



BASEBALL
C A N A D A
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Participant's Guide

(TEAM STAFF)

2016 Edition

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

On behalf of the membership of Baseball Canada, I am pleased to welcome all participating teams to the Baseball Canada Championship.

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

I feel confident that all players, coaches and officials will return to their provinces with many good memories and 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,



Jason Dickson
President
Baseball Canada

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PART ONE:

BACKGROUND MATERIAL

INTRODUCTION

BASEBALL CANADA

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Introduction

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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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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 lifelong 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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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 ten¹ 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.***

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

The Championships

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

- Baseball Canada Cup
- DQ® 13U National Championship
- DQ® 13U National Atlantic Championship
- DQ® 13U National Western Championship
- 16U Girls National Invitational
- 15U National Championship
- 18U National Championship
- 21U Men National Championship
- 21U Women National Invitational
- Senior Men National Championship
- Senior Women National Invitational

The dates for the upcoming year have been set as:

	Canada Cup	13U National	13U Atlantic	13U West	15U	16U Girls	18U	21U Men	21U Women	Senior Men	Senior Women
2016	Aug 3-8	Aug 25-29	Sept 8-11	Aug 25-29	Aug 25-29	Aug 18-22	Aug 18-22	Aug 18-22	Aug 4-8	Aug 25-29	Aug 25-29

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:

	Baseball Canada Cup
Age	17 and under
Team Size ² (players+coaches+staff)	24 (20+3+1)
Field size: - basepaths - pitching distance	90' 60'6"

² 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 10 other annual championships.

	BASEBALL CANADA		
	16U Girls	13U	15U Boys
	CHAMPIONSHIPS		
Age	16 and under (*1-see below)	13 and under	15 and under (*2-see below)
Team Size ³ (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 18th birthday during the current calendar year.

	BASEBALL CANADA			
	18U	21U	Senior Men	Senior Women
	CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Age	18 and under (*2-see below)	21 and under	(open)	(open)
Team Size ⁴ (players+coaches+staff)	22 (18+3+1)	22 (18+3+1)	25 (21+3+1)	22 (18+3+1)
Field size:				
- Basepaths	90'	90'	90'	90'
- pitching distance	60'6"	60'6"	60'6"	60'6"

(*2) - Bottom 3 seeded teams in Pool B have the opportunity to use 2 overage players. If Host Province is in the bottom 3 teams, Host team also allowed 2 overaged players. An overage player is maximum 1 year older.

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 20th 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.

³ A fourth, optional coach is permitted at the team's expense.

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PART TWO:

QUALIFICATION & ELIGIBILITY

TEAM QUALIFICATION

***TEAM DETERMINATION
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE
ROSTERS***

ELIGIBILITY

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

Team Qualification

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TEAM DETERMINATION

Each of the Baseball Canada Championships are operated as:

- a province-orientated event (10 or 11 teams)
- a region⁵-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 region⁶.

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 30th, each PBA shall advise Baseball Canada in writing of its intention to appear or not appear at the various Baseball Canada Championships in the following year.

⁵ Baseball Canada recognized five regions: BC, Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic.

⁶ 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 1st. An updated list shall be sent by August 1st.
- (e) Team staff without proper certification will be removed from the roster. To add a team staff individual following the deadline in 1.2.3 (a) will result in a \$50 fine/individual to a maximum of \$100/team.
- (f) Changes to the roster jersey numbers following the pre-tournament meeting may, at the discretion of Baseball Canada rep, result in the PBA being subject to a 50\$ fine, payable to Baseball Canada.
- (g) A coach can only appear on one (1) roster per event. This is for coaching staff only, does not apply to chef or trainer.

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 by September 15th of the previous year. A player cannot be registered in two provinces simultaneously. Any player moving to another province after June 1st of the current year, must obtain a release from their old province in order to play for the new province.
- (c) An athlete must be a registered player of the Provincial Baseball Association that his team represents.
 - 1) A Senior Division Player needs to be a member of the Provincial Association they represent, and a resident of said Province as of July 1st. If a Province does not send a team to Senior 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 Senior Nationals.
 - 2) 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.
 - 3) A female athlete may participate in a female event with a Province other than their own, with permission to play from both Provinces involved and Baseball Canada.

