



Baseball PEI Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Monday, 24 February 2020, 6 pm

Room 216, Sport PEI

In attendance

- Walter MacEwen, President, Baseball PEI
- Janet Cameron, Director of Provincial Teams, Baseball PEI
- Connor Myers, Director of Skill Development/Administration, Baseball PEI
- Joelyne Taylor, Director of Female Baseball, Baseball PEI
- Darrel Kirev, Director of 11U Competitions, Baseball PEI
- John Munro, Director of 13U Competitions, Baseball PEI
- Ian Clays, Director of 15U and 18U Competitions, Baseball PEI
- Mike Richards, Supervisor of Umpires, PEIBUA
- Randy Byrne, Executive Director, Baseball PEI

Meeting

- 1) Walter called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
- 2) The Agenda for the meeting was reviewed.
 - o Motion to approve the agenda moved by Darrel Kirev; seconded by Janet Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
- 3) The Minutes from the last Board of Directors' Meeting (5 November 2019) was briefly reviewed.
 - o Motion to approve the Minutes of the 5 November 2019 meeting moved by Ian Clays; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Passed.**
- 4) There was a brief discussion on the five policies, arm smart rules and the 2020 Baseball PEI Calendar passed electronically since the last Board of Directors' meeting.
 - o Motion to ratify the following policies passed electronically: Abuse Policy (passed electronically on 2 December 2019), Screening Policy (passed on 2 December 2019), Discipline Guidelines Policy (passed on 6 December 2019), Provincial Team Coach/Manager Policy (passed on 6 December 2019), Provincial Team Selection Policy (passed on 6 December 2019), 2020 Baseball PEI Calendar (passed on 29 January 2020) and New Arm Smart/Pitch Count rules (passed on 11 February 2020) moved by Darrel Kirev; seconded by Connor Myers. **Motion Passed.**
- 5) Walter gave a report on the current finances of Baseball PEI. Our financial situation is healthy with over \$36,000 currently in our chequing account and over \$64,000 in our savings account. By the time year-end comes (31 March 2020), there will likely be approximately \$26,000 left in the chequing account with salary, camps and honorariums accounting for most of the expenditures over the next month. Walter also mentioned that expenses may be overestimated; however, it is better for expenditures to be overestimated than underestimated.
 - o Motion to approve the acceptance of the financial report moved by Ian Clays; seconded by Janet Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
- 6) Randy gave a quick update on the status of the 2020 Provincial teams. The 13Us will be running I.D. camps in March with tryouts starting in late March/early April. The 15Us had an I.D. camp on Saturday, 22 February and are planning on two I.D. camps in March. The Youth Selects have already had a few I.D. camps between Morell Regional High School and the EBA Complex and have a few more planned in March. The 16U Girls have been working weekly between Morell Regional High School and Summerside Intermediate School with 23 girls registered and between 8-12 girls taking part every week. The 18U All-Stars have had one I.D. camp so far at Morell Regional High School, with six players in attendance.



7) Walter led an update on the planned funding for Provincial teams. The funding is higher this year due to the distances of National Championships from PEI this year, the added cost of \$1000 to accommodations at National Championships, and the fact we are overspending a little this year due to accumulated finances. The funding amounts are:

- National Championship in Atlantic Canada: \$1500
- National Championship in Quebec/Ontario (not flying): \$2000
- National Championship in Quebec/Ontario (flying): \$2500
- National Championship west of Ontario (flying): \$4000
- On top of the initial grant, if the Blue Jays Getaway Fundraiser nets more than \$15000 for Baseball PEI, 20% of that will be distributed to our Provincial teams (with teams going farther/flying farther getting more than teams driving or flying to a closer location). If the Fundraiser nets more than \$20000 for Baseball PEI, 25% will be distributed to our Provincial teams. If the Fundraiser nets more than \$25000 for Baseball PEI, 30% will be distributed to our Provincial teams.
- Upon submission of receipts, Baseball PEI will fund up to \$200 for each team to use high-speed pitching machines at the EBA Complex.
- Baseball PEI will cover the cost for each Provincial team to use Jackson Slauenwhite's Sports Psychology services for up to three sessions (approximately \$300 per team).

Mike asked for some details on Baseball PEI's use of Jackson Slauenwhite for sport psychology and asked if the PEIBUA may use some of his services, to which it was agreed they could.

- 8) There was a brief update to the group that there will be two Atlantic Championships taking place in Newfoundland and Labrador in 2020 – the Baseball Canada National Atlantic 13U Championships, for 13U “AAA,” will be taking place in St. John's from 17-20 September, and the Baseball Atlantic 11U “AA” Championships will be taking place in Grand Falls-Windsor from 18-20 September. Eliminations for both competitions will take place on the weekend of 24-26 July.
- 9) Randy gave an update on the Senior and Junior Islanders' efforts for 2020. The Charlottetown Senior Islanders will have Doug Hines returning as head coach with most likely Dave MacIsaac as an assistant. Player interest has been high and they are excited for the upcoming season in the NBSBL. Dave MacIsaac, former head coach of the PEI Junior Islanders, is still looking to get a head coach for this team. He believes this situation will be rectified within the next month or so and PEI will again have a team in the NBJBL in 2020.
- 10) SETS (Sport Entertainment Tourism Summerside) has signed an agreement with Baseball Canada to formally host the 2020 Baseball Canada National 16U Girls Championships from 27-30 August. They will be ramping up preparations over the coming months.
- 11) Alf Blanchard is working to establish a Prince Edward Island 21U League. There is some interest, especially considering the numbers of players graduating from 18U baseball over the past couple of years. There are apparently enough players in West Prince for a team; they are just looking for a coach. Some other issues are establishing a league board/executive, lack of field time in the Charlottetown area, and establishing teams in the Summerside, Charlottetown and Kings County areas. Blanchard is working to establish this league for 2020, but that may be impossible and the league will launch in 2021.
- 12) Mike gave updates on the proposals and requests sent from Baseball PEI to the PEIBUA in late January 2020. The PEIBUA is working on establishing a strong mentorship program and will redouble their efforts to get former high-level umpires to come out and help with mentorship. As for supervisions, they will try to avoid doing any during Provincial Championships, as Baseball PEI has requested all supervisions and mentorships be done prior to Provincial/Atlantic Championships. The PEIBUA will also make all efforts



to reduce instances of mileage, make sure umpires do games in home associations before doing games in other associations and penalize umpires how do not honour their accepted assignments. Mike also said it may be difficult to have all senior umpires do two mentorships in order to be allowed to be assigned for Provincial Championship games, as per a Baseball PEI request. Walter said a strong mentorship program is vital to retaining young umpires, and it must be done early in the summer and then repeated once later but prior to Provincial Championships as waiting to do these at Provincial and Atlantic Championships is not useful. As well, the PEIBUA is looking to revamp and freshen their clinics, and they would like a jamboree/tournament to use for getting experience for young umpires and maybe use it in the role of certification for younger umpires.

