



BASEBALL
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RULES & REGULATIONS

FOR

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CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Note: Reference to the male gender shall also mean female where appropriate and the singular shall mean plural and plural shall mean singular where appropriate.

THE RULES & REGULATIONS THAT FOLLOW SUMMARIZE THE OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES, WHICH MUST BE CONFORMED WITHIN THE HOSTING OF ANY BASEBALL CANADA CHAMPIONSHIP.

Any Member can submit proposals to amend the game rules and/or a Baseball Canada Championship rule prior to 45 days before the October/November Board of Directors meeting. Those proposals may be submitted to the Director General of Baseball Canada.

The Director General shall, at the latest 15 days before the planned date of the October/November Board of Directors meeting, publish and communicate all the proposed amendments to the Board of Directors.

Any new rules will be in force the year following the adoption of the proposed change. At any time, the Board of Directors can waive the need for this notice with a unanimous vote.

Where there is a change to the official rules of baseball, the change will not take effect until it is approved by the Board of Directors.

PART I - THE TEAMS

1.1 Performance Guarantees:

1.1.1 Financial Responsibility:

Each Provincial Baseball Association (PBA) shall be required to have on file at the Baseball Canada office in Ottawa a letter of financial responsibility that will cover all its teams competing in the Baseball Canada Championships. This letter shall continue in force from year-to-year until rescinded in writing. The letter of financial responsibility shall make the PBA financially responsible for any damages or other costs caused by the PBA's team(s).

1.1.2 Attendance:

Each year, on or before November 30th, each PBA shall advise Baseball Canada in writing of its intention to appear or not appear at the various Baseball Canada Championships in the following year. Failure to do so shall result in the following default decisions being taken by Baseball Canada. Provinces now have the option to attend all events but are only obligated to the ones listed below.

- In the case of British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec, that:
 - they will attend all championships except 21U Men and Senior, as they are required to do so, and
- In the case of New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and PEI, that:
 - they will be attending the 13U Atlantic, 15U Boys and Baseball Canada Cup championships; and
 - Baseball Atlantic shall be advised that it must send one team to the 18U and 21U championships.
- In the case of Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, that:
 - they will be attending the 13U Western, 15U Boys and Baseball Canada Cup championships; and
 - The Western Canada Baseball Association shall be advised that it must send one team to the 18U and 21U championships.

Any Province/Region that qualifies/confirms for but does not show up at a Baseball Canada Championship will be fined

- After March 31st - \$1000 - After June 15th - \$2000
- Within 2 weeks of the event - \$4000 (Canada Cup \$5000)

The Baseball Canada Senior Men's Championship will be held annually with provincial participation on an optional basis.

A team requesting to withdraw from Championship host accommodation must request this in writing to Baseball Canada on or before March 15th.

1.1.3 Team Eligibility:

The roster, issued in electronic form by either the PBA office or the PBA President shall be the only document required as proof of eligibility to represent the PBA at a Baseball Canada Championship.

1.2 Eligibility Rules:

1.2.1 Athletes:

- (a) Only amateurs are permitted to play in sanctioned Baseball Canada Championships.
- (i) An amateur baseball player is one whose involvement in baseball is not his primary source of income.
- (ii) A former professional reinstated* to amateur status may participate in a Baseball Canada Championship.
- *NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Baseball Canada to reinstate a professional as an amateur. Any professional who wishes to be reinstated, as an amateur must complete a reinstatement form supplied by Baseball Canada. The forms must then be submitted in accordance with the Provincial registration deadline through the Provincial Association concerned, to Baseball Canada who shall rule on it. To be eligible for reinstatement, an individual must be released by, or retired from, any professional team and not subject to a professional contract for a period of at least thirty days. A copy of the release, or letter of resignation, must be provided in satisfactory form to Baseball Canada. The decision of Baseball Canada is final and may not be appealed.
- (b) An athlete participating in a Baseball Canada Championship must be a Canadian citizen or a full time resident of Canada by September 15th of the previous year. A player cannot be registered in two provinces simultaneously. Any player moving to another province after June 1st of the current year, must obtain a release from their old province in order to play for the new province. Where a student declares an intention they play under 1.2.1 c) 2) by June 1st, a request for release shall not be refused.
- (c) An athlete must be a registered player of the Provincial Baseball Association that his team represents.
- (1) To be eligible for reinstatement, an individual must be released by, or retired from, any professional team and not subject to a professional contract by July 1st.**
- (2) A copy of the release, or letter of resignation, must be provided in satisfactory form to Baseball Canada.**
- (3) A reinstatement form needs to be provided by the PBA / PSO to Baseball Canada.**
- (4) Depending on the case, the Executive Director of Baseball Canada may allow a reinstatement after the July 1st deadline.**

Exceptions to section 1.2.1 c) are

- 1) A Senior Division and 21U Men Player needs to be a member of the Provincial Association they represent, and a resident of said Province as of July 1st. The only exception to the requirement of residing in the Province is if: a Province does not send a team to Senior Nationals, or 21U Men respectively, those Provincial players from said Province must have played in an Inter-Provincial League in the Province that wishes to have them represent them at Senior Nationals, or 21U Men respectively.
- 2) Students studying in a province other than their own may represent either their province of residence or the province in which they are going to school. The individual involved must state in writing which province they intend to play for by June 1 of the current year. This is subject to the approval of the Provincial Association for which they want to play and Baseball Canada. Once such declaration has been made by the individual and accepted by the provincial association for which they declared and by Baseball Canada, that individual will not be eligible to play for any team in the provincial playdowns of the province for which they did not declare.

