



**BASEBALL ATLANTIC**

**MANUAL**

**AS APPROVED FOR USE**

**DURING BASEBALL ATLANTIC**

**CHAMPIONSHIPS**



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## SECTION 1: PREAMBLE

1.1 Intent: Baseball Atlantic is engaged to further the development of amateur baseball in the Atlantic Provinces by working with the four-member provincial baseball associations. This document sets out the rules and regulations of interprovincial competition known as Baseball Atlantic Championships.

## SECTION 2: ELIGIBILITY RULES

### 2.1 Age categories & Classifications of Atlantic Championships

- **11U (Mosquito) AA & AAA**- 11 years old and younger who do not reach their 12<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year. (Exception- females turning twelve (12))
- **13U (Peewee) AA & AAA**- 13 years old and younger who do not reach their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.(Exception- females turning fourteen (14))
- **14U Girls** – 14 years old and younger who do not reach their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.
- **15U (Bantam) AA & AAA**- 15 years old and younger who do not reach their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year. (Exception- females turning sixteen (16))
- **18U (Midget) AA**- 18 years old and younger who do not reach their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.

### 2.2 Player Eligibility

- All teams may sign and use eighteen (18) players; except at the senior level which allows twenty-one (21) players.
- Each Provincial Association will be responsible for provision of player registration forms for all teams wishing to register for Baseball Atlantic Championships.
- A team's roster containing a signature of the Provincial Association President (or designate) shall be presented at the pre-tournament meeting for a Baseball Atlantic tournament. An e-mailed roster will be accepted.
- Players shall only play with a team in which they are registered and appear on their Provincial roster or any affiliated team recognized by the local minor baseball association and approved by the member Provincial Association. This does not apply for divisions of 18U (Midget) and up to include overage female players, as pick-ups are also permitted.
- At the 18U "AA" to include overage female players (and if any Intermediate tournament take place), Prince Edward Island is permitted unlimited pick-ups and the other provinces are permitted a maximum of three (3). A pick-up is considered a player from another team of another local association within the province regardless of level of classification (AA



and/ or AAA). Such players must be identified on the roster with the letter “P” next to the name.

- All pick-ups in the open age categories must be from the same level or lower classification with the order being Senior, Intermediate AAA, and Intermediate AA. (This rule does not apply to Prince Edward Island. For example, players who play on the Prince Edward Island senior team at the Baseball Canada Championship are not eligible to be considered/used as pick-ups for an Intermediate team later during the season.

### 2.3 Coach Eligibility

- All coaches taking part in an Baseball Atlantic Championship (excluding 13U AAA category) must be approved by the Provincial Baseball Association.

### 2.4 Umpire Eligibility

- The Provincial Umpire Chairman, on behalf of the Provincial Association President, shall schedule umpires for all Baseball Atlantic Championship games hosted within a province.
- Three (3) umpires are suggested for all games; however, two (2) umpires will be acceptable.
- A minimum of level 2 is required to officiate a Baseball Atlantic game.

## SECTION 3: TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

### 3.1 Tournament Dates

- These tournaments are usually held within the first three (3) weeks of September each year, with the 18U during the Labor Day weekend.
- Tournaments dates of all other classification levels will be the second weekend (14 days) following the Labour Day weekend.

### 3.2 Tournament Sites

Baseball Atlantic Championships will be held in these respective Provinces from 2015-2018.

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
18U “AA”	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Prince Edward Island	Newfoundland & Labrador
15U “AAA”	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia	Newfoundland & Labrador	Prince Edward Island
15U “AA”	Newfoundland & Labrador	New Brunswick	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia
14UGirls Invitational			Nova Scotia	Newfoundland & Labrador



*Baseball Canada 13U “AAA” National Atlantics	Nova Scotia	Newfoundland & Labrador	New Brunswick	Prince Edward Island
13U “AA”	Nova Scotia	Prince Edward Island	Newfoundland & Labrador	New Brunswick
11U “AAA”	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia	Prince Edward Island	Newfoundland & Labrador
11U “AA”	Prince Edward Island	Newfoundland & Labrador	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick

\*The Baseball Canada 13U National Atlantic Championships is administered through Baseball Canada, not Baseball Atlantic, and as such, follows Baseball Canada rules and procedures.

### 3.3 Host Community/Team Responsibilities - Atlantic Baseball Championships

- The “Host” community within the host province shall be determined by the host Provincial Association. The manner (Hosting application process) in which the selection is made in all classifications is a Provincial responsibility and no appeal to Baseball Atlantic will be entertained.
- Host the tournament as agreed upon.
- Provision of the facilities required for the tournament, which normally includes:
  - At least one adequate playing field
  - Washroom facilities within easy reach of the playing field
  - Access or supply of drinking water for participants
  - Reasonably ready access to emergency medical facilities
  - Adequate seating for spectators
  - Some form of public address system
  - An official scorer and pitch count person for all games
- Follow the rules and procedures as determined by this manual.
- Follow the mandated playing schedule as per the tournament manual guidelines.
- Schedule and conduct a pre-tournament meeting and notify participants.
- Supply sufficient approved baseballs for the entire tournament.
- Recognize the most valuable player(s) of the game for all round robin and championship games. A Banner (optional) may be issued to the winning team (see sample attached)
- Arrange umpires, through their Provincial Umpire Association, for all tournament games.
- Send game scores to the media (local media, appropriate provincial media, and provincial baseball office) on a daily basis.
- Send by e-mail a post event report (Attached form) to the President Baseball Atlantic with a copy to the Provincial Association within seven days of the end of the tournament.