- 13) The Board of Directors discussed the PEIBUA's proposal for a yellow card rule to replace warnings at the 15U "AA" levels and below. The PEIBUA feels it will make it easier for younger umpires to warn coaches and it will make it easier to track poor behaviour (as a very brief report would be sent to Baseball PEI on the yellow card). The Board of Directors agrees that this is a good idea but thinks there should be supplemental discipline for coaches/players that accumulate a certain number of yellow cards over a season. As well, the Board of Directors feels it may be a good idea to have all levels of minor baseball – including 18U – to follow the yellow card rule, especially if there will be supplemental discipline for an accumulation of yellow cards. What would it be is the question and the Board of Directors will mull this over and come to a decision electronically.
- 14) It was agreed that the 2020 Presidents' Meeting will be held at Sport PEI on Wednesday, 25 March, starting at 6 pm. At this meeting, a recap of all new policies and rule changes shall be presented. At the meeting, in terms of the new screening policy, each association will be asked to package together all of their background checks – not done via Sterling BackCheck – and make one submission to Baseball PEI prior to the 15 July deadline. As well, there will be a discussion of the need for better candidates and attention paid to Baseball PEI representatives at Provincial tournaments. The reality is some people have done an excellent job of being a Baseball PEI rep over the past couple of years while other people have not attended the majority of the games and/or have not done a satisfactory job. From this, a discussion arose about the need for better compensation in order to get more quality people taking up the role of Baseball PEI rep.
 - Motion to raise the honorarium given to the person serving as a Baseball PEI representative at a respective Baseball PEI tournament from \$100 to \$200 in 2020 – pending a review upon the completion of the 2020 season – moved by Janet Cameron; seconded by Ian Clays. **Motion Passed.**
- 15) Walter and Randy led a brief discussion on the Summer Clinics Program in 2020. Applications have been made for positions through the federal government (Canada Summer Jobs program) and the provincial government (Skills PEI Post-Secondary Students program and Jobs-for-Youth program). The key is to get names of good candidates to fill these positions quickly, and for some positions, speak to local MLAs. Any suggestions for good candidates should be sent into Randy as soon as possible.
- 16) Walter spoke to the group about his role in the new Baseball Canada scorekeeping committee. He wondered if a "scoring club" should be attempted to be set up to teach interested people how to score baseball properly and potentially have these people score at Atlantic and National Championships. The Board of Directors agreed this is a worthwhile effort. As well, Walter spoke about having a Baseball PEI scorer working at the 2021 Baseball Canada National 16U Girls Championships in Summerside and the need to cover expenses, as Baseball Canada is moving to have a Baseball Canada official scorer at each National Championship with the host province providing another "official scorer."



- Motion to cover the costs – no more than \$750 as of 2020 – of an official scorer from Prince Edward Island when a National Championship is held in Prince Edward Island is moved by Janet Cameron; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Passed.**
- 17) Randy discussed the need to offer online registration and payment for Baseball PEI camps and clinics for two major reasons; first, people expect that they can register and pay for camps/clinics at home and no longer wish to pay with cash prior to the event or at the event. Second, people are registering for camps but not attending without any warning, and without them paying beforehand, there is nothing really to prevent this from happening. The RAMP online registration system that Baseball PEI uses has the option for organizations to have a merchant account, which would allow for the ability to people to register online and have to pay via credit card or eTransfer immediately (in order to complete the registration). Also, it has other features like automatic limits of registrants for camps (and anybody wishing to register after the number has been hit is automatically put on a waiting list). To set up a merchant account, there would be a \$99 set-up fee, a \$15-per-month fee, and 2.1% charges on each transaction (which can be passed on to the registrant). The Board of Directors agreed that Baseball PEI should move forward with setting up a merchant account with RAMP, as it is the cost of doing business in 2020.
- Motion for Randy Byrne to work with RAMP InterActive to set up a merchant account for Baseball PEI camps/clinics moved by Janet Cameron; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Passed.**
- 18) Randy gave an update on the preparations on upcoming High-Performance Pitching Camps in Morell on 29 February and 7 March (led by Joe Puiia, J.P. Stevenson and Jordan Stevenson), High-Performance Hitting Clinic in Stratford on 2-3 May (led by former NCAA Division I hitter and current Ontario Youth Selects coach David Quattrociocchi) and the “Spring Training Day” being held on Stratford on Easter Monday (led by Matt Barlow and Andrew MacNevin). As well, Randy gave a brief update on the success so far in the 13U Regional Camps being held in Morell, Stratford, Summerside and O’Leary.
- 19) Randy spoke to the Board of Directors about the opportunity presented by a company called the “Lotto Factory” to launch an online progressive 50/50 draw for Baseball PEI. It would be a 50/50 draw done online, in which if a person purchases a ticket for one week, their name would be in the draw for a year. If that person did not purchase their ticket for a week and their name was drawn that week, the weekly prize would roll over to the next week. The Lotto Factory would get \$50 a month, the winners would get 50% of the ticket sales, and Baseball PEI would get 40% minus \$50 a month. There was agreement that if this were to be successful, the associations would have to be brought in an get a percentage of any tickets sold. In that case, Baseball PEI would get probably 20% of all ticket sales minus \$50 a month. The question is whether this would be worth it, and the Board of Directors will consider that point and then may or may not take it to the associations at the Presidents’ Meeting in late March.
- 20) There was no in-camera session.
- 21) John Munro adjourned this meeting at 8:05 pm.