3) A female athlete may participate in a female event with a Province other than their own, with permission to play from both Provinces involved and Baseball Canada.

4) If NL, NS, NB, PEI, AB, SK or MB do not attend the 13U National event, an athlete from their Province may participate with another one of these Provinces. Permission to play is required from both Provinces involved and Baseball Canada.

(d) Specific Criteria:

Senior Men: Open classification

Senior Women: Open classification

21U Men: 21 years old and younger who do not reach their 22nd birthday during the current calendar year.

21U Women: 21 years old and younger who do not reach their 22nd birthday during the current calendar year.

18U Boys: 18 years old and younger who do not reach their 19th birthday during the current calendar year. (For Nationals; Bottom 3 seeded teams in Pool B have the opportunity to use 2 overage players. If Host Province is in the bottom 3 teams, Host team also allowed 2 overaged players. An overage player is maximum 1 year older.)

Baseball Canada Cup and Canada Games: 17 years old and younger who do not reach their 18th birthday during the current calendar year. (For Nationals; NL, NS, NB, PEI, AB, SK & MB may bring two players who do not reach their 19th birthday during the current calendar year)

15U Boys: 15 years old and younger who do not reach their 16th birthday during the current calendar year. (For Nationals; Bottom 3 seeded teams in Pool B have the opportunity to use 2 overage players. If Host Province is in the bottom 3 teams, Host team also allowed 2 overaged players. An overage player is maximum 1 year older.)

16U Girls: 16 years old and younger who do not reach their 17th birthday during the current calendar year. (For Nationals; NF, NS, NB, PEI, AB, SK, MB, ON2, QC2, and BC2 may bring three players who do not reach their 18th birthday during the current calendar year)

13U Boys and Girls: 13 years old and younger who do not reach their 14th birthday during the current calendar year.

Female players can play in Male events one calendar year older than the male ages stated above.

1.2.2 Coaches:

- (a) Only coaches meeting the following requirements will also be eligible to coach.

<i>Division & Category</i>	<i>Requirements</i>
<i>13U National/Regional</i>	1 Coach is Certified Regional Other Coaches are Trained Regional
<i>15U Boys & 16U Girls</i>	1 Coach is Certified Provincial Other Coaches are Trained Provincial
<i>18U</i>	1 Coach is Certified Provincial Other Coaches are Trained Provincial
<i>21U</i>	1 Coach is Certified Provincial Other Coaches are Trained Provincial
<i>Senior Men</i>	All Coaches have Initiation Coach Online Module
<i>Canada Cup</i>	When 4 coaches are on staff: 1 Coach at least Certified Comp-Dev 2 Coaches at least Trained Comp-Dev 1 Coach at least Certified Provincial Coach (*Development Coach) When 3 are on staff: 1 Coach at least Certified Comp-Dev 1 Coach at least Trained Comp-Dev 1 Coach at least Certified Provincial Coach (*Development Coach)
<i>Canada Games</i>	1 Coach is Competition – Development Certified 2 Coaches are Competition – Development Trained

* A Province can identify a coach as a ‘Development Coach’. These coaches can only be a ‘Development Coach’ for one year. A ‘Development Coach’ must be a certified Provincial Coach. If the Coach was to return for a 2nd year to the Canada Cup, they would need to meet the Comp-Dev coaching requirements.

- (b) Names of coaches, along with their respective NCCP passport numbers (cc #), must be included in the email roster. All coaches must be able to prove certification during the championship.
- (c) A chef de mission is mandatory and should be assigned by the PBA. A chef should be appointed by the PBA and should not be a coach or/and a manager. Any chef should be assigned to any administrative task and will serve as liaison with the Baseball Canada Representative. Chef should be reminded to tour all rooms upon check-in and inform accommodation site/host of any damages. Upon check-out, chef should room tour along with accommodation/host reps to confirm rooms’ status.
- (d) Coaches 14 years of age, but under the age of 16, may only coach at 13U level and below, at National Championships.

1.2.3 Rosters:

- (a) The final team rosters shall be approved by the PBA and submitted to Baseball Canada nine (9) days before the first scheduled game of the Championship.
13U National Atlantic and 13U National Western event deadline three (3) days before the first schedule game of the Championship.
- (b) Failure to comply with paragraph (a), shall result in the PBA being subject to a \$500 fine, payable to Baseball Canada.
- (c) The rosters are to include each participating coach's Coaching Certification number (cc #).

- (d) Provincial offices shall provide a list of suspended players to Baseball Canada prior to April 1st. An updated list shall be sent by August 1st.
- (e) Team staff without proper certification will be removed from the roster. To add a team staff individual following the deadline in 1.2.3 (a) will result in a \$50 fine/individual to a maximum of \$100/team.
- (f) Changes to the roster jersey numbers following the pre-tournament meeting may, at the discretion of Baseball Canada rep, result in the PBA being subject to a \$50 fine, payable to Baseball Canada.
- (g) A coach can only appear on one (1) roster per event. This is for coaching staff only, does not apply to chef or trainer.

