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## PROCEDURES

### 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
  - Mosquito and older: \$35.<sup>00</sup> per player
  - 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 Rally Cap Jamboree Team Fee: \$75.<sup>00</sup>
  - Provincial 9U and 11U “A” 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 “AA” and “AAA;” \$350.<sup>00</sup> for 13U and above
- Each Association/Zone team must pay an Association/Zone Performance Bond to Baseball PEI prior to each season. See the Association/Zone Performance Bond in the Appendix section.

#### **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/Atlantic Championship in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick: \$500.<sup>00</sup>
  - Association hosting a Provincial tournament: \$200.<sup>00</sup>
    - If two Associations are jointly hosting, the \$200.<sup>00</sup> fee will be split between them
  - Association hosting a Provincial “Final Four”: \$100.<sup>00</sup> per league semi-final/final
  - Membership fee to Sport PEI: \$100.<sup>00</sup>
  - 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 on a yearly basis.

#### **1.3 Registration Form**

- Baseball PEI registration information is to be collected by all Minor Associations and Leagues.
- All Associations are required to use the RAMP Interactive registration system utilized by Baseball PEI in order to register all individual players and teams, whether at the entry level (t-ball, Rally Cap, et cetera) or up to the 21U level.
  - Baseball PEI encourages – but does not mandate – all Associations to provide to their membership the option, through RAMP Interactive, for parents to register their children online via a credit card.
  - If an Association does provide the option for parents to register their children online, via a 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 Association Boards.

### **Section 2 – PEI League**

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

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

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

- For all entering either the “AAA,” “AA,” or “A” Leagues (including 18U and 21U), 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 in order 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.
- All individuals 18-and-over coaching a team or involved with a Minor Baseball Association board should have a criminal record check by 15 July of that season. These checks should be kept by the organization for which they are volunteering.

#### **2.4 Teams**

- The Baseball PEI League shall consist of teams from Minor 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 21U levels inclusive shall participate in the Minor Baseball programs provided by their local Association/Zone, provided an appropriate classification is available in their local Association.
- In the event that a team uses a player who is not properly registered with that team’s Association/Zone, Baseball PEI will discipline the team and/or Association or Zone.
- If a player is granted a transfer from their home Association/Zone to another Association/Zone, the player must return to their home Association at the end of that season.
- Players can be registered on one (1) club team roster only; 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 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 and 15U “AA” and “A” divisions, team rosters must consist of players registered with its Minor Association (unless an Official Transfer is given by concerned Associations and Baseball PEI). For the 11U, 13U and 15U “AAA” division, team rosters must consist of players registered with a Minor Association within their Zone (unless an Official Transfer is given by concerned Associations and Baseball PEI).
- If two Minor Associations wish to combine to field a team, they must first request approval of Baseball PEI using the Team Combination request form. Only Minor Associations geographically beside each other are able to 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 Associations involved in the combined team. This requested is to be sent to Baseball PEI for approval.
- A Minor Association can only combine with one Minor Association per season.
  - i.e. Minor Association “A” combines with Minor Association “B” in 13U “AA.” Minor Association “A” cannot combine with any other Associations to field a team other than Minor Association “B”, as they have selected Minor Association “B” as their Team Combination partner for that season.

## **2.6 Players in Appropriate Divisions**

- All players registered with Baseball PEI 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 an Association deems it necessary in order to field a team at the “A” level.
- 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 in a higher age category/division.
- In no instance can a team have more than one player from a younger age category on their team unless an Association deems it necessary in order to field a team at the “A” level.
- 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.

## **2.7 Residency**

- All players must register in the 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 association from their home association, and wish to play in the association that their summer dwelling is located, they still must request a transfer for one season from their home association to the 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 associations, that player shall register in the association in which his/her domicile is located. If that player wishes to play in the association in which his/her other parent resides, both parents must consent to this and both 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 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 no body 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 is applicable to the Board of Directors in order to make a decision.