Appendix I – Abuse Policy

1.1 Definitions

- The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:
 - “*Abuse*” – Child/Youth Abuse or Vulnerable Adult Abuse as described in this Policy.
 - “*Discipline Chair(s)*” – An individual or individuals appointed to be the first point-of-contact for all discipline and complaint matters reported to Baseball PEI, per the organization’s *Discipline and Complaints Policy*
 - “*Individuals*” – All categories of membership defined in Baseball PEI, as well as all individuals engaged in activities with Baseball PEI, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, mission staff, chefs de missions, medical personnel, officials, volunteers, helpers, guides, committee members, parents or guardians, and Directors and Officers.
 - “*Vulnerable Individuals*” – A person under the age of 18 years old and/or a person who, because of age, disability or other circumstance, is in a position of dependence on others or is otherwise at a greater risk than the general population of being harmed by people in positions of trust or authority
 - “*Workplace*” – Any place where business or work-related activities are conducted. Workplaces include but are not limited to, Baseball PEI’s work-related social functions, work assignments outside Baseball PEI’s offices, work-related travel, and work-related conferences or training sessions;
 - “*Harassment*” – comment or conduct directed towards an individual or group, which is offensive, abusive, racist, sexist, degrading, or malicious.
 - “*Workplace Harassment*” – Vexatious comment or conduct against a worker in a workplace that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome. Workplace Harassment should not be confused with legitimate, reasonable management actions that are part of the normal work/training function, including measures to correct performance deficiencies, such as placing someone on a performance improvement plan or imposing discipline for workplace infractions.
 - “*Sexual harassment*” – unwelcome sexual comments and sexual advances, requests for sexual favours, or conduct of a sexual nature.
 - “*Violence*” – the exercise of physical force by a person that causes or could cause physical injury; an attempt to exercise physical force against an Individual that could cause physical injury to the Individual; or a statement or behaviour that an Individual may reasonably interpret as a threat to exercise physical force against the Individual

1.2 Purpose

- Baseball PEI is committed to a sport environment free from abuse, harassment, and violence. The purpose of this Policy is to stress the importance of that commitment by educating Individuals about abuse, outlining how Baseball PEI will work to prevent abuse, and how abuse or suspected abuse can be reported to and addressed by Baseball PEI.

1.3 Zero Tolerance Statement

- Baseball PEI has zero-tolerance for any type of abuse. Individuals are required to report instances of abuse or suspected abuse to Baseball PEI to be immediately addressed under the terms of the applicable policy.

1.4 Scope and Application

- This Policy applies to all Individuals, relating to conduct that may arise during the course of Baseball PEI business, activities and events, including but not limited to; the office environment, competitions, practices, tournaments, training camps, social media, travel, and any work-related meetings.



1.5 Violations of Policy

- An Individual who violates this Policy may be subject to sanctions pursuant to Baseball PEI's *Discipline and Complaints Policy*. In addition to facing possible sanction pursuant to the *Discipline and Complaints Policy*, an Individual who violates this Policy during a competition may be ejected from the competition or the playing area, the official may delay the competition until the Individual complies with the ejection, and the Individual may be subject to any additional discipline associated with the particular competition.
- Any Baseball PEI employee or member of the Board of Directors who violates this Policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, subject to the terms of Baseball PEI's *Discipline and Complaints Policy* as well as the employee's Employment Agreement (if applicable).

1.6 Preventing Abuse

- Baseball PEI will enact measures aimed at preventing abuse.

1.7 Screening

- Individuals who coach, volunteer, or otherwise engage with Vulnerable Individuals at the Provincial level with Baseball PEI or with local minor baseball associations will be screened by the Board of Directors or their designate.
- At the Provincial level, Baseball PEI will determine the level of trust, authority, and access that each Individual has with Vulnerable Individuals, and screen them accordingly. Each level of risk will be accompanied by increased screening procedures which may include the following, singularly or in combination:
 - Completing an Application Form for the position sought
 - Providing references
 - Providing a background check
 - Other screening procedures, as required
- An Individual's failure to participate in the screening process, or pass the screening requirements as determined by the Board of Directors will result in the Individual's ineligibility for the position sought.
- Baseball PEI will require all Individuals who coach, volunteer, or otherwise engage with Vulnerable Individuals at the Association level to provide Baseball PEI with a background check at least every three (3) years.

2.2 Practice

- When Individuals interact with Vulnerable Individuals, they are required to enact certain practical approaches to these interactions. These include, but are not limited to:
 - Limiting physical interactions to non-threatening or non-sexual touching (e.g., high-fives, pats on the back or shoulder, handshakes, specific skill instruction, etc.)
 - Ensuring that Vulnerable Individuals are always supervised by more than one adult
 - Including parents/guardians in all communication (e.g., electronic, telephonic) with Vulnerable Individuals
 - Ensuring that parents/guardians are aware that some non-personal communication between Individuals and Vulnerable Individuals (e.g., coaches and athletes) may take place electronically (e.g., by texting) and that this type of communication is now considered to be commonplace, especially with older Vulnerable Individuals (e.g., teenagers). Individuals are aware that such communication is subject to the *Code of Conduct*
 - When travelling with Vulnerable Individuals, the Individual will not transport Vulnerable Individuals without another adult present and will not stay in the same overnight accommodation location without additional adult supervision.



2.3 Monitoring

- Baseball PEI will monitor those Individuals who have access to, or interact with, Vulnerable Individuals.
- Monitoring may include, but is not limited to, regular status reports, meetings, check-ins and feedback provided directly to the organization (from peers and parents/athletes).

