



**BASEBALL**  
**C A N A D A**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

# **Participant's Guide**

**(TEAM STAFF)**

**2012 Edition**

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Staff and membership of Baseball Canada, I am pleased to welcome you to this Baseball Canada Championship.

The tournament committee has put a great deal of time and effort into the preparation for this event to ensure that your stay will be an enjoyable one.

I am confident that all players, coaches and officials will return home with great memories of a successful championship.

Your talent, determination and good sportsmanship has brought you this far and I am sure will continue to drive you along whatever path you chose.

The Baseball Canada Championship Committee has made every effort to ensure that this guide is a useful tool. It is our hope that it will answer any questions that may arise and that it will assist you in familiarizing yourselves with the format and procedures of this Championship.

I wish all of you every success in this tournament and know that you are all champions in your own right.

Finally, I take this opportunity to wish everyone safe travel and a rewarding baseball experience.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Ray Carter  
President  
Baseball Canada

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# ***PART ONE:***

## ***BACKGROUND MATERIAL***

***INTRODUCTION***

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# Introduction

Baseball Canada contact: Jim Baba, Director General (jbaba@baseball.ca)

For more than 40 years the Baseball Canada Championships have attracted some of the best baseball talent from across the country. Canadian ball players have enjoyed experiences that will last a lifetime and Canadian cities have displayed their world class hosting talents year after year. To help continue the tradition of great events, Baseball Canada has developed this handbook; answering common questions of participating teams and providing details on the various aspects of the Baseball Canada Championships.

The purpose of this handbook is to make participant information more accessible by putting it all together in one place. For anything that is not contained here, appropriate contact information has been provided so that you can find what you need quickly and easily.

Throughout the handbook, excerpts from **Rules & Regulations for Baseball Canada Championships** have been included to introduce you to some of the more formal procedures and guidelines involved in the Baseball Canada Championships. These excerpts will be displayed in the following format:



**PART I, 1.4.6  
Tobacco**

*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*

Section and Title

Rule Description

In some cases, excerpts from other documents are included. When a document other than the **Rules & Regulations for Baseball Canada Championships** is referenced, it is identified (i.e. **Official Rules of Baseball**).

In addition, at the beginning of each new section, a contact name and e-mail address is provided for the Baseball Canada staff member responsible for that area. The Baseball Canada phone and fax numbers are the same for all staff members and are included in the **Important Contacts** listing in **Appendix A**.

# ***Baseball Canada***

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Baseball Canada contact: Jim Baba, Director General (jbaba@baseball.ca)

## **OUR MANDATE**

Baseball Canada was created by and is the embodiment of the 10 provincial baseball associations working together to further baseball in Canada.

Baseball Canada is empowered by the International Baseball Association to develop baseball in Canada and to represent Canada in international baseball competition.

The Government of Canada recognizes Baseball Canada as the sole governing body for amateur baseball in Canada.

- Canadian Heritage and its Sport Canada directorate recognize Baseball Canada as the representative organization for baseball and eligible for federal funding,
- Revenue Canada recognizes Baseball Canada as the single Registered Canada Amateur Athletic Association (RCAAA) for baseball in Canada, and accords Baseball Canada with charitable organization status. Further, Baseball Canada is a full voting member of the Canadian Olympic Association; responsible for the baseball component of Canada's Pan American team.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

### **OUR FUTURE**

Leading Canadians in the pursuit of excellence and promoting life-long quality experiences in baseball.

**Baseball Canada (continued)**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**OUR MISSION**

Baseball Canada is dedicated through collaborative leadership, to develop, promote and deliver ethical athlete centered programs which allow individuals to maximize their potential.

## ***Provincial Baseball Partners***

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Baseball Canada contact: Jim Baba, Director General (jbaba@baseball.ca)

As stated earlier,

Baseball Canada was created by and is the embodiment of the 10 Provincial baseball associations working together to further baseball in Canada.

The ten<sup>1</sup> provincial baseball associations, namely

- Baseball Alberta
- Baseball BC
- Baseball New Brunswick
- Baseball Nova Scotia
- Baseball PEI
- Baseball Quebec
- Baseball Manitoba
- Baseball Newfoundland
- Baseball Ontario
- Saskatchewan Baseball

are key players in the Baseball Canada Championships. The provincial baseball associations send their teams to the Championships and approve all Championship hosting bids. In brief, there would be no Baseball Canada Championships without the provinces.

For most of the Baseball Canada Championships, each of the provinces sends a team, but for some, each Region is recognized by Baseball Canada as follows:

Atlantic Region:	New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and PEI
British Columbia Region:	British Columbia
Ontario Region:	Ontario
Quebec Region:	Quebec
Prairie Region:	Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan

For more information on the provincial baseball associations consult the contact list in ***Appendix A.***

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<sup>1</sup> Baseball Yukon is an associate member of Baseball Canada but does not participate in the Baseball Canada Championships.

# *The Championships*

Baseball Canada contact: Kelsey McIntosh, Program Coordinator (kmcintosh@baseball.ca)

Baseball Canada has a total of seven championships each summer. They are:

- **Baseball Canada Cup**
- **Baseball Canada Bantam Girls Invitational Championship**
- **Baseball Canada Pee Wee Regional Championships (Atlantic & Western)**
- **Baseball Canada Bantam Boys Championship**
- **Baseball Canada Midget Championship**
- **Baseball Canada Junior Championship**
- **Baseball Canada Senior Championship**

The dates for the upcoming year have been set as:

	Cup	Bantam Girls	Pee Wee Atlantic	Pee Wee Western	Bantam Boys	Midget	Junior	Senior
2012	August 8-13	August 23-27	Sept 6-10	August 23-27	August 23-27	August 16-20	August 16-20	August 23-27

## **The Championships (continued)**

### **THE BASEBALL CANADA CUP**

The Baseball Canada Cup is Baseball Canada's premiere event. It sees competition of the vast majority of the best players from coast to coast at the under-18 age level. Ten provincial teams of twenty players and three coaches (plus a team staff member) compete for the title and, more importantly, to be scouted by amateur and professional scouts alike.

This championship was formed in 1989 to help Baseball Canada select a Youth Team to represent Canada at the World Youth AAA Championship that was held every year (but is now every other year). The Cup serves a number of purposes: selection of Junior Team players for training camp and the National Team; scouting for potential National Team players; evaluation of provincial coaches and identification of potential Junior and Senior team coaches; and an evaluation of the umpires.

Over the years, both the Montreal Expos (with Petro Canada) and the Toronto Blue Jays sponsored this championship. These sponsorships assisted the provinces with travel costs. Since 1999 the event has been without a title sponsor, which has increased the cost to the competing provincial teams.

In 1992 in Kamloops, BC, the gold medal game of what was then known as the Selects Championship was televised by TSN but that was the only time the tournament has had national TV coverage. Ottawa (1993) had local TV coverage through the cable company.

One of the important aspects of this event is its national scope, with players from all ten provinces participating. It has also been hosted in all regions of the country, ranging from Moncton, NB in the east to Kamloops, BC in the west.

Each province has its own method for choosing a team for the Cup. Some procedures include open tryout camps and mini-Selects tournaments with regional representation.

For complete playing rules please refer to the Baseball Canada Rule Book, including the Canadian Content section.

**The Championships (continued)****THE BASEBALL CANADA CUP (continued)**

The Baseball Canada Cup at a glance:

	<b>Baseball Canada Cup</b>
Age	17 and under
Team Size <sup>1</sup> (players+coaches+staff)	24 (20+3+1)
Field size: - basepaths - pitching distance	90' 60'6"

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<sup>1</sup> A fourth, optional coach is permitted at the team's expense.

**The Championships (continued)**

**THE OTHER BASEBALL CANADA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

As mentioned earlier in this section, in addition to the Baseball Canada Cup, Baseball Canada conducts six other annual championships.

<b>BASEBALL CANADA</b>			
	<b>Bantam Girls</b>	<b>Pee Wee</b>	<b>Bantam Boys</b>
<b>CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>			
Age	16 and under <b>(*1-see below)</b>	13 and under	15 and under
Team Size <sup>1</sup> (players+coaches+staff)	Teams in all 3 classifications consist of 22 members (18 players, 3 coaches and a staff member)		
Field size:			
- Basepaths	80'	70'	80'
- pitching distance	54'	48'	54'

**(\*1) - NF, NS, NB, PEI, AB, SK, MB, ON2, QC2, and BC2 may bring three players who do not reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.**

<b>BASEBALL CANADA</b>			
	<b>Midget</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Senior</b>
<b>CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>			
Age	18 and under <b>(*2-see below)</b>	21 and under	(open)
Team Size <sup>2</sup> (players+coaches+staff)	22 (18+3+1)	22 (18+3+1)	25 (21+3+1)
Field size:			
- Basepaths	90'	90'	90'
- pitching distance	60'6"	60'6"	60'6"

**(\*2) - NL may bring two players who do not reach their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year. (Policy approved Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, after the rule book went to print. Provincial offices informed & web site updated.)**

For complete playing rules please refer to the Baseball Canada Rule Book, Canadian Content section.

Note: During Canada Summer Games years up to and including 2001, the baseball Canada Junior Championship was replaced by the Canada Games baseball competition. In 2005, the age group for the Canada Games was be 19 years old and younger (players who do not reach their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year). Starting in 2013, the Canada Games will replace the Canada Cup competition where age group to go down to 17 years old and under.

<sup>1</sup> A fourth, optional coach is permitted at the team's expense.

<sup>2</sup> A fourth, optional coach is permitted at the team's expense.

## ***PART TWO:***

# ***QUALIFICATION & ELIGIBILITY***

### ***TEAM QUALIFICATION***

***TEAM DETERMINATION  
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE  
ROSTERS***

### ***ELIGIBILITY***

***PLAYER  
COACH  
TRAINER  
CHEF DE MISSION OR BUSINESS MANAGER***

# Team Qualification

Baseball Canada contact: Kelsey McIntosh, Program Coordinator (kmcintosh@baseball.ca)

## TEAM DETERMINATION

Each of the Baseball Canada Championships are operated as:

- a province-orientated event (10 or 11 teams)
- a region<sup>1</sup>-orientated event (6 teams)
- some combination of the two.

In each case, the method(s) used to determine the province's (or the region's) representative at each of the Baseball Canada Championships is entirely at the discretion of the province or region<sup>2</sup>.

Some of the more common methods to determine teams are:

- provincial (or regional) championship tournaments held:
  - earlier in the same playing season
  - at or near the end of the previous playing season
- team selection of best players at a special tournament
- team selection of best players at try-out camps

As it is a provincial responsibility, more information will be available from your provincial baseball association (see contact list in Appendix A).

## PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES



### PART I, 1.1 PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES

#### 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

<sup>1</sup> Baseball Canada recognized five regions: BC, Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic.

<sup>2</sup> This position was confirmed at the 1998 Convention in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

## Qualification (continued)

### Performance Guarantees (continued)

With the exception of the Baseball Canada Senior Championship, which is an optional event, the five recognized regions (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies and BC) are required to send a team to all the championships.



**PART I, 1.1  
PERFORMANCE  
GUARANTEES**

#### 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.*

It is very important to remain in close contact with your PBA office in the days leading up to the championship. It is suggested that you request a copy of all communications between your PBA office and either the Baseball Canada office or the host. You should also provide a copy of your communications with these groups to your PBA.

## **ROSTERS**



**PART I, 1.2  
ELIGIBILITY RULES**

#### 1.2.3 Rosters:

- (a) *The final team rosters shall be approved by the PBA and sent through the Baseball Canada Championships website nine (9) days before the first scheduled game of the Championship. The original copy of each team roster (Baseball Canada Championship registration form) will be made available to the Baseball Canada representative at the Pre-Championship Meeting.*
- (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 1<sup>st</sup>. An updated list shall be sent by August 1<sup>st</sup>.*
- (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.**

# Eligibility

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## PLAYER ELIGIBILITY



### PART I, 1.2 ELIGIBILITY RULES

#### 1.1 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 Manager, Baseball Operations of 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 by July 1 of the current year, through the Provincial Association concerned, to the Manager, Baseball Operations of 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 forwarded to Baseball Canada from the professional club. The decision of the Manager Baseball Operations of Baseball Canada is final and may not be appealed.

Concerns about reinstatement as an amateur should be referred to Baseball Canada as early as possible since the acquisition of the required documentation may take some time.



### PART I, 1.2 ELIGIBILITY RULES

(b) An athlete participating in a Baseball Canada Championship must be a Canadian citizen or a full time resident of Canada for twelve consecutive months prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. A player cannot be registered in two provinces simultaneously. Any player moving to another province after June 1<sup>st</sup>, must obtain a release from their old province in order to play for the new province.

In addition to the above requirement, an athlete, other than a Senior Division Player or a student, must reside in the Province for which he participates as of June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

A Senior Division Player need only provide proof of Canadian citizenship and be on a registration form while meeting pro-

*vincial registration requirements.*

*Students studying in a province other than their own may represent either their native province or their province of temporary residence. The individual involved must state which province they intend to play for by June 1 of the current year. This is subject to the approval of the Provincial Association involved and Baseball Canada, NOT the club involved.*

- (c) *An athlete must be a registered player of the Provincial Baseball Association that his team represents.*

## COACH ELIGIBILITY



**PART I, 1.2  
ELIGIBILITY RULES**

### 1.2.2 Coaches:

- (a) **Only coaches meeting the following requirements will be eligible to coach at nationals for 2011.**

<i>Division &amp; Category</i>	<b>Requirements</b>
<i>Pee-Wee Regionals</i>	<b>1 Coach is Certified Regional Other Coaches are Trained Regional</b>
<i>Bantam Boys &amp; Girls</i>	<b>1 Coach is Certified Provincial Other Coaches are Trained Provincial</b>
<i>Midget</i>	<b>1 Coach is Certified Provincial Other Coaches are Trained Provincial</b>
<i>Junior</i>	<b>1 Coach is Certified Provincial Other Coaches are Trained Provincial</b>
<i>Senior Men</i>	<b>All Coaches are Trained Regional or Level 1 Certified + 2 Technical in Old NCCP</b>
<i>Canada Cup</i>	<b>All Coaches are Trained Comp-Dev. (*)</b>

\* A Province can identify the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> assistant coaches as ‘Development Coaches’. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> year to the Canada Cup, they would need to fully meet the requirements of Comp-Dev Certified.

- (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.

It should be noted that all coaches must meet coaching requirement to participate in any championships.

All matters concerning coach eligibility should first be referred to the provincial baseball association (PBA).

## *Eligibility (continued)*

### **TRAINER ELIGIBILITY**

Baseball Canada allows a trainer to be in the dugout area provided that some proof of training is provided. At present, the minimum qualification for a trainer is Red Cross First Aid certification or equivalent. Trainers are not permitted to perform any other function (such as coaching).