1.2.4 Last minute modifications to the roster

No modifications to the rosters submitted by the PBA as per 1.2.3 will be allowed at the pre-championship meeting, except for the following situations:

- (a) A player is injured and cannot participate in the championship as attested by medical proof.
- (b) A player is changed following submission by PBA office or President to Baseball Canada Rep prior to their first game.
- (c) After verification of certification by Baseball Canada, a coach is allowed to coach if PBA includes written confirmation.

1.2.5 Ineligible player on roster

- (a) Ineligible player on roster identified during the event results in a \$500 fine, all games played become forfeit/s, and ineligible player be removed from roster immediately.
- (b) Ineligible player on roster identified within 30 days after the event results in a \$1000 fine, and is subject to further sanctions.

1.3 **Publicity:**

Publicity Data: Together with rosters, teams shall supply as much publicity data to the Host Committee as possible ASAP (Pre championship promo, programs, etc). This may, for example, include uniform numbers, pictures, and statistics.

1.4 **Team Discipline:**

1.4.1 Team Discipline:

Team discipline is the responsibility of the individual teams and their coaches and managers, who shall be held responsible for the maintenance of discipline and proper team or individual conduct. Any breach of discipline, whether on the playing field or off, shall be dealt with by the Host Committee and the Baseball Canada Representative.

1.4.2 Team Dress:

Teams shall be dressed in matching uniforms of an acceptable standard. All uniforms, including those of managers and coaches shall be matching and numbered. When coaching the bases, the uniform game jersey must be worn. If a team jacket or windshirt is worn, it must include the team's official logo and be consistent with the team's uniform color and apparel. If both coaches opt to wear a jacket, the jackets must be uniform. At all other times, coaches are allowed to wear a team-issued jacket or windshirt.

No duplicate numbers shall be permitted unless extenuating circumstances prevent this (i.e. lost baggage, torn uniforms, etc). Teams must declare their team uniform colors, home and visitors, at the Pre-Championship meeting. If they have only one set of uniforms, this must be stated at this time.

- 1.4.3 Personnel in the Playing Areas: Only authorized personnel will be permitted to occupy the player's benches or dugout areas. Eighteen (18) players or twenty (20) for Canada Cup and 21U Men or twenty-one (21) players in the case of Senior, three (or four) coaches, one trainer and one batboy in uniform are authorized personnel.

1.4.4 This discipline process will be used by the Baseball Canada Representative to investigate ejections and/or off field issues and to determine whether supplemental discipline is required.

The Baseball Canada Representative may review:

- a) All ejections to coaches and athletes.
- b) Any on-field incidents that did not result in ejections, based on personal observation or witness reports.
- c) Any off-field incident.
- d) Any spectator conduct issues.

In consultation with the Host Committee, the Baseball Canada Representative may remove a spectator from the Championship site and determine whether the spectator is able to return for future games.

The review of all ejections or incidents shall include a hearing for the ejected individual is chaired by the Baseball Canada Representative. If the ejected individual is a youth athlete, a coach and/or parent must be included in the hearing. The Baseball Canada Representative will inform the team's Head Coach of the time and location of the hearing, which will be scheduled before the team's next game.

The hearing will begin with the ejected individual being given an opportunity to read the umpire's ejection report or in the case of an incident not involving an ejection, be told of their alleged violation. All parties will then have the opportunity to comment on the ejection report or accusation and provide the Baseball Canada Representative with their perspective on the incident. The Baseball Canada Representative may seek witness reports, if required. The Baseball Canada Representative will then inform the ejected individual of the decision which is final and cannot be appealed.

Any incident that may require further disciplinary action beyond the conclusion of the Championship will be forwarded to the appropriate province for their review.

In the case of a routine ejection, the Baseball Canada Representative has the discretion to waive the hearing process. An athlete or coach who refuses to attend a hearing scheduled may be placed in a state of indefinite suspension until the hearing is complete.

The following offences will result in an automatic suspension to be determined by the Baseball Canada Representative:

- Bumping, shoving or pushing an umpire
- Intent to injure; three (3) games
- Throwing at a batter; one (1) game
- An ejection that occurs after a game; one (1) game
- A second ejection during the Championship; one (1) game
- A third ejection during the Championship; three (3) games

1.4.5 Tobacco Rule:

The use of all tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, by on-field participants (players, coaches, managers, umpires, etc.) shall be prohibited at all competitions sanctioned by Baseball Canada. Any offenders caught using tobacco products will be ejected from the game.

1.4.6 Team infractions:

(Provincial Baseball Associations will be invoiced \$100 for this)

- include the following:
- Failure to submit starting line-up on time.
 - Failure to attend the pre-championship meeting.
 - Failure to participate at opening/closing ceremonies.
 - Failure to respect rules regarding dugout access and personnel.
 - Failure to inform host committee or any change in travel itinerary.

(Provincial Baseball Associations will be invoiced \$200 for this)

- include the following:
- Any individual misconduct.