## 2.8 “AAA” Zones

- The following are the Associations that make up each “AAA” Zone on Prince Edward Island:
  - Eastern Zone: Souris, Northside, Cardigan, 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” and “A” teams from that Zone in that age category will be eligible to participate in a Baseball PEI League and tournaments, but will not be eligible for any Provincial tournaments.
- If a Zone is fielding more than one “AAA” team in an age category and the Association in which a player lives within is fielding a “AAA” team, that player must tryout for the “AAA” team being fielded within their Association. If the player is cut from that “AAA” team, they have the right to then tryout for the other “AAA” teams being fielded within their Zone without an Official Player Transfer (if they wish to tryout for a “AAA” team in another Zone, they would require an Official Player Transfer. See Appendix 5).
- If the Associations within a Zone cannot come to an agreement about the number of teams they are entering in a “AAA” League and Baseball PEI receives complaints and issues stemming from the Associations, Baseball PEI has the power to only permit only one “AAA” team from that Zone.
- Zones are only at the “AAA” level. Each Association can have as many “AA” and “A” teams from their Association as they wish.
- The “AAA” and “AA” tryout procedure 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 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.



- Any coach wishing to use an affiliated player must contact that player's coach prior to 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 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 prior to the start of the season).
- See the Appendix section for what division a player can be affiliated, based on the division he is registered.

## 2.10 League Rules

- Prior to 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.
- For all regular season and exhibition games at the “AA” and “A” levels – including 18U “A” but excluding 18U “AA” – once a game has reached the one hour, forty-five-minute mark from the time of 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.
- Rules Specific to 9U, 11U “A,” 13U “A” and 15U “A”:
  - 13U “A” and 15U “A” games will have each batter start with a one strike count, no lead-offs will be permitted, and no runners shall score on a passed ball. 13U “A” games shall last six (6) innings while 15U “A” games shall last seven (7) innings.
  - 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 “A” 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.
- Rules Specific to Baseball PEI 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.
  - No overage players will be permitted to play any 18U baseball on PEI (including exhibition, season or Provincial Championships).



- If an Association is fielding two 18U teams, there must be at least two nights set aside for 18U games. If a team does not have a regulation field within their own Association, they cannot have a home field in another 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 21U team, regardless if it is in either the PEI 21U Baseball League or the New Brunswick 21U Baseball League.
- Rules of Batting Order for League and Provincial Play
  - At all 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 bat nine (9) with the re-entry rule.
  - At the 21U 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 regular season and exhibition games.
  - For Provincial Championships at the 13U "A," 15U "A" and 18U "A" categories, as well as Provincial Jamborees at the 11U "A" and 9U categories, the playing and batting rules will follow the same playing and batting rules as was used during regular season and exhibition games.

### **2.11 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 Association or League of the injured individual.

### **2.12 Notification Required/Interprovincial Play**

- Any Minor 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 prior to 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 within a twenty-four (24) hours period.
- Associations/Zones shall have their games and tournaments officiated using registered officials of PEIBUA.
- Two umpires per game are required for all classifications except 11U "A." However, if it is absolutely not possible to have two umpires for a regular season, exhibition or tournament game at the levels of 15U





“AA” and under – except 13U “AAA” – one umpire will be permitted to officiate the game, provided he/she has at least three 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 umpires are necessary. In cases where it is not possible to have two umpires to officiate a game, the teams can request that the zone Umpire-in-Chief allow the game to be played with one 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 will conduct Provincial Championships in the following classifications: 11U, 13U, 15U, 18U, 21U, 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 Atlantic 13U 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.
- 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 an 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 authority to allow exceptions if extremely poor weather and legitimate efforts were made to finish 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 21U, 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 in order 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 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 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 course of 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 in order 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.
- Prior to 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
- Prior to 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 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 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 the course of 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 in the event that 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 Provincial tournaments, games played prior to 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 5 (or 4 ½) innings of play (completion of 4 – or 3 ½ - for any six [6] inning games). The fifteen-run mercy rule will be in effect at the completion of the fourth (4) or three and a half (3 ½) innings of play (completion of 3 – or 2 ½ - for any six [6] inning games).
- 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 prior to 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 home team for a Provincial tournament game, two coaches from each team will meet at the field approximately 40 minutes before the game and have a coin-flip at that time. A member of the host committee 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 prior to the start of the tournament game at any Provincial Championships/Eliminations.
  - For any division where everybody bats and there is 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).
- Prior to 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 prior to 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.
- In order to protest an incident when it occurs, the protesting head coach must, before the next play:
  - Inform the game umpire-in-chief that he 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 be helpful in assisting 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**