- Provision of a Protest Committee large enough to ensure three (3) members are available at all times to make a decision as required by these rules.
- Encouraged to assist visiting teams, including helping with alternate activities when rain prevents or delays play. Hosts are asked to attempt to make the experience, both on and off the field, an enjoyable and memorable experience for all participants.
- *Host is not responsible for vandalism/damages or breakage by any teams at these tournaments.*
- *Teams attending Atlantic Championships will be required to honor their commitment of play of all competitive games. Teams may depart championships following play upon receipt of approval from the Baseball Atlantic Representative assigned to supervise the tournament.*

### **3.4 Provincial Association Responsibilities**

- If a report of vandalism/damages or breakage by any teams is filed or brought to the attention of the Provincial Baseball Association, all four Member Provincial Associations will deal with the matter.
- Responsible to ensure that the host team knows of and meets its responsibilities to the visiting teams and the officials of Baseball Atlantic.
- Assist the host community in sending the approved tournament schedule to the teams.
- Send the Baseball Atlantic medals to the host communities.
- Member Provincial Associations are encouraged to make the provisions of off-field activities (in case of rain delays) as part of the host selection process.
- Each Provincial Association shall determine how the Atlantic representative is determined. In the case of the 15U "AAA", no province shall send their National representative to the Baseball Atlantic Championship during the same year.
- Each Provincial Association shall send a representative to their respective Atlantic Baseball Championships and act as liaison between the teams and host committee to ensure Baseball Atlantic rules are followed.
- Non-attendance at a Baseball Atlantic Championship by a determined Provincial Representative will result in a fine of \$500.00 and a one year suspension from all Baseball Atlantic Championships for the said Provincial Representative's Local Baseball Association.

### **3.5 Funding/Championship Fees/Financials**

- Funding for hosts and teams is not available through Baseball Atlantic.
- There are no entry fees for any team entering a Baseball Atlantic Championship.
- Any payment to the umpires in accordance with provincial guidelines is the responsibility of host/host province.



- Baseball Atlantic shall provide the host communities “Championship medals” (Gold & Silver) at no cost to the host community.
- Although it is a requirement for the host community to provide a “player of the game” awards following each game, such cost is the responsibility of the host community.
- If a championship banner (Sample P.25) is provided, it is the responsibility of the host.

## **SECTION 4: TOURNAMENT OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES**

### **4.1 Schedule and Draws**

- Using the draws and other information contained in these rules, the host community/team, in consultation with the Host Provincial Association, shall send the schedule at least ten (10) days prior to the start of the event to the teams and forward the same to the Provincial Association of the hosting province.
- No game is to start after 5:30pm on an unlighted field.
- Length of games shall be according to age category (see playing rules). If a game is delayed due to curfew, darkness, power failure, or any other weather related conditions at any point prior to completion, the game shall be resumed from the point of delay.
- When games take longer to complete than the scheduled amount of time, the tournament chairperson shall designate a new start time for the next game and immediately inform all participants.
- All teams must play the minimum of one (1) game on the first day of the Baseball Atlantic Championships.
- Home team for Playoffs or Final games shall be determined by the higher placed team after Round Robin play.
  - If there are two teams from the same province, then these two teams must play the first game otherwise it shall be the host team and the next closest team as established by the tournament manual (See APPENDIX A & B & C).

### **4.2 Two team draws**

- Two team draw shall be the best of five series with all games to be played at the park of the host team.
- Host team shall be visitor in Game 1 and home team shall alternate from game to game for the remainder of the series.

### **4.3 Three team draws**

- All three (3) team draws shall be double Round Robin.
- Each team will be given two home and away games as per the schedule in APPENDIX A.
- Games 1-3 will be scheduled for Friday, Games 4-6 on Saturday and Game 7 on Sunday.



- If one team is undefeated (4-0) following round robin play, and the other teams have a minimum of two losses, there will be a championship game. The 1<sup>st</sup> place team will play a single game with the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team for the championship. The tie breaker procedures will determine which team shall play in the championship game if the other two teams are tied with an 1-3 record.
- If two teams finish round robin play with three (3) wins and one (1) lost, these teams shall play a single game for the championship. Tie breaker procedures will determine final placement of both teams.
- If one team finishes round robin play with three (3) wins and one (1) loss and the second placed team finishes with a record of two (2) wins and two (2) losses, they will play a single Championship game.
- Should all three (3) teams finish with a record of two (2) wins and two (2) losses, then first (1<sup>st</sup>) and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place will be determined by using the tie breaker procedures. These two teams will play a single game for the Championship.
- The team with the higher placing after round robin play shall have the choice of home game.

