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### Section 1 – Registration, Dues, Fees and Monies

#### **1.1 Baseball PEI Registration Fees**

- The registration fees are as follows. They must be paid by the date designated on the official Baseball PEI Calendar:
  - Rally Cap and younger: \$10.<sup>00</sup> per player
  - 9U and older: \$35.<sup>00</sup> per player
  - Minor Baseball Association Membership: \$50.<sup>00</sup>
  - League Team Fee: \$60.<sup>00</sup>
  - Association Performance Bond: \$500.<sup>00</sup>
  - Provincial Team/Zone Team Performance Bond: \$200.<sup>00</sup>
  - Provincial Jamboree Team Fee: \$200.<sup>00</sup>
  - Eliminations Team Fee: \$325.<sup>00</sup> for 11U “AA” and “AAA”; \$350.<sup>00</sup> for 13U and above
  - **Provincial Championship Team Fee: \$325.<sup>00</sup> for 11U;” \$350.<sup>00</sup> for 13U and above**
- Each minor baseball association must pay a \$500 Association/Zone Performance Bond to Baseball PEI before each season. Each “AAA” team must pay a \$200 Association/Zone Performance Bond to Baseball PEI before each season. See the Association/Zone Performance Bond in the Appendix section.
- Failure of a minor baseball association and/or team to pay a fee – whether it be player registration, team, Provincial or any other fees – by the deadline laid out by Baseball PEI will result in a fine of 5% of the total fee if one (1) – seven (7) days late, 10% if eight (8) – fourteen (14) days late, 20% if fifteen (15) - twenty-one (21) days late, 25% if twenty-two (22) – twenty-eight (28) days late, and 50% if twenty-nine (29) days or later.
  - Baseball PEI reserves the right to deny a minor baseball association the ability to register players and teams in Baseball PEI programming if fees are not paid by a date designated by Baseball PEI. As well, Baseball PEI reserves the right to deny a team the ability to register for a Provincial Tournament if fees are not paid by a date designated by Baseball PEI.

#### **1.2 Fees and Grants Paid by Baseball PEI**

- The following are the various fees Baseball PEI will pay out each season:
  - Any team attending a National/Atlantic Championship outside of Maritimes: minimum \$1,500.<sup>00</sup>
  - Any team attending a National Championship within the Maritimes: \$1,500.<sup>00</sup>
  - Any team attending an Atlantic Championship in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick: \$500.<sup>00</sup>
  - Minor baseball association hosting a Provincial Tournament: \$200.<sup>00</sup>
    - If two minor baseball associations are jointly hosting, the \$200.<sup>00</sup> fee will be split between them
  - Minor baseball association hosting a Provincial “Final Four”: \$100.<sup>00</sup> per league semi-final/final
  - The membership fee to Sport PEI: \$100.<sup>00</sup>
  - The membership fee to Baseball Atlantic: \$550.<sup>00</sup>
  - National Atlantic 13U Championship fee: \$750.<sup>00</sup>
  - Affiliation and Sport Development fees to Baseball Canada: \$6,350.<sup>00</sup>
- Honorariums will be paid to the Provincial Official Assignor of the PEIBUA and the Provincial NCCP Program Coordinator yearly.

#### **1.3 Registration Form**

- Baseball PEI registration information is to be collected by all minor baseball associations and leagues.
- All minor baseball associations are required to use the RAMP Interactive registration system utilized by Baseball PEI to register all individual players and teams, whether at the entry-level (t-ball, Rally Cap, et cetera) or up to the 18U level.
  - Baseball PEI heavily encourages all minor baseball associations to provide to their members the option, through RAMP Interactive, for parents to register their children online via eTransfer or credit card.



- If a minor baseball association does provide the option for parents to register their children online, via eTransfer or credit card, it must be done through RAMP Interactive.
- All other necessary forms are to be sent electronically to [baseball@sportpei.pe.ca](mailto:baseball@sportpei.pe.ca).

#### **1.4 Registration Term**

- Baseball registration is effective from 1 April to 31 March of the following year.

#### **1.5 Insurance**

- Sport PEI is the official insurance source for Baseball PEI. Insurance coverage will pertain to all registered players, coaches, umpires and minor baseball association Boards.

### **Section 2 – PEI League**

#### **2.1 Registration Deadline for PEI League**

- Registration deadline for PEI League is one week before the league meeting.

#### **2.2 League Start-up Meetings**

- For all entering either the “AAA,” “AA,” or “A” Leagues – all minor baseball categories – it is mandatory to have proper representation from every team that plans to participate in the league for the upcoming season (i.e. either a coach, manager, parent, etc.).
- If there is no legitimate reason for missing a meeting or no proper notice was given, that team will be fined according to the Association/Zone Performance Bond.

#### **2.3 PEI League Coaching**

- While there are no specific certification requirements for coaching in a Baseball PEI League, all coaches must have proper NCCP certification to be on the bench for Eliminations and Provincial Championships. Any teams without coaches who have proper NCCP certification will not be permitted to participate.
- All coaches must adhere to the NCCP Code of Ethics and the Baseball PEI Code of Conduct
- All individuals 18-and-over coaching a team or involved with minors must have a background check – either a Criminal Record Check or online check through Sterling Backcheck – by a date designated by Baseball PEI. Any adult who does not have a background check completed is not permitted to be on the field or dugout with minors until a background check is completed.

#### **2.4 Teams**

- The Baseball PEI League shall consist of teams from minor baseball association/zone affiliates that are members of Baseball PEI and Baseball Canada and shall follow the guidelines of Baseball PEI and the rules of the game as set down by Baseball PEI and Baseball Canada.
- Baseball PEI may grant Provincial teams the ability to play full or partial schedules in Baseball PEI Leagues to assist these teams in preparation for National Championships.

#### **2.5 Team Rosters**

- Players at the 9U through 18U levels inclusive shall participate in the minor baseball programs provided by their local minor baseball association/zone, provided an appropriate classification is available in their local minor baseball association.
- If a team uses a player who is not properly registered with that team’s minor baseball association/zone, Baseball PEI will discipline the team and/or minor baseball association or zone.
- If a player is granted a transfer from their home minor baseball association/zone to another minor baseball association/zone, the player must return to their home minor baseball association at the end of that season.
- Players can be registered on one (1) club team roster only – **except for girls playing in an all-girls division; they may play on a club team in an all-girls division and a club team in a co-ed division** – however, they can play on a club team as well as represent the province on the Provincial team representing the province at a National Championship and/or Canada Games.
- The official roster must be submitted via RAMP InterActive by the official date Baseball PEI gives at the Presidents’ Meeting, and it is the only one to be used for Provincial Championships or Eliminations.



- For the 11U, 13U, 15U and 18U “AA” and “A” divisions, team rosters must consist of players registered with its minor baseball association (unless an Official Transfer is given by concerned minor baseball associations and Baseball PEI). For the 11U, 13U and 15U “AAA” division, team rosters must consist of players registered with a minor baseball association within their zone (unless an Official Transfer is given by concerned minor baseball associations and Baseball PEI).
  - For 18U baseball, if a player’s home minor baseball association is not offering an 18U team in the division they wish to play, that player may register with another minor baseball association to play with their team without an Official Transfer.
- If two minor baseball associations wish to combine to field a team, they must first request approval of Baseball PEI using the Team Combination request form. Only minor baseball associations geographically beside each other can combine. The process of doing so is the following:
  - A Team Combination request form must be completed and signed by the President of all the minor baseball associations involved in the combined team. This requested is to be sent to Baseball PEI for approval.
- A minor baseball association can only combine with one minor baseball association per season.
  - i.e. Minor baseball association “A” combines with minor baseball association “B” in 13U “AA.” Minor baseball association “A” cannot combine with any other minor baseball associations to field a team other than minor baseball association “B”, as they have selected minor baseball association “B” as their Team Combination partner for that season.

