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Baseball PEI Eliminations/Provincial Championship
Information

Why are the game rules different in some Eliminations/Provincial Championships than in regular season/exhibition games?

Baseball PEI's policy is that when we are sending a club team to represent Baseball PEI at either a Baseball Canada or Baseball Atlantic event, the Provincial Tournament that determines the Provincial Representative will follow the game rules of the Baseball Atlantic/Canada tournament in which the Provincial Representative will attend!



Do all Provincial Championships have different game rules than their age/skill division's regular season games?

No. All "A" level Provincial Championships (18U "A," 15U "A" and 13U "A") have the same game rules during Provincial Championships as they follow during the regular season as there is no Baseball Atlantic event for "A" level teams.

At the "AA" and "AAA" levels, the Provincial Representative is the winner of that division's Provincial Championships except when the Baseball Canada/Atlantic event for that division is in Newfoundland and Labrador. In that case, there will be an Elimination tournament in mid-July to determine the Provincial Representatives for those events (in 2020, Eliminations will be held for the 13U "AAA" and 11U "AA" categories). So all Provincial Championships except 13U "AAA" and 11U "AA" will follow the games rules of their respective Baseball Atlantic event. At 13U "AAA" and 11U "AA", the Eliminations will follow the game rules of the Baseball Canada/Atlantic event the Provincial Representatives will be attending, and the Provincial Championships in those categories will follow the same game rules as their regular season.

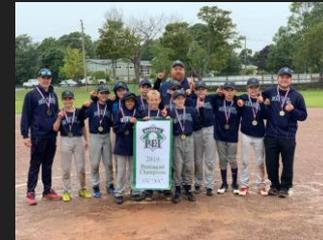
Differences in games rules
between regular season and
Eliminations/Provincial
Championships!

Time Limit! and Ties!

- During the regular season and in exhibition games at the “AA” and “A” levels - except 18U “AA” - if a game is still being played two hours after first pitch, the inning the game is in will be finished and no new innings can be started after that time. **At Eliminations/Provincial Championships, there is no time limit.** All games must play the complete seven (7) innings/six-and-a-half (6 ½) innings if the home team is leading (or at 11U “AA,” 11U “AAA” and 13U “A,” six [6] innings/five-and-a-half [5 ½] innings if the home team is leading) unless the ten-run or fifteen-run mercy rules come into play.
- For regular season and exhibition games, if the score is tied after regulation/time limit comes into play, the game remains tied. **At Eliminations/Provincial Championships, no games can end in a tie.** There **MUST** be a winner for every game (round-robin, playoff, final).

11U “AA” - Rule Differences!

- At 11U “AA,” the game rules at Provincial Championships will be the same as 11U “AA” game rules during the regular season except there can be no ties.
 - At Eliminations, the game rules will be the same as the regular season rules except for these differences:
 - In regular season and Provincial Championship play, there is a four (4) run maximum of runs that can be scored in an inning - unless there is a home run OVER the fence; in that case, all runs scored will count - except in the sixth inning, which is an open inning (there is no maximum number of runs a team can score in that inning).
- In the Eliminations, there is a five (5) run maximum of runs that can be scored in an inning - unless there is a home run OVER the fence; in that case, all runs scored will count - except in the fifth and sixth innings, which are open innings (there is no maximum number of runs a team can score in those innings).



13U “AA” - Rule Differences!

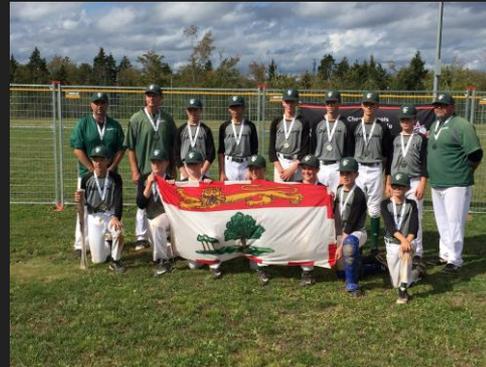
- At 13U “AA,” the game rules at Provincial Championships will be the same as 13U “AA” game rules during the regular season except there can be no ties and this difference:
 - In regular season play, there is a four (4) run maximum of runs that can be scored in an inning - unless there is a home run OVER the fence; in that case, all runs scored will count - except in the seventh inning, which is an open inning (there is no maximum number of runs a team can score in that inning).

At the Provincial Championships, there is a five (5) run maximum of runs that can be scored in an inning - unless there is a home run OVER the fence; in that case, all runs scored will count - except in the sixth and seventh innings, which are open innings (there is no maximum number of runs a team can score in those innings).