### **CHEF DE MISSION OR BUSINESS MANAGER**

The *provincial baseball association (PBA)* appoints the *Chef de Mission or Business Manager of the team*. This individual is responsible for the team's affairs off the field but is not permitted in the dugout area during games.

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.**

## ***PART THREE:***

### ***PEOPLE***

#### ***TEAM MEMBERS***

##### ***STAFF***

***CHEF DE MISSION/BUSINESS MANAGER***

##### ***COACHING STAFF***

***HEAD COACH OR MANAGER***

***ASSISTANT COACHES***

***OPTIONAL FOURTH COACH***

##### ***OTHER STAFF***

***TRAINER***

##### ***PLAYERS***

#### ***THE HOST***

***HOST COMMITTEE***

***EVENT STAFF***

***SECURITY STAFF***

#### ***BASEBALL CANADA OFFICIALS***

***BASEBALL CANADA REP***

***UMPIRING STAFF***

***BASEBALL CANADA OFFICE STAFF***

# Team Members

Baseball Canada contact: Kelsey McIntosh, Program Coordinator (kmcintosh@baseball.ca)

## TEAM STAFF

### **CHEF DE MISSION / BUSINESS MANAGER**

The *chef de mission* or business manager is appointed by the provincial baseball association to be its representative to travel with the team and be responsible for the team's conduct (in conjunction with the manager or head coach) off the field.

The *chef de mission* or business manager should be the primary point of contact for the team in its dealings with both Baseball Canada and the host committee.

## **COACHING STAFF**

The coaching staff of the team consists of the:

- Manager or head coach
- Assistant coaches (2)
- Optional third assistant coach (at team's expense)



**OFFICIAL RULES  
OF BASEBALL –  
Rule 3.15**

*No person shall be allowed on the playing field during a game except players and coaches in uniform, managers, news photographers authorized by the home club, officers of the law in uniform and watchmen and other employees of the home club.*



**PART I, 1.4  
Team Discipline**

#### **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. 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.*

All coaches in the dugout or on the field must wear a full and complete baseball uniform that is consistent with those worn by the players.

**Team Members / Team Staff (continued)**

**Coaching Staff (continued)**



**PART I, 1.4  
Team Discipline**

- 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-one (21) players in the case of Senior and twenty (20) players in the case of Canada Cup three (or four) coaches, one trainer and one batboy in uniform are authorized personnel. A chef de mission will be considered a coach if standing in the dugout and will have to fulfill the coaches requirements.*

It is important to note that the Chef de Mission or Business Manager is not considered one of the coaches and cannot be in the dugout during the game.

See Appendix D for Baseball Canada's Coach's Discipline Policy.

**Manager or Head Coach**

Throughout the *Official Rules of Baseball* the head coach is referred to as manager. Baseball Canada uses these two terms interchangeably.

From the *Official Rules of Baseball*, Rule 2.00 (Manager):



**OFFICIAL RULES  
OF BASEBALL –  
Rule 2.00 – Manager**

- The MANAGER is a person appointed by the club to be responsible for the team's actions on the field, and to represent the team in communications with the umpire and the opposing team. A player may be appointed manager.*
- (a) The club shall designate the manager to the league president or the umpire-in-chief not less than thirty minutes before the scheduled starting time of the game.<sup>1</sup>*
  - (b) The manager may advise the umpire that he has delegated specific duties prescribed by the rules to a player or coach, and any action of such designated representative shall be official. The manager shall always be responsible for his teams conduct, observance of the official rules and deference to the umpires.*
  - (c) If a manager leaves the field, he shall designate a player or coach as his substitute, and such substitute manager shall have the duties, rights and responsibilities of the manager. If the manager fails or refuses to designate his substitute before leaving, the umpire-in-chief shall designate a team member as substitute manager.*

<sup>1</sup> Under Baseball Canada's rules, the manager or head coach is the person so designated on the roster.

## **Team Members / Team Staff (continued)**

### **Coaching Staff / Manager or Head Coach (continued)**

Baseball Canada rules preclude players from assuming coaching-related duties unless they are also listed as coaches. (See Coach Eligibility.)

The manager (head coach) must meet the same eligibility requirements as all coaches. (See Coach Eligibility.)

Baseball Canada considers the manager (head coach) to be responsible for the conduct on his/her team while on the field. Responsibility for the team's conduct off the field is shared between the manager (head coach) and the *chef de mission*/business manager.

### **Assistant Coaches**

Three assistant coaches are permitted to be part of the coaching staff. All must meet the eligibility requirements for coaches. Only two of the assistant coaches are covered under the hosting agreement (see below).

### **Optional Fourth Coach**

It is very important to note that only two assistant coaches are covered under the hosting agreements, so if a third assistant coach is included in the team staff all costs associated with that third coach are the responsibility of the team.

Teams must make arrangements for a fourth coach with the host committee well in advance.

## **OTHER STAFF**

### **Trainer**

Baseball Canada permits teams to have a trainer in the dugout. This individual must have some training for the duties of this position (see Trainer Eligibility). The trainer should work with the on-site medical personnel to provide emergency first aid as required.

Trainers must not become involved in the coaching duties of the team. Umpires will normally not permit such personnel from directing comments to themselves nor to opposing team members.

## **Team Members (continued)**

### **PLAYERS**

The Baseball Canada Championships are, first and foremost, for the players. Whether they are 13-year olds or 40-year olds, players are the major concern of Baseball Canada. Baseball Canada wants the experience of attending a national championship to be a positive one for all concerned. While not every player can return home with a gold medal, all can have a fun, safe and enriching experience that will provide happy memories for a lifetime.

Baseball Canada attempts to do everything within its power to provide for the safety of the players, ranging from safety on the field to protection from harassment and abuse off the field. While accidents and injuries do sometimes occur as a part of the sport of baseball, we try to minimize their likelihood and, if that fails, to minimize the effect by having the host provides on-site medical services.

It is Baseball Canada's position that all players are to be treated fairly and with respect. It does, however, also fall upon the team staff and the provincial baseball association to work with Baseball Canada in attaining this goal.

However, respect is a two-way street and Baseball Canada requires all players, regardless of age, to be model ambassadors for their teams, their provinces and Baseball Canada itself. Players are expected to display restraint, both in their joy of success and also in their disappointment of failure. The host committee and its facilities are to be respected, as are opponents, officials and spectators.

Let's make the championship experience a positive one for everyone involved, especially the players.

### **An Important Note on Team Discipline**

The team staff must ensure that all members of the team exhibit good behavior and good sportsmanship at all times, both on and off the field. The members of you team are ambassadors for your community, your province, your provincial baseball association and Baseball Canada.



**PART I, 1.4  
Team Discipline**

#### 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.

# *Host*

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Baseball Canada contact: Kelsey McIntosh, Program Coordinator (kmcintosh@baseball.ca)

## **HOST COMMITTEE**

The host committee is responsible to host the Baseball Canada Championship in accordance with:

- the *Rules and Regulations For Baseball Canada Championships*,
- the *Official Rules of Baseball* as published annually by Baseball Canada,
- the hosting agreement signed by the host, the host PBA and Baseball Canada, and
- the *Baseball Canada Championship Hosting Guide*.

The host committee can be a fairly complex organization, with subcommittees to perform many functions. As each host committee defines its own structure, more details on the host committee at your event will come from the committee itself. A sample host committee organization can be seen in Appendix C.

Two areas of concern to most teams are transportation and accommodations. Be sure you have telephone numbers to the individuals responsible for these areas in case of a problem.

Dealing with members of the host committee on minor issues is normally welcomed in an attempt to reduce the "red tape" involved. However, any disputes should be immediately addressed to the Baseball Canada Rep.

Remember that in virtually all cases, the members of the host committee are volunteers, just like you. Treat them with a little respect and appreciation and they will take good care of you and your team.

## **EVENT STAFF**

The host committee's event staff should be easily identified while on-site (ID badge or uniform) and must be available in sufficient numbers to ensure the smooth operation of the event.

Remember that the event staff work for the host committee and not for you or your team. Requests made to the event staff (except for trivial matters) should be channeled through the host committee chair or the Baseball Canada rep.

## **Host (continued)**

### **MEDICAL STAFF**

The host shall coordinate the overall medical coverage and emergency services for the entire event. Following are the specific responsibilities of the host related to medical staff:

- Coordinate first aid treatment at all facilities
- Arrange for ambulance and emergency personnel on call for all games
- Contact local hospitals in case of emergency treatments
- Provide a doctor and dentist on call for all games
- Massage/physio not mandatory but recommended

### **SECURITY STAFF**

The host shall provide a security centre from which all security related activities shall be coordinated. It shall be the responsibility of the host to provide for the safety of all participants, volunteers, staff, umpires, VIP's and the general public.

Security shall also be provided in order to:

- Control media and public access to player / team areas
- Movement within specific area is restricted according to specific authorization
- Ensure the security of team equipment at all times during games, practices and storage

**All team players and staff are required to follow directions or orders of security staff.**

# ***Baseball Canada Officials***

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Baseball Canada contact: Kelsey McIntosh, Program Coordinator (kmcintosh@baseball.ca)

## **BASEBALL CANADA REP**

### **Selection Process**

Baseball Canada Representatives are nominated by the Chairperson of the Baseball Canada Championships Committee and approved by the executive no later than their spring meeting.

### **Job Description**

The Baseball Canada Representative is assigned to oversee the championship on behalf of Baseball Canada. His or her duties include:

- chairing the pre-championship meeting
- representing Baseball Canada at the banquet and during ceremonies
- supervising all on-field protests
- handling discipline/suspensions
- addressing the host's concerns with the teams
- communicating team concerns to the Supervisor of Umpires/host
- finalizing any schedule change and communicating this change to the teams and umpires
- being the host liaison with Baseball Canada while the championship is taking place
- The Baseball Canada Representative has the ultimate say on any aspects of the championship

### **Communication**

During the championship the Rep is to be the only person from the championship who contacts the Baseball Canada office. Any request or concerns should be made through him or her.

## **UMPIRING STAFF**

Although the umpires would prefer to remain unnoticed at a Baseball Canada Championship, there are a few things to consider regarding the men (and women) in blue. The following excerpt from *Rules & Regulations for Baseball Canada Championships* explains how the umpires are assigned.

## **Baseball Canada Officials (continued)**

### **Umpiring Staff (continued)**



**PART III  
Umpires**

*The Supervisor of Umpires, and Assistant Supervisor of Umpires (7 or more teams), for the Baseball Canada Championship shall be assigned by Baseball Canada. In all events, 9 umpires and 2 Supervisor of Umpires are to be assigned during a 6 team Championship. For a 10 team Championship, 12 umpires plus 3 Supervisors are to be assigned. For an 11 team Championship, 15 umpires plus 3 Supervisors are to be assigned.*

*The Provincial Supervisors of Umpires shall nominate umpires for Baseball Canada Championships to the Umpires' Committee of Baseball Canada, in consultation with the Provincial Presidents. Baseball Canada's Umpires' Committee will then assign the nominated Umpires to each Championship*

### **Umpire Supervisor(s)**

The umpire supervisor(s) are responsible for all issues pertaining to the officiating of the games of the championship. This includes the work of the umpires on the field, scheduling, etc.

Concerns about the officiating should be addressed to the Baseball Canada Rep, who will discuss them with the umpire supervisor(s).

### **Umpires**

During the round-robin portion of the championship the umpires usually work in regular crews of three. For the medal round games, the umpire supervisor often changes the crews and sometimes uses four or even six umpires for the final games.

### **Conduct in Dealing With Umpires**



**PART II, 1.4.5  
ELIGIBILITY RULES  
Touching an Umpire**

*Touching an Umpire:*

*Bumping, shoving, or pushing an umpire shall bring automatic ejection from that game. Further penalty may be imposed at the discretion of the Baseball Canada Representative and such action must be announced before the next scheduled game of the team involved.*

## **Baseball Canada Officials (continued)**

### **Umpiring Staff (continued)**

In paragraph (b) of the definition of manager (head coach), the *Official Rules of Baseball* states:

***The manager shall always be responsible for his teams conduct, observance of the official rules and deference to the umpires.***

Players are not to address comments to the umpires. Coaches must control their players and get between them and the umpires whenever an "incident" appears imminent. The manager should use restraint in his dealings with the umpires. Profanity will never be tolerated, nor will personal insults or any attempt to "show up" the umpires.

The umpires must not be confronted while off the field. Any team member who does so will be subject to disciplinary action by the Baseball Canada Rep.

## **BASEBALL CANADA OFFICE STAFF**

Team staff and provincial baseball association staff will be in contact with the Baseball Canada staff at the office in Ottawa in the months and weeks leading up to the championships. This is to be expected.

However, during the championship, only the Baseball Canada Rep is to be in contact with staff in the office in Ottawa. All requests are to be channeled through the Baseball Canada Rep.

## ***PART FOUR:***

# ***BEFORE THE CHAMPIONSHIP***

### ***TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS***

***ARRIVAL DEADLINE***

***DEPARTURE TIME***

***LOCAL TRANSPORTATION***

### ***ROSTER SUBMISSION***

### ***THE SCHEDULE***

# ***Travel Arrangements***

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Baseball Canada contact: Kelsey McIntosh, Program Coordinator (kmcintosh@baseball.ca)

Team Travel is arranged by the team's provincial baseball association or by the team itself. In addition, these arrangements can be made anywhere from several months in advance to just prior to the championship.

As you may expect, this can make it difficult to track down each team's travel itinerary and method of travel. Please have this information sent to the hosting committee as soon as your plans are finalized.

Once this travel information has been received, it is the host's responsibility to arrange airport pick-ups and hotel/accommodation directions. Once these arrangements have been made they must be communicated to each team well in advance of their travel.

## **ARRIVAL DEADLINE:**

Your team will be required to arrive on the Wednesday prior to the start of play (or Tuesday for Canada Cup) in time for the Pre-Championship Meeting and any other scheduled events such as a banquet or a barbeque.

## **DEPARTURE TIME:**

Departure is anytime on the Tuesday after the end of play, as Monday is set aside for a rain day.

## **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION:**

The host will be responsible for providing no cost local transportation from the airport to the accommodation site for teams traveling by plane and provide directions for those teams traveling by bus. During the championship the host must provide no-cost daily transportation to and from the ballpark.

# Roster Submission

Baseball Canada contact: Kelsey McIntosh, Program Coordinator (kmcintosh@baseball.ca)

Rosters are submitted to Baseball Canada by the provincial baseball association (PBA) offices and **NOT** by the teams. There can be no exceptions to this rule!

The roster form submitted to Baseball Canada by your PBA on your behalf serves three purposes. It identifies:

- your team as your province's official representative
- the members of your team to Baseball Canada and the host committee
- the coaching certification status of your coaching staff

The roster form is the only form required from the teams/PBAs.