2.4 Reporting Abuse

- Complaints or reports that describe an element of **abuse, harassment, sexual harassment, workplace harassment, or violence** will be addressed by the process(es) described in the organization's *Discipline and Complaints Policy*. However, the Case Manager will also appoint an Investigator to investigate the allegations.
- The Investigator may be a representative or Director of Baseball PEI or maybe an independent third-party skilled in investigating claims of harassment. The Investigator must not be in a conflict of interest situation and should have no connection to either party.
- Federal and/or Provincial legislation related to Workplace Harassment may apply to the investigation if Harassment was directed toward a worker in a Workplace. The Investigator should review workplace safety legislation and/or consult independent experts to determine whether legislation applies to the complaint.
- Per timelines determined by the Case Manager, who may modify the timelines as described in the *Discipline and Complaints Policy*, the Investigator will investigate the complaint (by interviewing parties and witnesses, and collecting statements) and will prepare and submit a report about the allegations.
- The Investigator's Report should include a summary of evidence from the parties (including both statements of facts, if applicable) and recommendations from the Investigator of whether or not, on a balance of probabilities, an incident occurred that could be considered Abuse, Harassment, Sexual Harassment, Workplace Harassment, or Violence.
- The Report will be considered by the Case Manager, as applicable, prior to a decision on the complaint being made.
- The Investigator's Report will be provided to the parties with the names and identifying details of any witnesses redacted. The provision of the Investigator's Report is conditional on the parties not distributing the Report to any third party without the written permission of Baseball PEI.
- Should the Investigator find that there are possible instances of an offence under the Criminal Code, particularly related to Criminal Harassment (or Stalking), Uttering Threats, Assault, Sexual Interference, or Sexual Exploitation, the Investigator should advise the complainant to refer the matter to police.
- The Investigator must also inform Baseball PEI of any findings of criminal activity. Baseball PEI may decide whether to report such findings to police but is required to inform police if there are findings related to the trafficking of doping drugs or materials, any sexual crime involving minors, fraud against Baseball PEI, or other offences where the lack of reporting would bring Baseball PEI into disrepute.
- Should the Investigator "have reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is or may be in need of protection", the Investigator must inform Baseball PEI which must report the situation to the appropriate authorities (e.g., child protection services).

2.6 Reprisal and Retaliation

- An individual who submits a complaint to Baseball PEI, or who gives evidence in an investigation, may not be subject to reprisal or retaliation from any individual or group. Should anyone who participates in the process face reprisal or retaliation, that individual will have cause to submit a complaint.



2.7 False Allegations

- An individual who submits allegations that the Investigator determines to be false or without merit may be subject to a complaint under the terms of Baseball PEI's *Discipline and Complaints Policy* with Baseball PEI, or the individual against whom the false allegations were submitted, acting as the Complainant.

2.8 Confidentiality

- Information obtained about an incident or complaint (including identifying information about any individuals involved) will remain confidential, unless disclosure is necessary for the purpose of investigating or taking corrective action, or is otherwise required by law.
- The Investigator will make every effort to preserve the confidentiality of the complainant, respondent, and any other party. However, Baseball PEI recognizes that maintaining the anonymity of any party may be difficult for the Investigator during the course of the investigation.



Appendix II – 2020 Baseball PEI Calendar

Date	Event/Deadline
April 25, 2020	Provincial Registration Day
April 29, 2020	Deadline for submission of "AAA" teams, contacts and field times
May 1, 2020	Deadline for applications to host "Final Four" at "AA" and/or "A" levels
May 7, 2020	Baseball PEI 18U "AA" meeting
May 11, 2020	"AAA" meetings
May 13, 2020	Deadline for submission of "AA" teams, contacts and field times
May 14, 2020	Baseball PEI 18U "A" meeting
May 16, 2020	18U "AA" league begin
May 20, 2020	Deadline for submission of "A" teams, contacts and field times
May 25, 2020	"AA" meetings
May 25, 2020	"AAA" leagues begin
May 30, 2020	18U "A" league begin
June 1, 2020	"AA" leagues begin
June 1, 2020	15U "A" and 13U "A" league meetings
June 2, 2020	11U "A" and 9U league meetings
June 8, 2020	"A" leagues begin
June 17, 2020	Deadline for applications to host Eliminations in 13U "AAA" and 11U "AA" classifications
June 17, 2020	Deadline for applications to host Baseball Atlantic Championships in 13U "AA" classification
June 17, 2020	Deadline for rosters for all classifications ("AAA," "AA," "A," 21U, 9U, 8U)
June 19, 2020	Deadline for all player, team, league, Eliminations and Provincial Championship Fees
June 22, 2020	Deadline for applications for the Tanner Craswell & Mitch MacLean Memorial Bursary
	Deadline for applications to host Provincial Championships at "AAA," Provincial Championship round-robins at "AA" and "A," and Provincial Jamborees at 11U "A" and 9U
June 26, 2020	
June 29, 2020	Deadline to withdraw from Eliminations (13U "AAA" and 11U "AA") without penalty
July 3, 2020	Tanner Craswell & Mitch MacLean Memorial Bursary winner announced
July 15, 2020	Deadline for Background Screening (Coaches/Volunteers/Umpires)
July 24, 2020	Draw date for the 2020 Baseball PEI/Toronto Blue Jays Getaway Fundraiser
July 24-26, 2020	13U "AAA" and 11U "AA" Eliminations
July 31, 2020	Deadline to withdraw from Provincial Championships/Jamborees without penalty
August 5-9, 2020	BIGS Seeds Baseball Canada Cup
August 14-16, 2020	Provincial 11U "A" and 9U Jamborees
August 14-15, 2020	Provincial 15U "A" Championship round-robin
August 15-16, 2020	Provincial 13U "A" Championship round-robin
August 15, 2020	Provincial Rally Cap Jamboree Day
August 20-23, 2020	Baseball Canada National 18U Championships
August 21-23, 2020	Provincial 18U "A" Championships
August 21-22, 2020	Provincial 15U "AA" Championships round-robin
August 22-23, 2020	Provincial 13U "AA" Championships round-robin
August 27-30, 2020	Baseball Canada National 16U Girls Championships
August 27-30, 2020	Baseball Canada Ray Carter (15U) Cup
August 27-30, 2020	Baseball Canada National 13U Championships
August 28-30, 2020	Provincial 18U "AA" Championships



August 29-30, 2020	Provincial 11U "AA" Championship round-robin
August 30, 2020	Semifinals and Final for Provincial 13U "A" and 15U "A" Championships
September 4-6, 2020	Provincial 15U "AAA" Championships
September 4-6, 2020	Provincial 13U "AAA" Championships
September 4-6, 2020	Provincial 11U "AAA" Championships
September 4-6, 2020	Baseball Atlantic 18U "AA" Championships
September 6, 2020	Semifinals and Final for Provincial 11U "AA," 13U "AA" and 15U "AA" Championships
September 11-13, 2020	Baseball Atlantic 14U Girls Championships
September 17-20, 2020	Baseball Canada National 13U Atlantic Championships
September 18-20, 2020	Baseball Atlantic 15U "AAA" Championships
September 18-20, 2020	Baseball Atlantic 15U "AA" Championships
September 18-20, 2020	Baseball Atlantic 13U "AA" Championships
September 18-20, 2020	Baseball Atlantic 11U "AAA" Championships
September 18-20, 2020	Baseball Atlantic 11U "AA" Championships
October 17, 2020	2020 Baseball PEI Fall Forum and Annual General Meeting
November 17, 2020	2020 Baseball PEI Awards Night