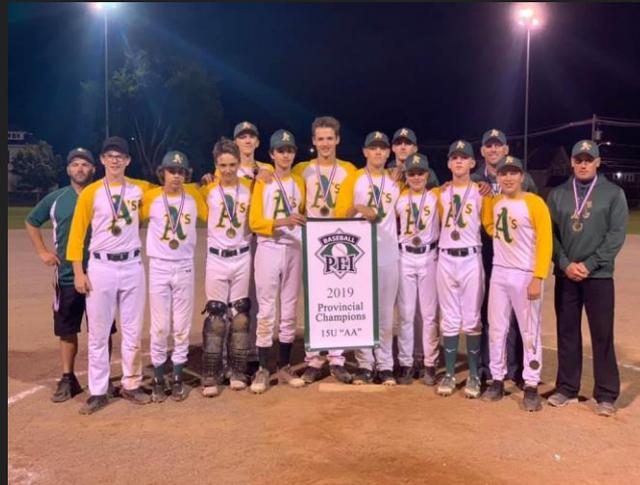
13U “AAA” - Rule Differences!

- At 13U “AAA,” the game rules during regular season and exhibition play are the same as at the Provincial Championships except there can be no ties. All players bat and there are unlimited defensive substitutions
- However, at Eliminations, teams will bat either nine (9) or ten (10) players (ten [10] players if they choose to use the Extra-Hitter Rule) with re-entry.
- As well, at the Eliminations, teams will use the Baseball Canada Arm Smart (Pitch Count) Rules instead of the Baseball Atlantic Arm Smart Rules.
 - The only difference in those rules is that the three-day maximum number of pitches a player can throw under Baseball Atlantic rules is the same number permitted for four days under Baseball Canada’s rules.



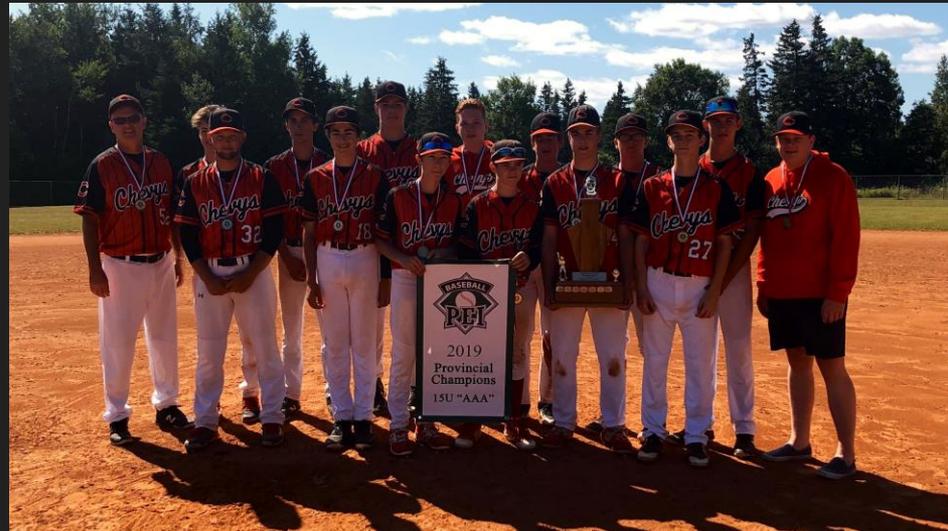
15U “AA” - Rule Differences!

- At Provincial Championships, teams will bat either nine (9) or ten (10) players (ten [10] players if they choose to use the Extra-Hitter Rule) with re-entry.
 - During the regular season, everybody bats and there are unlimited substitutions.
- There is no maximum of runs permitted per inning at Provincial Championships.



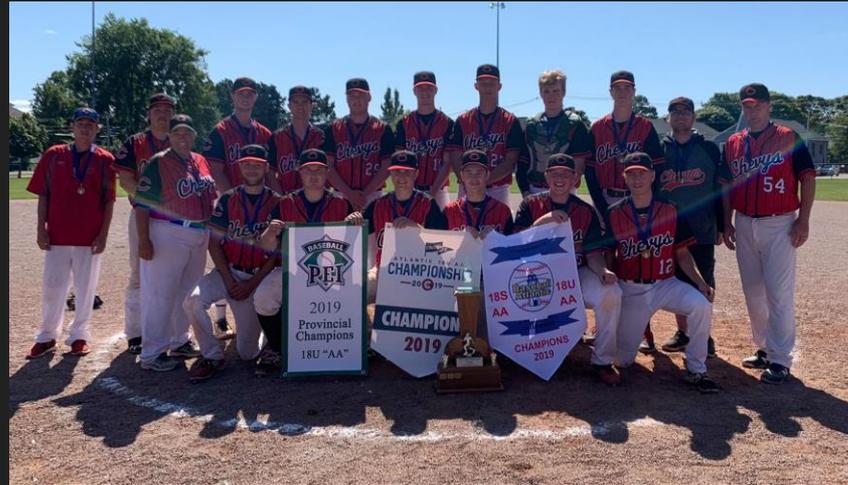
15U “AAA” - Rule Differences!

