



Baseball Nova Scotia Handbook

2010 EDITION

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** This book is provided to our member associations as guidelines of Baseball Nova Scotia. **

** Baseball Nova Scotia has the right to make changes for the betterment of baseball. **

**BASEBALL NOVA SCOTIA
MEMBER SERVICES**

INSURANCE (SECONDARY)

Accident
Liability

ACCESS TO BNS PROGRAMS

Player development
Coaching development
Competitions
Fundraising
Winterball
BlastBall ®
Rally Cap Program

PREFERRED RATES ON:

Official rulebooks
Training materials

YEAR ROUND OFFICE SUPPORT:

Provide information on baseball topics
Investigate and resolve issues
Coordinate Blue Nose League
Retail sale of training materials and BNS merchandise
Arrange for National travel
Advocacy for member issues

INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION:

Member Association Executive
Contact for teams in Provincial championships
Maintain the Baseball Nova Scotia Web Site

BASEBALL NOVA SCOTIA PROGRAMS

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

BNS Academy
Canada Games
Youth Selects
Senior Women's
Bantam Girl's

COACHING DEVELOPMENT

NCCP
Super Clinic

COMPETITIONS

District/Provincial Championships
Bluenose League
High School Baseball
National Championships
National Elimination Championships

Notable changes to the 2010 BNS Handbook

New Umpires Fees (P.8 Item #4)

Division	Plate Umpire	Base Umpire(s)
Mosquito	\$27.00	\$20.00
Pee wee	\$30.00	\$20.00
Bantam	\$40.00	\$25.00
Midget	\$45.00	\$35.00
Junior	\$50.00	\$40.00
Intermediate	\$50.00	\$40.00

New Pitch Count #'s (BNS Rule 7.0)

Level	Daily Pitches (No rest)	Daily Pitches (1 day rest)	Daily Pitches (2 days rest)	Daily Pitches (3 days rest)	Daily Pitches (4 days rest)	Daily/ Max.
Mosquito	1-25	26-40	41-55	56-65	66-75	75
Pee wee	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-85	85
Bantam	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	90
Midget	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-100	100

Affiliation (BNS Rule 8.5.1)

Note: Any team may affiliate with one team of a lower age division at equal or lower classification OR affiliate with one team at the same age division at a lower classification, by submitting a completed affiliation form and copies of the affiliates' rosters to the BNS office no later than July 5th. Mosquito level teams may affiliate with a Mosquito house league team within their association provided that a list of all affiliated players is provided to the BNS office. You must affiliate with a team within your association if a team is available. Approval of affiliation forms are dealt with by the BNS office on a case-by-case basis.

Example – Pee wee AAA can affiliate with Mosquito AAA, AA or PeeWee AA, A.

Example – PeeWee AA cannot affiliate with a Mosquito AAA team but can affiliate with a PeeWee A or Mosquito AA, A.

“R” Division Pitch Restrictions (BNS Rule 10.9.2)

Mosquito:

Two innings in a game, three innings in a day and six in a week or championship weekend. One pitch in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. If a pitcher throws three innings in a day, he or she requires one days rest. A days rest is defined as midnight the day he/she pitched to midnight the next day.

Example, Pitcher throws three innings Friday then he or she cannot throw again until Sunday.

Pee Wee:

Three innings in a game, five innings in a day and seven in a week or championship weekend. One pitch in an inning constitutes one full inning. If a pitcher throws four innings in a day, he or she requires one days rest. A days rest is defined as midnight the day he/she pitched to midnight the next day.

Example, Pitcher throws four innings Friday then he or she cannot throw again until Sunday.

Bantam:

Three innings in a game, six innings in a day and nine in a week or championship weekend. One pitch in an inning constitutes one full inning. If a pitcher throws five innings in a day, he or she requires one days rest. A days rest is defined as midnight the day he/she pitched to midnight the next day.

Example, Pitcher throws five innings Friday then he or she cannot throw again until Sunday.