#### **4.4 Four team draws**

- All four team draws shall be single round robin. Upon completion of the round robin, the first and second place teams shall advance to the championship.
- Host team and host province representative team shall be guaranteed one (1) home game and the other provinces shall be guaranteed two (2) home games during round robin play as per the schedule in Appendix B.
- Games 1 & 2 will be scheduled for Friday, Games 3-6 on Saturday, and Games 7-8 for Sunday.
- If the first placed team goes undefeated following round robin play and all other teams have one (1) win and two (2) losses, there will be a championship game. The 1<sup>st</sup> place team shall play a single game with the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team for the championship. If two or more teams are tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, tie breaker system will determine which team shall play in the championship game.
- If the first placed team is undefeated after round robin play and the second placed team has two (2) wins and one (1) loss, both teams will play a single game for the championship.
- If two teams are tied at two (2) wins and one (1) loss, and the other two teams have two or more losses, a single Championship game will be played. Tie breaker procedures will determine final placement of the teams.
- If three teams are tied at two (2) wins and one (1) loss, first place will be determined by using the tie breaker procedures. The remaining two (2) teams shall play a single game



(tie breaker) with the winner advancing to play a single final game against the 1<sup>st</sup> place team.

- The team with the higher placing after round robin play shall have the choice of home game.

#### **4.5 Five team draws**

- All five team draws shall be single round robin. Upon completion of the round robin, the first and second place teams shall advance to the championship.
- Each team will be given two home and away games as per the schedule in this manual.
- When one field is used, Games 1-4 are scheduled for Friday, Games 5-8 for Saturday, and games 9-12 for Sunday.
- When two fields are used, Games 1-5 are scheduled for Friday, Games 6-10 for Saturday, and Games 11-12 for Sunday.
- If one team is undefeated (4-0) following round robin play, and all teams have a minimum of two losses, there shall be a championship game. The 1<sup>st</sup> place team play a single game with the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team for the championship. If two or more teams are tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, tie breaker system will determine which team shall play in the championship game.
- If three (3) teams tie for first (1<sup>st</sup>) place with three (3) wins and one (1) loss records, the team with the best record (using the tie breaker procedures) in the games among the tied teams only receives a bye to the Final, and the other two teams' play-off (tie breaker game) to advance to a single Final.
- If one team has three (3) wins and one (1) loss and three teams are tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place with two (2) wins and two (2) losses, the team with the 3-1 record advances to the Final and the team with the best record (using the tie breaker procedures) in the games among the tied teams only advance to the final.
- If five teams are tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place with a record of two (2) wins and two (2) losses, final placement of teams will be determined by the tie breaker procedures. The two highest ranked teams shall advance to the Final. No tie breaker games shall be played.
- The team with the higher placing after round robin play shall have the choice of home game.

#### **4.6 Tie Breaker Procedures**

Should ties occur between the teams, standings will be decided according to the following priorities;

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 original 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.

Note: 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:**

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland & Labrador all tied after the completion of the Round Robin portion of the tournament.

- Priority 1  
New Brunswick defeated Nova Scotia 6-3  
Newfoundland & Labrador defeated New Brunswick 6-4  
Nova Scotia defeated Newfoundland & Labrador 10-8  
*{No tie resolved, move to next priority}*
- Priority 2  
New Brunswick 9 runs against in 14 innings  $(9/14) = .643$   
Nova Scotia 14 runs against in 14 innings  $(14/14) = 1.000$   
Newfoundland & Labrador 14 runs against in 14 innings  $(14/14) = 1.000$   
*{New Brunswick emerges from the tie but Nova Scotia and Newfoundland & Labrador remain tied and must move to next priority}*
- Priority 3  
Nova Scotia 13 runs for in 14 innings  $(13/14) = .929$   
Newfoundland & Labrador 14 runs for in 14 innings  $(14/14) = 1.000$



{Newfoundland emerges from the tie}

### **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  $\frac{2}{3}$  defensive innings

Home team: 4  $\frac{2}{3}$  offensive innings and 7 defensive innings

### **4.7 Run limitations (Mercy rule)**

- The ten (10) run mercy rule shall apply after the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) inning or four and a half (4½) innings if the home team is ahead. In a mercy rule ball game, the winning team will get credit for seven (7) defensive innings while the losing team will only get credit for innings played.
- The fifteen (15) run mercy rule shall apply after the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) inning or three and a half (3½) innings if the home team is ahead. In a mercy rule ball game, the winning team will get credit for seven (7) defensive innings while the losing team will only get credit for innings played.
- The umpires shall terminate play:
  - Immediately after the run scores (except on a homerun out of the park) when the home team is leading; or
  - At the completion of the home team's half of any inning when the home team trails.
- The game shall be deemed to be a completed game for all Baseball Atlantic rules.



#### **4.8 Pre-Tournament meeting**

- The host community/team shall arrange a pre-tournament meeting of all teams and the Baseball Atlantic representative and the Umpire-in-chief shall attend. Proper notice shall be given to all parties. Teams are required to have a representative at the meeting and if a team does not attend it must abide by all the decisions made at the meeting.
- A telephone conference call can be used as an option for the pre-tournament coaches meeting and the conference call is to be held on the Tuesday evening leading into the weekend of the tournament.
- If a team is not present at the meeting, it must forward its roster so that the roster is available at the meeting.
- At such pre-tournament meeting, the Baseball Atlantic Representative or designate shall review the following:
  - Presentation of team rosters
  - The format of tournament and schedule
  - Proposed ground rules of ballpark(s)
  - Run limitations (Mercy rule)
  - Tie breaker system
  - Clarify playing rules specific to age category
  - Protest procedures
  - Special ceremonies or events (information sharing)
  - Question period
- All teams must discuss and agree upon an alternate format should rain force cancellation of part of the tournament. If there is no unanimous approval, the majority shall rule. In the event of a tie (four team tournaments only), the Baseball Atlantic representative shall make the final decision.