- At Provincial Championships, teams will bat either nine (9) or ten (10) players (ten [10] players if they choose to use the Extra-Hitter Rule) with re-entry.
 - During the regular season, everybody bats and there are unlimited substitutions.



18U “AA” - Rule Differences!

- At Provincial Championships, teams will bat either nine (9) players with no re-entry (traditional baseball rules).
 - During the regular season, teams will bat with nine (9) players and re-entry is permitted.



Rules and Procedures for Eliminations/Provincial Championships!

What's the deadline and cost to enter a Provincial tournament? Deadline for applications to host?

- For 11U “AA” and 11U “AAA,” the cost is \$325. For every division 13U “A” and up, the cost is \$350 (the cost is the same for Eliminations if they are applicable).
- The deadline to register/pay to enter Eliminations - for 11U “AA” and 13U “AAA” - and/or Provincial Championship is 19 June 2020.
 - Deadline to withdraw from Eliminations and receive your fee back is 29 June 2020. If your team withdraws after this date, your fee will not be returned.
 - Deadline to withdraw from Provincial Championships and receive your fee back in 31 July 2020. If your team withdraws after this date, your fee will not be returned.
- The deadline to apply to host Eliminations at 11U “AA” and 13U “AAA” is 17 June 2020.
- The deadline to apply to host Provincial Championships is 26 June 2020.

Provincial Tournament Draws

- Each draw is seeded by geography - regular season standings do not determine who plays whom during Eliminations/Provincial Championships.
- You can find the rules behind each draw at https://cdn3.sportngin.com/attachments/document/7ed4-1777655/2019_Baseball_PEI_Provincial_Tournament_Draws.pdf#_ga=2.53263528.1632377908.1583858777-1954251289.1583858777.

Game Procedures! Part 1

- No team shall enter the dugout or playing field prior to a game until the team that had played in the previous game has vacated the playing field and dugout.
- If there is a coin-flip to determine home team for a Provincial tournament game, two coaches from each team will meet at the field approximately forty (40) minutes before the game and have a coin-flip at that time. A member of the host committee and/or the Baseball PEI representative will act as a witness and initiate the actual coin-flip. The team that travelled the farthest to get to the field will get to call the coin in the air. The winning team in the flip will get to choose whether they wish to be home or away team. After this takes place, each team shall inform the other of the throwing side of the starting pitcher.
- The starting line-up, including all available substitutes listed, shall be given to the official scorer, at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the tournament game at any Provincial Championships/Eliminations.
 - For any division where everybody bats and there are unlimited defensive substitutions, if a player(s) who is on the team's official roster is late and arrives after the game has begun, they can be added to the bottom of the batting order (regardless if everybody in the batting order has batted yet or not).

Game Procedures! Part 2

- Prior to any Baseball PEI game, these criteria shall apply for a pre-game warm-up:
 - Starting twenty-five minutes before the designated time of the game, the home team shall have the field for ten (10) minutes of infield/outfield practice.
 - The visiting team shall have the field for (10) minutes of infield/outfield practice.
 - This shall be followed by a meeting at home plate among the head coaches and umpires.
- All games started during a tournament shall be placed in suspension due to weather, darkness, ground conditions or otherwise, at any stage, regardless of the innings played, upon resumption of play. The game resumes from point of suspension. Any game limitations on pitching shall continue to apply if the game is suspended overnight. A suspended game shall maintain its place in the schedule.
- There can be no ties in Provincial tournaments; if the score is tied upon the completion of the game, extra innings shall be played until there is a winner.
- Prior to any Provincial tournament game, normal Baseball PEI pre-game procedure will apply. However, if time is a factor in regards to the pre-game warm-up, the following regulations shall apply: In situations where a team(s) are playing their second game of the day on the same diamond, the Baseball PEI representative may limit the amount of time available for infield/outfield practice to less than the ten (10) minutes for that team(s).

What is the extra-inning procedure?