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- include the following:
- Any team misconduct.

For these infractions, before any fine is imposed on the provinces or (host), the Baseball Canada Representative may issue one warning in order to allow the team a chance to solve the problem.

Delivery of notices

The Baseball Canada Representative will deliver the fines or ruling communication personally **via a discipline letter** to the interested parties. The recipient will be required to execute an acknowledgement of receipt indicating the name of the recipient and the date and time of delivery. A copy of the fine will also be sent to the PSO following the championship.

Appeals

Appeals may be presented no later than seven (7) days after the conclusion of the championship. All appeals must be delivered to the Baseball Canada office.

It is the responsibility of the Appellant to provide all materials which it deems necessary to the appeal.

Once the appeal has been presented, Baseball Canada will then have fourteen (14) days after receiving the appeal and without postponement will pronounce its ruling.

NOTES: The Provincial Baseball Association will be totally responsible for any damages caused by any member of a delegation to the installation where they are housed, the baseball stadium or transport units or to any other area.

1.5 Power of Decision:

- (a) The Executive Committee of Baseball Canada shall have the power to make decisions on any point not specifically covered in the Rules & Regulations.
- (b) During the course of the Championship the Host Committee and the Baseball Canada representative shall have the power to make decisions on any point not specifically covered in the Rules & Regulations. The Baseball Canada Representative has the ultimate say on any aspects of the championship.

1.6 Pre-Championship Meeting:

- 1.6.1 At a convenient time, prior to the opening game of the Championship, the Pre-Championship meeting shall be held. The Chairman of the Host Committee, the Baseball Canada Representative, and the Baseball Canada Supervisor of Umpires, must be in attendance at this meeting.
- 1.6.2 The Baseball Canada Representative shall chair the meeting.
- 1.6.3 Each team shall send at least one representative who shall have the authority to speak on behalf of the team and make decisions concerning his team, which shall be binding. At the meeting, announcements and directions will be made affecting aspects of the Championship. Non-attendance at the meeting shall not be an excuse for non-compliance.
- 1.6.4 The Host Committee may, for reasonable cause, limit the number of representatives from each team provided that at least two (2) are permitted to attend.
- 1.6.5 Team rosters, fully completed, shall be distributed to each team prior to the start of the Championship and as far in advance of the Pre-Championship meeting as possible. Any challenge concerning eligibility of any player must be raised at that time. The final team rosters shall be approved by the Provincial body and submitted in accordance with rule 1.2.3.
- 1.6.6 No challenge on the questions of eligibility shall be considered after the conclusion of the meeting. However, should subsequent information indicate that ineligible players have

been used, the Baseball Canada Executive will have the authority to investigate, and if necessary, take appropriate action to penalize the Provincial Governing Body, of the team concerned.

1.6.7 The “travesty of the game” rule will be enforced by the Baseball Canada representative and the umpires at the event which will result in ejections – first to manager then to players. Travesty of the game is defined as an attempt to intentionally lengthen or shorten a game or manipulate the score of the game by any means that has players not “playing to win”. This would include batters or runners obviously attempting to make outs, pitchers obviously trying to miss the strike zone when pitching and fielders obviously trying to make errors.

1.6.8 Pre-Championship Meeting Agenda:

- (a) Review of Championship Rules & Regulations.
- (b) All Championship rules and procedures, special local field conditions, etc.
- (c) Eligibility of rosters, athletes, coaches (NCCP status), etc.
- (d) Championship schedule, and home/visitor determination.
- (e) Run limitations.
- (f) Protest procedures.
- (g) Team and player discipline.
- (h) Travesty of the game
- (i) Extra Inning Game Procedure
- (j) Request all teams to report all offensive & defensive changes during the tournament.
- (k) Special ceremonies and events.
- (l) Closing ceremonies and awards.
- (m) Question period.

1.7 Championship Schedule

1.7.1 Schedule Approval:

- (a) Baseball Canada shall determine the schedule for each championship in consultation with the Host Committee. Baseball Canada shall have final approval on all schedules.
- (b) Baseball Canada reserves the right to adjust the Championship schedule at any time to accommodate Host requests pertaining to field location and time. During an event, the Baseball Canada Rep considering a change to the schedule following a Host request is to consult with Baseball Canada office staff prior to final decision.
- (c) All Baseball Canada Championships will be from Thursday (Wednesday for Canada Cup) to Sunday inclusive and Monday will be the rain day. It is required that all teams remain available to play on the rain day. The 13U National Atlantic event will end on Sunday, no Monday rain day. For teams busing to the event and wishing to leave after completion of games, they must wait until receiving approval from the Baseball Canada Rep.

1.7.2 Playoff game

Any playoff game among tied teams to determine which team will advance to medal play will be played on Saturday or Sunday. This does not apply to the Canada Cup, 15U Boys, 18U.

1.7.3 Start time

A game will not start after 10:00 pm during any 15U Boys/16U Girls and 13U Baseball Canada Championship unless required to complete the event.

1.7.4 Less than Seven Teams:

- (a) The teams shall compete in one (1) pool, playing a round-robin schedule that sees each team play each other team once.

