

BASEBALL PEI POLICY

Discipline Guidelines Policy

1.1 Introduction

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

Just because a player/coach is suspended in a Baseball PEI competition does not mean only Baseball PEI games are applicable for a suspension; all games are applicable.

 - For example, if a player playing 18U “AA” is suspended four (4) games and plays with the PEI Youth Selects and the next four (4) games that player is supposed to play in is two 18U “AA” games, one (1) exhibition game with the PEI Youth Selects, and the first game of the Baseball Canada Cup, Baseball PEI will not allow that player to play in any of those four (4) games.
- Any player/coach suspended in Baseball PEI play is not eligible to play/coach in a game being played outside of Baseball PEI jurisdiction.
 - For example, if a 13U “AA” player is suspended two (2) games and the next two (2) games that player is supposed to play in are to take place in a tournament off-Island, that player is not permitted to play in those first two (2) games in that tournament. If that player plays in one (1) or both of those games, that player and the head coach of that team will be suspended indefinitely, pending a hearing with Baseball PEI.
- Any player registered with Baseball PEI suspended by Baseball Canada or another Provincial Baseball Organization – while playing in a competition in that jurisdiction – will see their suspension enforced by Baseball PEI.
- Any player/coach ejected from a game in a Provincial tournament is not eligible to play/coach in another game until getting permission from the appropriate Baseball PEI representative and/or their respective Division Director.

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2.1 Umpire Abuse/Harassment

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

3.1 Violent/Aggressive Play

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



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

4.1 Verbal Abuse/Harassment/Bullying

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



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5.1 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

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Throwing equipment/debris in opponents direction	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension.	Ejection from current game plus an additional four (4) game suspension.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Not leaving dugout after ejection	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	An additional one (1) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	An additional two (2) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	Suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Returning to playing field/dugout after an ejection	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	An additional one (1) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	An additional two (2) game suspension. Additional penalties may apply.	Suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Ejection for tobacco use (includes smokeless and e-cigarettes)	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Ejection for alcohol during a game.	Player/Coach/ Team Personnel	Ejection from current game plus an additional one (1) game suspension.	Ejection from current game plus an additional two (2) game suspension.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Use of altered bat	Player	Ejection from the current game.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Foreign substance/doctored baseball	Player	Ejection from the current game.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.	Ejection from the current game and suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.
Team playing an ineligible player, suspended or player not on official roster	Head Coach	Suspended for the next two (2) games their team plays.	Suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.	Suspended indefinitely; hearing with Baseball PEI.

6.1 Yellow Card Sanction

- Baseball PEI is introducing the “Yellow Card Sanction” in all Baseball PEI competition at the 18U levels and younger – exhibition, league, tournament and Provincial tournament games – in 2020 and beyond.
- A yellow card can be given to any player or coach when a minor misconduct occurs in a game.
 - A minor misconduct is an action contrary to good manners, moral principles, or expressing contempt.
- A yellow card will replace what was deemed “a warning” prior to 2020.
 - Every yellow card handed out shall be reported to Baseball PEI upon the completion of the game (in the same way an ejection is immediately reported to Baseball PEI upon the competition of the game). Prior to 2020, a warning was not reported to Baseball PEI.
- If a yellow card is handed out in a game, the player/coach will be allowed to remain in the game.



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- If a second yellow card is handed out to the same player/coach in the same game, the player/coach will be immediately ejected from the game.
- A yellow card need not precede an ejection. If the offending player/coach's actions are egregious and constitute a major misconduct, the official will immediately eject the player/coach
 - A major misconduct includes defaming or insulting words or gestures, actual physical contact or aggressive or threatening behaviour along with any other behaviour that would have resulted in an ejection under previous game management structures.
- If a player/coach accumulates a number of yellow cards over a season, they will be subject to supplemental discipline. Over the course of one season, if a player/coach accumulates:
 - Three (3) yellow cards, he/she will be suspended one (1) game upon the acquisition of the third (3rd) yellow card.
 - Another two (2) yellow cards after his/her third (3rd) yellow card, to raise his/her total to five (5) yellow cards earned over a season, he/she will be suspended two (2) games.
 - Another two (2) yellow cards after his/her fifth (5th) yellow card, to raise his/her total to seven (7) yellow cards earned over a season, he/she will be suspended three (3) games.
 - Another yellow card after his/her seventh (7th) yellow card, he/she will be suspended indefinitely, pending a hearing with the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI.
- Depending on circumstances around the receiving of yellow cards, the respective Baseball PEI Division Directors retain the right to alter the discipline assessed to a player/coach upon receiving a yellow card.