- For all **round-robin** games at Eliminations/Provincial Championships - not tie-breakers, quarter-finals, semi-finals or Championship games - if the game is tied at the completion of regulation, the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings:
 - Each team will start the extra inning (and any subsequent extra innings) with the second-last batter the previous inning on second base, and the last batter in the previous inning on first base, with none out.
 - *Example: If the last regulation inning ends with the #6 batter having the last plate appearance (PA), then the extra inning begins with the #7 hitter at bat, and the #5 hitter at second base and the #6 hitter at first base.*
 - The batting order of the extra inning and any subsequent innings will be determined how the previous inning ended (see example above 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 the winner is determined.
 - With the exception of the beginning of the inning with runners on first and second base with no one out, all other "Official Baseball Rules" will remain in effect.

How does the “Extra Hitter” Rule work at 13U “AAA,” 15U “AA” and 15U “AAA”?

- An Extra-Hitter (EH) may be placed on the lineup card (a 10th hitter which can be placed anywhere in the batting order) as a way to get more athletes at-bats throughout the game. The EH must be marked on the lineup card at the start of the game and must be used for the entire game.
- This rule is optional for both teams prior to each game and does not have to be used by both teams during a game.
- The EH may be interchanged with any other position during the game and can be changed multiple times. For example, the shortstop could become the EH and the EH become the shortstop.
- In the event that a player is injured and the team has no eligible substitutes available, re-entry would apply and the team would continue to bat ten players. If the team had no other players available for selection OR in the event of an ejection, the game would proceed with nine (9) players, without forfeit. A player removed due to injury or ejection in this circumstance is not permitted to return to the game. Any further loss of players would result in a forfeit.
- Teams at this level can still elect to bat nine (9) with the re-entry rule.

How does “re-entry” work?

- In 13U “AAA”, 15U “AA” and 15U “AAA,” 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.
- 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.

How do the tie-breakers work?

- Baseball PEI uses Baseball Atlantic's tie-breaking procedure.
- Should ties occur between the teams, standings will be decided according to the following priorities below. 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.
 - 1) The team with the best won-lost record in the game(s) between or among the tied teams will place higher in the standings.
 - 2) If the tie still persists, the placement of teams will be dictated by the ratio of runs against per defensive innings for games between or among the originally tied teams.
 - 3) If the tie persists, the placement of teams will be dictated by the ratio of runs scored per offensive inning for games between or among the original tied teams.
 - a) When calculating the number of defensive and offensive innings that are to be credited to each team under priorities (2) and (3), innings will be calculated on a fractional basis.
 - 4) If the tie still persists, the team having the best won-lost record in games played versus the highest placed team not in the tie, followed by comparison against the next highest placed team, etc. will place higher in the standings.
 - 5) If the tie still persists, the team with the best defensive ratio of defensive runs per defensive innings in all games will place higher in the standings.
 - 6) 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.

An example of how the tie-breaking procedure works...

Northside, Cardigan, and Souris are all tied after the completion of the round-robin portion of the tournament.

- Priority #1

Northside defeated Cardigan 6-3

Souris defeated Northside 6-4

Cardigan defeated Souris 10-8

(No tie resolved, move to next priority)

- Priority #2

Northside - 9 runs against in 14 innings $(9/14) = .643$

Cardigan - 14 runs against in 14 innings $(14/14) = 1.000$

Souris - 14 runs against in 14 innings $(14/14) = 1.000$

(Northside emerges from the tie but Cardigan and Souris remain tied and must move to next priority)

- Priority #3

Cardigan - 13 runs for in 14 innings $(13/14) = .929$

Souris - 14 runs for in 14 innings $(14/14) = 1.000$

(Souris emerges from the tie)

An example of fractional inning scenarios in the tie-breaking procedure...

- Scenario #1

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

Visiting team: 7 offensive innings and 6 defensive innings

Home team: 6 offensive innings and 7 defensive innings

- Scenario #2

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

Visiting team: 7 offensive innings and $6 \frac{1}{3}$ defensive innings

Home team: $6 \frac{1}{3}$ offensive innings and 7 defensive innings

- Scenario #3

The same application of the rule is used in a mercy rule situation. If the home team is awarded the game by the mercy rule after two outs in the bottom of the fifth inning, the inning count is:

Visiting team: 5 offensive innings and $4 \frac{2}{3}$ defensive innings

Home team: $4 \frac{2}{3}$ offensive innings and 7 defensive innings

Does my team have to complete the regular season to be eligible for Provincial Championships?

Yes! In order to be permitted to participate in Provincial Championships, your team must be registered in a Baseball PEI league and have completed their entire regular-season schedule (unless extraordinary circumstances take place and you've received permission from your division Director).