- Seeding for all Baseball PEI Provincial tournaments will be based on geography.
- For Provincial “AAA” Championships and Provincial “AA” and “A” Championship draws with four or fewer teams, the tournament will take place over one weekend. For Provincial Championships at the “AA” and “A” level with five or more teams, regional tournaments will take place over one weekend, with the Provincial semi-finals and final the following weekend.
- All Elimination tournaments will take place over one weekend.
- 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
  - Pay for medals for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams.
  - Other provisions re protest committee etc. 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 who 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 Association will be fined \$500 by Baseball



PEI, and such a fine must be paid before said Association will be allowed to register teams for subsequent Baseball PEI sanctioned tournaments.

### **5.3 Pickups for Baseball Atlantic Championships**

- Teams representing PEI at the Baseball Atlantic Championships may pick up a maximum of two (2) players – except at 18U “AA”, where PEI teams are permitted to pick up four (4) players – from within the age category and classification outside of the local 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 is a host team and PEI representative, the order of selecting pickups will be the PEI representative/PEI #1 picking first, third, fifth, etc., while the host/PEI #2 choosing second, fourth, sixth, etc.
  - Baseball PEI will oversee the selection process for pickups.



## **APPENDICES**

### **Appendix 1 – Association/Zone Performance Bond**

- All 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 an association does not incur any fines or penalties over the season, the post-dated cheque shall be destroyed on 30 September.
- All 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 Association’s Board of Directors must be submitted to Baseball PEI prior to 30 April. Failure to do this will result in a \$100 fine.
- 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.
- Associations and/or Zones 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 Association Annual General Meeting before 31 April and submitting the AGM minutes to Baseball PEI - \$100 fine.
  - Not having a representative at Start-up League Meeting - \$100 fine.
  - Not having a team representative successfully complete a website reporting exercise two (2) days prior to his/her team’s first league game - \$25 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 re-scheduled 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 prior to 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 suitable form on the Baseball PEI website until 1 pm on 8 June, the 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 Association President within one (1) day of the decision.

### **Appendix 2 – More Affiliate Player Rules**

- “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
- “AA” players may affiliate with “AAA” teams of the same age classification and Association/Zone, “AA” teams of a higher age classification in the same Association, or “A” teams of a higher age classification in the same Association (provided that they play only one of the corner outfield positions and is 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 Association.
- “A” players may affiliate only with “AA” and “AAA” teams of the same age classification and 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 Association, or with their 13U “AAA” zone team

### **Appendix 3 – Pitch Count**

<b>11U</b>	<b>13U</b>	<b>15U</b>	<b>18U</b>	<b>21U</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 on the number of pitchers a manager may use in a game.
- In all Baseball PEI and Baseball Atlantic competitions, once a pitcher is about to throw the pitch which would lead him/her to reach a pitch count threshold and the coach wishes not to throw this pitcher past





this threshold, the coach will call time and indicate to the umpire this would be the last batter. Once that at-bat is completed, the pitcher must be withdrawn and be credited with only throwing the limit of pitches at that threshold.