## 2.6 Players in Appropriate Divisions

- All players registered with Baseball PEI up to 18U are expected to play in the age category to which they belong and are not permitted to be on the roster of a team in a higher age category – unless a minor baseball association deems it necessary to field a team at the “A” level.
  - In the case that a minor baseball association deems it necessary to move players up to a higher age category to be able to field at the “A” level, the minor baseball association can only add enough underage players to raise the team roster to a maximum of twelve (12) players.
  - A minor baseball association is not permitted to move up players to a higher age category to play “AA” baseball.
- This rule does not apply to rosters submitted to Baseball Canada for National Championships, but it does apply to the rosters of any teams playing in a league on PEI.
- In rare and extraordinary circumstances, the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI may agree to allow a player to request to make his/her argument that he/she should be allowed to play “AAA” baseball in a higher age category.
  - If a player wishes to play “AAA” baseball in a higher age category, that player must receive the approval of their home minor baseball association before applying to Baseball PEI. If their home minor baseball association refuses to give their approval of that player trying out for a “AAA” baseball team in a higher age category, the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI will not hear any requests for that player to play “AAA” baseball at a higher age category.
  - If a player wishes to play “AAA” baseball in a higher age category and receives approval from their home minor baseball association, the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI will require at least four references from that player of people who can attest to the quality of that player, and Baseball PEI will speak to those references.
  - After speaking to those references, the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI may:
    - Decide to not permit that player to play “AAA” baseball at a higher age category.
    - Request either an in-person or electronic hearing with that player and his/her parents.
    - Designate two impartial people to evaluate that player at a tryout or some sort of baseball session.
  - If the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI decide to evaluate the player, two impartial people who are knowledgeable in baseball – they may be members of the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI or other trusted members of the baseball community – will attend at least one-two tryouts or other baseball sessions (the player will be responsible for covering any mileage or other costs incurred by the evaluators necessary to evaluate that player). They will be evaluating that player to determine the following factors:



- Whether the player’s development in baseball would be better served playing “AAA” baseball in a higher age category than “AAA” baseball at their proper age category.
- Whether that player would be in at least the top half of players on the higher age category “AAA” team.
- Whether that player has the physical, emotional and mental maturity to be successful on the higher age category “AAA” team.

Based on the tryouts/sessions attended, if the evaluators feel that the player meets those three requirements, they shall make the recommendation to the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI that the player be permitted to play “AAA” baseball in a higher age category. If the evaluators feel that player does not meet one or more of those requirements, they shall make the recommendation to the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI that the player plays “AAA” baseball at their proper age category.

- Upon receiving the recommendation for the appointed evaluators, the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI will vote on whether or not to permit that player to play “AAA” baseball at a higher age category within their minor baseball association or zone. This decision will be final.
- In no instance can a “AAA” team have more than one player from a younger age category on their roster.
- In rare and extraordinary circumstances, the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI may agree to allow a player to request to make his/her argument that he/she should be allowed to play “A” baseball in a lower age category than in which he/she should be playing, granted that the player’s minor baseball association needs that player to field a team.
  - If a player wishes to play “A” baseball in a lower age category, that player must receive the approval of their home minor baseball association before applying to Baseball PEI. If their home minor baseball association refuses to give their approval for that player to play “A” baseball in a lower age category or does not need that player to field a team at that level, the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI will not hear any requests from that play.
  - After speaking to the player’s home minor baseball association, the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI may:
    - Decide to not permit that player to play “A” baseball at a lower age category.
    - Request either an in-person or electronic hearing with that player and his/her parents.
    - Designate two impartial people to evaluate that player at a practice or some sort of baseball session.
  - If the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI decide to evaluate the player, two impartial people who are knowledgeable in baseball – they may be members of the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI or other trusted members of the baseball community – will attend at least one-two practices or other baseball sessions (the player will be responsible for covering any mileage or other costs incurred by the evaluators necessary to evaluate that player). They will be evaluating that player to determine the following factors:
    - Whether the player would have serious and significant safety risks playing “A” baseball at their proper age category.
    - Whether the player would not be giving the “A” team at a lower age category an unduly competitive advantage
    - Whether that player does not have the physical size/strength to be a safety hazard for other players within that lower “A” level age category.

Based on the tryouts/sessions attended, if the evaluators feel that the player meets those requirements, they shall make the recommendation to the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI that the player be permitted to play “A” baseball in a lower age category, provided that player is needed to field a team. If the evaluators feel that player does not meet all of those requirements, they shall make the recommendation to the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI that the player not be permitted to play “A” baseball at a lower age category.
  - Upon receiving the recommendation for the appointed evaluators, the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI will vote on whether or not to permit that player to play “A” baseball at a lower age category than in which he/she should be playing within their minor baseball association. This decision will be final.
  - If the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI vote to permit a player to play “A” baseball at a lower age category than in which he/she should be playing within their minor baseball association, that will apply for regular season and exhibition games. That player will not be permitted to participate in any Provincial Championship games with an “A” baseball at a lower age category than in which he/she should be playing.



## 2.7 Residency

- All players must register in the minor baseball association in which their domicile is located. There are no exceptions to this rule.
  - If a player resides in a summer dwelling that is different from their domicile and is located in a different minor baseball association from their home minor baseball association, and wish to play in the minor baseball association that their summer dwelling is located, they still must request a transfer for one season from their home minor baseball association to the minor baseball association of which their summer dwelling is located.
  - If a player is in a situation where his/her parents are separated and his/her parents live in different minor baseball associations, that player shall register in the minor baseball association in which his/her domicile is located. If that player wishes to play in the minor baseball association in which his/her other parent resides, both parents must consent to this and both minor baseball associations must be willing, and an official transfer must take place.
- If a player whose domicile is located outside of Prince Edward Island and dwells on Prince Edward Island during the summer wishes to register in the minor baseball association in which his/her summer dwelling is located, they must complete an out-of-province player application form and send it to the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI. The Board of Directors may choose to allow the player to register and compete in all applicable competitions, allow the player to register but not be eligible for Eliminations, Provincial Championships and/or Atlantic Championships, or not allow the player to register. Once the Board of Directors has made their final decision, there is nobody to which the decision can be appealed. The following criteria will be used for the Board of Directors to make their final decision:
  - (If Canadian) Whether they have registered with another Provincial Baseball Organization during that year.
    - If so, they cannot be eligible under Baseball Canada rules.
  - (If Non-Canadian) What competitions they have competed in during that year.
    - If the player does not have dual Non-Canadian/Canadian citizenship, they cannot be eligible for Atlantic Championships or any Elimination/Provincial Championship that sends the winning team to an Atlantic Championship.
  - How long they will be residing at their summer dwelling on Prince Edward Island.
  - Any other information that applies to the Board of Directors to make a decision.

## 2.8 “AAA” Zones

- The following are the minor baseball associations that make up each “AAA” zone on Prince Edward Island:
  - Eastern zone: Souris, Northside, Three Rivers, Stratford
  - Capital District zone: Charlottetown, Sherwood/Parkdale
  - Mid-Isle zone: Cornwall, Kensington, Bedeque
  - Egmont zone: Summerside, Western
- Each zone shall have a minimum of one “AAA” team in the 11U, 13U and 15U League. If a zone fails to field a “AAA” team in a certain age category, the “AA” teams from that zone in that age category will be eligible to participate in a Baseball PEI League and exhibition tournaments, but will not be eligible for any Provincial Tournaments.
  - For clarification purposes, a zone may field two (2) or more “AAA” teams in a certain age category, if they wish.
  - If a zone does not enter a team into one or more “AAA” leagues, parents/guardians of players from within that zone that wish to play “AAA” in the age categories that their zone is not entering a team must register that athlete with Baseball PEI no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the league start-up meeting. Baseball PEI will oversee the process of assigning this player/these players to one of the registered teams. Unless there are special and/or exceptional circumstances, this process will be a draft.
    - If there is a draft, it will be held within forty-eight (48) hours after the cut-off time for parents/guardians to register their athletes.
    - Any eligible team can choose to not participate in the draft or participate in any or all of the rounds.
    - Teams that choose to participate in the draft will be ranked by a random draw. In the first round, teams will draft in that order. In the second round, teams will draft in the reverse order to the first round.



- Unless there are special and/or exceptional circumstances – as determined by Baseball PEI – no team will be permitted to draft any more than two (2) players, except to replace any drafted players that refuse to report.
  - Players who refuse to report to the team that has drafted them, players who do not make their drafted team’s final roster and players who are not drafted will be reassigned to their home minor baseball associations’ “AA” or “A” teams and will not be permitted to play in that “AAA” division’s League and/or Provincial Tournaments.
  - Please note that if a zone does not enter a team into one or more “AAA” leagues, even if this draft procedure takes place, the “AA” teams from that zone in the age categories that do not enter a “AAA” team will not be eligible for any Eliminations and/or Provincial Championships.
- If a zone is fielding more than one “AAA” team in an age category and the minor baseball association in which a player lives within is fielding a “AAA” team, that player must try out for the “AAA” team being fielded within their minor baseball association. If the player is cut from that “AAA” team, they have the right to then try out for the other “AAA” teams being fielded within their zone without an Official Player Transfer (if they wish to try out for a “AAA” team in another zone, they would require an Official Player Transfer. See Appendix 5).
- If the minor baseball associations within a zone cannot agree on the number of teams they are entering in a “AAA” League and Baseball PEI receives complaints and issues stemming from the minor baseball associations, Baseball PEI has the power to only permit only one “AAA” team from that zone.
- Zones are only at the “AAA” level. Each minor baseball association can have as many “AA” and “A” teams from their minor baseball association as they wish.
- The “AAA” and “AA” tryout procedures can be found in the Appendix section.