**PART I, 1.2  
ELIGIBILITY RULES**

### 1.2.3 Rosters:

- (a) *The final team rosters shall be approved by the PBA and sent using the Baseball Canada web interface nine (9) days before the first scheduled game of the Championship. The original copy of each team roster (Baseball Canada Championship registration form) will be made available to the Baseball Canada representative at the Pre-Championship Meeting.*
- (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 1<sup>st</sup>. An updated list shall be sent by August 1<sup>st</sup>.*
- (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.**

You should contact your PBA for information on submitting your roster data to the provincial office in time for the PBA office to meet the deadline of nine days prior to the start of the championship.

Remember to bring a copy of your roster to the championship.

# Schedule

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## POOLS AND DRAW (SCHEDULE)

Baseball Canada will provide the pools and draw to the host committee no later than March 31 (May 31 for Senior). Upon receipt of the draw the host has 30 days to review it and make any recommended changes. Baseball Canada will make every effort to accommodate the host's needs but will not permit them to negatively impact all teams being treated fairly.

The determination of Home and Visitor is handled as follows:

- For round-robin play: 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. In pools of five, each team shall be given two home and two away games when the schedule is drawn up by Baseball Canada. 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. 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.
- For medal-round games: This section does not include the Baseball Canada Cup. 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. 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.
- For the Baseball Canada Cup: This section applies only to the Baseball Canada Cup. The determination of home and away for all medal-round, qualification and placement games shall be done by coin toss, with the winner of the toss having the choice of home or away. The coin tosses will be done by the Baseball Canada Representative at a time or times to be determined by the Representative.

In championships with less than eight teams, a single pool is used and the teams play all other teams once in the round robin. The top two teams play for the gold medals, while the third- and fourth-place teams play for the bronze.

Championships with eight or nine teams see two pools used, with teams playing all other teams in their pool in the round robin. Quarterfinals are played with the second- and third-place teams crossing over to play against the other pool (i.e. 2A vs 3B and 2B vs 3A). The winners advance against the two first-place teams in the championship semi-finals while

the losers are relegated to the consolation round. The semi-final winners play for gold; the losers for bronze.

Championships with ten teams also have two pools and the same round-robin format but do not have the quarterfinals. The top two teams in each pool advance to the semi-finals (2A vs 1B and 2B vs 1A) with the winners playing for gold and the losers for bronze. This does not apply to the Baseball Canada Cup (see below). For eleven teams, first 3 teams of each pools will advance to playoffs.

In all two-pool events (except the Baseball Canada Cup), the pools are determined by Baseball Canada using the “serpentine” structure based on the previous year’s results. For example, in an eleven team event, one pool would have teams ranked 1-4-5-8-9 and the other pool would have teams ranked 2-3-6-7-10. The host team is then added to the pool that does not contain the host-province’s team. For example, at the Bantam championship in Windsor, ON the Windsor team would be added to the pool that does not contain the Ontario team.

Any playoff game required to break a tie will be played on the last day of the event (Sunday). A playoff game is only required when:

- At a championship other than the Baseball Canada Cup, three teams are tied for first place. The tie-breaking formula is used to place one team in first-place and the other two teams play to determine second-place and the second spot in the medal round
- At the Baseball Canada Cup, two teams tie for first-place in the “B” pool with a record of three wins and one loss. The teams play to determine which team advances to the medal round.

At the Pee Wee and Bantam championships, no game shall begin after 10:00 p.m. unless bad weather conditions would otherwise prevent the championship from being completed.

**For each 11 team championship, no tie-break games shall be played.**

## BASEBALL CANADA CUP

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

- **Last 3 years Baseball Canada Cup results shall be used to determine the pool composition.**
  - **All three (3) teams from pool A, and the first two (2) teams from pool B shall qualify for final round.**
  - **The first 2 teams from Pool A shall automatically advance to semi-finals.**
- (a) 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.**

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

- **Quarter-finals: 2B vs 3A**
- **Semi-finals: 1B vs 1A and Winner of 2B vs 3A vs 2A**
- **Bronze medal game: Semi-final losers**
- **Gold medal game: Semi-final winners**

**(c) Following round-robin play, the following placement games shall be played:**

- **5<sup>th</sup> place: Loser 3A/2B vs 4A**
- **7<sup>th</sup> place: 4B vs 3B**
- **9<sup>th</sup> place: 6B vs 5B**

To help with the understanding of the rules for the Baseball Canada Cup, below is an example of how the two pools would be set up (based on 2007's results):

<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>
BC	Alberta
Ontario	New Brunswick
Québec	Nova Scotia
Saskatchewan	Newfoundland
	PEI
	Manitoba

If the teams finished in this order after the round robin, then the medal round would occur as follows:

- **Quarter-Final A: New Brunswick vs Québec**
- **Semi-Final A: Winner of QF A vs. Ontario**
- **Semi-Final B: Alberta vs British Columbia**
- **Gold Game: Winner SFA vs Winner SFB**
- **Bronze Game: Loser SFA vs Loser SFB**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Place Game: Loser QF A vs. Saskatchewan**
- **7<sup>th</sup> Place Game Newfoundland vs. Nova Scotia**
- **9<sup>th</sup> Place Game Manitoba vs. PEI**

In order to determine the placement of teams in Pools for the following year, the final finish will be considered. Finishing 1<sup>st</sup> will give the province 10 points, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 points and so on. Average from the last 3 years will always be used to rank teams for following year.

## **SCHEDULE FINALIZATION**

Baseball Canada has traditionally consulted the provinces on the schedules before they are finalized. This gives the PBA offices the opportunity to voice concerns over the schedule before it is finalized. Failure of a PBA to present its objections in a timely manner will preclude any changes.

Baseball Canada, through the Baseball Canada Championship Committee and the Manager of Baseball Operations, has the final say on scheduling matters.

## **SCHEDULE REVISION**

In the event of inclement weather, the schedule may have to be changed. While the Baseball Canada Rep has the final say on the revised schedule, he/she will consult with the host committee, the teams and the umpires before making any decisions.

## ***PART FIVE:***

# ***AT THE CHAMPIONSHIP***

***CHAMPIONSHIP ITINERARY***  
***DISCIPLINE***  
***ARRIVAL***  
***LOCAL TRANSPORTATION***  
***MEALS***  
***ACCOMMODATIONS***  
***RULES***  
***PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING***  
***BANQUET***  
***CEREMONIES***  
***GAME PROCEDURES***  
***PROTEST PROCEDURES***  
***MEDICAL SERVICES***  
***REGISTRATION/ACCREDITATION***  
***TEAM SERVICES***  
***SECURITY***  
***TICKETING***  
***AWARDS***  
***DEALING WITH THE MEDIA***  
***REPORTING PROBLEMS***

# *At the Championship*

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## **CHAMPIONSHIP ITINERARY**

- **Wednesday** (Or Tuesday for Canada Cup)
  - Arrival of teams, umpires, Baseball Canada Rep
  - Registration/Accreditation
  - Umpires meeting
  - Banquet (unless after event)
  - Pre-Championship meeting
- **Thursday**
  - Competition begins
  - Opening ceremonies
  - Optional special events
- **Friday**
  - Competition continues
  - Optional special events
- **Saturday**
  - Competition continues
  - Optional special events
- **Sunday**
  - Competition concludes with medal games
  - Closing ceremonies
  - Banquet (unless before event)
- **Monday**
  - Rain day to complete schedule if needed
- **Tuesday**
  - Departure of teams, umpires and Baseball Canada Rep

## **DISCIPLINE**

This is a very important topic. Your team is representing your province, your provincial baseball association and, indirectly, Baseball Canada. You and all members of your team are expected to be good ambassadors for your province.

Please refer to the Baseball Canada Discipline Policy in Appendix D.

The host committee, the Baseball Canada Rep and Baseball Canada, will handle breaches of acceptable conduct in a most serious manner.

## **At the Championship (continued)**

### **ARRIVAL**

Upon arrival at the designated airport, representatives of the host committee will meet you. You will be transported to the appropriate venue by the host committee's staff. (Does not apply to Pee-Wee events)

### **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION (does not apply to Pee-Wee events)**

The host committee is responsible to transport your team from the accommodations site to the playing venue(s) as required, plus other event-related activities such as practices, the banquet, ceremonies, etc.

Requests for other transportation will be determined at the discretion of the host committee.

### **MEALS**

At one point during the championship a no-cost banquet, BBQ or casual evening meal will be provided to all participants.

At most championships, the responsibility for meals rests with the team.

It is recommended that the host offers a meal plan to the teams whenever possible. This would be a prepaid plan that teams could purchase which would provide them with a specified number of meals for the duration of the championship. It can be arranged with any number of food services (hotel, restaurants, catering company and universities) and it must be flexible in the event of last minute schedule changes.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

The host will invoice provincial baseball associations no more than \$4000 to help cover the cost of the following accommodations (\$5000 for Canada Cup)

The host, unless otherwise specified in the hosting agreement, will be responsible for the following accommodations:

- Teams:
  - Players (18 per team except for 21 in Senior and 20 at Canada Cup)
  - Coaches (3 per team)

## **At the Championship (continued)**

### **Accommodations (continued)**

- Business manager of *chef de mission* (1 per team)
- Umpiring Staff:
  - 9 umpires and 2 supervisors for 6-8 team events
  - 12 umpires and 2 supervisors for 10 team events
  - 15 umpires and 3 supervisors for 11 team events
- Baseball Canada Rep

For teams, unless otherwise specified in the hosting agreement, the host will be responsible for the following sleeping accommodations:

- Four players to a room maximum at a local hotel or university residence
- Two members to a room for team coaching staff

Please note that teams are now allowed to bring a fourth coach at their expense.

Team staff should review the condition of all rooms to be occupied by the team with a member of the host committee. Upon departure, the same review should be done to determine any damage caused by the team. The host should provide a written document clearly indicating any damage caused by the team.

Any problems or disputes associated with accommodations should be referred to the Baseball Canada Rep.

## **RULES**

### **Official Rules of Baseball**

The Official Rules of Baseball is published annually by Baseball Canada. This document is the official rules of Major League Baseball, with sections added by Baseball Canada for Canadian use. These sections are:

- Rules and Regulations for Baseball Canada Championships (“the blue section”)
- Canadian content rules (“the black side bar section”)
  - Age divisions, and
  - Baseball Canada rule interpretations
  - Minor division rules (Mosquito, Pee Wee and Bantam)

The Canadian Content section and the *Rules and Regulations for Baseball Canada Championships* are reproduced in **Appendix D**. Copies of the *Official Rules of Baseball* book are available from Baseball Canada or from your PBA.

## **At the Championships (continued)**

### **Rules (continued)**

#### **Rules and Regulations for Baseball Canada Championships**

These are the rules that apply specifically to the Baseball Canada Championships. These rules are reproduced in this document in **Appendix D**. Topics covered in these rules include the following:

##### **PART I – THE TEAMS**

- Performance Guarantees
  - Financial Responsibility
  - Attendance
  - Team Eligibility
- Eligibility Rules
  - Athletes
  - Coaches
  - Rosters
- Publicity
- Team Discipline
- Power of Decision
- AGM Decisions
- Pre-Championship Meeting
- Championship Schedule
  - Schedule Approval
  - Playoff Game
  - Start Time (Curfew)
  - Less than Eight teams
  - Eight or Nine Teams
  - Ten or Eleven teams
  - Baseball Canada Cup
- Determination of Home and Visitor
  - Round-Robin
  - Medal-Round Games
  - Baseball Canada Cup

##### **PART II – GAMES AND PROTEST PROCEDURES**

- Playing Rules
  - Official Playing Rules
  - Protective Headgear
  - DH Rule
  - Courtesy/Designated Runners
  - Length of Games
  - Mercy Rule
  - Extra Inning Game Procedure

## *At the Championships (continued)*

### Rules (continued)

#### Rules & Regulations for Baseball Canada Championships (continued)

- Game Procedures
  - Pre-Game Procedures
  - Post-Game Procedures
- Protest Procedures
- PART III – UMPIRES
  - Assignments
  - Umpires Meeting
- PART IV – Baseball Canada Championship Format & Tie-Breaking Formula

A few of these rules need some discussion here:

#### Protective Headgear:



**PART II, 2.1.2  
PLAYING RULES  
Headgear**

- 1) *All Players shall wear double earflap helmets while in the on-deck circle, at bat and on the base-paths in all age categories.*
- 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 and between innings. Players and coaches must wear at least a mask in all practice and warm-up situations.*
- 3) *All batboys/batgirls must wear protective double earflap helmets.*

#### Re-entry Rule



**PART II, 2.1.7  
PLAYING RULES  
Re-entry Rule**

#### Re-entry Rule (adopted in 2002):

*In Pee Wee and Bantam 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.*

Coaches should also note the following rules that might differ from those used in their provinces:

- DH rule (for the pitcher only) in Midget, Junior, Senior and the Baseball Canada Cup
- Courtesy and designated runners are not permitted
- All games in all age categories are seven (7) innings
- The ten-run mercy rule after the team trailing has had at least five at-bats.

## At the Championships (continued)

### Rules (continued)

#### Canadian Content

The Canadian Content section of the Official Rules of Baseball contains the age divisions recognized by Baseball Canada (discussed earlier in this document), interpretations of the rules and special rules for minor divisions (Mosquito, Pee Wee and Bantam).

The age divisions are covered earlier in this document.

A few important notes on the rule interpretations offered in this section:



OFFICIAL RULES  
OF BASEBALL –  
Canadian Content  
Section -- Baseball  
Canada Rules Inter-  
pretations

- 1.10 *Bats constructed of alumni, fiberglass magnesium, or other approved manufacturer's materials will be permitted. For Baseball Canada Championships, at the Bantam Boys categories, only Minus 3 (length-weight differential) bats with 2 5/8 maximum diameter barrel will be allowed. For Canada Cup, Junior, Canada Games, Senior and Midget championship, only wood bats will be allowed. See Baseball Canada web site for up to date list of approved bats.*
- 1.16 *All players shall wear double earflap helmets while at bat, in the on-deck circle and on the base-paths in all age categories. Chinstraps on batting helmets are to be mandatory for Pee Wee category and lower.*
- 6.05 **Contact Rule:** Runners are instructed to slide or attempt to avoid making contact with a fielder. A player who maliciously runs into another player is to be declared out (unless he/she has already scored prior to committing the infraction) and is to be automatically ejected (whether or not declared safe).  
 B. Contact shall be considered malicious if: the contact is the result of intentional excessive force, and/or there is intent to injure.  
 C. Malicious contact is to be penalized whether committed by an offensive or defensive player. The Umpire shall determine whether contact was avoidable or unavoidable whether the runner was trying to reach the base or attempting to dislodge the ball from the fielder. IF the runner a) could have avoided the fielder and reached the base, or b) attempted to dislodge the ball, the runner is out even if the fielder loses the possession of the ball. The ball is dead and all other runners shall return to the last base legally occupied by them at the time of intent to contact. If the fielder blocks the base path, the runner may slide into or collide with the fielder as long as the runner is making a legitimate attempt to reach the base. IF the collision is flagrant, the runner is called out and ejected. The ball is declared dead. If the defensive player blocks the base path clearly without possession of the ball, obstruction is called. The runner is safe and a delayed dead ball is signaled. If the runner collides flagrantly, he/she shall be declared safe due to obstruction but shall be ejected. The ball is dead.