Appendix III – Discipline Guidelines Policy

1.1 Introduction

- Please note these are minimum discipline guidelines for all Baseball PEI exhibition, regular season, tournament, Eliminations and Provincial Championship games. Depending on the situation, the appropriate Director and/or the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI reserves the right to revise the amount of discipline levied for a certain situation.
 - A Director and/or the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI reserves the right to administer discipline and/or a suspension to a player/coach/team personnel even if they are not ejected from a game.
- On top of the discipline below, if a coach/player/team personnel is ejected more than once in a season, a one (1) game suspension will be added onto any other discipline levied to the coach/player/team personnel each time the coach/player/team personal is subsequently ejected.
- In all circumstances, if a player/coach/team personnel prolongs argument after an ejection, the following additional discipline will be levied (in addition to any other discipline that is levied due to an ejection):
 - First offense: an additional one (1) games suspension.
 - Second offense: an addition two (2) game suspension.
 - Third offense: suspended indefinitely with a hearing with Baseball PEI.

2.1 Umpire Abuse/Harassment

Type of Offense	Offender	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Verbal Abuse, inappropriate comments or inappropriate gestures at an umpire.	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Ejection from current game	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from current games plus an additional four (4) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.
Threatening an umpire (i.e. but not limited to "I will get you after the game," "See you in the parking lot," "You'll get yours" and et cetera).	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Ejection from current game plus an additional three (3) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Contacting an umpire unintentionally.	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension.	Ejection from current game plus an additional five (5) game suspension.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Contacting an umpire intentionally.	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.



Throwing equipment/debris toward umpire.	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension.	Ejection from current game plus an additional four (4) game suspension.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
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3.1 Violent/Aggressive Play

Type of Offense	Offender	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Illegal contact	Player	Ejection from the current game. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from current game plus an additional one (1) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.
Intent to injure	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Two (2) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	Suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.	Suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Intentional throwing at batter's body	Pitcher	Ejection from the current game. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Intentional throwing at batter's body	Head Coach	Ejection from current game	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Intentional throwing at batter's head area	Pitcher	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Intentional throwing at batter's head area	Head Coach	Ejection from current game plus an additional two	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely;	Ejection from the current game and suspended



		(2) game suspension.	hearing with Baseball PEI.	indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Fighting (includes charging the mound, benches clearing, et cetera)	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Restrained from confronting umpire/player in an aggressive manner	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game plus an additional one (1) game suspension.	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Returning to playing field/dugout after an ejection - participation in fight or bench clearing	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	An additional three (3) game suspension to be added. Additional penalties may apply.	Suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.	Suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.

4.1 Verbal Abuse/Harassment/Bullying

Type of Offense	Offender	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Verbal abuse/bench jockeying - Actions or words directed towards an opponent or umpire for the purposes of but not limited to embarrassment, bullying, taunting and baiting	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Ejection from current game. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Threatening an opponent and/or a spectator (i.e. but not limited to "I will get you after the game," "See you in the parking lot," "You'll get yours" and et cetera)	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Ejection from current game plus an additional three (3) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Acting in a manner deemed to be objectionable based on race, religion, country of origin, disability, sexual	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension. Additional	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.



orientation or some other factor.		penalties may apply.		
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5.1 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Type of Offense	Offender	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Throwing equipment/debris in opponents Direction	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension.	Ejection from current game plus an additional four (4) game suspension.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Not leaving dugout after ejection	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	An additional one (1) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	An additional two (2) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	Suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Returning to playing field/dugout after an ejection	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	An additional one (1) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	An additional two (2) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	Suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Ejection for tobacco use (includes smokeless and e-cigarettes)	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Ejection for alcohol during a game.	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Ejection from current game plus an additional one (1) game suspension.	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Use of altered bat	Player	Ejection from the current game.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Foreign substance/doctored baseball	Player	Ejection from the current game.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely;	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely;



			hearing with Baseball PEI.	hearing with Baseball PEI.
Team playing an ineligible player, suspended or player not on official roster	Head Coach	Suspended for the next two (2) games their team plays.	Suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.	Suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.



Appendix IV – Provincial Team Coach/Manager Policy

1.1 Provincial Team Jurisdiction

- Provincial teams are under the jurisdiction of Baseball PEI and shall follow the applicable guidelines.

1.2 Selection of Provincial Team Coaches/Staff

- Provincial team coaches and managers shall be chosen by a Selection Committee selected by the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI. The decisions of the said committee are final.

1.3 Process of Provincial Team Coach Selection

- The Director of Provincial Teams, provided that he/she is/will not be applying for a position or an immediate family member of someone applying, will head the selection committee; otherwise, the Board of Directors will appoint another member who is/will not be applying for a position or an immediate family member of one who is applying.
- The process for asking for coaching applications is as follows:
 - The Director of Provincial Teams or alternative shall place an advertisement in the newspaper that serves the largest number of people in the province, electronically on social media, on Baseball PEI's web page and other avenues regarding the need for coaches.
 - Said advertisements shall state the deadline for receipt of applications
 - All applications must be received on or before the date stated in the advertisement
 - Applications received after said date will not be accepted
 - Should no applications be received for a position, then that position may be reopened for competition or the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI has the right to secure somebody to coach the team without a application process
 - Said application should include:
 - Coaching credentials
 - Coaching experience at the PEI league and provincial levels, for baseball and other sports
 - The position requested or seeking (head coach, assistant or manager, et cetera), division, and team (if applicable, i.e. host)
 - A minimum of three (3) character references
- Said applications will be taken to the Selection Committee meeting by the Executive Director and distributed to the committee members.
- Criteria for selection include, but are not limited by:
 - Baseball coaching certification level(s) required for National and/or Regional tournaments
 - Number of years coaching baseball at the provincial and PEI league level
 - A detailed team plan
 - Experience the applicant may have acquired from other sports, at the PEI league and elite level
 - Results achieved from previous coaching (including win/loss record, team issues/satisfaction, relationship with Baseball PEI)
- All applicants will be notified of the results in writing, within fourteen (14) days of the selection committee meeting.
- At the meeting between the Baseball PEI selection panel and prospective Provincial coaches, the Director of Provincial Teams shall:
 - Chair the selection committee meeting
 - Make available application forms
 - Vote, only in case of a tie