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.

<i>Division & Category</i>	Requirements
<i>Pee-Wee Regionals</i>	1 Coach is Certified Regional Other Coaches are Trained Regional
<i>Bantam Boys & 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 have Initiation Coach Online Module
Canada Cup	When 4 coaches are on staff: 1 Coach at least Certified Comp-Dev 2 Coaches at least Trained Comp-Dev

	<p>1 Coach at least Certified Provincial Coach (*Development Coach)</p> <p>When 3 coaches are on staff: 1 Coach at least Certified Comp-Dev 1 Coach at least Trained Comp-Dev 1 Coach at least Certified Provincial Coach (*Development coach)</p>
<i>Canada Games</i>	All coaches are Competition- Development Certified

* A Province can identify a coach 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 2nd 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.
- (d) Coaches 14 years of age, but under the age of 16, may only coach at 13U level and below, at National Championships.

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

BASEBALL CANADA OFFICIAL SCORER

UMPIRING STAFF

BASEBALL CANADA OFFICE STAFF

Team Members

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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.⁷*
- (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.*

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

⁷ Under Baseball Canada's rules, the manager or head coach is the person so designated on the roster.

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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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 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.

BASEBALL CANADA OFFICIAL SCORER

Baseball Canada Official Scorer is responsible to oversee the championship Pointstreak system and scorekeepers/record keeping.

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

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 pickups 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 **or Thursday for the 13U National Atlantic**) 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 1st. An updated list shall be sent by August 1st.*
- (e) *Team staff without proper certification will be removed from the roster. To add a team staff individual following the deadline in 1.2.3 (a) will result in a \$50 fine/individual to a maximum of \$100/team.*
- (f) *Changes to the roster jersey numbers following the pre-tournament meeting may, at the discretion of Baseball Canada rep, result in the PBA being subject to a 50\$ fine, payable to Baseball Canada.*
- (g) **A coach can only appear on one (1) roster per event. This is for coaching staff only, does not apply to chef or trainer.**

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

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

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.

Determination of Home and Visitor:

1.8.1 Round-Robin:

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

1.8.2 Medal Round Games:

- (a) This section does not include the Baseball Canada Cup, 15U (Bantam) Boys, 18U (Midget).
- (b) When a team plays a team with a lower finish in the round robin (either in the same pool or the other pool), the team with the higher finish shall have the choice of home or away.
- (c) When two teams meet that finished in the same numerical position in different pools, the choice of home or away shall be given to the winner of a coin toss by the Baseball Canada Representative made at a time to be determined by the Representative.

1.8.3 Baseball Canada Cup, 15U (Bantam) Boys, 18U (Midget):

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

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1.7.4 Less than Seven Teams:

- (a) The teams shall compete in one (1) pool, playing a round-robin schedule that sees each team play each other team once.
- (b) Following round-robin play, the following medal round games shall be played:
 - (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) shall be played in the case of a six team championship.

1.7.5 Seven Teams:

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

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

- (b) The teams shall play a round-robin schedule within their own pools, with each team playing each other team in the pool once in pool B and twice in Pool A.
- (c) Following round robin play, if every team in pool A has a win the following playoff round games shall be played:
 - Quarter-final: 3A vs 2B
 - Semi-finals: 1B vs 1A and Winner of 3A/2B vs 2A
 - Bronze medal game: Semi-final losers
 - Gold medal game: Semi-final winners
 - Following round-robin play, the following placement games shall be played:
 - 6th place: 3B vs 4B
- (d) Following round robin play, if one team in pool A does not have a win the following playoff round games shall be played:
 - Semi-finals: 1A vs 2B and 2A vs 1B
 - Bronze medal game: Semi-final losers
 - Gold medal game: Semi-final winners
 - Following round-robin play, the following placement games shall be played:
 - 7th place: 3B vs 4B
 - 5th place: winner of 3B/4B vs 3A

1.7.6 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: 3rd pool A vs 2nd Pool B
 - QF-2: 3rd Pool B vs 2nd Pool A
 with the winners moving on to the medal round and the losers to the consolation round.
- (d) The following medal round games shall be played:
 - Championship semi-finals:
QF-1 winner vs 1st pool A
QF-2 winner vs 1st 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 1st pool B
QF-2 loser vs 1st pool A
 - Seven place game:
Semi-final losers
 - Fifth-place game:
Semi-final winners
- (f) There are no placement games played at the Senior Men's Division.
- (g) This section does not apply to the Baseball Canada Cup, 15U (Bantam) Boys, 18U (Midget).