**At the Championships (continued)**

**Rules -- Canadian Content (continued)**

**Minor Division Rules**



**PART II,  
OFFICIAL PLAYING  
RULES – Canadian Con-  
tent section --  
Minor Division Rules**

	<i>Pee Wee</i>	<i>Bantam</i>
<i>Length of game</i>	<i>7 innings</i>	<i>7 innings</i>
<i>Baselines</i>	<i>70 feet</i>	<i>80 feet</i>
<i>Pitching distance</i>	<i>48 feet</i>	<i>54 feet</i>
<i>Metal cleats allowed</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>DH allowed</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>NO</i>
<i>Re-entry permitted</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>Pitch Count applica- tion</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>YES</i>

Important information for coaches -- the pitching limitation rules for:  
Pee-Wee, Bantam, and Midget:



**PART II,  
OFFICIAL PLAYING  
RULES – Canadian Con-  
tent section --  
Minor Division Rules –  
Pee Wee, Bantam,  
Midget  
8.01 and 8.06**

- 8.01 (1) 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first 2 days combined does not exceed:  
 Pee Wee:30    Bantam Boys/Girls:35    Midget:40  
 If pitcher's day 1 + day 2 exceeds figure above for their division, they require at least 1 days rest.  
 Pitcher cannot pitch 4 consecutive days. One (1) days rest is needed.

- (4) Pitchers and managers shall follow the following guidelines:

Pee Wee (12-13)	Bantam Boys/Girls (14-15)	Midget (16-18)	Rest required
1-30	1-35	1-40	None
31-45	36-50	41-55	1 day
46-60	51-65	56-70	2 days
61-75	66-80	71-85	3 days
76-85	81-95	86-105	4 days
85	95	105	Maximum

- (5) 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 that day.
- (6) Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day.
- (7) Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if his or her maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day.
- (8) Intentional Walks will be included in Pitch Count totals.
- (9) Required Rest shall be defined in “Days” starting at 12:01am and ending at 11:59 pm of the next calendar day.
- (10) 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.
- (11) 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.
- (12) Any violation of any part of the pitch count rule, the result is the Head Coach is ejected from the current game and receives an additional game suspension.**

8.06 (c) 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.

## **PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING**

Prior to the start of the championship, normally on Wednesday evening, a meeting is held with members of the teams, the host committee and Baseball Canada officials. This meeting is very important to the smooth operation of the championship and must be attended by all teams. The rules concerning the meeting state:



**PART I, 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, completed fully, 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 above.*
- 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.*

## **At the Championship (continued)**

### **Pre-Championship Meeting (continued)**

#### **1.6.8 Pre-Championship Meeting A G E N D A**

- (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) Special ceremonies and events.*
- (k) Closing ceremonies and awards.*
- (l) Question period.*

It is important to note that any challenges to the eligibility of any participant must be made at the pre-championship meeting.

## **BANQUET**

As per your host agreement, a banquet, BBQ or casual evening should be provided for all players, team officials, umpires, and Baseball Canada representatives.

While it is recommended that the banquet be held on the Wednesday evening prior to the first day of competition (to ensure that any unforeseen schedule change will not interfere with every team being able to attend the banquet), some hosts wish to have a closing awards-type banquet.

Teams are to appear in dress that is suitable to the occasion. If in doubt, ask the host committee.

## **At the Championship (continued)**

### **CEREMONIES**

The Host shall be responsible for planning and delivering the following ceremonies:

- Opening Ceremonies
- Banquet
- Pre Game Ceremonies (Round Robin and Medal Games)
- Post Game Ceremonies (Round Robin and Medal Games)
- Closing Ceremonies

All teams are expected to cooperate with the host committee in the implementation of these ceremonies.

### **MEDICAL SERVICES**

The host shall coordinate the overall medical coverage and emergency services for the entire event. Following are the specific responsibilities of the host related to medical services:

- Coordinate first aid treatment at all facilities
- Determine which teams have medical personnel in attendance at the event
- Serve as liaison with individual teams training staffs
- Coordinate medical support system for specialty treatment needs
- Coordinate first aid system for volunteers and general public
- Arrange for ambulance and emergency personnel on call for all games
- Set up an emergency action plan at all facilities and events
- Prepare a risk management plan
- Contract local hospitals in case of emergency treatments
- Provide a doctor and dentist on call for all games
- Massage/physio not mandatory but recommended

### **GAME PROCEDURES**

To ensure that games get started and end in an orderly fashion Baseball Canada has a standard set of procedures for the pre-game period. They are:



**PART II, 2.2  
GAME AND PROTEST  
PROCEDURES,  
Game Procedures**

#### **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.*

## **At the Championships**



**PART II, 2.2  
GAME AND PROTEST  
PROCEDURES,  
Game Procedures**

### **Pre-Game Procedures: (continued)**

- (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 and pitching form (pee-wee and bantam only) 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.*

## **PROTEST PROCEDURES**

There are times when teams may feel that the umpires may have made a mistake in the application of the rules. In league play, there is time to process an appeal or protest but in a championship tournament, there is no such time nor is there the opportunity to play the game over or replay part of it. Therefore, the game is stopped to allow the protest to be handled immediately.

The process for handling a protest is outlined quite clearly in the rules:

**At the Championship (continued)**

**Protest Procedures (continued)**



**PART II, 2.3  
GAMES AND PROTEST  
PROCEDURES,  
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 play, inform the game Crew Chief that he is lodging a protest.
- (g) If the Crew Chief agrees that the Head Coach has a legitimate case, he 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 and 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 and 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.

## **At the Championship (continued)**

### **REGISTRATION/ACCREDITATION**

The host committee might require all participants to be accredited upon arrival. Teams must comply with the needs of the host committee.

### **TEAM SERVICES**

Teams are required to participate in all event activities including the following:

- Opening ceremonies
- Banquet
- Sponsor activities
- Event promotions
- Skills competitions or special events

The host must have plans to have the teams participate in these and any other event-related activities. This includes local transportation as required.

The Host shall provide for the following:

- Access to equipment repairs
- Itineraries for special events
- Having a representative of the Host committee to meet the team/delegation upon arrival and escort them to the accreditation area
- Information packages
- Gift packages (optional)

#### **Team Information Packages**

Baseball Canada requires that hosts provide the following information to the teams:

- Copy of tournament rules and regulations, and the schedule
- Transportation schedule to venues and airport
- Area map including restaurants, emergency centres, playing facilities, accommodations and local points of interest
- First aid and medical information
- Laundry and equipment repair services
- Press releases
- Phone list of important numbers
- Opening and closing ceremony information
- Hospitality
- Dressing room assignments and policies
- Special Events

## **At the Championship (continued)**

### **SECURITY**

As mentioned earlier, teams must follow the instructions of event security staff at all times.

### **TICKETING**

Requests for tickets should be addressed to the host committee.

Teams should note that banquet tickets often sell out early. Family or friends that wish to attend the banquet should attempt to reserve their tickets prior to departure for the event.

### **AWARDS**

Baseball Canada provides gold, silver and bronze medals for the top three teams.

In addition, Baseball Canada through its sponsors and suppliers shall provide additional awards:

- offensive player (Easton)
- defensive player (Easton)
- catcher (Easton)

The Host committee is responsible to select a committee to determine award winners from local knowledgeable baseball people.

Decisions on awards are final.

### **DEALING WITH THE MEDIA**

Baseball Canada expects and requires all participants to channel criticism in proper channels. Outbursts to the media are not considered proper channels. Criticism of the umpires or of the host committee is unacceptable conduct and will be dealt with by the Baseball Canada Rep.

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**REPORTING PROBLEMS**

Minor problems can be reported to the host committee directly.

Major problems or minor problems not addressed by the host committee should be referred to the Baseball Canada Rep. The Rep may request that the problem be submitted in writing.

***PART SIX:***

***AFTER THE CHAMPIONSHIP***

***POST-EVENT EVALUATION***

***TRAVEL HOME***

***DEPARTURE DEADLINE***

## ***After the Championship***

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### **POST-EVENT EVALUATION**

To help both Baseball Canada and the host committee improve the championship, should you be asked to complete an evaluation or survey, please do so. Only by getting feedback from the participants can the events be improved in a way to please those who compete.

You may be provided with a single evaluation form for your entire team or a form for individual members of your team. Attempt to get as close to 100% involvement of your entire team in either case, to maximize the feedback.

### **TRAVEL HOME**

As with travel to the event, your team will be taken to the airport (if applicable) by the host, at which time your team is “on its own” to return home.

If your team traveled by bus, you may depart the host city once all your commitments to the host have been met. Please note that this includes any closing ceremonies or banquet unless the host advises you otherwise.

### **DEPARTURE DEADLINE**

If your team is traveling on a scheduled flight, train or bus, you cannot schedule your return trip to depart the host airport until the Tuesday after the event, as Monday is the rain day. If you wish to stay past the Tuesday you will have to make special arrangements with the host.

## **Appendices**

***Appendix A: Important Contacts***

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***Appendix C: Baseball Canada Discipline Policy***

***Appendix D: Rules***

***Appendix E: Staff & Volunteer Screening***

APPENDIX A:

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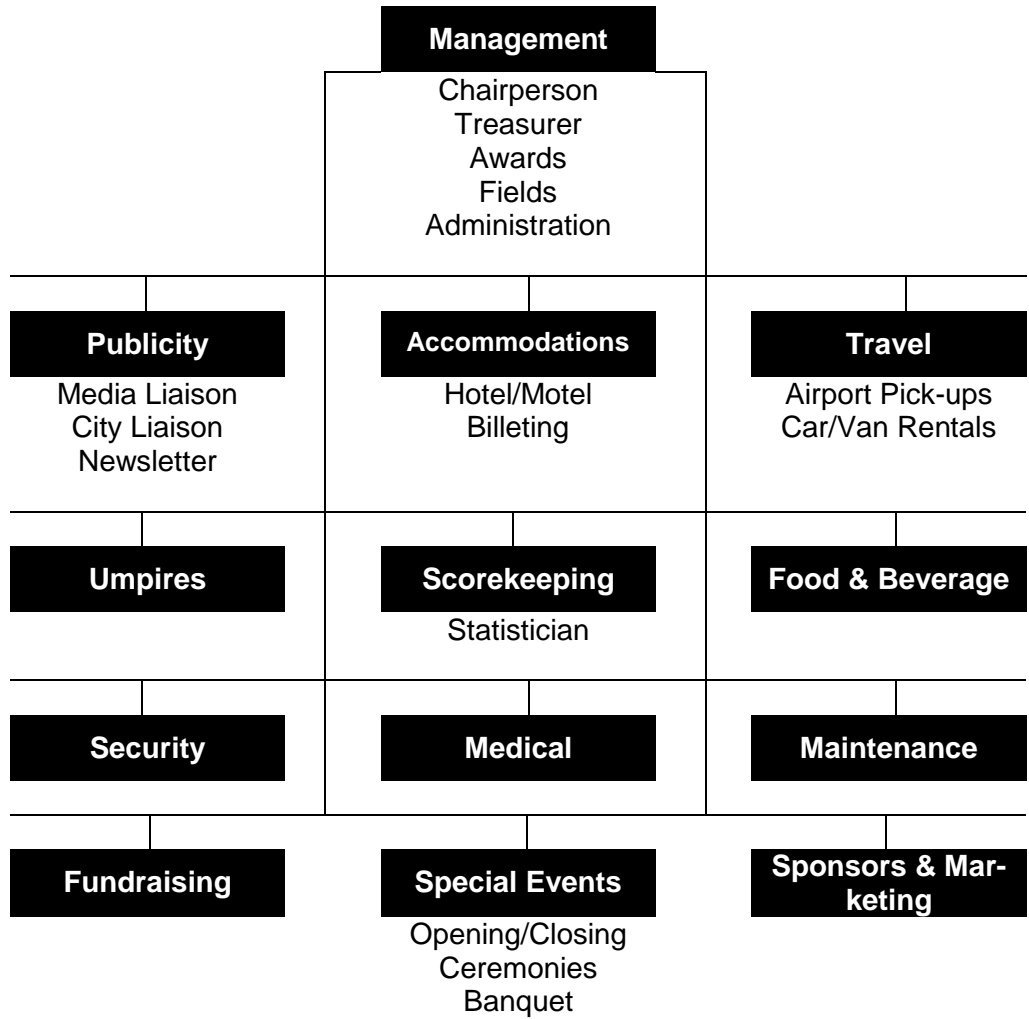
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**Appendix B:**  
**Sample Host Committee Organization**

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**Appendix C:**

***Baseball Canada Discipline Policy***

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**NOTE: IN THIS POLICY “MEMBER” REFERS TO** all categories of members in Baseball Canada, as well as to all individuals engaged in activities with or employed by Baseball Canada, including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, directors, officers, team managers, team captains, medical and paramedical personnel, administrators and employees (including contract personnel)

**PREAMBLE**

1. Baseball Canada is committed to the development of amateur baseball in Canada and the establishment of a warm and friendly relationship among the members of the Association to better facilitate competition.
2. Membership in Baseball Canada brings with it many benefits and privileges. At the same time, members are expected to fulfill certain responsibilities and obligations, including but not limited to, complying with the Code of Conduct, policies, rules and regulations of Baseball Canada.
3. The Baseball Canada Code of Conduct (Appendix A) identifies the standard of behaviour which is expected of members of Baseball Canada. Members who fail to meet this standard will be subject to the disciplinary sanctions identified within this policy.

**APPLICATION**

4. This policy applies to all categories of members in Baseball Canada, as well as to all individuals engaged in activities with or employed by Baseball Canada, including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, directors, officers, team managers, team captains, medical and paramedical personnel, administrators and employees.
5. This policy applies to discipline matters which may occur during the course of all Baseball Canada business, activities and events, including but not limited to, National Championships, training camps, exhibitions, and international tours.
6. Discipline matters arising within the business, activities or events of provincial/territorial baseball associations, teams, or affiliated organizations of Baseball Canada shall be dealt with using the discipline policies and mechanisms of such organizations.