- The selection committee shall consist of at least three (3) members, who must be present, during the entire process. None of the committee members can be applying for a position or an immediate family member of one who is applying.
- Selection of each coach shall be by a simple majority vote. Voting will be done by ballots passed out with each committee member having a vote if requested by one of the committee members. In the case of a tie, the Chair will cast the deciding vote. In the case of three (3) coaches or more applying for the same position, if after a vote there is a tie between two (2) coaches the members shall vote again on those two (2) coaches; if they are tied after the second vote, then the chair will cast his or her vote.
- If no applications for a coaching position are deemed suitable or appropriate, the Director of Provincial Teams may restart the process of selection of a Provincial Team coach or coaches.

1.4 Background Checks for Coaches and Managers

- All coaches and managers involved with any Baseball PEI Provincial team must supply Baseball PEI with a background check each year by 30 June.
- A background check that is less than one-year-old at the time of the coach's/manager's respective Baseball Canada National Championship is acceptable to Baseball PEI (as Baseball Canada requires a new background check each year for National Championships). Any background check that is older than one-year-old – at the time of the coach's/manager's respective National Championship – is not acceptable and a new background check must be acquired and submitted to Baseball PEI.
 - Please note that for coaches in charge of the Canada Summer Games baseball team, requirements for background checks may differ due to rules and regulations from the Canada Games Society.

1.5 Provincial Team Responsibilities to Baseball PEI

- Provincial teams must seek sanction from Baseball PEI to participate in games and tournaments on and off PEI.
- Prior to attendance at any Baseball Canada Championship, the travel and accommodation plans of a Provincial Team must be approved by the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI.
- At the conclusion of the season, all uniforms (cleaned) and equipment provided by Baseball PEI must be returned and all fees owed to Baseball PEI and/or Baseball Canada must be paid.



Appendix V – Provincial Team Selection Policy

1.1 Introduction

- Baseball PEI has the responsibility to organize, develop and select athletes and teams to represent Baseball PEI at Baseball Canada and/or Canada Summer Games events. This policy sets Baseball PEI’s procedures, guidelines, criteria, standards and timelines governing the selection of athletes to those teams.
- For the purpose of this policy, the term “tryout” will refer to a tryout period that includes actual “practice-like” tryouts, intra-squad games, and any exhibition games that are used to determine the final roster for a Provincial team.

1.2 Authority for Selection

- For all Provincial teams representing Baseball PEI at either Baseball Canada National Championships and/or the Canada Summer Games requiring tryouts, a selection committee will be created to select the final roster for that team.
 - The selection committee for that team will include the head coach for that Provincial team and a minimum of two other people independent of the team (without any direct relation to any players trying out for the team).
- For any Provincial team that does not have enough players interested/willing to play for that team to necessitate tryouts, there will be no selection committee set up. As long as the players interested/willing to play are approved by the head coach and meet the athlete eligibility criteria below, they are eligible to be submitted for final approval to the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI.
 - For the Provincial 18U All-Stars, representing Baseball PEI at the Baseball Canada National 18U Championships, the final roster may be made up of players, playing 18U baseball, who were invited to play on that Provincial team by the Head Coach. No tryouts are necessary for this team.
- Upon the submission of the proposed final roster for a Provincial team by the selection committee to the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI, the Board of Directors has the final approval for the roster for that Provincial team representing Baseball PEI.

1.3 Goals/Objectives of Team Selection

- The selection criteria are designed to select athletes who will create the best possible competitive and cohesive Provincial team representing Baseball PEI.

1.4 Team Size

- Team size will be dictated by the event. The team’s selection committee will have the discretion to name a larger team that will include a number of reserve athletes, or name a smaller team due to resource and/or talent constraints.
- If a Provincial team has the option to name a certain number of overage players to their roster for a Baseball Canada and/or a Canada Summer Games, that team is highly encouraged to take the number of overage players permitted.

1.5 Team Announcement

- Baseball PEI will publicly announce the selected team within seven (7) days of the final selection camp by posting the team list on Baseball PEI’s website and social media platforms.

1.6 Athlete Eligibility

- To be eligible to be considered for selection, an athlete must:
 - Be a registered member in good standing of Baseball PEI;
 - Meet all Baseball PEI and Baseball Canada residency rules (or, in the case of the Canada Summer Games, Canada Games residency rules);
 - Pay any and all required fees;



- Eligible to participate as per the rules of the applicable event.
- For the Provincial 13U, 15U and 18U teams, the athlete must also play club baseball during the summer.

1.7 Residency

- An eligible athlete must declare their permanent residency upon application for selection. An athlete will only have one permanent residence.
- Athletes attending school on a full-time basis outside of their permanent residence will be deemed to reside at their permanent residence.
- The permanent residence of an athlete will be the domicile of that athlete.
- If necessary – due to player numbers – at certain divisions, as long as Baseball Canada and the province in which the player’s domicile is located grant approval, a Provincial team may select a player from a domicile outside of Prince Edward Island.
 - If a player with a domicile outside of Prince Edward Island has a legitimate summer residence on Prince Edward Island, they may be considered for a tryout with a Provincial team provided approval is granted by Baseball Canada, the province in which that player’s domicile is located, and meet all athlete-eligibility rules.

1.8 Tryout Locations

- For all Provincial teams that require tryouts, unless there are extenuating circumstances – lack of appropriate facilities may be one, for example – at least one tryout should be held in each of the three counties of Prince Edward Island.