## 2.9 Affiliate Players

- 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.
  - 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.
  - “AAA” players may affiliate only with “AAA” teams from the same zone.
    - e.g. 13U “AAA” may affiliate only with their 15U “AAA” zone team.
    - Please note that 15U “AAA” players may affiliate with an 18U “AA” team, as “AA” is the highest classification in 18U on Prince Edward Island.
  - “AA” players may affiliate with “AAA” teams of the same age classification and minor baseball association/zone, “AA” teams of a higher age classification in the same minor baseball association, or “A” teams of a higher age classification in the same minor baseball association (provided that they play only one of the corner outfield positions and are placed at the bottom of the batting order with the “A” team).
    - e.g. 13U “AA” may affiliate only with their 13U “AAA” zone team, 15U “AA” or 15U “A” team of their same minor baseball association.
  - “A” players may affiliate only with “AA” and “AAA” teams of the same age classification and minor baseball association/zone or of the “A” teams of next higher age classification.
    - e.g. 13U “A” may affiliate with a 13U “AA” team or 15U “A” team from the same minor baseball association, or with their 13U “AAA” zone team
- 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).
- Teams that are playing in a Baseball PEI League or Provincial Tournament where, by rule, nine (9) players bat – with or without re-entry – can only use affiliate players when less than thirteen (13) regular-roster players are available and can only add enough affiliate players to raise the game-eligible roster to thirteen (13) players.





- “A” teams are permitted a maximum of two (2) eligible “AA” players from a lower age category as affiliated players in a game.
- 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.
- Affiliated players must be from the same minor baseball association/zone as the team with which they affiliate.
- Players playing in a game with an affiliated team in a higher age category cannot pitch for that affiliated team.
  - For Provincial teams playing a full or partial schedule in a league of a higher age category, those players will pitch at the longer pitching distance of that league than they would normally pitch from in their own league. However, they are limited to how many pitches they are permitted in a game (that number will be established and communicated to those teams by Baseball PEI before the start of the season).

## 2.10 League Rules

- Before any Baseball PEI game, these criteria shall apply for a pre-game warm-up:
  - Starting twenty-five minutes before the designated time of the game, the home team shall have the field for ten (10) minutes of infield/outfield practice.
  - The visiting team shall have the field for (10) minutes of infield/outfield practice.
  - This shall be followed by a meeting at home plate among the head coaches and umpires.
- All Baseball PEI games – exhibition, league, tournament, Provincial Tournament – shall follow pitch count. The pitch count rules can be found in the Appendix section of this document.
- When a new pitcher enters the game, he/she shall receive eight (8) preparatory pitches. In each additional inning, he/she shall receive five (5) preparatory pitches (the umpire has the discretion to extend this to eight [8] pitches under special circumstances, i.e. cold weather or extraordinary long inning). Both of these shall not exceed ninety (90) seconds.
- The between-innings clock will be set at ninety (90) seconds. It will be activated once the last out of the inning has been recorded. The pitcher may not exceed eight (8) warmup pitches if he/she comes into the game or five (5) pitches for any inning after within that time. The catcher will be instructed a throw to second base with thirty (30) seconds left on the clock by the home plate umpire. The batter must be entering the batter’s box as time expires or when instructed by the home plate umpire.
  - The umpire will use discretion when the catcher is a runner or batter/hitter when the half-inning ends.
  - The home plate umpire will keep time with a stopwatch.
  - The clock will be in effect for the entire game, including any extra innings.
- For all regular season and exhibition games, once a game has reached the two-hour mark from the time of the first pitch, that inning will be finished but no new innings can start after that point. There are no exceptions.
  - This rule will not apply for Eliminations and/or Provincial Championships. As for exhibition tournaments, Baseball PEI encourages that this rule is followed for at least round-robin games; however, it is up to the team/committee hosting the tournament as to whether or not they wish to follow this rule for their tournament games.
- For all regular season and exhibition games, there will be no extra innings played. If a game is tied after regulation, it shall remain tied.
- For all games that have a time limit, seventy-five (75) minutes played from the time of the first pitch is necessary for a game to be deemed official.
- Rules Specific to 9U, 10U Girls, 11U Minor, 13U “A” and 15U “A”’:
  - If a game at the 9U level hits the one hour, thirty-minute mark, the inning the game is currently in will be finished and no new innings will start. If a game in the 11U Minor league hits the one hour, forty-five-minute mark, the inning the game is currently in will be finished and no new innings will start.
  - At 9U, a maximum of nine (9) players are permitted on the field defensively. As well, a player can only play a certain defensive position for one inning for each game.



- For example, if a player plays at shortstop in the first inning, that player cannot play the position of shortstop for the remainder of the game.
- The 10U all-girls division shall follow the same rules as the 9U (co-ed) division.
- 13U “A” games shall last six (6) innings.
- For all 13U “A” and 15U “A” games, the baserunner cannot leave the base until after the ball leaves the pitcher’s hand.
- Rules Specific to Baseball PEI 18U categories:
  - At 18U “AA”, each team must have a minimum of fourteen (14) players on their roster, which does not include affiliated players.
  - Regular season games in the Baseball PEI 18U “AA” League shall normally be scheduled on Monday and Thursday nights.
  - Regular season games in the Baseball PEI 18U “A” League shall normally be scheduled on Monday and Tuesday nights.
  - If a minor baseball association is fielding two (2) 18U teams, there must be at least two (2) nights set aside for 18U games. If a team does not have a regulation field within their own minor baseball association, they cannot have a home field in another minor baseball association where other teams use it as a home field.
  - Only 18U-aged players on a team’s roster can pitch; no affiliated players are permitted to pitch.
  - 18U players on PEI can only affiliate with one (1) 22U team, regardless of whether it is in either the PEI 22U Baseball League or the New Brunswick 22U Baseball League.
- The following playing equity rules apply for all categories in which all players bat and there are unlimited defensive substitutions:
  - All physically able and eligible players must be in the batting lineup.
  - Every physically able and eligible player must be in the defensive starting lineup at least one out of every two consecutive games that he/she is present.
  - An equitable usage of the players is expected (e.g. if a team plays two consecutive six [6] inning games of defence, a physically able player **must** play a minimum of six [6] defensive innings over these two games).
  - Parents/players must recognize the reality that scheduled and unscheduled happenings (e.g. being the visiting team, the ten-run rule, forfeits, ejections, darkness, weather, improper behaviour by a player, et cetera) can and will prevent coaches from applying this rule literally. However, the onus is on the coach(es) to coach by the spirit of the rule, which attempts to ensure that every player bats and every player plays at least half of the defensive innings played by his team.
  - If a coach does not play a player due to disciplinary reasons, that must be communicated to the parents of the player subject to discipline. It is also encouraged that this is communicated to the opposing coach before the game.
- Rules of Batting Order for League and Provincial Play
  - At the 11U, 13U, 15U categories, plus 18U “A”, everyone will bat and there will be unlimited defensive substitutions for all regular season and exhibition games.
  - At the 18U “AA” category, for all regular season and exhibition games, teams will either bat nine (9) or ten (10) with the re-entry rule (if a team chooses to bat ten [10], the Extra Hitter [EH] rule will be in place).
  - In the 22U category, for all games, teams will bat nine (9) players.
  - For Provincial Championships at the 11U “AAA,” 11U “AA,” 13U “AAA,” 13U “AA,” 15U “AAA,” 15U “AA” and 18U “AA” categories, the playing and batting rules will be the same at the Atlantic Championships at that category.
    - In cases where the Atlantic Championship in a category is taking place in Newfoundland and Labrador, Eliminations will be held to determine the Provincial representative. In this case, the playing and batting rules for the Eliminations will follow the rules in use at that category’s Atlantic Championship, and the Provincial Championship in that category will follow the same playing and batting rules as was used during the regular season and exhibition games.



- For Provincial Championships at the 11U “A,” 13U “A,” 15U “A” and 18U “A” categories, as well as Provincial Jamborees at the 11U Minor and 9U categories, the playing and batting rules will follow the same playing and batting rules as was used during the regular season and exhibition games.