**Appendix C:**

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**DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

**Minor Infractions:**

7. Examples of minor infractions are shown in Appendix B. All disciplinary situations involving minor infractions occurring within the jurisdiction of Baseball Canada will be dealt with by the appropriate person having authority over the situation and the individual involved (this person may include, but is not restricted to, a board member, committee member, tournament chairperson, umpire in chief, coach, team manager, team captain or head of delegation).

8. Procedures for dealing with minor infractions shall be informal as compared to those for major infractions and shall be determined at the discretion of the person responsible for discipline of such infractions, provided the individual being disciplined is told the nature of the infraction and has an opportunity to provide information concerning the incident.

9. The following disciplinary sanctions may be applied, singly or in combination, for minor infractions:

- (a) verbal reprimand,
- (b) written reprimand to be placed in individual's file,
- (c) verbal apology,
- (d) hand-delivered written apology,
- (e) team service or other voluntary contribution to Baseball Canada,
- (f) suspension from the current competition,
- (g) other sanctions as may be considered appropriate for the offense.

10. Minor infractions which result in discipline shall be recorded using the Incident Report form in Appendix C. Use of this form is particularly important for recording repeat offences.

**Major Infractions:**

11. Examples of major infractions are shown in Appendix B. Any member of Baseball Canada may report to the Director General a major infraction using the Incident Report form in Appendix C.

12. Upon receipt of an incident report, the Director General shall determine if the incident is better dealt with as a minor infraction, or if a hearing is required to address the incident as a major infraction.

13. If the incident is to be dealt with as a minor infraction, the Director General will inform the appropriate person in authority as described in Section 6 and the alleged offender, and the matter shall be dealt with according to Sections 7 through 9 of this policy.

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14. If the incident is to be dealt with as a major infraction and a hearing is required, the alleged offender shall be notified as quickly as possible and in any event no later than 3 days from date of receipt of the incident report, and shall be advised of the procedures outlined in this policy.

15. Major infractions occurring within competition may be dealt with immediately, if necessary by a Baseball Canada representative in a position of authority, provided the individual being disciplined is told of the nature of the infraction and has an opportunity to provide information concerning the incident. In such situations, disciplinary sanctions shall be for the duration of the event only. Further sanctions may be applied but only after review of the matter in accordance with the procedures set out in this policy for major infractions. This review does not replace the appeal provisions of this policy.

**Hearing**

16. Within 7 days of receiving the incident report, the Director General shall forward the report to the President, or President's delegate, who shall appoint three individuals to serve as a Disciplinary Panel. Where possible, one of the Panel members shall be from the peer group of the alleged offender.

17. The Discipline Panel shall hold the hearing as soon as possible, but not more than 21 days after the incident report is first received by the President.

18. The Discipline Panel shall govern the hearing as it sees fit, provided that:

- (a) the individual being disciplined shall be given 10 days written notice (by courier or fax) of the day, time and place of the hearing. The Panel may decide to conduct the hearing in person or by telephone or video conference;
- (b) the individual being disciplined shall receive a copy of the incident report;
- (c) members of the Panel shall select from among themselves a Chairperson;
- (d) a quorum shall be all 3 Panel members;
- (e) decisions shall be by majority vote; the Chair carries a vote;
- (f) the individual being disciplined may be accompanied by a representative;
- (g) the individual being disciplined shall have the right to present evidence and argument;
- (h) the hearing shall be held in private;
- (i) the Panel may request that witnesses to the incident be present or submit written evidence;
- (j) once appointed, the Panel shall have the authority to abridge or extend timelines associated with all aspects of the Hearing.

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19. The Discipline Panel shall render its decision, with written reasons within 5 days of the Hearing. A copy of this decision shall be provided to all of the parties to the hearing and the Director General.

20. The preceding provisions may be modified, or added to, as required by the provisions of any other pertinent Baseball Canada policy, such as those dealing with harassment, doping, personnel or event-specific matters.

21. Where the individual acknowledges the facts of the incident, he or she may waive the hearing, in which case the Panel shall determine the appropriate disciplinary sanction. The Panel may hold a hearing for the purpose of determining an appropriate sanction.

22. If the individual being disciplined does not participate in the hearing, the hearing shall proceed.

**Sanctions**

23. The Discipline Panel may apply the following disciplinary sanctions singly or in combination, for major infractions:

- (a) written reprimand to be placed in individual's file;
- (b) hand-delivered written apology;
- (c) forfeiture of certain games;
- (d) suspension from certain Baseball Canada events which may include suspension from the current competition or from future teams or competitions;
- (e) payment of a financial fine, amount to be determined by the Disciplinary Panel;
- (f) suspension of Baseball Canada or Sport Canada funding;
- (g) suspension from certain Baseball Canada activities (i.e. competing, coaching or officiating) for a designated period of time;
- (h) suspension from all Baseball Canada activities for a designated period of time;
- (i) expulsion from Baseball Canada;
- (j) other sanctions as may be considered appropriate for the offense.

24. The preceding sanctions may be modified, or added to, as required by the provisions of any other pertinent Baseball Canada policy, such as those dealing with harassment, doping, personnel or event-specific matters

25. Unless the Discipline Panel decides otherwise, any disciplinary sanctions shall commence immediately.

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26. In applying sanctions, the Disciplinary Panel may have regard to the following aggravating or mitigating circumstances:

- the nature and severity of the offense,
- whether the incident is a first offense or has occurred repeatedly,
- the individual's acknowledgment of responsibility,
- the individual's extent of remorse,
- the age, maturity or experience of the individual, and
- the individual's prospects for rehabilitation.

27. Notwithstanding the procedures set out in this policy, any member who is convicted of a criminal offense involving sexual exploitation, invitation to sexual touching, sexual interference, sexual assault, shall face automatic suspension from Baseball Canada for a period of time corresponding to the length of the criminal sentence imposed by the Court, and may face further disciplinary action by Baseball Canada in accordance with this policy.

**APPEALS PROCEDURE**

28. Except where otherwise provided, an appeal of any disciplinary matter will be done according to the Appeals Policy of Baseball Canada.

**Appendix C:**

**Baseball Canada Discipline Policy - APPENDIX A**

**BASEBALL CANADA CODE OF CONDUCT**

Baseball Canada is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Furthermore, Baseball Canada supports equal opportunity and prohibits discriminatory practices. Members are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the values of Baseball Canada. Members may be subject to sanctions according to Baseball Canada's Discipline Policy for engaging in any of the following behaviour:

- (a) not complying with the rules, regulations or policies of Baseball Canada, as adopted and amended from time to time;
- (b) deliberately disregarding the Rules of Baseball as amended from time to time;
- (c) verbally or physically abusing an opponent, officials, umpires, spectators or sponsors;
- (d) showing disrespect to officials, including the use of foul language and obscene or offensive gestures;
- (e) abusing playing equipment or playing area;
- (f) failing to comply with the conditions of entry of an event including any rules with regard to eligibility or advertising;
- (g) failing to be available to meet reasonable requests for interviews by the media;
- (h) using tobacco products on-field at any Baseball Canada sanctioned competition;
- (i) any other unreasonable conduct which brings the game into disrepute, including but not limited to, abusive use of alcohol, non-medical use of drugs, use of alcohol by minors.

The Baseball Canada Code of Conduct shall govern all disciplinary matters to the extent that it conflicts with or augments the Code of Conduct of any Provincial/Territorial Baseball Association.

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**Examples of minor infractions:**

- (a) a single incident of disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist comments or behaviour directed towards others, including but not limited to peers, opponents, athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, spectators and sponsors;
- (b) unsportsmanlike conduct such as angry outbursts or arguing;
- (c) a single incident of being late for or absent from Baseball Canada events and activities at which attendance is expected or required;
- (d) non-compliance with the rules and regulations under which Baseball Canada events are conducted, whether at the local, provincial, national or international level.

**Examples of major infractions:**

- (a) repeated incidents of disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist comments or behaviour directed towards others, including but not limited to peers, opponents, athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, spectators and sponsors;
- (b) playing under an assumed name, falsifying an affidavit or roster, or giving false information to tournament officials;
- (c) knowingly participating while ineligible;
- (d) knowingly competing with or against players who have been disqualified;
- (e) repeated unsportsmanlike conduct such as angry outbursts or arguing;
- (f) repeated incidents of being late for or absent from Baseball Canada events and activities at which attendance is expected or required;
- (g) activities or behaviour which interfere with a competition or with any athlete's preparation for a competition;
- (h) pranks, jokes or other activities which endanger the safety of others;
- (i) deliberate disregard for the rules and regulations under which Baseball Canada events are conducted, whether at the local, provincial, national or international level;
- (j) abusive use of alcohol where abuse means a level of consumption which impairs the individual's ability to speak, walk or drive; causes the individual to behave in a disruptive manner; or interferes with the individual's ability to perform effectively and safely;
- (k) any use of alcohol by minors;
- (l) use of illicit drugs and narcotics;
- (m) use of banned performance enhancing drugs or methods

**Appendix C:**  
**Baseball Canada Discipline Policy - APPENDIX C**

**BASEBALL CANADA  
INCIDENT REPORT**

Date and time of incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of writer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of incident: \_\_\_\_\_

This incident is a: \_\_\_\_\_ minor infraction \_\_\_\_\_ major infraction

Individual(s) involved in the incident:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Objective description of the incident (please be concise, accurate and non-judgmental):

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Names of individuals who observed the incident: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Disciplinary action that was taken (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of writer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Appendix D:**  
***Rules***

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**RULES & REGULATIONS**  
**FOR**  
**BASEBALL CANADA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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 120 days before the planned date of the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting of its Members. Those proposals may be submitted to the Director General of the corporation. The Director General shall, at the latest 60 days before the planned date of the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting of its Members, publish and communicate all the proposed amendments to the Active Members. Any new rules will be in force the year following the adoption of the proposed change. At any time, the Active Members present at the meeting can waive the need for this notice with a unanimous vote.

**PART I - THE TEAMS**

**1.2 Performance Guarantees:**

**1.2.1 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).

**1.2.2 Attendance:**

Each year, on or before November 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 Junior and Senior, as they are required to do so, and
- In the case of New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, that:
  - they will be attending the Pee Wee East, Bantam Boys and Baseball Canada Cup championships; and

- Baseball Atlantic shall be advised that it must send one team to the Midget and Junior championships.
- In the case of Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, that:
  - they will be attending the Pee Wee Western, Bantam Boys and Baseball Canada Cup championships; and
  - The Western Canada Baseball Association shall be advised that it must send one team to the Midget and Junior championships.

Any Province/Region that qualifies/confirms for but does not show up at a Baseball Canada Championship will be fined \$1,000.

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

### 1.2.3 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.

## 1.3 Eligibility Rules:

### 1.2.1 Athletes:

(d) 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 Manager, Baseball Operations of 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 by July 1 of the current year, through the Provincial Association concerned, to the Manager, Baseball Operations of 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 forwarded to Baseball Canada from the professional club. The decision of the Manager Baseball Operations of Baseball Canada is final and may not be appealed.*

(e) An athlete participating in a Baseball Canada Championship must be a Canadian citizen or a full time resident of Canada for twelve consecutive months prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. A player cannot be registered in two provinces simultaneously. Any player moving to another province after June 1<sup>st</sup>, must obtain a release from their old province in order to play for the new province.

In addition to the above requirement, an athlete, other than a Senior Division Player or a student, must reside in the Province for which he participates as of June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

A Senior Division Player needs to be a member of the Provincial Association they represent, and a resident of said Province as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**If a Province does not send a team to Nationals, 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 Nationals.**

*Students studying in a province other than their own may represent either their native province or their province of temporary residence. The individual involved must state which province they intend to play for by June 1 of the current year. This is subject to the approval of the Provincial Association involved and Baseball Canada, NOT the club involved.*

- (f) An athlete must be a registered player of the Provincial Baseball Association that his team represents.
- (g) Specific Criteria:  
Senior Men: Open classification

### **1.3.1 Senior Women: Open classification**

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

Canada Games: 19 years old and younger who do not reach their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.

Midget Boys: 18 years old and younger who do not reach their 19th birthday during the current calendar year. **NL may bring two players who do not reach their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year. (Policy approved Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, after the rule book went to print. Provincial offices informed & web site updated.)**

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

Baseball Canada Cup: 17 years old and younger who do not reach their 18th birthday during the current calendar year. NL, NS, NB, PEI, AB, SK, and MB may bring two players who do not reach their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.

Bantam Boys: 15 years old and younger who do not reach their 16th birthday during the current calendar year. **NL may bring two players who do not reach their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year. (Policy approved Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, after the rule book went to print. Provincial offices informed & web site updated.)**

Bantam Girls: 16 years old and younger who do not reach their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year. **NF, NS, NB, PEI, AB, SK, MB, ON2, QC2, and BC2 may bring three players who do not reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.**

Pee Wee 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:

(d) Only coaches meeting the following requirements will also be eligible to coach at nationals for 2012.

\* A Province can identify the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> assistant coaches as ‘Development Coaches’. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> year to the Canada Cup, they would need to fully meet the requirements of Comp-Dev Certified.

(e) 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.

<i>Division &amp; Category</i>	<b>Requirements</b>	
<i>Pee-Wee Regionals</i>	1 Coach is Certified Regional Other Coaches are Trained Regional	
<i>Bantam Boys and Girls</i>	1 Coach is Certified Provincial Other Coaches are Trained Provincial	
<i>Midget</i>	1 Coach is Certified Provincial Other Coaches are Trained Provincial	
<i>Junior</i>	1 Coach is Certified Provincial Other Coaches are Trained Provincial	
<i>Senior Men</i>	All Coaches are Trained Regional or Level 1 Certified + 2 Technical in Old NCCP	
<i>Canada Cup</i>	<b>For 2012 Season All Coaches are Trained Comp-Dev. (*)</b>	For 2014 Season All Coaches are Comp-Dev. Certified (*)
<i>Canada Games</i>	All Coaches are Competition – Development Certified	

(f) 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.

1.2.4 Rosters:

(f) 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.

(g) Failure to comply with paragraph (a), shall result in the PBA being subject to a \$500 fine, payable to Baseball Canada.

(h) The rosters are to include each participating coach's Coaching Certification number (cc #).

(i) Provincial offices shall provide a list of suspended players to Baseball Canada prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. An updated list shall be sent by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

- (j) **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.**

**1.2.5 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 a fax submitted 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.

**1.2.6 Ineligible player on roster**

**Ineligible player on roster found during the event results in a \$500 fine, all games played become forfeit/s, and ineligible player be removed from roster immediately.**

**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.

**1.5 Team Discipline:**

**1.5.2 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.

**1.5.3 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. 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.

**1.5.4 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 or twenty-one (21) players in the case of Senior, three (or four) coaches, one trainer and one batboy in uniform are authorized personnel. A chef de mission will be considered a coach if standing in the dugout and will have to fulfill the coaches requirements.