#### **4.9 Protest procedures**

- Baseball Atlantic shall use the following procedures to resolve game protests.
- The host committee shall, in cooperation with Baseball Atlantic, establish a protest committee for the tournament and name a Chairperson.
- The Protest Committee shall be composed of sufficient members to ensure that three (3) members are available for each game.
- Committee members shall have knowledge of the game of baseball, the Baseball Canada rules, the Baseball Atlantic Manual, and have experience in resolving disputes involving interpretation of the rules. Committee members should not normally be directly involved with the operation of the home team or have a family member on the host team if possible.
- The teams shall approve the Protest Committee at the pre-tournament meeting.



- The Protest Committee shall hear and rule upon all on-field protests dealing with situations that are in protest and in accordance with the playing rules.
- When a protestable incident occurs, the protesting manager/coach must inform the game Umpire Crew-chief, before the next pitch, that the game is being played under protest.
- The game Umpire Crew-Chief shall suspend play and inform both the manager of the opposing team and the Protest Committee.
- \$100 should be given to the Protest Committee as soon as the protest is brought forth. The Protest committee at this time, along with the team's managers and Umpire Crew-Chief shall retire to a private area away from the teams, spectators, and other persons.
- The Protest Committee shall hear and question the game Umpire Crew-Chief, the protesting manager/coach and the opposing manager/coach in this order. The Protest Committee shall have the power to exclude any of those persons, while talking to any of the others involved.
- The managers/coaches and Umpire Crew-Chief shall leave and the Protest Committee shall discuss the protest.
- Before ruling on the protest, the Protest Committee may confer with any person whom they believe may be helpful in assisting them reach a decision.
- The Protest Committee shall rule on the protest and inform the game Umpire Crew-Chief and team managers/coaches.
- The game Umpire Crew-Chief shall put the decision into effect and order resumption of play from the point of suspension.
- No further argument or comment on the protest will be entertained after the Protest Committee has made its final decision. If a team argues with it, they are liable for immediate suspension or forfeiture of the game.
- The decision of the Protest Committee shall be final; there shall be no appeal to any other body.

#### **4.10 Discipline**

- The four member Provincial Associations reserves the right to impose and enforce penalties, including fines, suspensions and/or expulsion for any violation of its regulations, as a result of any Inter-Provincial play between any two of its member Provincial Association's teams. Games between two teams from the same province at a Baseball Atlantic Championship shall be considered Inter-Provincial.
- All provinces shall honor the disciplinary action taken against participants, organizers, and any others that may, from time to time, be decided by any of its member Provincial association or Baseball Canada.



- Until, and if, a suspension imposed by Baseball Atlantic or one of its member Provincial Association is lifted, no member Provincial Association's teams shall knowingly compete with or against the suspended member or members.
- The accused individuals/team shall have the right to present their case either in writing, or via other means, at the discretion of the Provincial President, which will then be presented to all Provincial bodies.
- The host Provincial Association is responsible to ensure that the host team knows of and meets its responsibilities to the visiting teams and the officials of Baseball Atlantic. Should a host fail to meet its responsibilities, Baseball Atlantic shall fine the host Provincial Association \$500.00.
- Host teams and associations may also be disciplined by the four Provincial bodies including the suspension of hosting privileges.

#### **4.11 Appeals**

- All appeals to Baseball Atlantic must be by the member Provincial Association within thirty (30) days of being notified of the disciplinary action taken by a fellow member.

## **SECTION 5: PLAYING RULES**

### **5.1 Pre-game/warm-up**

- The minimum amount of time between games shall be the time required to prepare the field for play plus twenty-five minutes for team warm-up practice. In extraordinary circumstances, the competing teams and the host, through unanimous consent, agree to shorten the time.
- Where time permits:
  - The home team shall vacate the playing field forty-five (45) minutes prior to game time.
  - The visiting team shall have A twenty-minute batting practice
  - The home team shall have a ten (10) minute infield.
  - The visiting team shall have a ten (10) minute infield.
  - The final five minutes shall be used as meeting at home plate with umpires.
- If there is not enough time for both teams to have batting practice, then neither team shall have the opportunity for such practice.

### **5.2 Official rules**

- To ensure the enforcement of the official rules of the game as adopted by this body, the playing rules of Baseball Canada shall apply for all classifications to include any modifications or additions as set out in this tournament manual.



### 5.3 Pitch count rules for all divisions

Mosquito 11U	Peewee 13U	Bantam 15U	Midget 18U	Rest
1-25 pitches	1-30 pitches	1-35 pitches	1-40 pitches	None
26-40	31-45	36-50	41-55	1 day
41-55	46-60	51-65	56-70	2 days
56-65	61-75	66-80	71-85	3 days
66-75	76-85	81-95	86-105	4 days
75	85	95	105	Maximum

- Any player on the team is eligible to pitch, and there are no restrictions to the number of pitchers a manager may use in a game.
- 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 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first two days combined does not exceed; 11U-25 pitches, 13U-30 pitches, 15U-35 pitches, and 18U-40 pitches. If pitcher's Day 1 + Day 2 figures exceed exceeds figure above for their division, they require at least one day's rest. Pitcher cannot pitch 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.
- Intentional walks will be included in Pitch count totals.
- Required rest shall be defined in "days" starting at 12:01am and ending at 11:59pm of the next calendar day.
- If a game continues past 12:01am, 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.