Provincial Championships (BNS Rule 10.6)

Note: In all Divisions (**Midget AA and below**) it is mandatory that all players present are in the batting order and all players must play a minimum of two defensive innings. Baseball Nova Scotia understands that this requirement may not be able to be met for games shortened by weather, ten-run rule, or other unforeseen circumstance. This applies to District, Regional and Provincial tournaments. Baseball Nova Scotia has introduced this opportunity as a Fair and Safe Play initiative. **We have increased the fair play to include Midget AA, and A.**

6.3 Special BNS Rules (BNS Rule 6.3.9)

Mosquito R, A, AA Only – A runner on 3rd base cannot score on a pass ball or wild pitch.

6.3 Special BNS Rules (BNS Rule 6.3.10)

Mosquito R, A, AA Only – Teams cannot score more than 5 runs in an inning with the exception of the last inning being an open inning.

Coaching Rule (9.02 Baseball Canada Rule Book) (BNS Rule 9.1.1)

Coaches will only be permitted to cross the foul lines to assess and/or assist injured players or ask for a ruling clarification. Coaches may also cross the foul line to address or remove the pitcher. No coach, manager, trainer or any other team rep shall address an umpire to debate/question a judgment call by an official. This will result in an automatic ejection.

Bantam Boys All-Star Team (BNS Rule 6.3.11)

Baseball Nova Scotia will send a Bantam Boy's All-Star team to the Nationals in Vaughan, Ontario. There will be an identification tournament May 28-30th in New Glasgow.

Bantam Division (BNS Rule 6.1.8)

Effective for the start of the 2010 Season metal cleats are legal in the Bantam Division

Coaching Certification Requirement's (District's, Provincial's, and/or National Elimination's) (BNS Rule 9.1)

Online Initiation (nccp.baseball.ca)

Initiation (4 hour session with BNS Facilitator)

Teaching and Learning Module (4 hour session with BNS Facilitator)

OR your Level 1 certification under the old NCCP system

2. PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Baseball Nova Scotia, I am pleased to welcome all players, coaches, officials and parents to 2010 baseball season.

The Board of Director's has put a great deal of time and effort into preparation for this season to ensure it will be a very enjoyable year.

I feel confident that all players, coaches and officials will return to their associations with many good memories of the 2010 season.

Finally, I take this opportunity to wish all participants a safe, fun and very enjoyable and rewarding baseball experience.

JODY FROWLEY

PRESIDENT, BASEBALL NOVA SCOTIA

3. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE (CONTACTS)

An elected Board of Directors, an elected Executive and an elected President operate Baseball Nova Scotia on behalf of its membership. Day-to-day administration of Baseball Nova Scotia is the responsibility of the Executive Director.

Between meetings of the membership, it's Board of Directors, consisting of nine Regional Directors, the Executive, the Chairman of the BNSUD and the Past President administers the affairs of BNS.

Between meetings of the Board of Directors, it's Executive, consisting of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Registrar, the Secretary, the Supervisor of Umpires and the Supervisor of Coaching administers BNS. Between meetings of the Executive, the President and the Executive Director administer BNS.

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4. UMPIRING

Baseball Nova Scotia supports umpire development through the Baseball Nova Scotia Umpires Division (BNSUD). The BNSUD conducts umpire development clinics and workshops throughout the province. In addition to training umpires, the BNSUD also certifies umpires from Level 1 to Level 3. Levels 4 and 5 are in conjunction with Baseball Canada. To become a member of BNSUD, individuals are required to attend a training session, purchase the appropriate uniform and pay the applicable registration fee. For 2009, the following rates apply:

Registration	– Level 1 and 2	\$50.00
	– Level 3	\$65.00
Clinic Fees	– Level 1 and 2	\$10.00
	– Level 3, 4 and 5	\$20.00

UMPIRES FEES (2010)

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Midget	\$45.00	\$35.00
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Intermediate	\$50.00	\$40.00

BNSUD INFORMATION:

1. These rates apply to all BNS sanctioned games.
2. Level 2, or higher, umpires will be assigned to all Provincial, Atlantic, National Elimination and National playdowns, when available.
3. If enough qualified umpires do not live in the area of the tournament, the Host Association will be responsible for the following expenses:
 - a) If an umpire must travel more than 50 km, a rate of \$0.31 km will be charged. The BNSUD will strive to use the closest available qualified umpires and to travel in as few vehicles as practical.
 - b) The host will provide a meal per diem of **\$30.00/day/umpire**.