## 2.11 Tiering in “AA” and “A”

- If any “AA” or “A” category has nine or more teams registered, at a date predetermined on the Baseball PEI Calendar roughly halfway through the regular season, the category will be tiered into one, two or more tiers, depending on the number of teams registered at that age and skill category, and teams will be only scheduled to play teams within their tier for the rest of the regular season, and they will be eligible to take part in that tier’s Provincial Championship.
- A tier can have no fewer than four teams and no more than eight teams.
  - Appendix 10 will have how many teams will be placed in a tier depending on the overall number of teams registered in a category.
- If a category has east or west, or east, central and west divisions within their league at the start of the season, each team will be scheduled at least one (1) against every other team within their geographical division before the tiering of teams in the middle of July. After the tiers are created, each team will be scheduled for at least one (1) game against each other team within their tier.
- To determine what teams are placed in Tier I and Tier II, the top fifty (50) percent of teams plus one team, based on their current regular-season record, will automatically be placed in Tier I. Then, a ranking committee (set up by Baseball PEI and will feature age category Directors plus anyone else invited to take part) will select the remaining teams to be placed in Tier I. They will take feedback from all teams’ head coaches, and evaluate factors such as record, the strength of schedule, the scores of their games played, and the number of pitchers used by that team and make a final decision. The ranking committee will be able to provide a rationale for their decisions.
  - To clarify the fifty (50) percent plus one rule, if a category has twelve (12) teams – which would mean six (6) teams would be placed in Tier I and six (6) teams placed in Tier II – of the six (6) teams placed in Tier I, the top four (4) teams based on record in that category will automatically be placed in Tier I (fifty [50] percent of six [6] is three [3], so three [3] plus one [1] teams are four [4] teams). If eight (8) teams were placed in Tier I, the top five (5) teams based on record would be automatically placed in Tier I.
  - If it’s an uneven number of teams in Tier I, like, for example, seven (7) teams, the top five (5) teams based on record would automatically be placed in Tier I, and the ranking committee would select the final two (2) teams. Since seven (7) is an uneven number, at least fifty (50) percent of seven (7) would be four (4) teams, so four (4) teams plus one (1) team is five (5) teams.
  - If at an “A” category there are more than two tiers, the ranking committee will determine what teams are in Tiers II and III.
- For any “AA” categories that determine the Baseball Atlantic representative from their Provincial Championships, either the Champion or the Champion and runner-up– depending on the number of teams in Tier I – of the Tier II Provincial Championships will have the right to play in the Tier I Provincial Championship to have a chance to represent Prince Edward Island in their age category’s Baseball Atlantic Championship.
- At the 11U Minor level, approximately 10-14 days before their event (whether it be a Provincial Championship/Tournament/Jamboree), the teams will be tiered based on strength and placed into those tiers by the ranking committee. The top tier will be referred to as the “Handrahan” Tier, the second-strongest tier will be referred to as the “Dunn” Tier, the third-strongest tier will be referred to as the “Grady” Tier, and the fourth-strongest tier will be referred to as the “Murphy” Tier. The goal of tiering before the 11U Minor event is so teams in each event are relatively similar in talent and as many games as possible are meaningful.

## 2.12 Injured Player

- If a player is required to seek medical attention as a result of a play, that player shall require medical clearance to continue as an active player in all sanctioned events. Such clearance shall be retained by the minor baseball association or League of the injured individual.



### 2.13 Notification Required/Interprovincial Play

- Any minor baseball association or team wanting to host a tournament on PEI or to send a team(s) off-Island or to participate in any other event outside the PEI schedule shall request sanction approval from Baseball PEI fifteen (15) days before the tournament. The purpose of this is to ensure that all teams receive appropriate insurance coverage for their games and baseball-related activities.

## Section 3 - Umpires

### 3.1 Umpires

- The PEI Baseball Umpires Association (PEIBUA) is in charge of training and supplying umpires to be used for all Baseball PEI games. The PEIBUA also has a duty and will ensure that all game incidents are forthcoming to Baseball PEI as soon as possible after the game.
- Minor baseball associations/zones shall have their games and tournaments officiated using registered officials of PEIBUA.
- Two (2) umpires per game are required for all classifications except 11U Minor. However, if it is not possible to have two (2) umpires for a regular season, exhibition or tournament game at the levels of 15U “AA” and under – except 13U “AAA” – one (1) umpire will be permitted to officiate the game, provided he/she has at least three (3) years’ experience or more and is comfortable with doing the game by him/herself.
  - For the 13U “AAA,” 15U “AAA,” 18U “A,” 18U “AA” and higher classifications, two (2) umpires are necessary. In cases where it is not possible to have two (2) umpires to officiate a game, the teams can request that the zone Umpire-in-Chief allow the game to be played with one (1) umpire. It is completely up to the zone Umpire-if-Chief whether to allow this or not, and his/her final decision cannot be appealed.
- All umpires for regular-season and Provincial Tournament games at the 15U “AA” level and below will be assigned by their zone Umpire Assignor. All umpires for regular-season, exhibition and Provincial Tournament games at the 15U “AAA” level and higher will be assigned by the Provincial Umpire Assignor.
  - All teams competing in Baseball PEI leagues will have their games assigned by their zone Assignor or Provincial Assignor (depending on the level). There will be no exceptions to this policy.

### 3.2 Incident Reports

- Any ejections or negative situations that occur in a game must be reported by the home team on the Coach’s/Parent Incident Report link found on the Baseball PEI website. Umpires must also send an official game ejection report to the PEIBUA; the form can be found on the PEIBUA and Baseball PEI website. Any completed ejection report will automatically go to the PEIBUA, Baseball PEI Director in charge of that league, and the Executive Director.

## Section 4 – Provincial Tournaments (Eliminations and Championships)

### 4.1 Classification

- Baseball PEI may conduct Provincial Championships in the following classifications: 11U, 13U, 15U, 18U, 22U, Intermediate, and Senior.
- Baseball PEI will send the winner of the Provincial Championship – or if they decline the opportunity, the next highest-finishing team – as the Provincial representative at any Atlantic Championship that is being held at that certain classification unless the Atlantic Championship is in Newfoundland and Labrador. Baseball PEI will conduct Eliminations for any classification sending a team or teams to an Atlantic Championship taking place in Newfoundland and Labrador to determine the Provincial representative(s) at these events.
  - This includes the Baseball Canada National 13U Atlantic Championships and all Baseball Atlantic Championships.
- The Baseball Atlantic Manual rules shall be used at any Elimination or Provincial Championship that is sending a Provincial representative to an Atlantic Championship. Baseball PEI rules will be used at any Provincial Championship not sending a team to an Atlantic Championship.
- **Unless special permission is granted by the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI, no minor baseball tournaments will be permitted by Baseball PEI when Provincial Championships are taking place.**



- If any team and/or minor baseball association – that doesn't receive special permission from Baseball PEI – hold a tournament during the period of Provincial Championships, Baseball PEI insurance will not cover any players, coaches, parents and umpires, as it is an unsanctioned event. As well, any teams from PEI that take part in an unsanctioned tournament may be suspended from Provincial Championships, and any umpires that officiate games in this unsanctioned tournament may be suspended by the PEIBUA.

- The Board of Directors of Baseball PEI reserves the right to decide the classification of any team applying for entry into Eliminations and/or Provincial Championships.

#### **4.2 Team Roster and Eligibility**

- If a minor baseball association/zone wishes to register a team for a Provincial Tournament, then that team must participate in the Provincial League. Teams must complete their league play or will not be eligible for Provincial Championships and also no rebate of Provincial fees paid. The Board of Directors of Baseball PEI will have the authority to allow exceptions if extremely poor weather and legitimate efforts were made to finish the schedule. Forfeited games are not allowed to facilitate the completion of a schedule.
- Any team entering into playoffs may register a maximum of eighteen (18) players, except in 22U, Intermediate or Senior, where a maximum of twenty (20) players is acceptable.
- Teams are suggested to have twelve (12) players – except the 18U level, where the minimum is fourteen (14) players – listed on their roster to compete in the playoffs.
- Baseball PEI will have the right to address appeals on team rosters and eligibility and its decision is final.

#### **4.3 Registration for Provincial Tournaments**

- Baseball PEI shall provide to each playoff chairman an electronic copy of the roster of all teams registered for the playoffs. Copies of said rosters shall be available to all teams participating.
- The Board of Directors of Baseball PEI shall provide a calendar listing dates for Provincial Tournaments for approval at the meeting of the minor baseball association presidents in February or March.
- Regulations regarding team registration, registration fees, and roster detail shall be determined by the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI on a year-to-year basis. This information shall be available to member minor baseball associations and teams by May of the playoff year.
- The rules and regulations regarding Provincial Tournament draws, formats, et cetera, as outlined in this document will apply to the Elimination tournaments.
- The registration fee for the Elimination tournaments will be over and above any other registration fees that a team may pay to Baseball PEI during the year.

#### **4.4 Final Authority**

- The Board of Directors of Baseball PEI shall have the power to make decisions on any point not specifically covered in these by-laws, rules, and procedures.

#### **4.5 Coaching Requirements at Provincial Tournaments**

- All coaches must have proper NCCP certification to be on the bench for Eliminations and Provincial Championships. Any teams without coaches who have proper NCCP certification will not be permitted to participate.
- Before the tournament, Baseball PEI will send the host committee a list of all teams and what coaches are eligible to be on the bench for each team. This list will also be sent to each team participating in the Provincial Tournament
- Before each game, the head coach will sign and list the names of the assistant coaches on the bottom of the line-up card. One copy of the line-up card will be submitted to the umpire as normal, the other team as normal, and the host committee.
- If the host committee or the other team notices somebody on the bench/field who isn't on the lineup card, they can ask the umpire to stop the game and check the lineup card against the list sent to the host committee. If it is determined that an ineligible coach is on the field/bench during the game, he/she will be ejected and the appropriate minor baseball association/zone will be fined \$100. If he/she was the only coach on the field or bench, the game will be forfeited to the other team.