#### 5.4 Uniforms

- Pursuant to rule 1.11 of the Baseball Canada rules of Baseball, in the Baseball Atlantic play, all players and coaches on the field of play must wear uniforms that are the same color. Coaches may wear team jackets, but they must be the same color as those of their players and should be the same style for the entire coaching staff. No cut off shorts are considered acceptable uniforms for coaches.
- No coach may appear in the coaching boxes or elsewhere on the playing field unless they adhere to this ruling. The umpires shall order removal from the playing field any coach not adhering to this ruling. Should the coach refuse to leave the field, the umpires shall eject the offender from the game.

#### 5.5 Rules governing Mosquito 11U (AA & AAA)

1. **The Bat:** For minus 5 and above, all aluminum 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.
2. **Cleats:** Shoes with metal cleats or “spikes” are prohibited. Rubber molded cleats or running shoes are permitted.
3. **Protected head gear:** All players shall wear double earflap helmets while at bat, in the on-deck circle and on the base paths in both categories. **Chinstraps on batting helmets are not mandatory.**
4. **Batting order:** All players on the roster shall bat in turn. Also:
  - a. When a player arrives during a game, he is inserted in the last spot on the batting order.
  - b. When a player leaves during the game, he is removed from the batting order. No automatic out is counted.
  - c. If a player cannot complete his turn at bat, the following batter will replace him with the same count. The replaced player can be reinserted in the game.
  - d. If a player cannot complete his presence on bases, he is replaced with the last recorded out. The replaced player can be reinserted in the game.
5. **Length of game:** The length of games shall be six (6) complete innings (5 ½ complete innings if the home team is ahead) or until a winner is declared.
6. **Unlimited defensive substitution:** Unlimited defensive substitution is allowed meaning that any player can be replaced in his defensive role and return at any time to any position, except for the pitcher’s position, if the player has already pitched.



7. **The batter:** The batter cannot become a runner on a catcher's miss of a 3<sup>rd</sup> strike. The third strike, either called or swinging, does not have to be caught by the catcher. The batter is automatically retired.... However, the ball is alive and in play.
8. **The baserunner:** **A)** When a pitcher is in contact with the pitcher's rubber with the ball in his possession PREPARATORY TO THE PITCHING ACT and the catcher is in the catcher's box ready to receive delivery of the pitching action, base runners SHALL NOT leave their bases UNTIL THE PITCHED BALL HAS REACHED THE BATTER. **(b)** When a base runner DOES leave his base BEFORE the pitch has reached the batter and the batter does not hit the ball, the runner is permitted to continue. If a play is made on him and he is tagged out... the OUT will stand. If, however, he reaches a base safely, "TIME" is called and he is returned to the base he occupied before the pitch was made... and NO OUT shall result. **(c)** When a base-runner leaves his base before the pitched ball has reached the batter and the batter hits the ball and the runner shall return to his original base (if the batter is retired on a fly ball or any other play) OR... he must return to an unoccupied base nearest the one he left depending on the advance of the batter... who in this case shall NOT advance beyond the first base on a single... second base on a double... or third on a triple. **(d)** When any base-runner leaves his base before the pitched ball has reached the batter, and the batter hits or bunts the ball to an infielder, who in the judgment of the umpire, could have with reasonable effort effected an out on the runner had the violation not occurred... NO RUNNER shall be allowed to score or advance (unless forced) and all runners shall remain. If three (3) runners are on base and the batter reaches first base safely on a similar action to an infielder, and ANY runner violates the leadoff rule... SUCH RUNNER SHALL BE DECLARED OUT IN THIS INSTANCE. **B)** A baserunner may steal a base(s) and score on a catcher's miss of a pitch. **C)** Baseball Canada rule which specifies "where a team has a lead of five or more runs, the runner(s) of this team can reach the following base only if the ball is hit or if he is forced to advance" **will not apply for Atlantic Baseball Championships.** Runners are free to advance (steal) regardless of score.
9. **Courtesy/designated runner:** A courtesy/designated runner for the catcher shall not be permitted in the event the catcher reaches a base.
10. **Bunting:** Bunting is permitted in both categories (AA &AAA).
11. **5 runs rule/inning:** An offensive inning ends when three outs are recorded or when the offensive team scores five runs. If there is a homerun outside the playing field limits (above the fence), the team will be awarded all runs even if total runs go over the inning limit. However, there is no run limit during the last two (2) innings which would be open for both AA and AAA.