1.4.4 Ejections:

A player ejected from a game will be out of that current game only unless the ejection happens at the conclusion of the game. A player will receive a 1 game suspension for his second ejection during the championship and 3 games for the third ejection.

All coaches, players, and other team personnel shall be made aware that a second ejection during the Championship for any reason may result in the expulsion from all games during the balance of said Championship. Furthermore, appropriate sanctions as specified in 1.4.5, 1.4.7, will be applied and will have to be served. Suspensions will be served during the remaining championship games involving their team. In case the suspension is not fully served during the championship, it shall be completed during the next game (s) in their province.

1.4.5 Touching an Umpire:

Bumping, shoving, or pushing an umpire shall result in automatic ejection from that game. Further penalty may be imposed at the discretion of the Baseball Canada Representative and such action must be announced before the next scheduled game of the team involved.

1.4.6 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.

1.4.7 Injuring or attempting to injure:

Any participant that is ejected for injuring or attempting to injure another participant is automatically suspended for three (3) games.

1.4.8 Throwing at a batter:

Any player or coach that is ejected from the game for attempting to throw at a batter is automatically suspended for one (1) game.

1.4.9 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 attend the opening banquet.
- 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.**

**(Provincial Baseball Associations will be invoiced \$500 for this) 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.

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**1.3.1.1 Delivery of notices**

The Baseball Canada Representative will deliver the fines or ruling communication personally 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:
- (m) Review of Championship Rules & Regulations.
  - (n) All Championship rules and procedures, special local field conditions, etc.
  - (o) Eligibility of rosters, athletes, coaches (NCCP status), etc.
  - (p) Championship schedule, and home/visitor determination.
  - (q) Run limitations.
  - (r) Protest procedures.
  - (s) Team and player discipline.
  - (t) Travesty of the game
  - (u) Extra Inning Game Procedure
  - (v) Special ceremonies and events.
  - (w) Closing ceremonies and awards.
  - (x) 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) 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. 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 Sunday (last day of the event). This does not apply to the Canada Cup.

#### 1.7.3 Start time

A game will not start after 10:00pm during any Bantam and Pee-Wee Baseball Canada Championship unless required to complete the event.

#### 1.7.4 Less than Eight 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:
  - (1) gold medal: second place vs first place
  - (2) bronze medal: third place vs fourth place
- (c) A game for fifth place (fifth vs sixth) may also be played in the case of a seven-team championship and shall be played in all other cases.

#### 1.7.5 Eight or Nine Teams:

- (a) 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.
- (b) The teams shall play a round-robin schedule within their own pools, with each team playing each other team in the pool once.
- (c) Following round-robin play, the following "quarter-final" games shall be played:
  - QF-1: 3<sup>rd</sup> pool A vs 2<sup>nd</sup> Pool B
  - QF-2: 3<sup>rd</sup> Pool B vs 2<sup>nd</sup> Pool Awith the winners moving on to the medal round and the losers to the consolation round.
- (d) The following medal round games shall be played:
  - Championship semi-finals:  
QF-1 winner vs 1<sup>st</sup> pool A  
QF-2 winner vs 1<sup>st</sup> pool B
  - Bronze medal game:  
Semi-final losers
  - Gold medal game:  
Semi-final winners
- (e) The following consolation-round games shall be played.
  - Consolation semi-finals:  
QF-1 loser vs 1<sup>st</sup> pool B

QF-2 loser vs 1<sup>st</sup> pool A

- Seven place game:  
Semi-final losers
- Fifth-place game:  
Semi-final winners

#### 1.7.6 Ten Teams:

- (a) This section does not apply to the Baseball Canada Cup.
- (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 (1,4,5,8,9 in one pool and 2,3,6,7,10) 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.
- (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) The following medal round games shall be played:
  - Championship semi-finals:  
2nd Pool B vs 1st Pool A  
2nd Pool A vs 1st pool B
  - Bronze medal game:  
Semi-final losers
  - Gold medal game:  
Semi-final winners
- (e) The following placement games shall be played:
  - Fifth place game: 3A vs 3B
  - Seventh place game: 4A vs 4B
  - Ninth place game: 5A vs 5B

#### 1.7.7 Eleven Teams:

- (a) This section does not apply to the Baseball Canada Cup.
- (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 (1,4,5,8,9 and 11 in one pool and 2,3,6,7,10 and 11) 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.
  - 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) The following medal round games shall be played:
  - Championships quarter-finals  
3<sup>rd</sup> Pool B vs 2<sup>nd</sup> Pool A  
3<sup>rd</sup> Pool A vs 2<sup>nd</sup> Pool B
  - Championship semi-finals:  
Winner 3B/2A vs 1st Pool B  
Winner 3A/2B vs 1st pool A
  - Bronze medal game:

- Semi-final losers
- Gold medal game:  
Semi-final winners
- (e) The following placement games shall be played:
  - Fifth place game: Loser 3B/2A vs Loser 3A/2B
  - Seventh place game: 4A vs 4B
  - Ninth place game: 5A vs 5B

1.7.8 Baseball Canada Cup:

- (d) This section applies only to the Baseball Canada Cup.
- (e) The teams shall compete in two (2) pools, with the pools determined by Baseball Canada using the following criteria:
  - Last 3 years Baseball Canada Cup results shall be used to determine the pool composition.
  - First three (3) teams from pool A, and the first two (2) teams from pool B shall qualify for final round.
  - First two (2) teams from Pool A and 1<sup>st</sup> place team of Pool B shall automatically advance to semi-finals.
- (f) 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.
- (g) Following round robin play, the following medal-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
- (h) Following round-robin play, the following placement games shall be played:
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place: Loser 3A/2B vs 4A
  - 7<sup>th</sup> place: 3B vs 4B
  - 9<sup>th</sup> place: 6B vs 5B

To help with the understanding of the rules for the Baseball Canada Cup, below is an example of how the two pools would be set up (based on 2007's results):

<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>
BC	Alberta
Ontario	New Brunswick
Quebec	Nova Scotia
Saskatchewan	Newfoundland
	PEI
	Manitoba

If the teams finished in this order after the round robin, then the medal round would occur as follows:

- Quarter-Final A: New Brunswick vs Québec
- Semi-Final A: Winner of QF vs. Ontario

- Semi-Final B: Alberta vs. British Columbia
- Gold Game: Winner SFA vs Winner SFB
- Bronze Game: Loser SFA vs Loser SFB
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place Game: Loser QF vs. Saskatchewan
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place Game Newfoundland vs. Nova Scotia
- 9<sup>th</sup> Place Game Manitoba vs. PEI
  - In order to determine the placement of teams in Pools for the following year, the final finish will be considered. Finishing 1<sup>st</sup> will give the province 10 points, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 points and so on. Average from the last 3 years will always be used to rank teams for following year.

## **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
- (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:**

- (a) This section applies only to the Baseball Canada Cup.
- (b) The determination of home and away for all medal-round, qualification and placement games shall be done by coin toss, with the winner of the toss having the choice of home or away.
- (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.

(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.

#### 2.1.3 DH Rule:

The designated hitter may be used in Senior, Junior, Midget and Baseball Canada Cup.

#### 2.1.4 Courtesy/Designated Runners:

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

#### 2.1.5 Length of Games:

All games in Baseball Canada Championships (Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget, Baseball Canada Cup, Junior, 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.

#### 2.1.6 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.**

#### 2.1.7 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:

Mosquito:	extra inning procedure for only round robin games.
Pee Wee:	extra inning procedure for only round robin games.
Bantam Boys:	extra inning procedure for only round robin games.
Bantam Girls:	extra inning procedure for only round robin games.
Midget:	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.
Junior:	extra inning procedure for only round robin games.
Senior Men:	extra inning procedure based on regular baseball rules.

#### 2.1.8 Re-entry Rule:

In PeeWee and Bantam 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.

- 2.1.9 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.

## 2.2 Game Procedures:

### 2.2.1 Dugout

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

### 2.2.2 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:**

- (g) Teams shall arrive at the designated playing field at least forty-five minutes prior to the designated starting time of the game.
- (h) 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.
- (i) The visiting team shall then have the field for ten minutes for infield/outfield practice.
- (j) 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.

- (k) 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.
- (l) 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:**

- (d) At the conclusion of play, the teams shall line up in the home plate area for the traditional handshakes.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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:**

- (p) The host will submit the names of the entire Protest Committee to Baseball Canada, at least two (2) weeks prior to the Championship.
- (q) The Baseball Canada Representative will approve the Protest Committee for the Championship.
- (r) The Protest Committee shall be composed of sufficient members to ensure that three members are present at each game of the Championship.
- (s) 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.
- (t) 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.
- (u) 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.
- (v) 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.

- (w) 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.
- (x) 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.
- (y) The Head Coach's and game Crew Chief shall then leave while the Protest Committee shall discuss the protest.
- (z) 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.
- (aa) 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.
- (bb) The game Crew Chief shall put the decision into effect and order resumption of play from the point of suspension.
- (cc) No further argument or comment on the protest shall be entertained.
- (dd) The decision of the Protest Committee shall be final. There shall be no appeal to any other body.

**2.3 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 Supervisors 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 FORMAT &**  
**TIE BREAKING FORMULA**

- 4.1.1 Please note the following before going through the tie-breaking formula:
- 4.1.1 In any 11 team tournament, the tie-break formula will be used only to rank the team within each pool. No tie-break games shall be played with any 11 team tournament.
- 4.1.2 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 4 priorities have been exhausted. Then, and only then, will the remaining tied teams return to priority number 1 and proceed through the order again.
- 4.1.4 In a three-way tie, for first place only, one team will be awarded first place using the formula. 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. (does not apply for Canada Cup)
- 4.1.5 In any tie scenario for 2<sup>nd</sup> place after round-robin play, teams will be placed using the tie breaking procedures and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place team will then play a playoff game to determine which team will advance to medal play. (does not apply to Canada Cup)
- 4.1.6 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.
- 4.2 Should ties occur between the provinces, division standings will be decided according to the following priorities:
1. The team with the best win-loss 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 number of runs against per defensive inning 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 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.
  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.

**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 "A" pool of Canada Cup, if teams end up with same record, the tie-break formula will be used. If in the "B" pool of Canada Cup three teams end up tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place with a 4-1 record, the tie-break formula will be used to determine the team who will finish 1<sup>st</sup> and advancing to 1/4 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.

**OFFICIAL RULES OF BASEBALL  
CANADIAN CONTENT**

**1. Age Categories - Baseball Canada**

Pee Wee Boys 13 years old and younger who do not reach their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.

Pee Wee Girls 13 years old and younger who do not reach their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.

Bantam Boys 15 years old and younger who do not reach their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.

**NL may bring two players who do not reach their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year. (Policy approved Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, after the rule book went to print. Provincial offices informed & web site updated.)**

Bantam Girls 16 years old and younger who do not reach their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.

**NF, NS, NB, PEI, AB, SK, MB, ON2, QC2, and BC2 may bring three players who do not reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.**

Midget Boys 18 years old and younger who do not reach their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.

**NL may bring two players who do not reach their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year. (Policy approved Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, after the rule book went to print. Provincial offices informed & web site updated.)**

Midget Girls 21 years old and younger who do not reach their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.

Junior 21 years old and younger who do not reach their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.

Canada Games 17 years old and younger who do not reach their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.

Canada Cup 17 years old and younger who do not reach their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.  
NF, NS, NB, PEI, AB, SK, and MB may bring two players who do not reach their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday during the current calendar year.

Senior Men - Open classification.

Senior Women – Open classification.

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

**2. Baseball Canada Rules Interpretation**

**1.04** On page 13, delete "Lime", Keep chalk, and other white material.

**1.10** Bats constructed of alumni, fibreglass magnesium, or other approved manufacturer's materials will be permitted. For Baseball Canada Championships, at the **Bantam category, only Minus 3** (Minus 5 for bantam girls) (length-weight differential) bats with 2 5/8 maximum diameter barrel will be allowed.

For Baseball Canada Cup, (***Bantam Boys\*\*\*to only apply starting in 2013***), Midget, Junior, Canada Games and Senior Men (minus 5 for Senior Women) championship, only wood bats will be allowed. The bat must clearly show the manufacturer's ORIGINAL marking (length-weight differential). If not, the bat will be considered illegal.

**See Baseball Canada web site for up to date list of approved bats.**

Rule 6.06 (d) will apply with this addition as shown in bold above. This rule applies only to non-wooden bats.

**1.11** All uniforms must have numbers on the back of the uniform shirt.

Religious headgear that is consistent with Baseball Canada safety and recognized uniform code requirement is permitted.

**1.16** All players shall wear double earflap helmets while at bat, in the on-deck circle and on the base-paths in all age categories. Chinstraps on batting helmets are to be mandatory for Pee Wee category and lower.

**1.17** The C.F.A.B. rules require catchers in all age categories to wear a protective helmet and mask while catching. NOTE: This includes practice and warm-up situations such as the bullpen or between innings. Coaches must wear at least a mask in all practice and warm-up situations. Throat protectors are to be mandatory for all catchers and umpires. Extension masks are acceptable provided that the throat area is adequately covered in conjunction with the chest protector.

**1.18** It is recommended that all players wear a protector cup (or Jill straps for females).

**3.02** The umpire shall demand the ball and remove the offender from the game. In addition, the pitcher may be subject to further penalties following investigation by the Baseball Canada Rep. For rules in regard to a pitcher defacing the ball, see Rules 8.02 (a) (2) through (6).

**4.06.1** THAT the use of all tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, by all on-field participants (players, coaches, managers, umpires etc.) be prohibited at all competitions sanctioned by Baseball Canada, PENALTY: Automatic ejection from the game.

**6.05** Contact Rule: Runners are instructed to slide or attempt to avoid making contact with a fielder. A player who maliciously runs into another player is to be declared out (unless he/she has already scored prior to committing the infraction) and is to be automatically ejected (whether or not declared safe).

B. Contact shall be considered malicious if: the contact is the result of intentional excessive force, and/or there is intent to injure.

C. Malicious contact is to be penalized whether committed by an offensive or defensive player. The Umpire shall determine whether contact was avoidable or unavoidable whether the runner was trying to reach the base or attempting to dislodge the ball from the fielder. IF the runner a) could have avoided the fielder and reached the base, or b) attempted to dislodge the ball, the runner is out even if the fielder loses the possession of the ball. The ball is dead and all other runners shall return to the last base legally occupied by them at the time of intent to contact. If the fielder blocks the base path, the runner may slide into or collide with the fielder as long as the runner is making a legitimate attempt to reach the base. IF the collision is flagrant, the runner is called out and ejected. The ball is declared dead. If the defensive player blocks the base path clearly without possession of the ball, obstruction is called. The runner is safe and a delayed dead ball is signaled. If the runner collides flagrantly, he/she shall be declared safe due to obstruction but shall be ejected. The ball is dead.