#### 4.6 Provincial Tournament

- Baseball PEI shall appoint an official representative for each Provincial Tournament. This representative shall act as the liaison between the Tournament and Baseball PEI.
  - The host committee for the respective Provincial Tournament will provide an option to Baseball PEI as to a person who will serve as the event's Baseball PEI representative. It is up to Baseball PEI to either confirm or reject the option (and if the option is rejected, Baseball PEI will search for and select an appropriate Baseball PEI representative).
  - The selection of, duties and responsibilities of the Baseball PEI representative at each Provincial Tournament can be found in the Appendix section of this document.
- During any tournament, the Baseball PEI representative shall, in conjunction with the Baseball PEI Director of that age group or the Executive Director, have the power to make decisions on any point not specifically covered by Baseball PEI rules and regulations.
- Recommendations for Provincial Tournament formats:
  - It is recommended that all teams participate in at least one game on the first day of the tournament. All teams must be prepared to play at any time and on any day.
  - It is recommended that in round-robin play, no team shall be scheduled to play any more than two games per day. However, a team may be required to play more than two games per day if they have to play tie-breakers, extra championship games, or weather or darkness interrupts the tournament schedule.
  - Tournament games must start no later than three (3) hours before dusk unless lighted fields are being used.
  - In any one-weekend Provincial Tournaments, games played before Friday will be counted as having been played on Friday for pitching rule purposes.
  - Baseball PEI will establish a pre-determined order for scheduling of games in Provincial Playoff Tournaments.
  - The PEIBUA Provincial assignor will assign Officials for all Provincial Tournament games.

#### 4.7 Tournament Hosts

- Hosts for Provincial Tournaments are responsible for running a fair, safe and enjoyable tournament. Some of the responsibilities of the Host Committee are:
  - Appointing a tournament chairperson – who is not a member of any participating teams' coaching staffs – and a tournament monitor for each field tournament games will be taking place
  - Establishing an official scorers' area close in proximity to the field/press box at all fields used; within this area, there will be a board/chart/computer screen/et cetera which displays schedules and the results of all tournament games (to be updated within thirty [30] minutes of the completion of each game).
  - Maintaining and publicly displaying pitch counts for every pitcher for every tournament game.
  - Uploading to a designated social media site (to be developed and determined by Baseball PEI) within an hour after the completion of each game an accurate report of scores and all pitch counts.
  - Resolving – within an hour of the initial post – any disputes resulting from the reports of scores and/or pitch counts
  - Arranging for one protest committee with at least three people independent of any team participating in the tournament.
  - Ensuring the playing fields are properly lined, equipped and maintained.
  - Ensuring that washroom facilities are available.
  - Attempting to follow the Baseball PEI recommendation that first aid service is on-site for all games.
  - Generating pre-tournament publicity.
  - Generating a post-tournament report to the media and Baseball PEI.
- Baseball PEI will supply an average of 2.5 baseballs per game at all Provincial Tournaments, and will cover the costs for umpires.
- If a host meets all of the responsibilities, they will receive a grant predetermined by the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI.

#### 4.8 Game Procedures

- The playing rules as set out in the current Baseball Canada Rule Book shall apply for all classifications.



- All games must be completed and will be played until a winner is declared. The ten-run mercy rule will be in effect anytime after the completion of five (5) (or four-and-a-half [4 ½]) innings of play. The fifteen-run mercy rule will be in effect after four (4) (or three-and-a-half [3 ½]) innings of play
- All games started during a tournament shall be placed in suspension due to weather, darkness, ground conditions or otherwise, at any stage, regardless of the innings played, upon resumption of play. The game resumes from point of suspension. Any game limitations on pitching shall continue to apply if the game is suspended overnight. A suspended game shall maintain its place in the schedule.
- There can be no ties in Provincial Tournaments; if the score is tied upon the completion of the game, extra innings shall be played until there is a winner. The extra-inning procedure for all round-robin games can be found in the Appendix section of this document.
- No team shall enter the dugout or playing field before a game until the team that had played in the previous game has vacated the playing field and dugout.
- If there is a coin-flip to determine the home team for a Provincial Tournament game, two coaches from each team will meet at the field approximately forty (40) minutes before the game and have a coin-flip at that time. A member of the host committee and/or the Baseball PEI representative will act as a witness and initiate the actual coin-flip. The team that travelled the farthest to get to the field will get to call the coin in the air. The winning team in the flip will get to choose whether they wish to be home or away team. After this takes place, each team shall inform the other of the throwing side of the starting pitcher.
- The starting line-up, including all available substitutes listed, shall be given to the official scorer, at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the tournament game at any Provincial Championships/Eliminations.
  - For any division where everybody bats and there are unlimited defensive substitutions, if a player(s) who is on the team's official roster is late and arrives after the game has begun, they can be added to the bottom of the batting order (regardless if everybody in the batting order has batted yet or not).
- Before any Provincial Tournament game, normal Baseball PEI pre-game procedure will apply. However, if time is a factor in regards to the pre-game warm-up, the following regulations shall apply:
  - In situations where a team(s) are playing their second game of the day on the same diamond, the Baseball PEI representative may limit the amount of time available for infield/outfield practice to less than the ten (10) minutes for that team(s).
- The re-entry rule (for injuries) shall be allowed during Provincial Championships/Eliminations. The opposing coach shall choose the player who will re-enter. The re-entry rule shall be found in the Appendix section of this document.

#### **4.9 Tie-Breaking Procedure**

- Baseball PEI uses the Baseball Atlantic tie-breaking procedure. It can be found in the Appendix section.

#### **4.10 Protest Procedure**

- The host committee shall establish a protest committee for all Provincial Tournaments.
- The protest committee shall be composed of sufficient numbers to ensure that three (3) members are available to contact for each game. The names of members acting at any particular game shall be identified before the game. One member of the protest committee shall be the Baseball PEI representative.
- Any protest must emanate from a decision deemed as contradictory to the rules and must be made at the time of play. No protest may be made on a judgment call.
- To protest an incident when it occurs, the protesting head coach must, before the next play:
  - Inform the game umpire-in-chief that he/she is lodging a protest.
  - The game umpire-in-chief shall then confirm that the protest does not relate to a judgment call, will suspend play, and inform the head coach of the opposing team and the protest committee.
  - A \$100 protest fee must be paid in cash to Baseball PEI through the Baseball PEI representative before the protest committee shall be called. The \$100 shall be returned to the team if they win the protest.
  - The protest committee shall then confer among themselves and with any person whom they believe may help assist them to reach a decision.



- Once the protest committee arrives at a decision regarding the protest, they shall inform all the parties involved and the umpire-in-chief shall order a resumption of play at the point of the suspension.

#### **4.11 Tournament Formats and Draws**

- The tournament draws, schedule and suggested game times for all Provincial Tournaments will be listed in the Provincial Tournament Draw Manual. The final draw, schedule, and game times are subject to change by the appropriate Director, Executive Director, and/or the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI.

### **Section 5 – Baseball Atlantic**

#### **5.1 Hosts**

- Baseball PEI will pay for the costs of umpires at any Baseball Atlantic Championships being held on PEI. Hosts for Baseball Atlantic Championships are responsible for:
  - Supply of approved baseballs for the entire tournament.
  - Other provisions, such as the protest committee, et cetera, as outlined in the Baseball Atlantic Championship Tournament Manual.
- A team that has been awarded the host of a Baseball Atlantic Championship must host the tournament regardless of their final standings in the Provincial Tournament.
- If the team that is awarded a Baseball Atlantic host finishes first or second in the provincials, the next highest team will advance to the appropriate Atlantic category.

#### **5.2 Attendance at Baseball Atlantic Championships**

- A team that wins the right to represent PEI at a Baseball Atlantic Championship that is not being held on PEI must notify Baseball PEI within one (1) day of the completion of the Provincial Championships of its intentions of attending the Baseball Atlantic Championship.
- If a team informs Baseball PEI that it will represent PEI at the Baseball Atlantic Championship and subsequently fails to attend the tournament, then the team's minor baseball association will be fined \$500 by Baseball PEI, and such a fine must be paid before said minor baseball association will be allowed to register teams for subsequent Baseball PEI sanctioned tournaments.