## 5.6 Rules governing Pee wee 13U (AA & AAA)

1. **The Bat:** Bats constructed of aluminum, fibreglass, or magnesium with a maximum diameter barrel of 2 5/8 inches will be allowed. The bats may have a maximum length-weight differential of minus 10.  
**NEW BASEBALL CANADA 2017** – Max barrel of 2 ¾ inches with (i) a 1.15 BPF (Bat Performance Factor) or ii) USA Baseball Model with BBCOR “wood like” BPF is permitted. For the 13U National Championships using up to minus 10 length/weight differentials is permitted.
2. **Cleats:** Shoes with metal cleats or spikes are prohibited. Rubber molded cleats or running shoes are permitted.
3. **Protected head gear:** All players shall wear double earflap helmets while at bat, in the on-deck circle, and on the base paths for both categories (AA & AAA). **Chinstraps on batting helmets are not mandatory.**
4. **Batting order:**
  - a. 13U (AA) – All players on the roster shall bat in turn. Also:
    - i. When a player arrives during a game, he is inserted in the last spot on the batting order.
    - ii. When a player leaves during the game, he is removed from the batting order. No automatic out is counted.
    - iii. If a player cannot complete his turn at bat, the following batter will replace him with the same count. The replaced player can be reinserted in the game.
    - iv. If a player cannot complete his presence on bases, he is replaced with the last recorded out. The replaced player can be reinserted in the game.
  - b. 13U (AAA) – Teams will bat nine (9) players but substitutions will apply as per Baseball Canada **re-entry rule** 3.3 as follows; 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 of 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.
5. **Length of game:** The length of games shall be seven (7) complete innings (6 ½ complete innings if the home team is ahead) or until a winner is declared.
6. **Designated hitter:** The designated hitter rule is not permitted in this age category.
7. **The Batter:** The batter can become a baserunner on a catcher’s miss of a 3<sup>rd</sup> strike.



8. **The Baserunner:** All runners are permitted to lead-off. All baserunners are governed by standards of regulation baseball on all base-running actions.
9. **Courtesy/designated runner:** A courtesy/designated runner for the catcher shall not be permitted in the event the catcher reaches a base.
10. **5 runs rule/inning (AA category only):** An offensive inning ends when three outs are recorded or when the offensive team scores five runs. If there is a homerun outside the playing field limits (above the fence), the team will be awarded all runs even if total runs go over the inning limit. However, there is no run limit during the last two (2) innings which would be open.

#### 5.7 Rules governing Bantam 15U (AA & AAA)

1. **The Bat:** Only wood bats, bamboo bats and wood composite bats will be allowed. Wood composite bats include wood bats with fibreglass sheathing and wood barrelled bats with composite handles. Wood composite bats do not include any bat that has any metallic component.
2. **Cleats:** Shoes with metal cleats or “spikes” are allowed.
3. **Protected head gear:** All players shall wear double earflap helmets while at bat, in the on-deck circle, and on the base paths for both categories (AA & AAA). Chin straps are not mandatory for this age category.
4. **Batting order:** Teams will bat nine (9) players but substitutions will apply as per Baseball Canada **re-entry rule** 3.3 as follows; 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 of 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.
5. **Length of game:** The length of games shall be seven (7) complete innings (6 ½ complete innings if the home team is ahead) or until a winner is declared.
6. **Designated hitter:** The designated hitter rule is not permitted in this age category.
7. **The Batter:** The batter can become a base runner on a catcher’s miss of a 3<sup>rd</sup> strike provided 1<sup>st</sup> base is unoccupied or 1<sup>st</sup> base is occupied with two out.
8. **The Base runner:** All runners are permitted to lead-off. All base runners are governed by standards of regulation baseball on all base-running actions.
9. **Courtesy/designated runner:** A courtesy/designated runner for the catcher shall not be permitted in the event the catcher reaches a base.



## 5.8 Rules governing Midget 18U (AA)

1. **The bat:** Only wood bats, bamboo bats and wood composite bats will be allowed. Wood composite bats include wood bats with fiberglass sheathing and wood barrelled bats with composite handles. Wood composite bats do not include any bat that has any metallic component.
2. **Cleats:** Shoes with metal cleats or “spikes” are allowed.
3. **Protected head gear:** All players shall wear double earflap helmets while at bat, in the on-deck circle, and on the base paths. Chin straps are not mandatory for this age category.
4. **Batting order:** Teams will bat nine (9) players in turn.
5. **Length of game:** The length of games shall be seven (7) complete innings (6 ½ complete innings if the home team is ahead) or until a winner is declared.
6. **Designated hitter:** The designated hitter rule is permitted in this category.
7. **The batter:** The batter can become a base runner on a catcher’s miss of 3<sup>rd</sup> strike provided 1<sup>st</sup> base is unoccupied or 1<sup>st</sup> base is occupied with two out.
8. **The base runner:** All runners are permitted to lead-off. All base runners are governed by standards of regulation baseball on all base-running actions.
9. **Courtesy/designated runner:** A courtesy/designated runner for the catcher shall not be permitted in the event the catcher reaches a base.



## APPENDIX A – THREE TEAMS SCHEDULES BY HOST PROVINCE

THREE TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE - NEWFOUNDLAND LABRADOR HOST PROVINCE				
TIME	NS (ABSENT)	NB (ABSENT)	PEI (ABSENT)	
<b>FRIDAY</b>				
11:00am	NB vs NL	NS vs NL	NS vs NL	
2:00pm	PEI vs NB	PEI vs NS	NB vs NS	
OPENING CEREMONIES				
5:00pm	NL vs PEI	NL vs PEI	NL vs NB	
<b>SATURDAY</b>				
11:00am	NL vs NB	NL vs NS	NL vs NS	
2:00pm	NB vs PEI	NS vs PEI	NS vs NB	
5:00pm	PEI vs NL	PEI vs NL	NB vs NL	
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
11:00am	Championship	Championship	Championship	

THREE TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE – NOVA SCOTIA HOST PROVINCE				
TIME	PEI (ABSENT)	NB (ABSENT)	NL (ABSENT)	
<b>FRIDAY</b>				
11:00am	NL vs NS	NL vs NS	NB vs NS	
2:00pm	NB vs NL	PEI vs NL	PEI vs NB	
OPENING CEREMONIES				
5:00pm	NS vs NB	NS vs PEI	NS vs PEI	
<b>SATURDAY</b>				
11:00am	NS vs NL	NS vs NL	NS vs NB	
2:00pm	NL vs NB	NL vs PEI	NB vs PEI	
5:00pm	NB vs NS	PEI vs NS	PEI vs NS	
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
11:00am	Championship	Championship	Championship	