(b) Following round-robin play, the following medal round games shall be played:

- gold medal: second place vs first place
- bronze medal: third place vs fourth place

(c) A game for fifth place (fifth vs sixth) shall be played in the case of a six team championship.

1.7.5 Seven Teams:

The teams shall compete in two (2) pools, with the pools determined by Baseball Canada using the following criteria:

- Teams will be placed in the Pool A and Pool B divisions based on a point system calculated from the last 3 years results. Three (3) teams in pool A and four (4) teams in pool B.
- If tournament is hosted in Province of Pool A team, then Pool A is comprised of both teams from the Host Province and the top team. Pool B is comprised of the remaining teams.
- If tournament is hosted in Province of Pool B team, then Pool A is comprised of the top 3 teams. Pool B is comprised of both teams from the Host Province and all remaining teams.
- If Host Province is ranked 3rd based on the last 3 years results, the Provincial Team shall remain in Pool A while the Host Team shall go to Pool B.

(b) The teams shall play a round-robin schedule within their own pools, with each team playing each other team in the pool once in pool B and twice in Pool A.

(c) Following round robin play, if every team in pool A has a win the following playoff round games shall be played:

- Quarter-final: 3A vs 2B
- Semi-finals: 1B vs 1A and Winner of 3A/2B vs 2A
- Bronze medal game: Semi-final losers
- Gold medal game: Semi-final winners
- Following round-robin play, the following placement games shall be played:
 - 6th place: 3B vs 4B

(d) Following round robin play, if one team in pool A does not have a win the following playoff round games shall be played:

- Semi-finals: 1A vs 2B and 2A vs 1B
- Bronze medal game: Semi-final losers
- Gold medal game: Semi-final winners
- Following round-robin play, the following placement games shall be played:
 - 5th place: winner of 3B/4B vs 3A
 - 7th place: 3B vs 4B

1.7.6 Eight or Nine Teams:

(a) This section does not apply to the 13U National Atlantic, 13U National Western.

(b) The teams shall compete in two (2) pools, with the pools determined by Baseball Canada using the following criteria:

- The "serpentine" structure shall be followed (1,4,5,8 in one pool and 2,3,6,7) in the other pool) based on the previous year's results.
- The host team and the team from the host province shall not be in the same pool.
- If the pools are of uneven size, the host team shall be in the larger pool.

(c) The teams shall play a round-robin schedule within their own pools, with each team playing each other team in the pool once.

(d) Following round-robin play, the following "quarter-final" games shall be played:

- QF-1: 3rd pool A vs 2nd Pool B
 - QF-2: 3rd Pool B vs 2nd Pool A
- with the winners moving on to the medal round and the losers to the consolation round.

(e) The following medal round games shall be played:

- Teams will be placed in the Pool A and Pool B divisions based on a point system calculated from the last 3 years results.
 - If tournament is hosted in Province of Pool A team, then Pool A is comprised of both teams from the Host Province and the top 3 teams. Pool B is comprised of the remaining teams.
 - If tournament is hosted in Province of Pool B team, then Pool A is comprised of the top 5 teams. Pool B is comprised of both teams from the Host Province and all remaining teams.
 - If Host Province is ranked 5th based on the last 3 years results, the Provincial Team shall remain in Pool A while the Host Team shall go to Pool B. Does not apply for 16U Girls. For the 16U Girls, a 2nd team from a Province is in Pool B.
- (e) Bottom 3 seeded teams in Pool B have the opportunity to use 2 overage players. If Host Province is in the bottom 3 teams, Host team also allowed 2 overaged players. An overage player is maximum 1 year older.
- (f) First three (3) teams from Pool A, and the first two (2) teams from Pool B shall qualify for playoff round.
- (g) First two (2) teams from Pool A and 1st place team of Pool B shall automatically advance to semi-finals.
- (h) The teams shall play a round-robin schedule within their own pools, with each team playing each other team in the pool. Following round robin play, the following playoff round games shall be played:
- Quarter-final: 3A vs 2B
 - Semi-finals: 1B vs 1A and Winner of 3A/2B vs 2A
 - Bronze medal game: Semi-final losers
 - Gold medal game: Semi-final winners
- Following round-robin play, the following placement games shall be played:
- 5th place: Loser 3A/2B vs 4A
 - 7th place: 5A vs 3B
 - 9th place: 4B vs 5B

1.7.11 **21U Men and Senior Men Divisions**

- (a) Quarter final games in this division. No tie-break games in this division.
- (b) For the Senior Men and 21U Men divisions, a second team from the same Province would receive equal ranking as the first team.
- (c) For the Senior Men and 21U Men divisions, ranking would be based on the last 3 years of the event.

1.8 Determination of Home and Visitor:

1.8.1 **Round-Robin:**

- (a) In pools of four, home and visitor will be determined by Baseball Canada when the schedule is drawn up. Each team will get 1 or 2 home games. Host team will only get 1 home game.
- (b) In pools of five, each team shall be given two home and two away games when the schedule is drawn up by Baseball Canada.
- (c) In pools of six, home and visitor will be determined by Baseball Canada when the schedule is drawn up. Each team will get 2 or 3 home games. Host team will only get 2 home games.
- (d) In the case of a seven-team championship, each team shall have three home and three away games when the schedule is drawn up by Baseball Canada.