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2010 Calendar of Events

Dates	Events
April 18 th 2010	BNS Semi-Annual General Meeting <i>Kentville (Wandlyn Hotel) 11:00 am</i>
May 2 nd 2010	2010 Bluenose League Meeting <i>(11:00 am) Ramada Plaza Hotel</i>
May 14 th 2010	Registration for the Bluenose League Deadline
May 31 st 2010	Hosting Application Deadline for National Eliminations
June 7 th 2010	BNS Membership Deadline
June 7 th 2010	National Elimination Entry Deadline
June 14 th 2010	Hosting Applications for Provincials and Atlantics
July 5 th 2010	Provincial Roster Deadline (Completed Online) <i>Late period with a \$75.00 late fee (6th-9th). No registrations accepted after July 9th</i>
July 9 th – 11 th 2010	Midget National Eliminations
July 23 rd – 25 th 2010	Junior National Eliminations
August 6 th – 8 th 2010	BNS District Championships <i>Mosquito R/A, Peewee R/A, Bantam R/A, Midget AA</i>
August 11 th -16 th 2010	Nationals – Canada Cup <i>Kindersley, Sask</i>
August 13 th -15 th 2010	Midget AAA & Junior AAA Provincials
August 13 th -15 th 2010	BNS District Championships <i>Mosquito AA, Peewee AA, Bantam AA, Midget A, Intermediate A/AA/AAA</i>
August 19 th -23 rd 2010	Midget & Junior Nationals <i>Midget – London Ontario & Junior – Trois-Rivieres, Que</i>
August 20 th -22 nd 2010	BNS Provincial Championships <i>Mosquito R/A/AAA, Peewee R/A/AAA, Bantam R/A/AAA, Midget AA</i>
August 26 th -30 th 2010	Bantam Girls Nationals <i>Richmond, BC</i>
August 26 th -30 th 2010	Bantam Boys Nationals <i>Vaughan, Ontario</i>
August 26 th -30 th 2010	Senior Men's Nationals <i>Hosted by Dartmouth</i>
August 28 th 2010	Blue Nose League Playoffs <i>1 Day Event – Top 4 Teams in each division</i>
September 3 rd -5 th 2010	Midget "AA" Atlantics <i>Hosted by NS</i>
September 3 rd -5 th 2010	BNS Provincial Championships <i>Mosquito AA, Peewee AA, Bantam AA, Midget A, Intermediate A/AA/AAA</i>
September 9 th -12 th 2010	Peewee Eastern Nationals <i>Hosted by Prince Edward Island</i>
September 17 th –19 th 2010	Atlantic Tournaments <i>All Atlantics with the exception of Midget "AA"</i>
October 30 th 2010	Baseball NS AGM & Annual Awards Banquet <i>Ramada Hotel, Dartmouth – AGM (2pm), Banquet (7pm)</i>

Rule 6 - PLAYING RULES

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- 6.1 Objectives, Field, Equipment
- 6.2 Starting and ending the game
- 6.3 Special BNS Rules

The 2009 Official Rules of Baseball as prepared by Baseball Canada shall be used for all games, except as modified or interpreted herein. It is imperative to remember that these rules contain only the differences from the Official Rules of Baseball and, as such, are not a full listing of the rules. Official rulebooks are available from the BNS office, in limited supply.