1.9 Team Selection Process

- The selection committee will:
 - Develop a list of characteristics and physical tests to be completed by each eligible athlete.
 - Rank the total scores of each eligible athlete, based on the list of characteristics and physical tests decided upon earlier by the selection committee, and record those rankings.
 - If a player/parent wishes to know why their son/daughter has not been named to the final roster, the selection committee should be able to produce their ranks and compare them to the minimum ranks for players who have been named to the final roster.
 - In the event that one of the top-ranked athletes decides not to join the team, the next highest-ranked athlete will be asked as a replacement.
- Members of the selection committee are required to remove themselves from any discussions, ranking and voting if there exists a conflict of interest.

1.10 Exceptions

- If a selection committee wishes to name a player to the final roster of a Provincial team who was unable to attend any tryouts – due to either injury, being at a school out-of-province on a full-time basis, or other unforeseen circumstances – they must give a rationale to and receive permission from the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI. The rationale should include legitimate reasoning as to why that player should be and deserves to be on the final roster despite being unable to attend any tryouts.

1.11 Athlete Requirements to Remain Selected and Removal

- Upon selection and in order to remain on the Provincial team an athlete must:
 - Sign a Provincial Team Player Code of Conduct
 - Provide to their team and/or Baseball PEI all required documents
 - Participate in all team events, activities and meetings
 - Ensure proper equipment, clothing and funds



- Obey all rules established by their Provincial team and/or Baseball PEI and follow the Provincial Team Player Code of Conduct
- Assist Baseball PEI in public relation and fundraising projects where required
- Once selected to a team, an athlete may withdraw or be withdrawn from the final roster due to:
 - Failure to satisfy the minimum training standards set out by the Head Coach
 - Failure to adhere to team rules and the Provincial Team Player Code of Conduct and policies
 - Failure to remain competitive-ready leading up to the event.
 - Athletes who do not remain competitive-ready due to lack of fitness, injury or illness may be removed from the team.
 - It is the obligation of the athlete to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level
 - Voluntary withdrawal/retirement;
 - Fraudulent misrepresentation.
- Where an athlete is unable to meet training standards, competitive readiness, violates team rules or the Provincial Team Player Code of Conduct or provides fraudulent misrepresentations, the Head Coach – upon receiving permission from the Director of Provincial Teams for Baseball PEI – will have the discretion to remove the athlete from the team, provided the athlete is given an opportunity to be heard. The Head Coach has the option to replace the athlete with another suitable candidate.
- The Head Coach will notify the athlete in writing that he has been removed from the team and reasons for the removal.

1.12 Funding

- Any money required to be contributed by the athlete must be paid to the Provincial team as requested. Failure to pay such monies may result in the athlete removal from the Team.

1.13 Appeals

- Any appeal against a decision of the selection committee in terms of a player not being named to the final roster of a Provincial team, or against a decision of a Head Coach to have an athlete withdrawn for violating one of the team's and/or Baseball PEI's rule, may be done in accordance to Baseball PEI's Appeal Policy. However, the appeal must demonstrate a lack of adherence or breaking of a part of this or another Baseball PEI policy in order for the appeal to be heard through Baseball PEI's Appeal Policy.



Appendix VI – Screening Policy

1.1 Definitions

- These terms will have the following meaning within this policy:
 - “*Baseball PEI*” – Baseball Prince Edward Island.
 - “*Individual*” – *Baseball PEI* Representatives, Umpires, Coaches and trainers participating at identified Baseball PEI sanctioned events and any person identified by Baseball PEI.
 - “*Baseball PEI Sanctioned Event*” – Leagues/competitions administered by Baseball PEI, tryouts/games/practices/events by a Provincial team, Provincial Eliminations/Championships, camps/clinics and other events put on by Baseball PEI and all other activities within a program cycle as identified by the Executive Director of Baseball PEI.
 - “*Record Check*” – Enhanced Police Information Check offered by Sterling BackCheck, Vulnerable Sector Check, Criminal Record Check or an equivalent background check acceptable to Baseball PEI.

1.2 Policy Statement

- Screening is an ongoing process performed by an organization to identify individuals involved with the organization’s activities who may pose a risk to the organization and its participants. Screening practices play a role in fulfilling an organization’s moral, legal and ethical responsibilities to the people it reaches.

1.3 Purpose

- Baseball PEI understands that screening personnel and volunteers is a vital part of providing a safe sporting environment and has become a common practice among sport organizations that provide programs and services to the community. Baseball PEI is responsible, by law, to do everything reasonable to provide a safe and secure environment for participants in its programs, activities, and events.

1.4 Executive Director and Screening Committee

- The implementation of this Policy is the responsibility of the Baseball PEI’s Executive Director and the Screening Committee. The Screening Committee will be persons appointed by the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI. The Screening Committee can meet by any means as determined by the Executive Director. The Executive Director can be a member of the Screening Committee. There will be three (3) members within the Screening Committee.
- The Executive Director is responsible for assisting the Screening Committee.

1.5 Obligations

- All Individuals intending to participate at Baseball PEI sanctioned events will be required to provide a Record Check or an equivalent background check acceptable to the Baseball PEI Screening Committee by 15 July of the current season. The Record Check or equivalent background check must have taken place within the previous twelve months from the date of the event or the completion of the Registration and Screening Disclosure Form.
- This Record Check will be valid for three (3) years. Two years after submitting a Record Check to Baseball PEI, the Individual must submit a new Record Check.
- Failure or refusal to participate in the screening process as outlined in this Policy will result in automatic ineligibility to participate in a Baseball PEI sanctioned event.

1.6 Procedure

- The Screening Committee may request that an Individual provide a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) or other screening documents for review and consideration at any time.
- If an Individual’s documents do not reveal a positive response (“yes”) the Executive Director will grant the Individual the right to participate at the Baseball PEI event.



- In the event that a Screening Disclosure Form discloses a positive response (“yes”), the following will occur:
 - Documentation may be requested, as determined by the Screening Committee, from the Individual describing the positive response and any additional information the Individual wishes the Screening Committee to consider.
 - The Screening Committee may request the Individual submit a VSC, at their own expense.
 - The Individual will be informed by the Screening Committee that their application will not proceed until such time as the required documents are received.
- The Screening Committee will receive and review all relevant and requested documents and information. Subject to the review of the documents and information, the Screening Committee, by majority vote, will:
 - Approve an Individual for participation at the Baseball PEI event; or
 - Approve an Individual for participation at the Baseball PEI event subject to terms and conditions as deemed appropriate; or
 - Deny an Individual the right to participate at the Baseball PEI event.
- Where the Screening Committee denies an Individual the right to participate at the Baseball PEI event, the reasons for such decision will be provided, in writing, to the Individual.
- The decision of the Screening Committee is final, binding and will be effective immediately. No appeal is possible.