- For example, in 15U, if a coach wants a pitcher to be withdrawn at 35 pitches, he would signal to the umpire prior to the throwing of the 35<sup>th</sup> pitch. Once the pitcher finishes that batter, he/she would be withdrawn from the game and credited with throwing 35 pitches.
- Pitchers shall be permitted to have 2 appearances in the same calendar day. If a pitcher requires a rest following 1<sup>st</sup> appearance, they cannot return in the same calendar day.
- Pitchers cannot pitch three (3) consecutive days unless a pitcher's first two days combined does not exceed; 11U - 25 pitches, 13U - 30 pitches, 15U - 35 pitches, 18U - 40 pitches and 21U – 45 pitches. If pitcher's Day 1 + Day 2 figures exceed the figure above for their division, they require at least one day's rest. A pitcher cannot pitch four (4) consecutive days. One (1) days rest is needed.
- 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 the 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.
- New in 2018, if a team wishes to intentionally walk somebody, they may signal to the umpire that they wish to intentionally walk the batter and the batter will be awarded first bases (as is done in MLB). Only pitches actually thrown will be included in Pitch Count totals. Automatic balls during an intentional walk do not count towards Pitch Count totals.
- 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 prior to midnight. If a game is suspended when it resumes it is defined as a different day.
- When a game is stopped by inclement weather or for any other reason than a mercy rule, that specific game has to be resumed 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 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 on the next 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.
- The manager or coach may make a 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to the mound while the same batter is at bat in order to remove the pitcher.

#### **Appendix 4 – 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 16U/15U Girls and Senior Women championships, bats constructed of aluminium, fibreglass, or magnesium with a maximum diameter barrel of 2 3/4 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 16U/15U Girls and Senior Women Championships, bats may have a maximum length-weight differential of minus 5.
  - For Canada Cup and Canada Games, only wood or bamboo bats will be allowed. No composite bats will be allowed.
  - For 15U Boys, 18U, 21U and Senior Men championships, only wood bats, bamboo bats and wood composite bats will be allowed. Wood composite bats include wood bats with fiberglass 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.
  - Rule concerning helmets
    - All players shall wear double earflap helmets while at bat, in the on-deck circle and on the base paths in all age categories.
  - Rules concerning cleats
    - 11U and 13U - metal cleats or "spikes" are prohibited. Rubber-moulded cleats on running shoes are permitted.
    - 15U, 18U, and 21U - metal cleats or "spikes" are allowed, as well as rubber-moulded cleats on running shoes.

### **Appendix 5 – Tryouts for “AAA” Zones**

- Any player wishing to play “AAA” must be registered in their home Association by the Baseball PEI registration date (set at the Presidents’ Meeting in February). 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 Association (if one of the “AAA” teams within the Zone is playing out of the player’s home Association).
  - Following tryouts, if a player does not make his own 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.
  - In order to tryout for another “AAA” team in a different zone, the said player must get a release from his current Association and the “new” Zone must grant a transfer to “tryout.” The Association in which that new zone team is playing out of predominantly would grant the transfer on behalf of the zone.
  - This also applies to “AA” tryouts, except the where it says “zone” above would be “Association.”
- 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 home Association, or “A” if they tried out for “AA”.
- By noon (12:00 pm) Monday of the second full week in May, 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.
- Once teams are selected, it is expected players not on the “AAA” representative team will tryout for teams in their registered 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 Association.
- For a transfer at the “AA” and “A” level, the player can only request a transfer to a neighbouring Association
- At the end of each season, all players again become the property of their home 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 6 – 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 \$100 for the tournament.

### **Appendix 7 – Re-entry Rule at 13U “AAA”, 15U and 18U 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 an 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 8 – Extra Hitter Rule for 13U “AAA” and 15U 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 prior to 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.
- In the event that a player is injured and the team has no eligible substitutes available, re-entry would apply and the team would continue to bat ten players. If the team had no other players available for selection OR in the event of an ejection, the game would proceed with 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 9 – 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 at the completion of 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 10 – 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 2/3 innings defensive innings

Home team: 4 2/3 offensive innings and 7 defensive innings

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