1.8.2 **Medal Round Games:**

- (a) This section does not include the Baseball Canada Cup, 15U Boys, 18U.
- (b) When a team plays a team with a lower finish in the round robin (either in the same pool or the other pool), the team with the higher finish shall have the choice of home or away.

- (c) When two teams meet that finished in the same numerical position in different pools, the choice of home or away shall be given to the winner of a coin toss by the Baseball Canada Representative made at a time to be determined by the Representative.

1.8.3 Baseball Canada Cup, 15U Boys, 18U:

- (a) This section applies only to the Baseball Canada Cup, 15U Boys, 18U.
- (b) For all medal-round games, 1st in Pool A shall have choice of home or away. For all other teams in medal-round, qualification, and placement games, when a team plays a team from the same pool with a lower finish in the round robin, the team with the higher finish shall have the choice of home or away. When a team plays a team from the other pool, the choice of home or away shall be given to the winner of a coin toss by the Baseball Canada Representative made at a time to be determined by the Representative.
- (c) The coin tosses will be done by the Baseball Canada Representative at a time or times to be determined by the Representative.

PART II - GAMES AND PROTEST PROCEDURES

2.1 Playing Rules:

2.1.1 Official Playing Rules:

All games of the Baseball Canada Championships shall be governed by the Baseball Canada's Official Rules of Baseball.

2.1.2 Protective Headgear:

- (1) All players shall wear double ear-flap helmets while in the on deck circle, at bat and on the base-paths in all age categories.

RECOMMENDATION

The double earflap helmet is recommended for all batters at all times, while participating in a training session and a competition. This includes INSIDE THE batting cages WITH A COACH THROWING, automatic pitching machine and T-work.

- (2) The C.F.A.B. rules require catchers in all age categories to wear protective helmet and mask while catching. NOTE: This includes practice and warm-up situations such as the bullpen or between innings. Players & Coaches must wear at least a mask in all practices and warm up situations.
- (3) All batboys/batgirls must wear protective double earflap helmets.
- (4) Any player acting as a base coach must wear a proper double ear flap helmet; exclude Senior and 21U Divisions.

RECOMMENDATION

Any player acting as a catcher IS RECOMMENDED TO wear a complete set of catcher's gear (a helmet, a mask and a throat protector; a chest protector; a jock-strap with a cup for men and a Jill straps for women; shin guards; a catcher's glove) when they are crouching. This include practice and warm-up situations such as the bullpen or between innings.

Any division player or any coach warming up a pitcher must wear a mask, a helmet and a throat protector when they are crouching.

2.1.3 DH Rule:

The designated hitter may be used in Senior, 21U, 18U, Baseball Canada Cup.

2.1.4 Extra Hitter:

The Extra Hitter may be used in 13U, 15U, 16U Girls.

An Extra-Hitter (EH) may be placed on the lineup card (a 10th 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 SS could become the EH and the EH become the SS.

In the event that a player is injured and the team has no eligible substitutes available, Re-entry Rule (currently 2.1.8 b) 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.

2.1.5 Courtesy/Designated Runners:

No courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher(s).

2.1.6 Length of Games:

All games in Baseball Canada Championships (13U, 15U Boys/16U Girls, 18U, Baseball Canada Cup, 21U, and Senior) will be seven (7) complete innings (6 ½ complete innings if the home team is ahead) or until a winner is declared. 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 the delay.

2.1.7 Mercy Rule:

(a) The ten run mercy rule shall apply after the fifth (5th) inning or four and a half inning (4 1/2) if the home team is ahead. In a mercy rule ball game, the winning team will get credit for 7 defensive innings while the losing team will only get credit for innings played.

(b) The fifteen run mercy rule shall apply after the fourth (4th) inning or three and a half inning (3 1/2) if the home team is ahead. In a mercy rule ball game, the winning team will get credit for 7 defensive innings while the losing team will only get credit for innings played.

2.1.8 Extra inning game procedure

If the game is tied at the completion of regulation (7 innings), the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings:

Each team will begin the extra inning (and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a player on first and second, no outs. (see example below to confirm who is on first and second)

The batting order of the extra inning or any subsequent innings will be determined by how the previous inning ended. (see example below 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 a winner is determined.

Example:

If the last regulation inning ends with the #6 hitter having the last plate appearance (PA), then the extra inning begins the #7 hitter at bat, and the #5 hitter at second base and the #6 hitter at first base.

With the exception of beginning the inning with runners on first and second base with no one out, all other "Official Baseball Rules" and "Canadian Rules" will remain in effect during extra innings required to determine a winner.

Extra inning game procedure for each division as outlined below:

11U: extra inning procedure for only round robin games.

13U: extra inning procedure for only round robin games.

15U Boys: extra inning procedure for only round robin games.

16U Girls: extra inning procedure for only round robin games.

18U:	extra inning procedure for only round robin games.
Senior Women:	extra inning procedure for only round robin games.
Canada Cup:	extra inning procedure for only round robin games.
21U:	extra inning procedure for only round robin games.
Senior Men:	extra inning procedure based on regular baseball rules.