1.7 Records

- Baseball PEI will return all copies of any received documents to the Individual or destroy such documents but will retain written records of communication with Individuals whose Screening Disclosure Form or Record Check indicate a relevant offence, as well as copies of its decisions and written reasons for decisions.
- Any information relating to a Screening Disclosure Form, Record Check, or decision rendered under this Policy will be disclosed to any third party deemed appropriate by Baseball PEI.

1.8 Appeals

- Decisions made under this policy are final and binding and are NOT appealable under the Baseball PEI Appeal Policy.



Appendix VII – 2020 Baseball PEI Arm Smart (Pitch Count) Rules

Rules Governing the Pitcher (Exhibition Play, League Play, Playoffs, Tournaments and Championships)

- (1) Any player on the team is eligible to pitch, and there are no restrictions to the number of pitchers a manager/head coach may use in a game.
- (2) Pitchers shall be permitted to have two (2) appearances in the same calendar day. If a pitcher requires a rest following their first appearance, they cannot return in the same calendar day.
- (3) **If a pitcher meets the requirements to pitch on consecutive days and the pitcher does not go over the first daily threshold during Game 1, they are permitted to have a second (2nd) appearance in the same calendar day. Pitchers will not be permitted to exceed the maximum daily allowable number of pitchers in any two-day period**

Pitchers cannot pitch in three (3) games during a day.

For example: An 11U pitcher throws 20 pitches on Day 1. On Day 2, that pitcher is limited to 55 pitches. A 15U pitcher throws 25 pitches on Day 1. On Day 2, that pitcher is limited to 70 pitches. A 21U pitcher throws 45 pitches on Day 1. On Day 2, that pitcher is limited to 70 pitches.

Please note: If an 11U pitcher throws 20 pitches on Day 1 and then 55 pitches on Day 2, that pitcher would require two (2) day’s rest, not four (4) day’s rest. If a 15U pitcher throws 20 pitches on Day 1 and then 75 pitches on Day 2, that pitcher would require three (3) day’s rest, not four (4) day’s rest. The pitcher’s rest is based on the number of pitches thrown on Day 2, not the combined total of Days 1 and 2.

- (4) A pitcher cannot pitch three (3) consecutive days unless a pitcher’s first two (2) days combined does not exceed:

11U: 25 13U: 30 15U/16U Girls: 35 18U: 40 21U: 45

If a pitcher’s Day 1 + Day 2 exceeds figure above for their division, they require at least one (1) day’s rest.

- (5) **A pitcher’s combined three (3) day pitch count cannot exceed:**

11U: 105 13U: 120 15U/16U Girls: 135 18U: 150 21U: 165

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

11U	13U	15U/16U Girls	18U	21U	Rest required
1-25	1-30	1-35	1-40	1-45	None
26-40	31-45	36-50	41-55	45-60	1 day
41-55	46-60	51-65	56-70	61-75	2 days
56-65	61-75	66-80	71-85	76-90	3 days
66-75	76-85	81-95	86-105	91-115	4 days
75	85	95	105	115	Maximum

- (7) 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.
- (8) Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day.
- (9) **Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if his or her maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day.**
 - (a) **When a pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches allowed for a threshold (see table above), he can complete the at-bat without the penalty on days of rest, as long as he/she does not**



pitch to another batter. In this situation, the number of pitches corresponding to the threshold reached will be indicated on the pitching log.

The coach or manager needs to acknowledge this to the umpire at this moment prior to the next pitch. The umpire will then notify the scorekeeper.

(b) When the pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches allowed (75, 85, 95, 105 and 115 pitches) during a day during a batter's at-bat, he/she is allowed to complete the at-bat and must be replaced following that batter.

(10) Only pitches actually thrown will be included in Pitch Count totals. Automatic balls during an intentional walk do not count towards Pitch Count totals.

For example: if during a count of two (2) balls and no (0) strikes, a team signals to the umpire that the batter will receive an intentional walk, only two (2) pitches will be counted for the Pitch Count.

(11) Required rest shall be defined in "Days" starting at 12:01 am and ending at 11:59 pm of the next calendar day.

(12) If a game continues past 12:01 am, those pitches are counted as if pitched prior to midnight. If a game is suspended, when it resumes it is defined as a different day.

(13) 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.

(14) Any violation of any part of the Pitch Count rule, the result is the manager/head coach is ejected from the current game and receives an additional game suspension.

(15) The total number of pitches thrown by an ambidextrous pitcher are counted for the purpose of calculating pitch count, regardless of which arm or combination there-of is throwing.

(16) When a game is stopped by inclement weather or for any other reason than a mercy rule, that specific game has to resumed at the point of stoppage. If Pitcher "A" is the starting pitcher of a game and has a pitch count below the first threshold, Pitcher "A" can then be used as a pitcher again for that particular game but considering he/she will be carrying the number of pitches thrown when the game stopped. This applies for a game that is resumed on the same day or on the next day.

For example, if Pitcher "A" threw 30 pitches at 15U Nationals, he will then be allowed to throw a maximum of 65 pitches when the game resumes. If Pitcher "A" had thrown 36 pitches when the rain started, he/she would not be eligible to pitch if the game is rescheduled for the next day as he/she needs his/her full day of rest. If the game is resumed during the same day, he/she can then come back as a pitcher while carrying his/her pitches.

(17) A player playing in a division other than their own age group shall pitch based on the pitch count of the lower aged division.

For example: a 13U playing at 15U is subject to the 13U rules; an 18U playing at 15U is subject to the 15U rules.

(18) The manager/head coach may make a second (2nd) visit to the mound while the same batter is in an at-bat in order to remove the pitcher.

IMPORTANT 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/head coach of the offending team so that an opportunity for assignment correction may be immediately affected. In the event that a manager/head coach deliberately overpitches his/her pitcher, the result is the manager/head coach is ejected from the current game and received an additional game suspension.