THREE TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE – NEW BRUNSWICK HOST PROVINCE				
TIME	NL (ABSENT)	NS (ABSENT)	PEI (ABSENT)	
<b>FRIDAY</b>				
11:00am	NS vs NB	PEI vs NB	NS vs NB	
2:00pm	PEI vs NS	NL vs PEI	NL vs NS	
OPENING CEREMONIES				
5:00pm	NB vs PEI	NB vs NL	NB vs NL	
<b>SATURDAY</b>				
11:00am	NB vs NS	NB vs PEI	NB vs NS	
2:00pm	NS vs PEI	PEI vs NL	NS vs NL	
5:00pm	PEI vs NB	NL vs NB	NL vs NB	
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
11:00am	Championship	Championship	Championship	Championship



<b>THREE TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE – PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOST PROVINCE</b>				
TIME	NL (ABSENT)	NB (ABSENT)	NS (ABSENT)	
<b>FRIDAY</b>				
11:00am	NB vs PEI	NS vs PEI	NB vs PEI	
2:00pm	NS vs NB	NL vs NS	NL vs NB	
OPENING CEREMONIES				
5:00pm	PEI vs NS	PEI vs NL	PEI vs NL	
<b>SATURDAY</b>				
11:00am	PEI vs NB	PEI vs NS	PEI vs NB	
2:00pm	NB vs NS	NS vs NL	NB vs NL	
5:00pm	NS vs PEI	NL vs PEI	NL vs PEI	
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
11:00am	Championship	Championship	Championship	

### APPENDIX B - FOUR TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE BY HOST PROVINCE

<b>FOUR TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE - NEWFOUNDLAND LABRADOR HOST PROVINCE</b>				
TIME	PEI (ABSENT)	NS (ABSENT)	NB (ABSENT)	NL (ABSENT)
<b>FRIDAY</b>				
1:30pm	Host vs NL	Host vs NL	Host vs NL	Host vs NS
OPENING CEREMONIES				
4:30pm	NS vs NB	NB vs PEI	NS vs PEI	NB vs PEI
<b>SATURDAY</b>				
8:30am	NL vs NS	NL vs NB	NL vs NS	NS vs NB
11:30am	NB vs Host	PEI vs Host	PEI vs Host	PEI vs Host
2:30pm	NL vs NB	NL vs PEI	NL vs PEI	NS vs PEI
5:30pm	Host vs NS	Host vs NB	Host vs NS	Host vs NB
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
11:00am	Tie Br/Championship	Tie Br/Championship	Tie Br/Championship	Tie Br/Championship
2:00pm	Championship	Championship	Championship	Championship

<b>FOUR TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE – NOVA SCOTIA HOST PROVINCE</b>				
TIME	PEI (ABSENT)	NL (ABSENT)	NB (ABSENT)	NS (ABSENT)
<b>FRIDAY</b>				
1:30pm	Host vs NS	Host vs NS	Host vs NS	Host vs NB
OPENING CEREMONIES				
4:30pm	NB vs NL	NB vs PEI	PEI vs NL	PEI vs NL
<b>SATURDAY</b>				
8:30am	NS vs NB	NS vs NB	NS vs PEI	NB vs PEI
11:30am	NL vs Host	PEI vs Host	NL vs Host	NL vs Host
2:30pm	NS vs NL	NS vs PEI	NS vs NL	NB vs NL
5:30pm	Host vs NB	Host vs NB	Host vs PEI	Host vs PEI
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
11:00am	Tie Br/Championship	Tie Br/Championship	Tie Br/Championship	Tie Br/Championship
2:00pm	Championship	Championship	Championship	Championship



## APPENDIX B - FOUR TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE BY HOST PROVINCE

<b>FOUR TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE – NEW BRUNSWICK HOST PROVINCE</b>				
TIME	PEI (ABSENT)	NL (ABSENT)	NS (ABSENT)	NB (ABSENT)
<b>FRIDAY</b>				
1:30pm	Host vs NB	Host vs NB	Host vs NB	Host vs NS
OPENING CEREMONIES				
4:30pm	NS vs NL	NS vs PEI	PEI vs NL	PEI vs NL
<b>SATURDAY</b>				
8:30am	NB vs NS	NB vs NS	NS vs PEI	NS vs PEI
11:30am	NL vs Host	PEI vs Host	NL vs Host	NL vs Host
2:30pm	NB vs NL	NB vs PEI	NS vs NL	NS vs NL
5:30pm	Host vs NS	Host vs NS	Host vs PEI	Host vs PEI
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
11:00am	Tie Br/Championship	Tie Br/Championship	Tie Br/Championship	Tie Br/Championship
2:00pm	Championship	Championship	Championship	Championship

