

## Key Changes from 2019 to 2026 Operating Rules

### 1. Modernized Structure and Governance

The 2026 Operating Rules introduce a clearer, governance-aligned structure, including new sections on Purpose, Mission, Nonprofit Status, Financial Policy, Social Media, and Safety. The 2019 document focused primarily on operational rules.

### 2. Residency and Eligibility – Major Policy Shift

Zone boundaries are now formally closed. Only Regina (Zone 2) residents may register for Baseball Regina teams. Out-of-zone placement requests are no longer accepted, with limited exceptions for female and rally cap players.

### 3. Associate (Out-of-Town) Teams

Travel distances have been expanded, and a new promotion/relegation system has been introduced based on multi-year performance. Expectations for overage players and team formation have been clarified.

### 4. Expanded Safety Requirements

A full Safety section now outlines expectations for abuse prevention, emergency action planning, field inspections, weather protocols, equipment standards, and damaged-gear restrictions.

### 5. Team Formation and Registration

A transparent, structured team-formation process has been added, including a detailed timeline for each division, roster size tables, and clear rules for eligibility verification and consequences for ineligible players. Includes formalized processes for evaluation, team formation, coach selection. Also introduces AP processes and newly developed retention protocols for 15UAAA, 18UAA and 18UAAA divisions.

### 6. Coaching Standards

Expectations for safety oversight and player well-being have been strengthened. Additional information and clarity provided for rules and expectations.

## 7. Game Conduct and Umpire Authority

The 2026 rules introduce zero-tolerance enforcement, clearer coach-umpire interaction standards, and restrictions on players driving to out-of-town events.

## 8. Financial Policy and Transparency

A new Financial Policy outlines budgeting, spending authority, reimbursement rules, audit requirements, and conflict-of-interest safeguards.

## 9. Refund Policy

A formal refund matrix has been added, distinguishing between injury and non-injury withdrawals and clarifying timelines.

## 10. Division-Specific Rules

Division rules have been consolidated into a unified framework, with updates to baseball types, time limits, and SPBL alignment.