



BASEBALL PEI POLICY

Provincial Team Selection Policy

1.1 Introduction

- Baseball PEI has the responsibility to organize, develop and select athletes and teams to represent Baseball PEI at Baseball Canada and/or Canada Summer Games events. This policy sets Baseball PEI's procedures, guidelines, criteria, standards and timelines governing the selection of athletes to those teams.
- For the purpose of this policy, the term "tryout" will refer to a tryout period that includes actual "practice-like" tryouts, intra-squad games, and any exhibition games that are used to determine the final roster for a Provincial team.

1.2 Authority for Selection

- For all Provincial teams representing Baseball PEI at either Baseball Canada National Championships and/or the Canada Summer Games requiring tryouts, a selection committee will be created to select the final roster for that team.
 - The selection committee for that team will include the head coach for that Provincial team and a minimum of two other people independent of the team (without any direct relation to any players trying out for the team).
- For any Provincial team that does not have enough players interested/willing to play for that team to necessitate tryouts, there will be no selection committee set up. As long as the players interested/willing to play are approved by the head coach and meet the athlete eligibility criteria below, they are eligible to be submitted for final approval to the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI.
 - For the Provincial 18U and/or 22U All-Stars, representing Baseball PEI at the Baseball Canada National 18U and/or 22U Championships, the final roster may be made up of players, playing 18U and/or 22U baseball, who were invited to play on that Provincial team by the Head Coach. No tryouts are necessary for this team.
- Upon the submission of the proposed final roster for a Provincial team by the selection committee to the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI, the Board of Directors has the final approval for the roster for that Provincial team representing Baseball PEI.

1.3 Goals/Objectives of Team Selection

- The selection criteria are designed to select athletes who will create the best possible competitive and cohesive Provincial team representing Baseball PEI.

1.4 Team Size

- Team size will be dictated by the event. The team's selection committee will have the discretion to name a larger team that will include a number of reserve athletes, or name a smaller team due to resource and/or talent constraints.
- If a Provincial team has the option to name a certain number of overage players to their roster for a Baseball Canada and/or a Canada Summer Games, that team is highly encouraged to take the number of overage players permitted.

1.5 Team Announcement

- Baseball PEI will publically announce the selected team within seven (7) days of the final selection camp by posting the team list on Baseball PEI's website and social media platforms.

1.6 Athlete Eligibility

- To be eligible to be considered for selection, an athlete must:
 - Be a registered member in good standing of Baseball PEI;
 - Meet all Baseball PEI and Baseball Canada residency rules (or, in the case of the Canada Summer Games, Canada Games residency rules);
 - Pay any and all required fees;
 - Eligible to participate as per the rules of the applicable event.



- For the Provincial 13U, 15U and 18U teams, the athlete must also play club baseball during the summer.

1.7 Residency

- An eligible athlete must declare their permanent residency upon application for selection. An athlete will only have one permanent residence.
- Athletes attending school on a full-time basis outside of their permanent residence will be deemed to reside at their permanent residence.
- The permanent residence of an athlete will be the domicile of that athlete.
- If necessary – due to player numbers – at certain divisions, as long as Baseball Canada and the province in which the player’s domicile is located grant approval, a Provincial team may select a player from a domicile outside of Prince Edward Island.
 - If a player with a domicile outside of Prince Edward Island has a legitimate summer residence on Prince Edward Island, they may be considered for a tryout with a Provincial team provided approval is granted by Baseball Canada, the province in which that player’s domicile is located, and meet all athlete-eligibility rules.

1.8 Tryout Locations

- For all Provincial teams that require tryouts, unless there are extenuating circumstances – lack of appropriate facilities may be one, for example – at least one tryout should be held in each of the three counties of Prince Edward Island.

1.9 Team Selection Process

- The selection committee will:
 - Develop a list of characteristics and physical tests to be completed by each eligible athlete.
 - Rank the total scores of each eligible athlete, based on the list of characteristics and physical tests decided upon earlier by the selection committee, and record those rankings.
 - If a player/parent wishes to know why their son/daughter has not been named to the final roster, the selection committee should be able to produce their ranks and compare them to the minimum ranks for players who have been named to the final roster.
 - In the event that one of the top-ranked athletes decides not to join the team, the next highest-ranked athlete will be asked as a replacement.
- Members of the selection committee are required to remove themselves from any discussions, ranking and voting if there exists a conflict of interest.

1.10 Exceptions

- If a selection committee wishes to name a player to the final roster of a Provincial team who was unable to attend any tryouts – due to either injury, being at a school out-of-province on a full-time basis, or other unforeseen circumstances – they must give a rationale to and receive permission from the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI. The rationale should include legitimate reasoning as to why that player should be and deserves to be on the final roster despite being unable to attend any tryouts.

1.11 Athlete Requirements to Remain Selected and Removal

- Upon selection and in order to remain on the Provincial team an athlete must:
 - Sign a Provincial Team Player Code of Conduct
 - Provide to their team and/or Baseball PEI all required documents
 - Participate in all team events, activities and meetings
 - Ensure proper equipment, clothing and funds
 - Obey all rules established by their Provincial team and/or Baseball PEI and follow the Provincial Team Player Code of Conduct
 - Assist Baseball PEI in public relation and fundraising projects where required
- Once selected to a team, an athlete may withdraw or be withdrawn from the final roster due to:
 - Failure to satisfy the minimum training standards set out by the Head Coach



- Failure to adhere to team rules and the Provincial Team Player Code of Conduct and policies
- Failure to remain competitive-ready leading up to the event.
 - Athletes who do not remain competitive-ready due to lack of fitness, injury or illness may be removed from the team.
 - It is the obligation of the athlete to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level
- Voluntary withdrawal/retirement;
- Fraudulent misrepresentation.
- Where an athlete is unable to meet training standards, competitive readiness, violates team rules or the Provincial Team Player Code of Conduct or provides fraudulent misrepresentations, the Head Coach – upon receiving permission from the Director of Provincial Teams for Baseball PEI – will have the discretion to remove the athlete from the team, provided the athlete is given an opportunity to be heard. The Head Coach has the option to replace the athlete with another suitable candidate.
- The Head Coach will notify the athlete in writing that he has been removed from the team and reasons for the removal.

1.12 Funding

- Any money required to be contributed by the athlete must be paid to the Provincial team as requested. Failure to pay such monies may result in the athlete removal from the Team.

1.13 Appeals

- Any appeal against a decision of the selection committee in terms of a player not being named to the final roster of a Provincial team, or against a decision of a Head Coach to have an athlete withdrawn for violating one of the team's and/or Baseball PEI's rule, may be done in accordance to Baseball PEI's Appeal Policy. However, the appeal must demonstrate a lack of adherence or breaking of a part of this or another Baseball PEI policy in order for the appeal to be heard through Baseball PEI's Appeal Policy.