2.1.9 Re-entry Rule:

- (a) In 13U and 15U Boys/16U Girls Championships, 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.
- (b) A substituted player may return to the game in the event of an injury or illness as determined by the game umpires. Such substitution will occur where all of the players have already entered in the game. The opposing coach shall make the selection of the replacement player whom will not be eligible to pitch in that game. The substitute shall assume the batting order of the injured player. NOTE: This does not apply in the event of an ejection from the game. More specifically, if a coach has entered all of his players in the game and a player is subsequently ejected, the game shall be considered a forfeit as the team has no more substitutes.

2.1.10 Unless there are extenuating circumstances which are accepted by the Baseball Canada Representative, a team not showing up for any game during any Baseball Canada championship will receive a \$1,000 fine and will have the manager of the team suspended for the following 2 games. If the incident occurs within the last 2 games played by the team, the manager shall serve his/her suspension in his/her province.

2.1.11 Teams must get permission from Baseball Canada to depart an event early. Failure to receive permissions will result in a \$5000 fine to Team/Province not able to finish the scheduled games of an event. This does not remove the forfeit rule already in place (currently 2.1.9).

2.2 Game Procedures:

2.2.7 Dugout

The home team will use the third base side dugout while the visiting team will use the first base side.

2.2.8 Time between two games

If a team is scheduled to play two games back to back, it will be entitled to a rest period of one hour following the completion of the first game. However, upon agreement with the head coach, the Baseball Canada Representative may reduce this rest period.

2.2.3 Pre-Game Procedures:

- (a) Teams shall arrive at the designated playing field at least forty-five minutes prior to the designated starting time of the game.
- (b) Starting twenty-five minutes before the designated time of the game, the home team shall have the field for ten minutes for infield/outfield practice.
- (c) The visiting team shall then have the field for ten minutes for infield/outfield practice.
- (d) Following the visiting team's practice time, there shall be the meeting at home plate among the Head Coaches and the umpires.

NOTE: Scheduled starting time means the time indicated on the Championship schedule drawn up prior to the start of play. Designated starting time means the time determined by the Baseball Canada Representative in the event of delays because of inclement weather, lengthy preceding game(s), or other factors.

- (e) The starting line-up including all available substitutes listed shall be given to the official scorer at least thirty minutes prior to the start of the game. The list shall include the surname of each player, coach and manager with his usual first name and his uniform number. The uniform number is to be listed to the left of each name and the playing position of the starting players listed to the right of each name.
- (f) Forty-five minutes prior to turning over the line-up cards to the umpire, team managers will indicate to each other if they plan "left" or "right" handed pitchers to start the game.

2.2.4 Post-Game Procedures:

- (a) At the conclusion of play, the teams shall line up in the home plate area for the traditional handshakes.
- (b) Following the handshakes, upon the request of the Host Committee (which shall be given prior to the game) the teams shall line up on their respective baselines for the presentation of awards.
- (c) Following any post-game ceremonies, teams shall vacate the dugouts in a timely manner so as to not delay any following games.

2.3 Protest Procedures:

- (a) The host will submit the names of the entire Protest Committee to Baseball Canada, at least two (2) weeks prior to the Championship.
- (b) The Baseball Canada Representative will approve the Protest Committee for the Championship.
- (c) The Protest Committee shall be composed of sufficient members to ensure that three members are present at each game of the Championship.
- (d) The names of the members of the Protest Committee shall be made known to the teams at the Pre-Championship meeting. The Baseball Canada Representative will sit on the Protest Committee.
- (e) To be heard, protest must be accompanied with a cash deposit of \$100. In the event that the protesting team wins the protest, the cash deposit will be reimbursed.
- (f) When a protestable incident occurs, the protesting Head Coach must, before the next pitch is made or an attempted play is made, inform the game Crew Chief that he is lodging a protest.
- (g) The Crew Chief shall suspend play and inform the manager of the opposing team and the Protest Committee.

NOTE: No protest may be made on a judgment call.

- (h) The Protest Committee, the Head Coach making protest and the game Crew Chief shall retire to a private area away from the teams, spectators and other persons.
- (i) The Protest Committee shall hear and question in the following order:
 - the game Crew Chief,
 - the protesting Head Coach, and
 - the opposing Head Coach (if necessary).
 The Protest Committee shall have the power to exclude any of those persons while talking to any of the others.
- (j) The Head Coach's & game Crew Chief shall then leave while the Protest Committee shall discuss the protest.
- (k) 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.
- (l) The Protest Committee shall rule on the protest and inform the game Crew Chief and he in turn will advise the Team Head Coaches and resume play.
- (m) The game Crew Chief shall put the decision into effect & order resumption of play from the point of suspension.
- (n) No further argument or comment on the protest shall be entertained.
- (o) The decision of the Protest Committee shall be final. There shall be no appeal to any other body.

