Rule** will be in effect after 4 innings (or 3 ½ innings if the Home Team is ahead).
  
4. **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. - The replaced player can be reinserted in the game.
  
5. **Unlimited defensive substitution:**
  - a. Unlimited defensive substitution is allowed meaning that any player can be replaced in his defensive role and return at any time to any position, except for the pitcher's position, if the ball has already pitched or is not eligible because of pitch rules
  
6. **The Batter:**
  - a. The batter **cannot** become a runner on a catcher's miss of a 3<sup>rd</sup>. strike. The third strike, either called or swinging, does not have to be caught by the catcher. - The batter is automatically retired.... However, the ball is alive and in play. (so other runners may advance.)
  
7. **The baserunner:**
  - A) When a pitcher is in contact with the pitcher's rubber with the ball in his possession -

PREPARATORY TO THE PITCHING ACT and the catcher is in the catcher's box ready to receive delivery of the pitching action, base runners SHALL NOT leave their bases UNTIL THE PITCHED BALL HAS CROSSED THE PLATE OR HAS BEEN HIT.

b) When a base runner DOES leave his base BEFORE the pitch has crossed the plate and the batter does not hit the ball, the runner is permitted to continue.

- If a play is made on him and he is tagged out... the OUT will stand.

- If, however, he reaches a base safely, "TIME" is called and he is returned to the base he occupied before the pitch was made... and NO OUT shall result.

c) When a base-runner leaves his base before the pitched ball has crossed the plate and the batter hits the ball.

- If the batter is out on a fly ball the runner shall return to the base that he started.
- If the batter reaches the base safely the runner shall return to the nearest unoccupied base to the one that he left. (Runner can only advance if force example runner on 2<sup>nd</sup> base only leaves early batter hits a double runner on second would have to return to 3<sup>rd</sup> base, can't advance unless forced.
- When any base-runner leaves his base before the pitched ball has crossed the plate, and the umpire rules that the runner would have been out on the play if he had not left early then the runner will be declared out.
- As this often goes unnoticed by the umpire we are going to ask that the offensive 1<sup>st</sup> base coach makes sure that his runners does not leave early and if they did make the call.

8. A baserunner may steal a base(s) and score on a catcher's miss of a pitch (passed ball).

9. **Bunting**: Bunting is permitted.

10. Pitchers are limited to 2 innings per day. (yes if you play 2 games, they can pitch one in each on the same day)

11. Baseball PEI Fair Play Rules applies to all games.

12. Non-Confrontational Rule Regarding umpires. - See website for more details.

13. The Home team shall supply baseballs (65cc or better) 2 new balls and at least 1 good extra ball.

14. **Fall baseball has an emphasis on FUN. It is not meant to be a continuation of competitive summer ball - it is a safe place for players to learn the level up rules and adapt to farther distances.**

## 12U Division Rules:

1. Games will be six (6) innings. For all regular season and exhibition games, if the score is tied after six (6) innings, the game will remain tied. No extra innings will be played in regular-season games.
  - a. No new inning shall start after 2 hours, if the game is still incomplete after the two-hour mark, the completion of that inning (regardless of what inning it is) shall be the end of the game.
  - b. Run limits in effect except in the 6th inning which is open.
2. **Mercy Rules** - 10 run rule after 5 innings, 15 run rule after 4 innings. (4 ½ or 3 ½ if the home team is up)
3. **Lead-offs** and stealing are permitted.
4. **Maximum of 4 runs per inning rule:** An offensive inning ends when three outs are recorded or if the offensive team scores 4 runs. If there is a home run outside the playing field limits (above the fence), the team will be awarded all runs even if the total runs go over the inning limit. However, there is no run limit during the 6<sup>th</sup> inning.
5. All games will be played using Rawlings 65cc baseballs (or better).
6. Rubber cleats are permitted; *steel cleats are not permitted*.
7. All players must bat and there can be unlimited substitutions on the field defensively.
8. Runners may proceed to first on a dropped third strike (called or swung at) by the catcher if;
  - a) there are less than two outs and first base is unoccupied at the time of the pitch
  - b) there are two outs regardless of where the runners are situated.
9. Bat rules for 13U: Bats with a max barrel of 2 3/4" with (i) a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) or (ii) USA Baseball Model with BBCOR "wood-like" BPF are permitted. For this division using up to a minus 10 length/weight differential is permitted.
10. Pitchers may throw 2 innings max in a day. (if you have 2 games on one day, they may pitch one inning in each)
11. The home team will provide two (2) brand new 65 cc baseballs for each game, and two (2) good "second" balls
12. Baseball PEI Fair Play Rules applies to all games.
13. Non-Confrontational Rule Regarding umpires. - See website for more details.
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## 14U Division rules:

1. Games will be six (6) innings. For all games, if the score is tied after six (6) innings, the game will remain tied. No extra innings will be played in regular fall-season games.
  - a. No new inning shall start after 2 hours, if the game is still incomplete after the two-hour mark, the completion of that inning (regardless of what inning it is) shall be the end of the game. – Run limits in effect except in the 6th inning which is open.
2. **Mercy Rules** - 10 run rule after 5 innings, 15 run rule after 4 innings. (4 ½ or 3 ½ if home team is up)
3. **Lead-offs** and stealing are permitted.
4. **Maximum of 4 runs per inning rule**: An offensive inning ends when three outs are recorded or if the offensive team scores 4 runs. If there is a home run outside the playing field limits (above the fence), the team will be awarded all runs even if the total runs go over the inning limit. However, there is no run limit during the 6<sup>th</sup>inning. (open)
5. All games will be played using Rawlings 80cc baseballs (or better).
6. Steel cleats are permitted.
7. All players will bat and there can be unlimited substitutions on the field defensively.
8. Runners may proceed to first on a dropped third strike by the catcher if
  - a. there are less than two outs and first base is unoccupied at the time of the pitch
  - b. there are two outs regardless of where the runners are situated.
9. Bat must be **wooden**.
10. Pitchers will be allowed to Throw 2 innings per day max. (if 2 games are played in the same day, they may pitch 1 inning in each game)
11. The home team is to provide two (2) brand new 80 cc baseballs for each game, and two (2) good “second” balls
12. Baseball PEI Fair Play Rules applies to all games.
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