**6.10** The designated hitter may be used in any exhibition play, league play, play-offs, tournaments, and championships in the midget, junior, senior and Baseball Canada Cup.

8.02 (a) 2 through 6: The pitcher shall be ejected immediately from the game and may be subject to further penalties following investigation by the Baseball Canada Rep.

**8.06 (b)** "A second trip to the same pitcher in the same inning will cause the pitcher's automatic removal from the pitching position.

The pitcher once removed from the mound as a result of 8.06 (b) as stated above, although retained in the game, may not be back as a pitcher in that same game.

## **11.00 MINOR DIVISIONAL PLAY**

### **RULES GOVERNING MOSQUITO DIVISION**

#### **1.0 - Playing Field: Dimensions, Equipment**

**1.04** The playing field shall conform to the following measurements:

- (a) The distance between all bases shall be sixty (60) feet.
- (b) **The distance between the point of home base and the front side of the pitcher's plate shall be forty-four (44) feet**
- (c) The batter's box shall be rectangular in shape, the size being 6 ft. x 3 ft. and shall extend to the front from the centre of home plate, 3 ft. and an

equal distance of 3 ft to the rear. The inside line shall be four (4) inches from the plate.

- (d) **The pitcher's mound shall be raised to a gradual slope. At a height of 6 inches above the levels of the base paths. Optional for league play but it is mandatory for all Inter-Provincial play.**
- (e) The coaches' box shall be 8 x 12 feet and not closer than ten (10) feet to the base- path.
- (f) The backstop (behind home plate) shall NOT be less than 25 feet nor MORE than 40 feet from home plate.
- (g) The following outfield fence distances are recommended: Left and right field foul line (180 feet min., suggested 200 feet) ... (Centre field 200 feet min., suggested 225 feet).

**1.10 THE BAT:** The bat shall be round and made entirely of wood or approved material ... it shall NOT be more than thirty-two (32) inches in length, nor more than 2-1/4 inches in diameter at its thickest part. Bats may be taped to a distance not exceeding sixteen (16) inches from the handle.

**See Baseball Canada web site for up to date list of approved bats.**

**1.11 SHOES:** Shoes with metal cleats or "spikes" are prohibited. Rubber molded cleats on running shoes are permitted.

Religious headgear that is consistent with Baseball Canada safety and recognized uniform code requirement is permitted.

**3.03 All players are registered on the offensive line up and each one hits at his turn:**

- (a) **When a player arrives during the game, he is inserted in the last spot on the batting order. When a player leaves during the game, he is removed from the batting order. No automatic out is counted.**
- (b) **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.**
- (c) **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.**

**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 inning.**

Game re-entry

Game re-entry 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.

**Playing equity**

A player must be registered on the starting defensive lineup when he is present, at least one game out of two. An equitable usage of the players is recommended (i.e. If in 2 games a team plays 12 innings in defense, a player should play a minimum of 6 innings over these two games).

**4.00 - Starting and Ending a Game**

**4.10** All games are of six innings to be completed, if time and weather

permits. However, three and a half (3½) innings constitute a regulation game if the home team has more runs than the visiting team.

**6.00 - The Batter**

**6.09** (b) The batter cannot become a runner on a catcher's miss of a third 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.

**6.10** The designated hitter rule is not permitted in this age category.

**7.00 - (The Runner) Special Regulations Governing Lead-offs in Mosquito Division**

For Mosquito low tier division only:

- 7.00** (a) No runner can leave his base before the ball crosses home plate or is hit. If there is a violation, the runner is returned to his base and the ball is dead. When the pitcher receives the ball and takes position on the rubber and the catcher is in his position, all runners must return to the base they were occupying. For Mosquito low tier division only, the stealing of bases is not allowed.
- (b) The runner at 3<sup>rd</sup> base can reach home plate only if the ball is hit or because he is forced to advance. If there is a violation, the runner is returned to his base.
- (c) No bunts are allowed. If there is a violation, the ball is dead and a strike is called on the batter. On a bunt attempt on a third strike, the ball is dead and the batter is allowed to continue his at-bat.
- (d) For mosquito low tier division only, a base on balls is not allowed. After four (4) balls, an offensive team coach takes position on the mound, on the Mosquito pitching rubber and pitch from above the shoulder for a maximum of three (3) additional pitches, independent of the count on the batter after which, the batter is called out. The

strike count is carried on, the player is called out if he swings at a third strike. The player cannot be called out on a foul ball.

- **If the coach is hit by a batted ball, the ball is declared dead and the batter is awarded first base. The runners advance if forced.**
- **If the batter is hit by a pitch thrown by the coach, the ball is dead, the pitch is declared erratic and is not counted. The player must continue his at-bat.**

- 7.00
- (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.
  - (e) In the event that more than one runner is simultaneously adjudged to have violated the leadoff rule... The violating runner CLOSEST to scoring shall be declared out. Exception: If at the conclusion of play there is an open BASE... sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) will apply.
  - (f) THE VIOLATION OF ONE BASE RUNNER SHALL AFFECT ALL OTHER BASE RUNNERS.
  - (g) **When 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. If the runner reaches the next base, he is returned to his base and the ball is dead.**

**Case Example of Lead-Off Infractions:**

- (1) Runner on first leaves too soon... batter reaches first on a single... RUNNER can go no further than second.
- (2) Runners on second and third, either leaves too soon... batter singles... RUNNERS MUST return to their bases.
- (3) Runners on first and third, either leave too soon... batter hits a double. Runner on third would score... runner from first cannot proceed beyond third base.
- (4) All runners on base (if either leaves too soon) will be permitted to score if the batter hits a clean triple or home run.
- (5) Bases full... runner on third leaves too soon, batter hits or bunts the ball to an infielder which, in the judgment of the umpire, should have resulted in an out if the violation had not occurred...

Runner violating is declared OUT... advance runners... placing batter-runner on first... In the event, on this same situation an out is made at either first, second or third... the runner scoring (not allowed) will return to third... other runners returned.

**NOTE:** Field umpires must assume the responsibility of indicating a leadoff infraction by dropping a signal-flag (or handkerchief) upon detection of the offence.

**RULES GOVERNING PITCH COUNT in  
MOSQUITO DIVISION**

Refer to page 93.

**RULES GOVERNING PEE WEE DIVISION**

**1.0 - Playing Field: Dimensions, Equipment**

**1.04** The playing field shall conform to the following measurements:

- (a) The distance between all bases shall be seventy (70) feet.
- (b) The distance between the point of home base and the front side of the pitcher's plate shall be forty-eight (48) feet.
- (c) The pitcher's mound shall be raised to a gradual slope. To a height of 6 inches above the levels of the base-paths. Optional for league play but is mandatory for all Inter-Provincial play.
- (d) The coaches' boxes shall be 8 x 12 feet and NOT closer than 10 feet from the base paths.
- (e) The backstop (behind) home plate shall NOT be less than 35 feet and no more than 45 feet from home plate.

**NOTE:** It is recommended that the fence-line to the base-path distance be twenty-five (25) feet.

- (f) The following outfield fence distances are recommended: Left and Right foul lines (200-ft. min., suggested 225 ft.). Centre field (225-ft. min., suggested 260 ft.).

**1.10 THE BAT: See Baseball Canada web site for up to date list of approved bats.**

**1.11 SHOES:** Shoes with metal cleats or "spikes" are prohibited. Rubber molded cleats on running shoes are permitted.

**1.11** Religious headgear that is consistent with Baseball Canada safety and recognized uniform code requirement is permitted.

**3.03** 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.

#### **4.00 - Starting and Ending a Game**

**4.10** The number of innings prescribed for Pee Wee division is seven (7) innings.  
NOTE: See general baseball rules re: ending a game.

#### **6.00 - The Batter**

**6.10** The Designated hitter rule is not permitted in this age category.

#### **7.00 - The Runner**

*ALL RUNNERS ARE PERMITTED TO LEAD - OFF. All base-runners are governed by standards of regulation baseball on all base-running actions.*

#### **RULES GOVERNING PITCH COUNT in PEE WEE DIVISION**

Refer to page 93.

#### **RULES GOVERNING BANTAM BOYS AND GIRLS DIVISION**

##### **1.0 - Playing Field: Dimensions, Equipment**

**1.04** The playing field shall conform to the following measurements:

- (a) The distance between all bases shall be eighty (80) feet.
- (b) The distance between the point of home base and the front side of the pitcher's plate shall be fifty-four (54) ft.

- (c) The pitcher's mound shall be raised to a gradual slope. To a height of 8 inches above the levels of the base-paths. Optional for league play but is mandatory for all Inter-Provincial play.
- (d) The coaches' boxes shall be 8 x 16 ft. and NOT closer than 10 ft. from the base-paths.
- (e) The backstop (behind home plate) shall NOT BE LESS THAN 40 ft. and no more than 50 ft. from home plate.
- (f) The following outfield fence distances are recommended: Left and Right foul lines (245 ft. min., suggested 270 ft.,)...Centre field (280 ft. min., suggested 300 ft.)

**1.10 THE BAT: (\*\*\*to apply starting in 2013) See Baseball Canada web site for up to date list of approved bats. Bantam Boys only wood bats will be allowed.**

**1.11** Religious headgear that is consistent with Baseball Canada safety and recognized uniform code requirement is permitted.

**3.03** 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.

**4.00 - Starting and Ending a Game**

**4.10** The number on innings prescribed for Bantam Division is seven (7) innings.  
NOTE: See general baseball rule re: ending a game.

**6.00 - The Batter**

**6.10** The designated hitter rule is not permitted in this age category.

**RULES GOVERNING PITCH COUNT in  
BANTAM (Boys & Girls) DIVISION**  
Refer to page 93.

**RULES GOVERNING MIDGET DIVISION**  
**RULES GOVERNING PITCH COUNT in  
MIDGET DIVISION**  
Refer to page 93.

**RULES GOVERNING PITCH COUNT in  
MOSQUITO, PEE WEE, BANTAM (Boys & Girls),  
and MIDGET DIVISION**

Rules Governing the Pitcher  
(Exhibition Play, League Play, Play-Off's, Tournaments, and Championships)

- 8.01 (1) 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.
- (13) 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.
- (14) Pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher’s first 2 days combined does not exceed:  
 Mosquito:25      Pee Wee:30      Bantam Boys/Girls:35  
    Midget:40  
 If pitcher’s day 1 + day 2 exceeds figure above for their division, they require at least 1 days rest.  
 Pitcher cannot pitch 4 consecutive days. One (1) days rest is needed.
- (15) Pitchers and managers shall follow the following guidelines:

Mosquito (9-11)	Pee Wee (12-13)	Bantam Boys/Girls (14-15)	Midget (16-18)	Rest required
1-25	1-30	1-35	1-40	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

- (16) 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 that day.
- (17) Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day.
- (18) Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if his or her maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day.
- (19) Intentional Walks will be included in Pitch Count totals.
- (20) Required Rest shall be defined in “Days” starting at 12:01am and ending at 11:59 pm of the next calendar day.
- (21) 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.

(22) 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.

**(23) Any violation of any part of the pitch count rule, the result is the Head Coach is ejected from the current game and receives an additional game suspension.**

8.06 (c) 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.

**1.4 IMPORANT PITCHING INFORMATION  
(ALL MINOR DIVISIONS)**

*When the use of a pitcher who is ineligible or about to become ineligible is evident scorekeepers or other officials **MUST** notify the manager or coach of the offending team so that an opportunity for assignment correction may be immediately affected. In the event that a coach deliberately over pitches his pitcher, **the result is the Head Coach is ejected from the current game and receives an additional game suspension.***

**INFORMATION ON COMPILING A PITCHER'S  
"OUT" RECORD**

An "OUT" is listed against a pitcher's record during HIS ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT ONLY. Although all runners who may be on base upon a pitcher's removal are chargeable to that pitcher in determining won or lost records... ALL OUTS ON THE SAID RUNNERS SHALL BE LISTED AND CHARGED TO THE PITCHING RECORD OF THE SUBSTITUTE PITCHER OF ACTION WHEN THE OUTS OCCUR.

NO PITCHER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTY for exceeding the out limitations through: (a) a scorer's error in compiling records: or (b) should the limit be exceeded on a DOUBLE or TRIPLE play on the pitcher's last out.

NOTE: The extras OUT (S) as circumstances may provide in multiple play sequences ARE NOT CHARGEABLE TO ANY SUCCEEDING PITCHER. Scorers MUST NOTE the fact on the pitching records that extra out(s) over the maximum allowed were the results of a double or triple play action.

**Baseball Canada Umpires Committee**  
**Rule Interpretations / Case Studies**

**1) Obstruction before first base.**

Situation: On a fly ball to right field line and a runner on third the batter runner is obstructed on his way to first. The right fielder catches the ball and R3 tags up and scores.

Rule 7.06 a): When a batter-runner is obstructed before he touches first base, the ball is dead and runners shall advance, without liability to be put out, to the base they would have reached, in the umpires judgment; if there had been no obstruction.

Interpretation: Since the batter was out on the fly ball, and would not have reached first base safely, the batter shall be ruled out and the play stands with no reference to the obstruction.

**2) Runner stealing on ball four:**

Situation: With a runner on first, with a 3-1 count on the batter, the runner attempts to steal second on the pitch, and the umpire calls the runner out. Ball four was called on the pitch. The runner, because of being called out, is now off the base is tagged again.

Interpretation: Because the runner was entitled to second base on ball four, and is called out in error, the umpire shall call time, and place the runner back at second.

**3) Multiple substitutions involving the DH**

Situation: The pitcher is removed from the mound and is now playing short stop, and the new pitcher enters the game from the bullpen.

Rule: 6.10 states that the game pitcher can only pinch hit (bat) for the DH. *Which means the new pitcher would have to bat in the batting position that was occupied by the DH.*

Interpretation: This is a multiple substitution and the manager can choose where he wants the players to bat. If the manager does not specify, the new pitcher will bat in the batting position that was occupied by the DH.

**4) Obstruction with continuous action**

Situation: Bases loaded, the batter doubles and R3 and R2 score. R1 is obstructed rounding third base and continues home and is thrown out at home. The batter, on the throw to the plate, attempts to go to third base and is called out.

Rule 7.06 b) If no play is being made on the obstructed runner (at the time of the obstruction) the play shall proceed until no further action is possible. The umpire shall then call time and expose such penalties. In the above situation, R1 would be ruled safe on the obstruction and the batter would be ruled out.

Interpretation: On an obstruction play, the ball becomes dead when the play is made on the obstructed runner, therefore, when the tag is made at the plate, time is called and the runner is called safe on the obstruction, and the batter returns to second.

**5) Balk followed by a throw**

Situation: R1 is stealing. The pitcher balks while throwing to first. The first baseman catches and throws the ball to the shortstop, who tags R1 as he over slides second base.