1.7.7 Ten Teams:

- (a) This section does not apply to the Baseball Canada Cup, 15U (Bantam) Boys, 18U (Midget).
- (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

(f) There are no placement games played at the **21U or Senior Men's** Division.

1.7.8 Eleven Teams:

(e) (a) This section does not apply to the Baseball Canada Cup, 15U (Bantam) Boys, 18U (Midget).

(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.

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

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

- Championships quarter-finals
3rd Pool B vs 2nd Pool A
3rd Pool A vs 2nd 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

(c) 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

(d) There are no placement games played at the **21U or Senior Men's** Division.

1.7.9 Baseball Canada Cup:

(a) This section applies only 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:

- 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 1st place team of Pool B shall automatically advance to semi-finals.

(c) 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.

(d) 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

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

- 5th place: Loser 3A/2B vs 4A
- 7th place: 3B vs 4B
- 9th 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):

Pool A: BC – Ontario – Quebec – Saskatchewan

Pool B: Alberta - New Brunswick - Nova Scotia – 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
- 5th Place Game: Loser QF vs. Saskatchewan
- 7th Place Game Newfoundland vs. Nova Scotia
- 9th 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 1st will give the province 10 points, finishing 2nd 9 points and so on. Average from the last 3 years will always be used to rank teams for following year.

1.7.10 15U (Bantam) Boys and 18U (Midget) Divisions

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

- Teams will be placed in the Pool A and Pool B divisions based on a point system calculated from the last 3 years results.
 - If tournament is hosted in Province of Pool A team, then Pool A is comprised of both teams from the Host Province and the top 3 teams. Pool B is comprised of the remaining teams.
 - If tournament is hosted in Province of Pool B team, then Pool A is comprised of the top 5 teams. Pool B is comprised of both teams from the Host Province and all remaining teams.
 - If Host Province is ranked 5th based on the last 3 years results, the Provincial Team shall remain in Pool A while the Host Team shall go to Pool B.
- (f) Bottom 3 seeded teams in Pool B have the opportunity to use 2 overage players. If Host Province is in the bottom 3 teams, Host team also allowed 2 overaged players. An overage player is maximum 1 year older.
- (g) First three (3) teams from Pool A, and the first two (2) teams from Pool B shall qualify for playoff round.
- (h) First two (2) teams from Pool A and 1st place team of Pool B shall automatically advance to semi-finals.
- (i) The teams shall play a round-robin schedule within their own pools, with each team playing each other team in the pool. Following round robin play, the following playoff round games shall be played:
- Quarter-final: 3A vs 2B
 - Semi-finals: 1B vs 1A and Winner of 3A/2B vs 2A
 - Bronze medal game: Semi-final losers
 - Gold medal game: Semi-final winners
- Following round-robin play, the following placement games shall be played:
- 5th place: Loser 3A/2B vs 4A
 - 7th place: 5A vs 3B
 - 9th place: 4B vs 5B

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 Or **Thursday for 13U National Atlantic**)
 - 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

Teams must arrive before 4pm. 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.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

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

Baseball Canada 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 (up to 18 per team maximum except for up to 21 in Senior and up to 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
- Baseball Canada Official Scorekeeper

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

Note that the host is not responsible for providing the maximum number of rooms if a team is not carrying the maximum number of players. For example, a team carrying 16 players instead of the 18 player maximum will be provided with 4 rooms for players rather than 5 rooms for players.

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.

Teams will be asked to provide a credit card upon arrival at the hotel to cover any incidentals.