#### **5.3 Pickups for Baseball Atlantic and Baseball Canada National 13U Atlantic Championships**

- Teams representing PEI at the Baseball Atlantic Championships or the Baseball Canada National 13U Atlantic Championships may pick up a maximum of two (2) players – except at 18U “AA”, where PEI teams are permitted to pick up three (3) players – from within the age category and classification outside of the local minor baseball association of the PEI representative. All pickups must be registered with Baseball PEI.
- In years where PEI is hosting the Baseball Atlantic Championship and there are a host team and PEI representative, the Provincial Champion will be PEI #1 and the host team will be PEI #2, unless the host team wins the Provincial Championship, in which they would be PEI #1 and the team that is runner-up will be PEI #2.
- When sending two teams to a Baseball Atlantic – except 18U “AA” – or a Baseball Canada National 13U Atlantic Championship, PEI #1 will select first and second for pickups, while PEI #2 will select third and fourth. For the Baseball Atlantic 18U “AA” Championships, PEI #1 will select players first, second and third while PEI #2 will select fourth, fifth and sixth.
  - If a player is selected by a team as a pickup and refuses to play with them, they cannot play with the other team attending that Atlantic Championship.
- Baseball PEI will oversee the selection process for pickups.





# APPENDICES

## Appendix 1 – Association/Zone Performance Bond

- All Minor baseball associations wishing to participate in any Baseball PEI Leagues or Provincial Tournaments shall submit an Association Performance Bond of \$500 due on 30 April to Baseball PEI.
  - The Association Performance Bond shall be a cheque post-dated to 30 September. If a minor baseball association does not incur any fines or penalties over the season, the post-dated cheque shall be destroyed on 30 September.
- All minor baseball associations wishing to participate in any Baseball PEI Leagues or Provincial Tournaments shall have an Annual General Meeting between the completion of the previous season and 30 April of the next calendar year, and the minutes from the Annual General Meeting and a list of members from the minor baseball association’s Board of Directors must be submitted to Baseball PEI before 30 April. Failure to do this will result in a \$100 fine and that minor baseball association being considered not a member in good standing.
- All zone “AAA” teams and any Provincial teams participating in Baseball PEI leagues shall submit a performance bond of \$200 due on 30 May to Baseball PEI.
  - The Zone Team Performance Bond shall be a cheque post-dated to 30 September. If the team does not incur any fines or penalties over the season, the post-dated cheque shall be destroyed on 30 September.
- Minor baseball associations and/or zone teams that were fined during the summer will receive the remaining balance of their Bond via cheque come 30 September.
- Specific infractions of this Bond are as follows:
  - Not having a publicly-advertised minor baseball association Annual General Meeting before 30 April and submitting the AGM minutes to Baseball PEI - \$100 fine.
  - Not having a representative at Start-up League Meeting - \$100 fine.
  - Postponing a scheduled game without just cause - \$25 fine.
    - The team judged to be at fault by the League Director will be fined. In some cases, if it is determined that both teams are equally at fault then they will be both fined.
  - Not re-scheduling postponed games within 72 hours - \$50 fine. Postponed games are to be rescheduled at a date that is within 3 weeks of the originally scheduled date. The team judged to be at fault by the League Director will be fined. In some cases, if it is determined that both teams are equally at fault, they will both be fined.
  - Failing to submit all game results, including pitch counts, APs used and umpires that officiated the game to the Executive Director of Baseball PEI before midnight of the date was scheduled/played will result in a fine of \$10 per day that the game information is not submitted.
    - For example, if the game is on 5 June, and the information has not been posted in a suitable form on the Baseball PEI website until 1 pm on 8 June, the minor baseball association will be fined \$30.
    - Every morning at 8 am, a Director of Baseball PEI will be checking the Baseball PEI website to ensure all games from the night before have properly submitted games results, pitch counts, any APs used and the umpires who officiated the game. If this information is not posted or improperly posted, the appropriate fine will be issued immediately.
      - If a game is suspended, that must be indicated on the website. As well, any pitchers who pitched in that game, any APs used and the umpires who officiated the game must be indicated, despite the game being suspended, at the risk of a \$10 fine upon failure to do so. If a game is forfeited or postponed, that must be indicated on the website as well, at the risk of a \$10 fine upon failure to do so.
  - Forfeiting a scheduled game, as determined by the Baseball PEI League Director, will result in a \$100 fine.
    - If a player is ejected and a team is no longer able to field nine players, this type of forfeit will not result in a \$100 fine.
  - Missing Provincial Tournament registration deadlines will result in fines. Registration within one week after the deadline will result in a \$25 fine. Registration between 8 – 14 days after the deadline will result in a \$75 fine. Registration after two weeks of the deadline will not be permitted unless special permission has been granted by the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI.



- The appropriate Baseball PEI League Director will determine if there is an infraction of the Performance Bond and notify the offending team coach/manager and the minor baseball association President within one (1) day of the decision.

## **Appendix 2 – Pitch Count**

- Pitchers and managers/head coaches shall follow the following guidelines:

<b>11U</b>	<b>13U</b>	<b>15U</b>	<b>18U</b>	<b>22U</b>	<b>Rest</b>
1-25 pitches	1-30 pitches	1-35 pitches	1-40 pitches	1-45 pitches	None
26-40	31-45	36-50	41-55	46-60	1 day
41-55	46-60	51-65	56-70	61-75	2 days
56-65	61-75	66-80	71-85	76-90	3 days
66-75	76-85	81-95	86-105	91-115	4 days
75	85	95	105	115	Maximum

- Any player on the team is eligible to pitch, and there are no restrictions to the number of pitchers a manager/head coach may use in a game.
- Pitchers shall be permitted to have two (2) appearances in the same calendar day. If a pitcher requires a rest following their first appearance, they cannot return in the same calendar day.
- If a pitcher meets the requirements to pitch on consecutive days and the pitcher does not go over the first daily threshold during Game 1, they are permitted to have a second (2<sup>nd</sup>) appearance in the same calendar day. Pitchers will not be permitted to exceed the maximum daily allowable number of pitches in any two-day period.
- Pitchers cannot pitch in three (3) games during a day.
  - e.g. an 11U pitcher throws 20 pitches on Day 1. On Day 2, that pitcher is limited to 55 pitches. A 15U pitcher throws 25 pitches on Day 1. On Day 2, that pitcher is limited to 70 pitches. A 22U pitcher throws 45 pitches on Day 1. On Day 2, that pitcher is limited to 70 pitches.
  - If an 11U pitcher throws 20 pitches on Day 1 and then 55 pitches on Day 2, that pitcher would require two (2) day's rest, not four (4) day's rest. If a 15U pitcher throws 20 pitches on Day 1 and then 75 pitches on Day 2, that pitcher would require three (3) day's rest, not four (4) day's rest. The pitcher's rest is based on the number of pitches thrown on Day 2, not the combined total of Days 1 and 2.
- A pitcher cannot pitch three (3) consecutive days unless a pitcher's first two (2) days combined does not exceed:
  - 11U: 25
  - 13U: 30
  - 15U/16U Girls: 35
  - 18U: 40
  - 22U: 45
    - If a pitcher's Day 1 + Day 2 exceeds figure above for their division, they require at least one (1) day's rest.
- A pitcher's combined three (3) day pitch count cannot exceed:
  - 11U: 105
  - 13U: 120
  - 15U/16U Girls: 135
  - 18U: 150
  - 22U: 165
- The official scorekeeper will calculate the total pitches thrown for that calendar day and determine the required rest starting the next calendar day. Athletes must not exceed the maximum pitch count total for that day.
- Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day.
- Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if his or her maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day.



- (a) When a pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches allowed for a threshold (see table above), he can complete the at-bat without the penalty on days of rest, as long as he/she does not pitch to another batter. In this situation, the number of pitches corresponding to the threshold reached will be indicated on the pitching log.  
The coach or manager needs to acknowledge this to the umpire at this moment before the next pitch. The umpire will then notify the scorekeeper.
- (b) When the pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches allowed (75, 85, 95, 105 and 115 pitches) during a day during a batter's at-bat, he/she is allowed to complete the at-bat and must be replaced following that batter.
- Only pitches actually thrown will be included in Pitch Count totals. Automatic balls during an intentional walk do not count towards Pitch Count totals.
    - e.g. if during a count of two (2) balls and no (0) strikes, a team signals to the umpire that the batter will receive an intentional walk, only two (2) pitches will be counted for the Pitch Count.
  - Required rest shall be defined in "Days" starting at 12:01 am and ending at 11:59 pm of the next calendar day.
  - If a game continues past 12:01 am, those pitches are counted as if pitched before midnight. If a game is suspended, when it resumes it is defined as a different day.
  - A pitcher who is removed from the mound during a game shall not be permitted to return to pitch in the same game, even if the pitcher is retained in the game at another position.
  - Any violation of any part of the Pitch Count rule, the result is the manager/head coach is ejected from the current game and receives an additional game suspension.
  - The total number of pitches thrown by an ambidextrous pitcher are counted to calculate pitch count, regardless of which arm or combination there-of is throwing.
  - When a game is stopped by inclement weather or for any other reason than a mercy rule, that specific game has to resume at the point of stoppage.
    - If Pitcher "A" is the starting pitcher of a game and has a pitch count below the first threshold, Pitcher "A" can then be used as a pitcher again for that particular game but considering he/she will be carrying the number of pitches thrown when the game stopped. This applies for a game that is resumed on the same day or the next day.
      - e.g. if Pitcher "A" threw 30 pitches at 15U Nationals, he will then be allowed to throw a maximum of 65 pitches when the game resumes. If Pitcher "A" had thrown 36 pitches when the rain started, he/she would not be eligible to pitch if the game is rescheduled for the next day as he/she needs his/her full day of rest. If the game is resumed during the same day, he/she can then come back as a pitcher while carrying his/her pitches.
  - A player playing in a division other than their own age group shall pitch based on the pitch count of the lower aged division.
    - e.g. a 13U playing at 15U is subject to the 13U rules; an 18U playing at 15U is subject to the 15U rules.
  - The manager/head coach may make a second (2<sup>nd</sup>) visit to the mound while the same batter is in an at-bat to remove the pitcher.
  - Important pitching information
    - When the use of a pitcher who is ineligible or about to become ineligible is evident, scorekeepers or other officials MUST notify the manager/head coach of the offending team so that an opportunity for assignment correction may be immediately affected.
    - If a manager/head coach deliberately overpitches his/her pitcher, the result is the manager/head coach is ejected from the current game and received an additional game suspension.