Rule 8.05 penalty. The ball is dead and each runner shall advance one base without liability to be put out unless all runners advance at least one base in which case the play proceeds without reference to the balk.

Interpretation: A balk is indicated, and since the first baseman caught the ball, (not a wild throw as indicated under “penalty approved ruling”), time is called and the runner is awarded second base.

**6) Catcher’s Interference with R3 stealing home**

Situation: 1 out, with runners at second and third. R3 attempts to steal home, R2 remains at second. The catcher interferes with the batter and the pitch is fouled off.

Rule 6.08 c). If a catcher interferes with the batter, the batter is awarded first base. If, on such interference a runner trying to score on a steal or squeeze from third, the ball is dead and the runner on third scores and the batter is awarded first base. Runners not attempting to steal or not forced to advance remain at the base they occupied at the time of the interference.

Rule 7.07. If with a runner on third base and trying to score by means of a squeeze play or a steal, the catcher steps on or in front of home plate without possession of the ball, or touches the batter or his bat, the pitcher shall be charged with a balk and the batter shall be awarded first base on the interference and the ball is dead.

Interpretation: The balk is enforced. All runners advance one base, and the batter is awarded first base on the catcher’s interference.

**6) Plays / Attempted Plays**

Interpretation: A play or an attempted play shall be considered as one of the five following situations:

- Tag or attempted tag of a runner
- Tag or attempted tag of a base
- Throw from another fielder in an attempt to get an out
- Rundown
- Balk

**7) Player Manager and visits to the mound**

Interpretation: A player manager is the person who is designated by his team and is recognized under the roster requirements.

- 1) A player (or player coach) may visit a pitcher as permitted by the umpire whether or not time has been called. This would not be considered a trip to the mound.
- 2) A player manager who leaves his position to talk to his pitcher, whether or not time is called, is subject to the same rules provisions as a non playing manager. Therefore, a trip would be charged to the pitcher.

**8) Ball Going into Player's Uniform****Existing Rule 5.09(g), 7.05(f), 7.05(g), 7.05(h), 7.05(i)**

If a batted or thrown ball inadvertently goes inside a player or coach's uniform (or lodges in the catcher's face mask or paraphernalia), the umpire shall call "Time." The umpire will place all runners, including the batter-runner, in such a manner that in the umpire's judgment, will nullify the action of the ball going out of play. In no circumstance may any outs be recorded on such a play.

This does not apply to situations where a batted or thrown ball lodges in a fielder's glove. In that case, the ball is alive and in play. A fielder may legally throw the glove with the live ball lodged in the glove. Any fielder in possession of the glove containing the lodged ball is considered in possession of the ball for the purpose of the Rules.

**9) Backswing Hits the Catcher****Existing Rule 6.06(c)**

If a batter strikes at a ball and misses and in the umpire's judgment unintentionally hits the catcher or the ball in the back of the batter on the follow-through or backswing while in the batter is still in the batter's box, it shall be called a strike only, not interference. The ball will be dead, however, and no runner shall advance on the play. If this infraction should occur in a situation where the catcher's initial throw directly retires a runner despite this infraction, the play stands the same as if no violation occurred. If this infraction occurs in a situation where a batter would normally become a runner because of a third strike not caught, the ball shall be dead and the batter declared out.

This interpretation does not apply to a situation where a batter is attempting to bunt and decides to pull his / her bat backwards and not attempt to strike the ball. This situation is not considered a follow-through or backswing as the batter is in full control of his / her bat. Should the batter interfere with the catcher by pulling his / her bat backwards and there is no play being made on a runner, "Time" shall be called but no interference. This does not give the batter the license to pull his back intentionally interfering with the catcher. If the catcher is making an attempt to retire a runner when the batter pulls his / her bat backwards, interference should be called on the batter and no runners may advance. If the catcher's first throw retires the runner attempting to advance, then the interference shall be disregarded

**THE OFFENSE****10) Batter's Position in the Batter's Box**

6.03 The batter's legal position shall be with both feet within the batter's box.

APPROVED RULING: The lines defining the box are within the batter's box.

No part of either foot may extend beyond the lines defining the batter's box when he assumes his position. There is no penalty other than the umpire must direct the batter to the correct starting position.

**11) Batter-Runner retreating toward home plate**

7.08 (i) After he has acquired legal possession of a base, he runs the bases in reverse order for the purpose of confusing the defence or making a travesty of the game. The umpire shall immediately call "Time" and declare the runner out;

When running towards 1st base, it is acceptable for the batter-runner to run backwards towards home plate for the purpose of avoiding a fielder attempting to tag him. Once the batter-runner crosses back over the edge of home plate, he shall be called out. The ball remains alive and in play for the purpose of other runners.

## **THE DEFENCE**

### **Appeal Plays**

#### **12) Batting Out of Order**

6.07(b) When an improper batter becomes a runner or is put out, and the defensive team appeals to the umpire before the first pitch to the next batter of either team, or before any play or attempted play, the umpire shall (1) declare the proper batter out; and (2) nullify any advance or score made because of a ball batted by the improper batter or because of the improper batter's advance to first base on a hit, an error, a base on balls, a hit batter or otherwise.

Any Batting Out of Order appeal under rule 6.07 when an improper batter becomes a runner or is put out, must be made before the next pitch to a batter of either team, or a play or attempted play.

#### **13) Live Ball**

7.10 Any runner shall be called out, on appeal, when —

- (a) After a fly ball is caught, he fails to retouch his original base before he or his original base is tagged;
- (b) With the ball in play, while advancing or returning to a base, he fails to touch each base in order before he, or a missed base, is tagged.
- (c) He overruns or overslides first base and fails to return to the base immediately, and he or the base is tagged;
- (d) He fails to touch home base and makes no attempt to return to that base, and home base is tagged.

Any appeal under this rule must be made before the next pitch, or any play or attempted play. If the violation occurs during a play which ends a half-inning, the appeal must be made before the defensive team leaves the field.

**APPROVED RULING:** (1) No runner may return to touch a missed base after a following runner has scored. (2) When the ball is dead, no runner may return to touch a missed base or one he has left after he has advanced to and touched a base beyond the missed base.

If the ball is thrown out of play while making an appeal, such act shall be considered an attempted play for the purpose of making an appeal and no further appeal will be allowed.

For the purposes of an appeal, the defensive team only includes the pitcher and the infielders crossing the foul lines and the catcher leaving his position around home plate.

**Balks****14) Throw to the First Base Fielder away from First Base**

8.05(b) The pitcher, while touching his plate, feints a throw to first base and fails to complete the throw.

It shall be a balk if the pitcher, while in contact with the rubber, throws to a first baseman whom is either in front of or behind first base and obviously not making an attempt to retire the runner at first. There would be no violation if the pitcher throws directly to first base even though the first baseman is not there to field the ball. This only applies to first base and not second or third base. The first baseman should be within a step and a reach of the runner in making an attempt to retire him or her.

**15) Throw to second base fielder or short stop fielder away from second**

8.05(c) The pitcher, while touching his plate, fails to step directly toward a base before throwing to that base;

8.05(c) Comment: Requires the pitcher, while touching his plate, to step directly toward a base before throwing to that base. If a pitcher turns or spins off of his free foot without actually stepping or if he turns his body and throws before stepping, it is a balk. A pitcher is to step directly toward a base before throwing to that base but does not require him to throw (except to first base only) because he steps.

It is not a balk if the pitcher attempts to pick-off a runner at second base and seeing that neither the second baseman or the shortstop are covering the base, throws to either of them at their position. Neither fielder in this case needs to be in the vicinity of the base or making an attempt to retire the runner. This only requires the pitcher to step towards the base prior to making the throw.

**16) Ball Hits a Bird or other Animal**

2.00 IN FLIGHT describes a batted, thrown, or pitched ball which has not yet touched the ground or some object other than a fielder.

If a batted or thrown ball strikes a bird in flight or any other animal on the playing field, the ball remains alive and in play, the same as though it had not touched that animal. Therefore, it is possible to make a legal catch on a batted ball still in flight.

If a pitched ball hits a bird in flight, the pitch is nullified and play shall be resumed with the previous count to the batter.

**17) Infield Fly**

7.08(f) Any runner is out when — he is touched by a fair ball in fair territory before the ball has touched or passed an infielder. The ball is dead and no runner may score, nor runners advance, except runners forced to advance.

If an infield fly touches a runner not on his or her base, both the runner and batter are out. The ball is dead and runners may not advance.

**18) Balls Deflected Out of Play**

7.05 (h) One base, if a ball, pitched to the batter, or thrown by the pitcher from his position on the pitcher's plate to a base to catch a runner, goes into a stand or a bench, or over or through a field fence or backstop. The ball is dead;

**APPROVED RULING:** When a wild pitch or passed ball goes through or by the catcher, or deflects off the catcher, and goes directly into the dugout, stands, above the break, or any area where the ball is dead, the awarding of bases shall be one base. One base shall also be awarded if the pitcher while in contact with the rubber, throws to a base, and the throw goes directly into the stands or into any area where the ball is dead.

If, however, the pitched or thrown ball goes through or by the catcher or through the fielder, and remains on the playing field, and is subsequently kicked or deflected into the dugout, stands or other area where the ball is dead, the awarding of bases shall be two bases from position of runners at the time of the pitch or throw.

### **19) Intentionally Deflected Ball**

If, in an umpire's judgment, a fielder intentionally deflects or kicks a thrown or batted ball out of play, the award is two bases from the position of the runners at the time the ball was kicked or deflected

An unintentional deflection occurs when the momentum of the fielder causes the ball to go out of play. For example, the ball has come to rest on the playing field and is then deflected or kicked out of play.

If the umpire determines that the ball would have gone out of play on its own even though it was deflected in an attempt to prevent it from going out of play, the award is only one base from the time of the pitch or two bases from the time of throw.

### **20) Intentionally Deflected Ball by a Fielder other than the Catcher**

If a thrown ball deflects off a fielder and goes directly out of play, the award is two bases from the time of the pitch if it is the first play made by an infielder, otherwise it would be two bases from the time of the throw.

If a fielder has secure possession of a batted or thrown ball, and subsequently deflects or kicks the ball out of play, the award is two bases from the position of the runners at the time the ball is deflected or kicked.

If a fielder has secure possession of a batted or thrown ball, and subsequently drops the ball and it goes out of play, the award is two bases from the position of the runners at the time the ball is dropped

### **Trip to the Mound**

#### **21) Beginning of a Trip**

8.06 A manager or coach is considered to have concluded his visit to the mound when he leaves the 18-foot circle surrounding the pitcher's rubber.

A trip to the mound begins and ends with the 18-foot circle surrounding the pitcher's rubber.

#### **22) Pitcher Ejected**

8.03 When a pitcher takes his position at the beginning of each inning, or when he relieves another pitcher, he shall be permitted to pitch not to exceed eight preparatory pitches to his catcher during which play shall be suspended. A league by its own action may limit the number of preparatory pitches to less than eight preparatory pitches. Such preparatory pitches shall not consume more than one minute of time. If a sudden emergency causes a

pitcher to be summoned into the game without any opportunity to warm up, the umpire-in-chief shall allow him as many pitches as the umpire deems necessary.

If a pitcher is ejected during an inning in which he is pitching, the substitute pitcher shall be given as much time as the umpire deems necessary similar to the time allotted for an injured pitcher.

### **23) Pitcher playing another position and returning to pitch**

8.03 When a pitcher takes his position at the beginning of each inning, or when he relieves another pitcher, he shall be permitted to pitch not to exceed eight preparatory pitches to his catcher during which play shall be suspended. A league by its own action may limit the number of preparatory pitches to less than eight preparatory pitches. Such preparatory pitches shall not consume more than one minute of time. If a sudden emergency causes a pitcher to be summoned into the game without any opportunity to warm up, the umpire-in-chief shall allow him as many pitches as the umpire deems necessary.

6.10(b) The Designated Hitter may be used defensively, continuing to bat in the same position in the batting order, but the pitcher must then bat in the place of the substituted defensive player, unless more than one substitution is made, and the manager then must designate their spots in the batting order.

A pitcher may change to another defensive position only once per inning. This would eliminate the Designated Hitter role if being utilized. Upon returning to pitch in the same inning, the pitcher will receive eight warm-up pitches.

Appendix E:

## ***Staff And Volunteer Screening***

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### **BASEBALL CANADA POLICY STATEMENT ON STAFF AND VOLUNTEER SCREENING**

#### Application

This policy applies to Baseball Canada, and to any organization or entity which has the responsibility for the administration or management of an event under the auspices of Baseball Canada.

#### Purpose

The purpose of screening is to identify staff and volunteers who pose a risk to children or youth. Screening is very important in sport organizations which are primarily volunteer-driven and which offer programs for young people. Sport organizations have a legal responsibility to protect children and youth from foreseeable harm, and may be held responsible for failing to take reasonable measures in the area of screening staff and volunteers who will be working directly with children and youth.

#### Mandatory Screening

Baseball Canada endorses the concept of screening personnel (paid staff and volunteer) in situations where the age of the participant, the setting, the nature of the activity and the degree of supervision are such as to potentially give rise to a risk of harm to children or youth participating in the activities of Baseball Canada. As a result, screening shall occur for all staff or volunteer positions relating to Baseball Canada activities and events (whether organized by Baseball Canada directly, or by another organization or entity on behalf of Baseball Canada) which can be categorized as high risk.

#### Definition of High Risk Situations

High risk situations are those involving interactions between a staff person or volunteer and a minor, where such interactions may be, at times, one-on-one, in settings which may be private, and where there is little regular supervision of the activity by persons in positions of authority. The responsibility for assessing high-risk situations, which require screening procedures, rests with the organizers of the event. Upon request, Baseball Canada will provide assistance to event organizers in identifying these high-risk situations.

Appendix E:

**BASEBALL CANADA POLICY STATEMENT  
ON STAFF AND VOLUNTEER SCREENING (continued)**

Minimum Screening Activities for High Risk Situations

For the appointment of staff or volunteers to positions deemed to present, or potentially present, a high risk the following screening activities, at a minimum, will occur:

The staff person/volunteer shall have a written job description that will set out clear guidelines about appropriate behaviour.

The recruitment process for the staff person/volunteer shall involve the organization

- requiring all candidate to complete an application form for the position, interviewing all candidates for their positions, and
- checking a minimum of two employment or volunteer references for each candidate, one of which shall be specific to working with children and youth

The staff person/volunteer shall be given an initial orientation session (either individually or as part of a group) which will explain the organization's policies and operating procedures, including performance expectations, and shall be provided with the 'on-the-job' training necessary for satisfactory performance in the position.

For the duration of the staff person/volunteer's appointment, there shall be a designated person in a position of authority with the organization, who shall regularly monitor the staff person/volunteer's work, provide feedback where appropriate and report any concerns to the leadership of the organization.



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