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 (11U, 13U and 15U)

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.*
- 4) *Any player acting as a base coach must wear a proper double ear flap helmet; exclude Senior and 21U (Junior) Divisions.*

Re-entry Rule



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

- Re-entry Rule (adopted in 2002):
In 13U and 15U 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 18U, 21U, 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, fibreglass magnesium, or other approved manufacturer's materials will be permitted. For Baseball Canada Championships, at the 16U (Bantam) Girls and Senior Women divisions (Minus 5) (length-weight differential) bats with 2 5/8 maximum diameter barrel will be allowed.*

For Baseball Canada Cup, 15U (Bantam) Boys, 18U (Midget), 21U (Junior), Canada Games and Senior Men 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.

- 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.

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Rules -- Canadian Content (continued)

Minor Division Rules



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

	13U	15U Boys and 16U Girls
<i>Length of game</i>	7 innings	7 innings
<i>Baselines</i>	70 feet	80 feet
<i>Pitching distance</i>	48 feet	54 feet
<i>Metal cleats allowed</i>	NO	YES
<i>DH allowed</i>	NO	NO
<i>Re-entry permitted</i>	YES	YES
<i>Pitch Count applica- tion</i>	YES	YES

Important information for coaches -- the pitching limitation rules for: 13U, 15U, and 18U



**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 1st 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:
13U: 30 15U Boys/16U Girls: 35 18U: 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:

13U	15U Boys / 16U Girls	18U / Canada Cup / Canada Games	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.
- (13) 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.
- (14) When a game is stopped by inclement weather or for any other reason than a mercy rule, that specific game has to be resumed at the point of stoppage. If Pitcher "A" is the starting pitcher of a game and has a pitch count below the first threshold, Pitcher "A" can then be used as a pitcher again for that particular game but considering he will be carrying the number of pitches thrown when the game stopped. This applies for a game that is resumed on the same day or on the next day. For example, if Pitcher "A" threw 30 pitches at 15U (Bantam) 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 would not be eligible to pitch if that game is rescheduled for the next day as he needs his full day of rest. If the game is resumed during the same day, he can then come back as pitcher while carrying his pitches.
- 15) 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;
 a 18U playing at 15U is subject to the 15U rules.

8.06 (c) The manager or coach may make a 2nd 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.*

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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) Request all teams to report all offensive & defensive changes during the tournament.
- (k) Special ceremonies and events.
- (l) Closing ceremonies and awards.
- (m) Question period.

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.

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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.

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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:

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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.

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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

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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 (Rawlings)
- defensive player (Mizuno)
- catcher (Mizuno)

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.

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

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

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

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APPENDIX A:

Important Contacts

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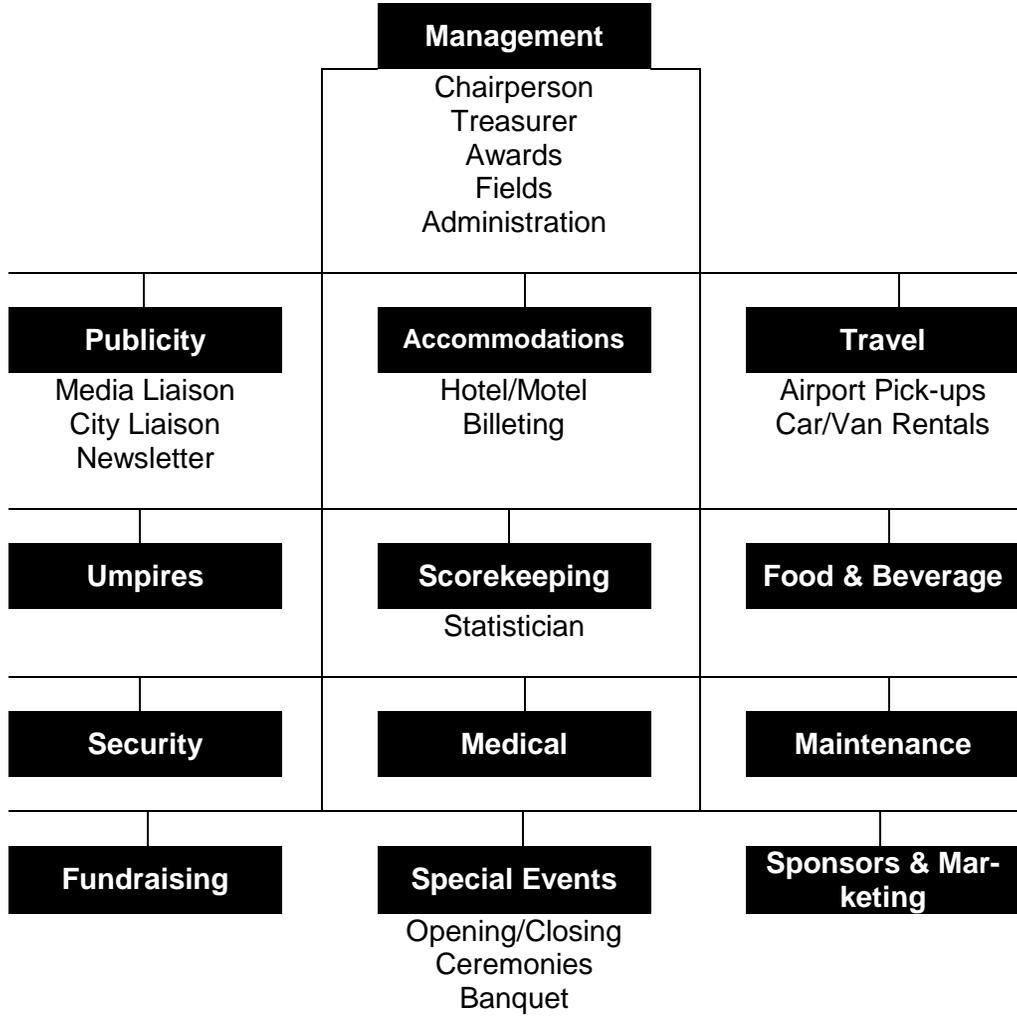
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Baseball Canada 18U Championship	Simon Therrien simontherrien44@hotmail.com 819-346-4299
Baseball Canada 21U Championship	Men : Cas Pielak cpielak@sasktel.net 306-536-5340 Women : Holly Lapierre Holly.Lapierre@bellaliant.ca 902 835 3406
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Appendix 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 behavior 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:**Baseball Canada Discipline Policy****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.

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

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

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 45 days before the October/November Board of Directors meeting. Those proposals may be submitted to the Director General of Baseball Canada.

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

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

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

PART I - THE TEAMS

1.2 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 30th, each PBA shall advise Baseball Canada in writing of its intention to appear or not appear at the various Baseball Canada Championships in the following year. Failure to do so shall result in the following default decisions being taken by Baseball Canada. Provinces now have the option to attend all events but are only obligated to the ones listed below.

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

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

- After March 31st - \$1000

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

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

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:

1.3.1 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.
- (b) An athlete participating in a Baseball Canada Championship must be a Canadian citizen or a full time resident of Canada by September 15th of the previous year. A player cannot be registered in two provinces simultaneously. Any player moving to another province after June 1st of the current year, must obtain a release from their old province in order to play for the new province. Where a student declares an intention they play under 1.2.1 c) 2) by June 1st, a request for release shall not be refused.
- (c) An athlete must be a registered player of the Provincial Baseball Association that his team represents.
- Exceptions to section 1.2.1 c) are
- 1) A Senior Division Player needs to be a member of the Provincial Association they represent, and a resident of said Province as of July 1st. **The only exception to the requirement of residing in the Province is if:** a Province does not send a team to Senior Nationals, those Provincial players from said Province must have played in an Inter-Provincial League in the Province that wishes to have them represent them at Senior Nationals.
 - 2) Students studying in a province other than their own may represent either their province of residence or the province in which they are going to school. The individual involved must state in writing which province they intend to play for by June 1 of the current year. This is subject to the approval of the Provincial Association for which they want to play and Baseball Canada.
 - 3) A female athlete may participate in a female event with a Province other than their own, with permission to play from both Provinces involved and Baseball Canada.
- (d) Specific Criteria:
- Senior Men: Open classification
- Senior Women: Open classification
- 21U (Junior) Men: 21 years old and younger who do not reach their 22nd birthday during the current calendar year.

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

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

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

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

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

13U (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:

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

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

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

(b) Names of coaches, along with their respective NCCP passport numbers (cc #), must be included in the email roster. All coaches must be able to prove certification during the championship.