2.4 **Medal Games not being played:**

- (a) If an event ends without completion of semi final games, no medals will be awarded.
- (b) If gold medal game cannot be completed, both teams receive a set of gold medals.
- (c) If bronze medal game cannot be completed, both teams receive a set of bronze medals

PART III - UMPIRES

3.1 **Assignments:**

The Supervisory Team, for the Baseball Canada Championship shall be assigned by Baseball Canada. In all, nine umpires and one Supervisor of Umpires are to be assigned during a 6 team Championship. For a 10 team Championship, 12 umpires plus one Supervisor and two Assistant Supervisors are to be assigned. For an 11 team Championship, 15 umpires plus one Supervisor and two Assistant Supervisors are to be assigned. The Provincial Umpire Supervisors shall nominate umpires for Baseball Canada Championships to the Umpires' Committee of Baseball Canada, with approval from the Provincial Presidents. The Baseball Canada's Umpires' Committee will then assign the nominated Umpires to each Championship.

3.2 **Umpires Meeting:**

At a convenient time prior to the Pre-Championship meeting described earlier, the umpiring staff, the Supervisor of Umpires, the Chairman of the Host Committee, and the Baseball Canada Representative shall meet. The discussions will include ground rules, umpiring crews, and any other items the umpiring crews may wish to discuss for the purpose of clarifying rules or procedures.

3.3 **Umpire infractions:**

(Provincial Baseball Associations will be invoiced \$100 for this) include the following:

- Failure to follow the proper dress code.

For this infraction, before any fine is imposed on the provinces, the Baseball Canada Representative may issue one warning in order to allow the umpire a chance to solve the problem.

PART IV - BASEBALL CANADA

CHAMPIONSHIPS - TIE BREAKING FORMAT, PRIORITIES, & FORMULA

4.1.1 Please note the following before going through the tie-breaking priorities:

4.1.2 In any 11 team tournament, at the 13U division, the tie-break priorities will be used only to rank the team within each pool. No tie-break games shall be played.

4.1.3 Does not apply for Canada Cup, 15U Boys, 18U. In a three-way tie, for first place only, one team will be awarded first place using the priorities. The second and third teams involved in the tie will play a playoff game with the winner to advance to the championship round with the first place team.

4.1.4 In a mercy rule ball game, the winning team will get credit for 7 defensive innings while the losing team will only get credit for innings played.

4.1.5 If a team forfeits a game, the final score will be 1 run per regulation (7 innings) for the winning team and 0 runs for the team that did forfeit. In a forfeit game, the winning team will get credit for 1 defensive innings per regulation (7 innings) while the losing team will get credit for 0 innings played defensively. In a forfeit game, the winning team will get credit for 0 offensive innings per regulation (7 innings) while the losing team will get credit for innings per regulation (7 innings) played offensively.

4.2 Should ties occur between the provinces, division standings will be decided according to the following priorities:

1. 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.
2. Does not apply for Senior Men Division. For the Tie-breaking formula the extra inning rule, only the runs scored/allowed in the regulation innings be counted in the run ratio. Do not use the extra inning stats in the tie-breaking formula.
3. The team with the best win-loss record in the game(s) between or among the tied teams will place higher in the standings.
4. If the tie still persists, the placement of teams will be dictated by the ratio of number of runs against per defensive inning for games between or among the original tied teams.
5. 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 (4) and (5), innings will be calculated on a fractional basis.
6. If the tie still persists, the team having the best win-loss 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.

4.3 If rule 4.1.3 and 4.2 cannot resolve ranking between tied teams, use Rule 2.1.7 Extra inning game procedure, for 1 inning between tied teams, until a winner is determined.

Example:

B.C., Ontario and Newfoundland all tied after the completion of the Round Robin portion of the tournament.

- Priority 1: B.C. defeated Ontario 6 - 3
Newfoundland defeated B.C. 6 - 4
Ontario defeated Newfoundland 10 - 8
 - No tie resolved, move to next priority
- Priority 2: B.C. 9 runs against in 14 innings $(9/14) = .643$
Ontario 14 runs against in 14 innings $(14/14) = 1.000$
Nfld 14 runs against in 14 innings $(14/14) = 1.000$
 - B.C. emerges from the tie but Ontario and Newfoundland remain tied and must move to next priority
- Priority 3: Ontario 13 runs for in 14 innings $(13/14) = .929$
Nfld 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 will be:

Visiting Team: 5 offensive innings, 4 $\frac{2}{3}$ defensive innings

Home Team: 4 $\frac{2}{3}$ offensive innings 7 defensive innings.

Canada Cup Only

In the Pool A, if teams end up with same record, the tie-break formula will be used.

If in the Pool B three teams end up tied for 1st place with an 4-1 record, the tie-break formula will be used to determine the team who will finish 1st and advancing to semi-finals. A playoff game will be played between the two remaining teams to determine which team will move into the 1/4 finals (winner of this game) and which will play in the 3B vs 4B game (team that lost in this game). For any other tie scenarios in the “B” pool, the tie-break formula will be used.

15U Boys, 18U Divisions Only

In the Pool A, if teams end up with same record, the tie-break formula will be used.

If in the Pool B three teams end up tied for 1st place with only 1 loss, the tie-break formula will be used to determine the team who will finish 1st and advancing to semi-finals. A playoff game will be played between the two remaining teams to determine which team will move into the 1/4 finals (winner of this game) and which will play in the 5A vs 3B game (team that lost in this game). For any other tie scenarios in the “B” pool, the tie-break formula will be used.