<b>FOUR TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE – PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HOST PROVINCE</b>				
TIME	NB (ABSENT)	NS (ABSENT)	NL (ABSENT)	PEI (ABSENT)
<b>FRIDAY</b>				
1:30pm	Host vs PEI	Host vs PEI	Host vs PEI	Host vs NB
OPENING CEREMONIES				
4:30pm	NS vs NL	NB vs NL	NB vs NS	NS vs NL
<b>SATURDAY</b>				
8:30am	PEI vs NS	PEI vs NB	PEI vs NB	NB vs NS
11:30am	NL vs Host	NL vs Host	NS vs Host	NL vs Host
2:30pm	PEI vs NL	PEI vs NL	PEI vs NS	NB vs NL
5:30pm	Host vs NS	Host vs NB	Host vs NB	Host vs NS
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
11:00am	Tie Br/Championship	Tie Br/Championship	Tie Br/Championship	Tie Br/Championship
2:00pm	Championship	Championship	Championship	Championship



## APPENDIX C - FIVE TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE BY HOST PROVINCE

FIVE TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (ONE LIGHTED FIELD)					
TIME	FIELD	NL (HOST)	NS (HOST)	PEI (HOST)	NB (H)
<b>FRIDAY</b>					
11:00am		Host vs NL	Host vs NS	Host vs PEI	Host vs NB
2:00pm		NS vs NB	NB vs PEI	NB vs NS	PEI vs NS
5:00pm		PEI vs Host	NL vs Host	NL vs Host	NL vs Host
<b>OPENING CEREMONIES</b>					
8:00pm		NS vs NL	NB vs NS	NB vs PEI	PEI vs NB
<b>SATURDAY</b>					
11:00am		NB vs PEI	PEI vs NL	NS vs NL	NS vs NL
2:00pm		Host vs NS	Host vs NB	Host vs NB	Host vs PEI
5:00pm		NL vs NB	NS vs PEI	PEI vs NS	NB vs NS
8:00pm		PEI vs NS	NL vs NB	NL vs NB	NL vs PEI
<b>SUNDAY</b>					
8:00am		NB vs Host	PEI vs Host	NS vs Host	NS vs Host
11:00am		NL vs PEI	NS vs NL	PEI vs NL	NB vs NL
2:00pm		Tie Br/Final Champ.	Tie Br/Final Champ.	Tie Br/Final Champ.	Tie Br/Final Champ.
5:00pm		Championship	Championship	Championship	Championship

FIVE TEAM TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (TWO FIELDS)					
TIME	FIELD	NL (HOST)	NS (HOST)	PEI (HOST)	NB (HOST)
<b>FRIDAY</b>					
11:00am	FLD 1	Host vs NL	Host vs NS	Host vs PEI	Host vs NB
11:00am	FLD 2	NS vs NB	NB vs PEI	NB vs NS	PEI vs NS
2:00pm	FLD 1	PEI vs Host	NL vs Host	NL vs Host	NL vs Host
2:00pm	FLD 2	NS vs NL	NB vs NS	NB vs PEI	PEI vs NB
5:00pm	FLD 1	NB vs PEI	PEI vs NL	NS vs NL	NS vs NL
<b>OPENING CEREMONIES</b>					
<b>SATURDAY</b>					
10:00am	FLD 1	Host vs NS	Host vs NB	Host vs NB	Host vs PEI
10:00am	FLD 2	NL vs NB	NS vs PEI	PEI vs NS	NB vs NS
1:00pm	FLD 1	PEI vs NS	NL vs NB	NL vs NB	NL vs PEI
1:00pm	FLD 2	NB vs Host	PEI vs Host	NS vs Host	NS vs Host
4:00pm	FLD 1	NL vs PEI	NS vs NL	PEI vs NL	NB vs NL
<b>SUNDAY</b>					
11:00am	FLD 1	Tie Br/Champ.	Tie Br/Champ.	Tie Br/Champ	Tie Br/Champ
2:00pm	FLD 1	Championship	Championship	Championship	Championship



Details: (2 feet X 3 feet)

Classification: 15U (Bantam) 15S FR

Location of tournament: Summerside PEI

Category: AAA



## **HOSTING RESPONSIBILITIES**

Baseball Atlantic's objective is to organize Atlantic Championships at a high standard of excellence with the basic principle of allowing players to showcase their skills and abilities and also live an experience that will be remembered for a lifetime. To maintain this standard and principle, the Board of Baseball Atlantic sets out the following requirements in hosting an Atlantic Championship.

- ❖ Adequate playing field(s)
- ❖ Washroom facilities within easy reach of the field(s)
- ❖ Access or supply of drinking water for participants
- ❖ Reasonably ready access to emergency medical facilities
- ❖ Adequate seating for spectators
- ❖ Some form of public address system
- ❖ An official scorer and pitch count person for every game
- ❖ An official scoreboard with schedule and results of games played
- ❖ Follow the rules and procedures of the tournament manual
- ❖ Send schedule of games to teams at least 10 days prior to the start of the event
- ❖ Schedule and conduct a pre-tournament meeting and notify participants
- ❖ Supply sufficient approved baseballs for the entire tournament
- ❖ Arrange for umpires for all tournament games
- ❖ Send game scores to the media/provincial baseball office on a daily basis
- ❖ Provision of a protest committee to ensure 3 members are available at all times
- ❖ Provide player of the game (each team) awards for all games
- ❖ Conduct opening ceremonies on the first day of tournament
- ❖ Present Gold and Silver medals to the teams at end of tournament
- ❖ Championship Banner may be provided by the host community (Optional)
- ❖ Provide the President of Baseball Atlantic the tournament report form
- ❖ Championship team photo be sent to the President of Baseball Atlantic