- (c) A chef de mission is mandatory and should be assigned by the PBA. A chef should be appointed by the PBA and should not be a coach or/and a manager. Any chef should be assigned to any administrative task and will serve as liaison with the Baseball Canada Representative. Chef should be reminded to tour all rooms upon check-in and inform accommodation site/host of any damages. Upon check-out, chef should room tour along with accommodation/host reps to confirm rooms' status.
- (d) Coaches 14 years of age, but under the age of 16, may only coach at 13U level and below, at National Championships.

1.2.4 Rosters:

- (a) The final team rosters shall be approved by the PBA and submitted to Baseball Canada nine (9) days before the first scheduled game of the Championship.
13U National Atlantic and 13U National Western event deadline three (3) days before the first schedule game of the Championship.
- (b) Failure to comply with paragraph (a), shall result in the PBA being subject to a \$500 fine, payable to Baseball Canada.
- (c) The rosters are to include each participating coach's Coaching Certification number (cc #).
- (d) Provincial offices shall provide a list of suspended players to Baseball Canada prior to April 1st. An updated list shall be sent by August 1st.
- (e) Team staff without proper certification will be removed from the roster. To add a team staff individual following the deadline in 1.2.3 (a) will result in a \$50 fine/individual to a maximum of \$100/team.
- (f) Changes to the roster jersey numbers following the pre-tournament meeting may, at the discretion of Baseball Canada rep, result in the PBA being subject to a \$50 fine, payable to Baseball Canada.
- (g) A coach can only appear on one (1) roster per event. This is for coaching staff only, does not apply to chef or trainer.

1.2.5 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 **submission** by PBA office or President to Baseball Canada Rep prior to their first game.
- (c) After verification of certification by Baseball Canada, a coach is allowed to coach if PBA includes written confirmation.

1.2.6 Ineligible player on roster

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

1.3 Publicity:

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

1.5 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 num-

bers 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 BaseballCanada. 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.

3 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:
 - (n) Review of Championship Rules & Regulations.
 - (o) All Championship rules and procedures, special local field conditions, etc.
 - (p) Eligibility of rosters, athletes, coaches (NCCP status), etc.
 - (q) Championship schedule, and home/visitor determination.
 - (r) Run limitations.
 - (s) Protest procedures.
 - (t) Team and player discipline.
 - (u) Travesty of the game

- (v) Extra Inning Game Procedure
- (w) Request all teams to report all offensive & defensive changes during the tournament.
- (x) Special ceremonies and events.
- (y) Closing ceremonies and awards.
- (z) 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.

1.7.11 Playoff game

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

1.7.12 Start time

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

1.7.13 Less than Seven Teams:

- (a) The teams shall compete in one (1) pool, playing a round-robin schedule that sees each team play each other team once.
- (b) Following round-robin play, the following medal round games shall be played:
 - gold medal: second place vs first place
 - bronze medal: third place vs fourth place
- (c) A game for fifth place (fifth vs sixth) shall be played in the case of a six team championship.

1.7.14 Seven Teams:

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

- Teams will be placed in the Pool A and Pool B divisions based on a point system calculated from the last 3 years results. Three (3) teams in pool A and four (4) teams in pool B.
- If tournament is hosted in Province of Pool A team, then Pool A is comprised of both teams from the Host Province and the top team. Pool B is comprised of the remaining teams.
- If tournament is hosted in Province of Pool B team, then Pool A is comprised of the top 3 teams. Pool B is comprised of both teams from the Host Province and all remaining teams.
- If Host Province is ranked 3rd based on the last 3 years results, the Provincial Team shall remain in Pool A while the Host Team shall go to Pool B.
- (j) 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.
- (k) Following round robin play, if every team in pool A has a win the following playoff round games shall be played:
 - Quarter-final: 3A vs 2B
 - Semi-finals: 1B vs 1A and Winner of 3A/2B vs 2A
 - Bronze medal game: Semi-final losers
 - Gold medal game: Semi-final winners
 - Following round-robin play, the following placement games shall be played:
 - 6th place: 3B vs 4B
- (l) Following round robin play, if one team in pool A does not have a win the following playoff round games shall be played:
 - Semi-finals: 1A vs 2B and 2A vs 1B
 - Bronze medal game: Semi-final losers

