

Baseball PEI

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BASEBALL PEI 9U RULES

Roster Rules

- Players must be 9U-aged (turn 9-years-old or younger during 2020).

Game Rules

- Follows Baseball Canada 11U rules except for the following adaptations:
 - o All games will be five (5) innings long.
 - However, if the game is still taking place after one hour, thirty-minutes, the inning the game is currently in will be finished, and no new innings will be started.
 - o Each inning will end with three (3) outs, or four (4) runs scored, except for the fifth inning, in which every player will get a turn to bat regardless of how many outs.
 - o There will be no base-on-balls, even if the batter is hit with a pitch and no strikeouts.
 - o The coach of the team hitting will pitch – overhand – and if the ball is hit, he/she cannot participate in the play.
 - o Maximum of five (5) players in the infield not including the catcher, and all outfielders are to stay in the grass (if the field has a deep infield, the coaches can agree on a variance to this rule).
 - o Can use up to four (4) outfielders in the field for a total of ten (10) players.
 - o If a team has seven (7) or eight (8) players, teams can still play but just have a coach do the catching.
 - o Coaches will make all calls themselves, rendering it unnecessary to require umpires. If there are issues with coaches making calls themselves, Baseball PEI reserves the right to require umpires for these games.
 - o Each player will get a maximum of five (5) swings; if they fail to hit any of these pitches into fair territory, the player will then have to hit off a tee.
 - **There will be no exceptions to this rule.** In the past, coaches have disregarded this rule to “let the player hit a live pitch.” This has slowed the pace of the game down considerably and has also given the hitting tee a negative connotation – a connotation that should not happen.
 - o Baserunners will not be permitted to take lead-offs, steal bases or advance on passed balls, or advance on balls out of play or in foul.
 - o Baserunners cannot score unless batted in; scoring on an overthrow is not permitted and the baserunner must stop at 3rd base.
 - o Bunting will not be permitted.
 - o All games will be played using Rawlings TVB850 (soft practice) balls.

Provincials Eligibility

- Teams must play each game of the schedule in order to be eligible for the Provincial Jamborees.

Miscellaneous Rules

- After each game (deadline: 8 am the next day) the home team must record the game score, for both teams, and the name of the umpire on their team webpage.
- The home team is to provide one (1) brand new TVB850 baseball for each game, and two (2) good “second” balls.