### **Appendix 3 – Rules Concerning Bats, Helmets, and Cleats**

- Rules concerning bats:
  - For 11U, for minus 5 and above, all aluminium bats can be used. It shall not be more than 32 inches in length, and max barrel up to 2 3/4 inches with 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor). Bats may be taped to a distance not exceeding sixteen (16) inches from the handle



- For 13U and 14U/16U Girls and Senior Women championships, bats constructed of aluminium, fibreglass, or magnesium with a maximum diameter barrel of 2 ¾ inches with a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor), or USA Baseball Model with BBCOR “wood-like” BPF is permitted.
  - For 13U championships, bats may have a maximum length-weight differential of minus 10.
  - For 14U/16U Girls and Senior Women Championships, bats may have a maximum length-weight differential of minus 5.
- For the Canada Cup and Canada Games, only wood or bamboo bats will be allowed. No composite bats will be allowed.
- For 15U Boys, 18U, 22U and Senior Men championships, only wood bats, bamboo bats and wood composite bats will be allowed. Wood composite bats include wood bats with fibreglass sheathing and wood barreled bats with composite handles. Wood composite bats do not include any bat that has any metallic component. The bat must clearly show the manufacturer's original markings - including, if applicable, length-weight differential. If not, the bat will be considered illegal.
- The rule concerning helmets:
  - All players shall wear double earflap helmets while at-bat, in the on-deck circle and on the basepaths in all age categories.
- The rules concerning cleats:
  - Age categories 13U and younger - metal cleats or "spikes" are prohibited. Rubber-moulded cleats on running shoes are permitted.
  - Age categories 15U and older - metal cleats or "spikes" are allowed, as well as rubber-moulded cleats on running shoes.

#### **Appendix 4 – Tryouts and Official Player Transfers**

- Tryouts and Transfers – “AAA”
  - By the date designated on the official Baseball PEI Calendar, each zone will inform Baseball PEI of their coach and location plans for the “AAA” leagues.
  - Players planning to play “AAA” must tryout in their own zone. Any player wishing to play “AAA” must be registered in their home minor baseball association by the Baseball PEI registration date (set at the Presidents’ Meeting). If a player does not register by the set deadline, he is not eligible to play “AAA” baseball in any zone other than his home zone.
  - If a zone is fielding more than one “AAA” team in an age category, a player must first tryout with the team being fielded within their minor baseball association (if one of the “AAA” teams within the zone is playing out of the player’s home minor baseball association).
    - Following tryouts, if a player does not make his own minor baseball association’s “AAA” team, that player may tryout for another “AAA” team within his zone without the need of an Official Player Transfer.
  - If the player’s zone is only offering one “AAA” team and the player does not make this team, they may tryout with a “AAA” team in another zone.
    - To tryout for another “AAA” team in a different zone, the said player must get a release from his current minor baseball association and the “new” zone must grant a transfer to “tryout.” The minor baseball association in which that new zone team is playing out of predominantly would grant the transfer on behalf of the zone.
- Tryouts and Transfers – “AA” and “A”
  - If the player does not make “AAA” with the other “AAA” team within their zone or within a different zone, they must go back and play “AA” or “A” in their home minor baseball association.
  - A player may request an Official Player Transfer from their home minor baseball association to play on a team in a neighbouring minor baseball association. If that player’s home minor baseball association is offering a team in the same category, they have the right to refuse to sign that player’s Transfer request.
    - For a transfer at the “AA” and “A” level, the player can only request a transfer to a neighbouring minor baseball association



- If a player’s home minor baseball association is not offering a “AA” team in their proper age category, that player has the right to try out for a “AA” team in a neighbouring minor baseball association. If a player does not make the neighbouring “AA” team, they must return to their home minor baseball association and play “A” level baseball.
  - If their minor baseball association is not offering a team in a player’s proper age category, that player has the right to play with a team in their proper age category in a neighbouring minor baseball association.
- The request for release and form to accept the transferred player must be completed and approved by Baseball PEI before said player(s) may tryout with another team. If unsuccessful in this tryout attempt, the player must return to their own minor baseball association.
- At the end of each competitive (summer) season, all players again become the property of their home minor baseball association– and at “AAA”, zone – regardless of time played away.
- The Board of Directors of Baseball PEI will have the power of authority to make final decisions on all contested decisions, re this policy.

### **Appendix 5 – Baseball PEI Representative at Provincial Eliminations/Championship**

- The Baseball PEI Representative is assigned to oversee the Provincial Elimination/Championship on behalf of Baseball PEI. His/her duties include:
  - Being familiar with all rules, tie-breakers associated with the Provincial Elimination/Championship.
  - Representing Baseball PEI at any ceremonies/events associated with the Provincial Elimination/Championship, and being visible at all games (if the Provincial Elimination/Championship is being played on two fields, the Baseball PEI representative should spend approximately half of the time at each field).
  - Supervising all on-field protests (and is a member of the Provincial Elimination/Championship Protest Committee).
  - Handling discipline/suspensions in conjunction with the Baseball PEI Director of that level.
  - Addressing any host’s concerns with the teams.
  - Finalizing any schedule change – due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances – and communicating this change to the teams and umpires.
  - Being the host liaison with Baseball PEI while the Provincial Elimination/Championship is taking place.
  - The Baseball PEI representative, in conjunction with the Baseball PEI Director of that age level, has the ultimate say on any aspects of the Provincial Elimination/Championship.
- During the Provincial Elimination/Championship, the Baseball PEI representative is to be the only person from the Provincial Elimination/Championship who contacts the Baseball PEI office and/or the Baseball PEI Board of Directors. Any request or concerns should be made through the Baseball PEI representative.
- For being the Baseball PEI representative, if the person does not already have an article of Baseball PEI clothing, they will be given one to denote their position. As well, upon the adequate completion of their duties, they will be given an honorarium of \$200 for the tournament.

### **Appendix 6 – Re-entry Rule at 13U “AAA”, 15U “AAA”, 15U “AA” and 18U “AA” Levels**

- Any starting player may be substituted for and returned to the game, one time only. He/she must return to his/her original place in the batting order. Any pitcher, if removed from the game may return, but may not pitch. Any further substitutions do not jeopardize the right to re-entry for the original starting player. Any starting player returned to the game may pitch if he/she has not previously assumed that position.
- A substituted player may return to the game in event of an injury or illness as determined by the game umpires. Such substitution will occur where all of the players have already entered the game. The opposing coach shall make the selection of the replacement player who will not be eligible to pitch in that game. The substitute shall assume the batting order of the injured player.
  - This does not apply in the event of ejection from the game. More specifically, if a coach has entered all of his/her players in the game and a player is subsequently ejected, the game shall be considered a forfeit as the team has no more substitutes.



### **Appendix 7 – Extra Hitter Rule for 13U “AAA,” 15U “AAA,” 15U “AA” and 18U “AA” Levels**

- An Extra-Hitter (EH) may be placed on the lineup card (a 10<sup>th</sup> hitter which can be placed anywhere in the batting order) as a way to get more athletes at-bats throughout the game. This rule is optional for both teams before each game and does not have to be used by both teams during a game. The EH must be marked on the lineup card at the start of the game and must be used for the entire game.
- The EH may be interchanged with any other position during the game and can be changed multiple times. For example, the shortstop could become the EH and the EH become the shortstop.
- If a player is injured and the team has no eligible substitutes available, re-entry would apply and the team would continue to bat ten (10) players. If the team had no other players available for selection or in the event of an ejection, the game would proceed with nine (9) players, without forfeit. A player removed due to injury or ejection in this circumstance is not permitted to return to the game. Any further loss of players would result in a forfeit.