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

1.7.15 Eight or Nine Teams:

- (h) 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.
- (i) The teams shall play a round-robin schedule within their own pools, with each team playing each other team in the pool once.
- (j) Following round-robin play, the following "quarter-final" games shall be played:
- QF-1: 3rd pool A vs 2nd Pool B
 - QF-2: 3rd Pool B vs 2nd Pool A
- with the winners moving on to the medal round and the losers to the consolation round.
- (k) The following medal round games shall be played:
- Championship semi-finals:
QF-1 winner vs 1st pool A
 - QF-2 winner vs 1st pool B
 - Bronze medal game: Semi-final losers
 - Gold medal game: Semi-final winners
- (l) The following consolation-round games shall be played.
- Consolation semi-finals:
QF-1 loser vs 4th pool B
 - QF-2 loser vs 4th pool A
 - Fifth-place game: Semi-final winners
 - Seven place game: Semi-final losers
- (m) There are no placement games played at the Senior Men's Division.
- (n) This section does not apply to the Baseball Canada Cup, 15U (Bantam) Boys, 18U (Midget).

1.7.16 Ten Teams:

- (d) This section does not apply to the Baseball Canada Cup, 15U (Bantam) Boys, 18U (Midget).
- (e) 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.
- (f) The teams shall play a round-robin schedule within their own pools, with each team playing each other team in the pool once.
- (g) 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
- (h) 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
- (i) There are no placement games played at the 21U Men or Senior Men's Division.

1.7.17 Eleven Teams:

- (a) This section does not apply to the Baseball Canada Cup, 15U (Bantam) Boys, 18U (Midget).
- (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.

1.7.1915U (Bantam) Boys and 18U (Midget) Divisions

- (a) The teams shall compete in two (2) pools, with the pools determined by Baseball Canada using the following criteria:
- Teams will be placed in the Pool A and Pool B divisions based on a point system calculated from the last 3 years results.
 - If tournament is hosted in Province of Pool A team, then Pool A is comprised of both teams from the Host Province and the top 3 teams. Pool B is comprised of the remaining teams.
 - If tournament is hosted in Province of Pool B team, then Pool A is comprised of the top 5 teams. Pool B is comprised of both teams from the Host Province and all remaining teams.
 - If Host Province is ranked 5th based on the last 3 years results, the Provincial Team shall remain in Pool A while the Host Team shall go to Pool B.
- (m) Bottom 3 seeded teams in Pool B have the opportunity to use 2 overage players. If Host Province is in the bottom 3 teams, Host team also allowed 2 overaged players. An overage player is maximum 1 year older.
- (n) First three (3) teams from Pool A, and the first two (2) teams from Pool B shall qualify for playoff round.
- (o) First two (2) teams from Pool A and 1st place team of Pool B shall automatically advance to semi-finals.
- (p) The teams shall play a round-robin schedule within their own pools, with each team playing each other team in the pool. Following round robin play, the following playoff round games shall be played:
- Quarter-final: 3A vs 2B
 - Semi-finals: 1B vs 1A and Winner of 3A/2B vs 2A
 - Bronze medal game: Semi-final losers
 - Gold medal game: Semi-final winners
- Following round-robin play, the following placement games shall be played:
- 5th place: Loser 3A/2B vs 4A
 - 7th place: 5A vs 3B
 - 9th place: 4B vs 5B

1.7.20 **21U Men and Senior Men Divisions**
Quarter final games in this division.
No tie-break games in this division.

1.8 Determination of Home and Visitor:

1.8.1 Round-Robin:

- (e) 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.
- (f) In pools of five, each team shall be given two home and two away games when the schedule is drawn up by Baseball Canada.
- (g) 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.
- (h) 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.

1.8.3 Medal Round Games:

- (d) This section does not include the Baseball Canada Cup, 15U (Bantam) Boys, 18U (Midget).
- (e) 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.
- (f) When two teams meet that finished in the same numerical position in different pools, the choice of home or away shall be given to the winner of a coin toss by the Baseball Canada Representative made at a time to be determined by the Representative.

