NORTH EAST MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Also known as NEMBA Constitution)

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1. All games to start at 6:30 p.m. Games which do not start at this time are subject to protest by the non-offending team. (Exceptions may be made if times are agreeable with both coaches.)
2. Home team supplies game officials (scorekeepers and two umpires if possible)
3. All game results are to be reported to the Division Coordinator and League Secretary by the winning team within 48 hours of the game. If not reported within 48 hours, the game score will read 0-0. Changes to schedule, such as rainouts, should be reported by the home team.
4. It is encouraged to have a meeting (at home plate) of the manager (coaches) and umpires prior to the game to review specific playing rules for that division. Coaches are to report all changes in line-up to the plate umpire who will note these and report them to the scorekeeper.
5. All batters and runners must wear proper helmets (with ear flaps) according to S.B.A. and Baseball Canada Official Rules of Baseball. If the helmet is intentionally thrown off by the batter or runner, he must be immediately called out by the umpire – at the moment of the infraction.

All players on defense are encouraged to wear caps and proper uniform. Catchers must also

wear protective catchers’ head gear, including throat protectors and face masks when receiving

warm-up throws. (ANYONE WARMING UP A NEW PITCHER MUST WEAR A PROTECTIVE MASK.)

1. Any regulation game called by the umpire because of darkness or other weather conditions shall revert to the score of the last complete inning.
2. Any violation of the pitching rules (Baseball Canada Official Rules of Baseball\*), brought to the attention of the umpire by the coaches or managers, will put the game under protest.
3. PROTESTS: On a ruling, the umpire must be notified before the next pitch is thrown. On an illegal player, protests must be made in writing, sent to the League President. All protests must be made within 48 hours and be accompanied by a cheque (to

North East Minor Baseball Association) for $10, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld by executive decision.

1. League Standings:
	* 2 points will be awarded for a win, 1 point for a tie
	* Ties in the final League standings will be broken as follows:
		1. By the record of the games played between the tied teams
		2. Total runs for and against of the games between the tied teams, that is the differential of the total runs for and against. Where game scores have been reported improperly, and cannot, in the view of the League statistician, be verified, the score will read 1-0 in favour of the winning team.
		3. Total runs for and against of all the games played in the regular season schedule.
2. The 11U and 13U Divisions are prohibited from wearing footwear with steel cleats.
3. Any Abusive language, by coaches or players, will not be tolerated and will result in ejection from the game. Repeated offences by the same person will be dealt with by the executive.
4. Home teams are responsible for properly prepared diamonds, ensuring player safety, with regulation distances. Failure to do so may lead to forfeiture of game with possible suspension from the League for further infractions.
5. Every registered team, in all Divisions, will qualify for the playoffs.
6. S.B.A. fees must be paid for each player and coach to qualify for League play.
7. i.) Providing agreement within an applicable Division has been achieved (decided by a majority vote among 1 Division representative per town/city), Players 1 (one) year over the age of an applicable baseball division are eligible to play in NEMBA, but will be not be eligible to pitch, or back catch and must bat last and that any player sitting on the bench is to be an overage player. (In the 2000 minutes the intent of the motion is clarified – if only one overage player is needed to make up a team then he would not be expected to sit on the bench all the time.) (Revised April 2017)
8. Subject to League approval, a maximum of three overage players may be allowed.
9. If any two teams protest to the League because of a player’s ability, that player must move

up to the appropriate age level.

1. That the league follows the S.B.A. handbook rules for the 13U, 15U and 18U. 11U division will also follow the S.B.A. handbook with the exception that no full inning is to start after 8 p.m.
2. In 11U, no full inning to start after 8 p.m., and that the results at that time constitute a full game. Both teams can agree to continue to play, but it will not be a part of the official game.
3. Teams in all divisions, including League and Tournament play, shall be allowed to play with eight players and shall constitute an official game. Any player ejection that results in a team playing with less that 8 players will result in a forfeiture.
4. Standard game nights are: 13U and 18U- Monday, Wednesday and Friday (if necessary); 11U and 15U – Tuesday and Thursday. (April 2018)
5. All divisions to have a 6 run mercy rule as per Baseball Sask Playoff Rules. (April 2025)
6. AP Rule-In order to field teams due to lack of numbers, teams/organizations are required to AP players up, not side to side. There are two exceptions: a.) 11U division is allowed to AP side to side and in the spirit of fair play, coaches should be trying to substitute skill level missing for skill level of replacement. b.) Towns/organizations that don't field enough numbers to AP, coaches should be trying to substitute skill level missing for skill level of replacement (April 2018)
7. The entire roster for the 18U division bats during a game. (April 2010)
8. The President of NEMBA will be appointed for a two-year term. The person filling this position will rotate between the communities on an alphabetical basis. No centres in the league can decline the President position if it is their turn in the alphabetical rotation. However, the centre must have 2 or more teams in the league. This will continue on from Melfort accepting the Presidency in 2010. The President may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. (April 2010)
9. The bank account of NEMBA will have two names authorized to conduct business in the name of NEMBA with individual sign off authority. These two names shall be the League Secretary and the current President. (April 2017)
10. Game Cancellations/Forfeitures – In the event, both teams agree to cancel a game, the game shall be scored as a 1-1 tie. In the event a game is forfeited, the score will be marked as 6-0 for the winning team. (April 2025)
11. The League will provide one $500 grant towards a local community skills clinic on an annual basis. The grant will be awarded on a rotational basis based on alphabetical rotation. The centre must have 1 or more teams in the league. This will begin and continue with Archerwill accepting the first league grant. If the community declines the annual grant, the recipient will be next in the rotation. (April 2025)
12. The League will provide one $500 grant for a community to host MLB Hit, Pitch and Run event. (April 2025)
13. Voting at Annual Meetings shall include one vote per association. A motion shall pass with a vote of more than 50% in favor. Tie Breakers shall be broken by League President. (April 2025)
14. Home Plate umpires for 11U and higher age groups to be adequately dressed, including shin pads, chest protector, face mask, closed toe shoes. (April 2025)

*\*S.B.A rules take precedence over Baseball Canada Official Rules.*