### **Appendix 8 – Extra-Inning Procedure for Round-Robin Provincial Games**

- For all round-robin games at Provincial Tournaments – not tie-breakers, quarter-finals, semi-finals or Championship games – if the game is tied after regulation, the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings:
  - Each team will start the extra inning (and any subsequent extra innings) with the second-last batter the previous inning on second base, and the last batter in the previous inning on first base, with none out.
    - *Example: If the last regulation inning ends with the #6 batter having the last plate appearance (PA), then the extra-inning begins with the #7 hitter at-bat, and the #5 hitter at second base and the #6 hitter at first base.*
  - The batting order of the extra-inning and any subsequent innings will be determined how the previous inning ended (see example above to confirm who is at bat).
  - The traditional system of the visiting team hitting in the top of the inning and the home team hitting in the bottom of the inning will remain in effect until the winner is determined.
  - With the exception of the beginning of the inning with runners on first and second base with no one out, all other "Official Baseball Rules" will remain in effect.

### **Appendix 9 – Tie-Breaking Procedure**

- Should ties occur between the teams, standings will be decided according to the following priorities below. When a multiple tie occurs and is only partially resolved, the remaining ties will be resolved by continuing on with the remaining tie-breaking priorities until all priorities have been exhausted. Then and only then, will the remaining tied teams return to priority number 1 and proceed through the order again.
  - 1) The team with the best won-lost record in the game(s) between or among the tied teams will place higher in the standings.
  - 2) If the tie still persists, the placement of teams will be dictated by the ratio of runs against per defensive innings for games between or among the originally tied teams.
  - 3) If the tie persists, the placement of teams will be dictated by the ratio of runs scored per offensive inning for games between or among the original tied teams.
    - a. When calculating the number of defensive and offensive innings that are to be credited to each team under priorities (2) and (3), innings will be calculated on a fractional basis.
  - 4) If the tie still persists, the team having the best won-lost record in games played versus the highest placed team not in the tie, followed by comparison against the next highest placed team, etc. will place higher in the standings.
  - 5) If the tie still persists, the team with the best defensive ratio of defensive runs per defensive innings in all games will place higher in the standings.
  - 6) If the tie still persists, the team with the best offensive ratio of offensive runs per offensive innings in all games will place higher in the standings.
- **Example:**
  - Northside, Cardigan, and Souris are all tied after the completion of the Round Robin portion of the tournament.



- Priority #1  
Northside defeated Cardigan 6-3  
Souris defeated Northside 6-4  
Cardigan defeated Souris 10-8  
*(No tie resolved, move to next priority)*
- Priority #2  
Northside - 9 runs against in 14 innings (9/14) = .643  
Cardigan - 14 runs against in 14 innings (14/14) = 1.000  
Souris - 14 runs against in 14 innings (14/14) = 1.000  
*(Northside emerges from the tie but Cardigan and Souris remain tied and must move to next priority)*
- Priority #3  
Cardigan - 13 runs for in 14 innings (13/14) = .929  
Souris - 14 runs for in 14 innings (14/14) = 1.000  
*(Souris emerges from the tie)*
- **An example of fractional inning scenarios:**
  - Scenario #1
    - If the home team wins the game in the bottom of the seventh inning by scoring a run with nobody out, the inning count will be:  
Visiting team: 7 offensive innings and 6 defensive innings  
Home team: 6 offensive innings and 7 defensive innings
  - Scenario #2
    - If the home team wins the game in the bottom of the seventh inning by scoring a run with one out, the inning count will be:  
Visiting team: 7 offensive innings and 6  $\frac{1}{3}$  defensive innings  
Home team: 6  $\frac{1}{3}$  offensive innings and 7 defensive innings
  - Scenario #3
    - The same application of the rule is used in a mercy rule situation. If the home team is awarded the game by the mercy rule after two outs in the bottom of the fifth inning, the inning count is:  
Visiting team: 5 offensive innings and 4  $\frac{2}{3}$  defensive innings  
Home team: 4  $\frac{2}{3}$  offensive innings and 7 defensive innings

## Appendix 10 – Tiering

- For “AA” and “A” categories that are tiered halfway through the season, Provincial Championships will be drawn along the lines of how the teams are tiered halfway through the season.
  - At “AA,” since the top team gets a chance to play in the Baseball Atlantic Championships, it was determined that the team that wins the Tier II Provincial Championship – or depending on the number of teams in the top tier, the top two teams in the Tier II Provincial Championship – will get a chance to play in the Tier I Provincial Championships the following week.
    - If there are nine (9) teams: Tier I will have five (5) teams, Tier II will have four (4) teams (with the team winning the Tier II Provincial Championships advancing to the Tier I Provincial Championships)
    - If there are ten (10) teams: Tier I will have four (4) teams, Tier II will have six (6) teams (with the Champion and runner-up teams at the Tier II Provincial Championships advancing to the Tier I Provincial Championships)
    - If there are eleven (11) teams: Tier I will have five (5) teams, Tier II will have six (6) teams (with the team winning the Tier II Provincial Championships advancing to the Tier I Provincial Championships)
    - If there are twelve (12) teams: Tier I will have six (6) teams, Tier II will have six (6) teams (with the Champion and runner-up teams at the Tier II Provincial Championships advancing to the Tier I Provincial Championships)



- If there are thirteen (13) teams: Tier I will have seven (7) teams, Tier II will have six (6) teams (with the team winning the Tier II Provincial Championships advancing to the Tier I Provincial Championships)
- If there are fourteen (14) teams: Tier I will have six (6) teams, Tier II will have eight (8) teams (with the Champion and runner-up teams at the Tier II Provincial Championships advancing to the Tier I Provincial Championships)
- If there are fifteen (15) teams: Tier I will have seven (7) teams, Tier II will have eight (8) teams (with the team winning the Tier II Provincial Championships advancing to the Tier I Provincial Championships)
- At “A”:
- If there are nine (9) teams: Tier I will have five (5) teams, Tier II will have four (4) teams
- If there are ten (10) teams: Tier I will have four (4) teams, Tier II will have six (6) team
- If there are eleven (11) teams: Tier I will have five (5) teams, Tier II will have six (6) teams
- If there are twelve (12) teams: Tier I will have six (6) teams, Tier II will have six (6) teams
- If there are thirteen (13) teams: Tier I will have six (6) teams, Tier II will have seven (7) teams
- If there are fourteen (14) teams: Tier I will have six (6) teams, Tier II will have four (4) teams, Tier III will have four (4) teams
- If there are fifteen (15) teams: Tier I will have five (5) teams, Tier II will have five (5) teams, Tier III will have five (5) teams
- If there are sixteen (16) teams: Tier I will have five (5) teams, Tier II will have five (5) teams, Tier III will have six (6) teams
- If there are seventeen (17) teams: Tier I will have five (5) teams, Tier II will have six (6) teams, Tier III will have six (6) teams
- If there are eighteen (18) teams: Tier I will have six (6) teams, Tier II will have six (6) teams, Tier III will have six (6) teams
- If there are nineteen (19) teams: Tier I will have five (5) teams, Tier II will have six (6) teams, Tier III will have eight (8) teams
- If there are twenty (20) teams: Tier I will have six (6) teams, Tier II will have six (6) teams, Tier III will have eight (8) teams
- If there are twenty-one (21) teams: Tier I will have five (5) teams, Tier II will have eight (8) teams, Tier III will have eight (8) teams
- If there are twenty-two (22) teams: Tier I will have six (6) teams, Tier II will have eight (8) teams, Tier III will have eight (8) teams
- If there are twenty-three (23) teams: Tier I will have five (5) teams, Tier II will have six (6) teams, Tier III will have six (6) teams, Tier IV will have six (6) teams
- If there are twenty-four (24) teams: Tier I will have six (6) teams, Tier II will have six (6) teams, Tier III will have six (6) teams, Tier IV will have six (6) teams
- If there are twenty-five (25) teams: Tier I will have five (5) teams, Tier II will have six (6) teams, Tier III will have six (6) teams, Tier IV will have eight (8) teams
- If there are twenty-six (26) teams: Tier I will have five (5) teams, Tier II will have five (5) teams, Tier III will have eight (8) teams, Tier IV will have eight (8) teams
- If there are twenty-seven (27) teams: Tier I will have five (5) teams, Tier II will have six (6) teams, Tier III will have eight (8) teams, Tier IV will have eight (8) teams
- If there are twenty-eight (28) teams: Tier I will have six (6) teams, Tier II will have six (6) teams, Tier III will have eight (8) teams, Tier IV will have eight (8) teams
- If there are twenty-nine (29) teams: Tier I will have five (5) teams, Tier II will have eight (8) teams, Tier III will have eight (8) teams, Tier IV will have eight (8) teams
- If there are thirty (30) teams: Tier I will have six (6) teams, Tier II will have eight (8) teams, Tier III will have eight (8) teams, Tier IV will have eight (8) teams





- On rare occasions, the ranking committee of Baseball PEI has the authority to alter the number of teams within a tier.

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