Eligible Coaches at Eliminations/Provincial Championships

- All coaches must have proper NCCP certification in order to be on the bench for Eliminations and Provincial Championships. Any teams without coaches who have proper NCCP certification will not be permitted to participate.
- Prior to the tournament, Baseball PEI will send the host committee a list of all teams and what coaches are eligible to be on the bench for each team. This list will also be sent to each team participating in the Provincial Tournament
- Prior to each game, the head coach will sign and list the names of the assistant coaches on the bottom of the line-up card. One copy of the line-up card will be submitted to the umpire as normal, the other team as normal, and the host committee.
- If the host committee or the other team notices somebody on the bench/field who isn't on the lineup card, they can ask the umpire to stop the game and check the lineup card against the list sent to the host committee. If it is determined that an ineligible coach is on the field/bench during the game, he/she will be ejected and the appropriate Association/Zone will be fined \$100.
 - If he/she was the only coach on the field or bench, the game will be forfeited to the other team.

Protest Procedure

- The host committee shall establish a protest committee for all Provincial tournaments.
- The protest committee shall be composed of sufficient numbers to ensure that three (3) members are available to contact for each game. The names of members acting at any particular game shall be identified prior to the game. One member of the protest committee shall be the Baseball PEI representative.
- Any protest must emanate from a decision deemed as contradictory to the rules and must be made at the time of play. No protest may be made on a judgment call.
- In order to protest an incident when it occurs, the protesting head coach must, before the next play:
- Inform the game umpire-in-chief that he is lodging a protest.
 - a. The game umpire-in-chief shall then confirm that the protest does not relate to a judgment call, will suspend play, and inform the head coach of the opposing team and the protest committee.
 - b. A \$100 protest fee must be paid in cash to Baseball PEI through the Baseball PEI representative before the protest committee shall be called. The \$100 shall be returned to the team if they win the protest.
 - c. The protest committee shall then confer among themselves and with any person whom they believe may be helpful in assisting them to reach a decision.
- Once the protest committee arrives at a decision regarding the protest, they shall inform all the parties involved and the umpire-in-chief shall order a resumption of play at the point of the suspension.

Provincial Representatives

- Baseball PEI sends one Provincial Representative to each Baseball Atlantic Championship held outside Prince Edward Island.
- When a Baseball Atlantic Championship is being held on PEI, the host team is automatically entered into the competition as PEI #1 and the Provincial Champion is PEI #2.
 - If the host team wins the Provincial Championship, they will be PEI #2. The team that finishes second will take part in the competition as PEI #1.
- When the Baseball Canada National 13U Atlantic Championships are held outside of PEI, PEI will send two Provincial Representatives (the Elimination/Provincial Championship winner will be PEI #1 and the second-place team will be PEI #2).
- When the Baseball Canada National 13U Atlantic Championships are being held on PEI, the host team is automatically entered into the competition as PEI #2 and the team that wins the Provincial Championship is PEI #1.
 - If the host team wins the Provincial Championship, the second-place team will also attend the National 13U Atlantic Championships.

Pickups

- Teams are not permitted to pick up players from other teams for Eliminations/Provincial Championships.
- Teams representing PEI at a Baseball Atlantic Championship - excluding 18U “AA” - and the Baseball Canada National 13U Atlantic Championships are permitted to pick up two (2) players. Those players must be from their own age/skill division. Teams representing PEI at the Baseball Atlantic 18U “AA” Championship are permitted to pick up three (3) players
 - A 13U “AA” team attending the Baseball Atlantic 13U “AA” Championships could pick up two (2) players from other 13U “AA” teams from across PEI. They would not be permitted to pick up any players from 13U “AAA.”
- For the Baseball Canada National 13U Atlantic Championships, or in years where PEI is hosting the Baseball Atlantic Championship and there is a host team and PEI representative, the order of selecting pickups will be the PEI representative/PEI #1 picking first, third and/or fifth, while the host/PEI #2 choosing second, fourth and/or sixth.
 - The Baseball PEI Director in charge of the respective division will oversee the selection process for pickups between the two teams.

Questions?

- www.baseballpei.ca
- Baseball PEI Procedure Manual: https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/4efe-2135007/2020_Baseball_PEI_Procedures_Manual.pdf#_ga=2.152294778.297332544.1584316667-1954251289.1583858777
- Baseball PEI Provincial Tournament Draw Manual: https://cdn3.sportngin.com/attachments/document/7ed4-1777655/2019_Baseball_PEI_Provincial_Tournament_Draws.pdf#_ga=2.159678206.297332544.1584316667-1954251289.1583858777
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