1.8.3 Baseball Canada Cup, 15U (Bantam) Boys, 18U (Midget):

- (d) This section applies only to the Baseball Canada Cup, 15U (Bantam) Boys, 18U (Midget).
- (e) For all medal-round, qualification, and placement games, when a team plays a team from the same pool with a lower finish in the round robin, the team with the higher finish shall have the choice of home or away. When a team plays a team from the other pool, the choice of home or away shall be given to the winner of a coin toss by the Baseball Canada Representative made at a time to be determined by the Representative.
- (f) 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.

(4) Any player acting as a base coach must wear a proper double ear flap helmet; exclude Senior and 21U (Junior) Divisions.

2.1.3 DH Rule:

The designated hitter may be used in Senior, 21U (Junior), 18U (Midget), 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 (13U (Pee Wee), 15U Boys/16U Girls (Bantam), 18U (Midget), Baseball Canada Cup, 21U (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:

11U (Mosquito):	extra inning procedure for only round robin games.
13U (Pee Wee):	extra inning procedure for only round robin games.
15U (Bantam) Boys:	extra inning procedure for only round robin games.
16U (Bantam) Girls:	extra inning procedure for only round robin games.
18U (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.
21U (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:

(a) In 13U (PeeWee) and 15U Boys/16U Girls (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.

(b) A substituted player may return to the game in the event of an injury or illness as determined by the game umpires. Such substitution will occur where all of the players have already entered in the game. The opposing coach shall make the selection of the replacement player whom will not be

eligible to pitch in that game. The substitute shall assume the batting order of the injured player. NOTE: This does not apply in the event of an ejection from the game. More specifically, if a coach has entered all of his players in the game and a player is subsequently ejected, the game shall be considered a forfeit as the team has no more substitutes.

2.1.9 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:

2.2.6 Dugout

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

2.2.7 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 & 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 & 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.

2.4 Medal Games not being played:

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

PART III - UMPIRES

3.1 Assignments:

The Supervisory Team, for the Baseball Canada Championship shall be assigned by Baseball Canada. In all, nine umpires and one Supervisor of Umpires are to be assigned during a 6 team Championship. For a 10 team Championship, 12 umpires plus one 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 - TIE BREAKING FORMAT, PRIORITIES, & FORMULA

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

4.1.1 In any 11 team tournament, **21U Men, and Senior Men**, the tie-break priorities will be used only to rank the team within each pool. No tie-break games shall be played with any 11 team tournament, **21U Men, and Senior Men**.

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

4.1.4 In any tie scenario for 2nd place after round-robin play, teams will be placed using the tie breaking priorities and the 2nd and 3rd place team will then play a playoff game to determine which team will advance to medal play (does not apply for Canada Cup, 15U (Bantam) Boys, 18U (Midget)).

4.1.5 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. When a multiple tie occurs and is only partially resolved, the remaining ties will be resolved by continuing on with the remaining tie breaking priorities until all priorities have been exhausted. Then, and only then, will the remaining tied teams return to priority number 1 and proceed through the order again.
2. The team with the best win-loss record in the game(s) between or among the tied teams will place higher in the standings.
3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.
 6. 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.
 7. If the tie still persists, the team with the best offensive ratio of offensive runs per offensive innings in all games will place higher in the standings.
- 4.3 If rule 4.1.3 and 4.2 cannot resolve ranking between tied teams, use Rule 2.1.7 Extra inning game procedure, for 1 inning between tied teams, until a winner is determined.

Example:

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

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

Example of fractional inning scenarios:

Scenario # 1 If the home team wins the game in the bottom of the seventh inning by scoring a run with nobody out, the inning count will be:

Visiting Team: 7 offensive innings and 6 defensive innings
Home Team: 6 offensive innings and 7 defensive innings

Scenario #2 If the home team wins the game in the bottom of the seventh inning by scoring a run with one out, the inning count will be:

Visiting Team: 7 offensive innings and 6 1/3 defensive innings

Home Team: 6 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 2/3 defensive innings

Home Team: 4 2/3 offensive innings 7 defensive innings.

4 Canada Cup Only

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

6 15U (Bantam) Boys, 18U (Midget) Divisions Only

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

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