Rule 6.1 – OBJECTIVES, FIELD, EQUIPMENT

- 6.1.2 Baseball Canada's Rule 11.00 Minor Division Play (found in the Official Rules of Baseball starting on page 81) provides the proper dimensions of the field for the various age groups. The table below summarizes the information from Rule 11.00:

	MOSQUITO	PEEWEE	BANTAM
a) Distance between bases (ft)	60	70	80
b) Pitching distance (ft)	44	48	54
c) Batter's box (ft)	6 x 3	6 x 4	6 x 4
d) Height of pitcher's mound (in)	6	6	6
e) Coaches' box size (ft)	8 x 12	8 x 12	8 x 12
f) Distance HP to backstop (ft)	25-40	35-45	40-50
g) Distance HP to foul poles (ft)	180-200	200-225	225-240
h) Distance HP to CF fence (ft)	200-225	225-260	260-280

(a), (b), (c) and (e) are mandatory for all BNS games

(d) is optional for Mosquito and Pee Wee

(f), (g) and (h) are recommendations only

- 6.1.3 Fields must be properly lined and bases tied down or be of the "drop-in" type.

NOTE: If the hosts refuse to prepare the baseball field to the playing standard, the umpires shall continue play and notify BNS of such refusal. The host may be subject to disciplinary action by BNS.

- 6.1.4 An elevated pitcher's mound is not required for Mosquito and PeeWee, but is required for Bantam and above.

- 6.1.5 BNS has endorsed the following baseball to be used as the sanctioned baseballs of BNS:

2009	RAWLINGS
Mosquito	65CC, ROLB1X
Pee Wee	65CC, ROLB1X
Bantam	ROML, 80CC
Midget	ROML, 80CC
Junior, Intermediate	ROML
Senior	ROML

- 6.1.6 BNS permits bats constructed of aluminum and other approved materials. This rule is also modified to limit the size of the bat in Mosquito.

- 6.1.7 BNS permits the use of colored bats, but does prohibit any bat that, in the opinion of the umpires, discolors the ball. Any such bat shall be removed from the game.

- 6.1.8 Shoes with metal cleats are not permitted in minor division play. ***Effective for the start of the 2010 Season metal cleats are legal in the Bantam Division***

- 6.1.9(a) CSA approved double earflap helmets, in good repair, are required to be properly worn by players while they are on deck, at bat and on the bases in all age categories. Form fitting helmets that do not have the attachment for a strap are permitted.

- ***NOTE: A player whose name appears on the regular roster of a team registered in the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League may individually choose to wear a single ear flap helmet that protects the ear that is exposed to the pitch from the batters ready position.***

- **NOTE:** The C.F.A.B. rules require catchers in all age categories to wear CSA approved and properly fitted protective helmet and mask while catching.
- **NOTE:** This includes practice and warm up situation such as the bullpen or between innings. Coaches must wear a CSA approved and properly fitted protective helmet and mask in all practice and warm-up situations, as well.

6.10 BNS does not permit defensive players (other than the catcher) to wear helmets without prior written permission of the BNS Executive.

BAT RULE:

BASEBALL CANADA BAT RULE (BANTAM AND UP):

6.11 Bats constructed of aluminum, fiberglass magnesium, or other approved manufacturer's materials will be permitted. For Baseball Canada Bantam Championships categories, only Minus 3 (length-weight differential) bats with 2-5/8 inches maximum diameter barrel will be allowed. Females that play in the Bantam division are allowed to use a minus 5 bat. For Baseball Canada Senior championship, Midget and Canada Cup, only wood bats will be allowed.

BASEBALL NOVA SCOTIA BAT RULE

Wooden bats are mandatory for Senior, Junior 'AAA', Midget 'AAA' League and Championship Play. Wooden Bats are also mandatory for all Intermediate Championship play. Females playing in the bantam division are allowed to use bats -5 bats.

FOR MOSQUITO:

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

FOR PEEWEE:

6.13 The bat shall be round and made of approved material ... it shall **NOT** be more than thirty-two (32) inches in length, nor more than 2-3/4 inches in diameter at its thickest part. Bats may be taped to a distance not exceeding sixteen (16) inches from the handle.

(a) The bat shall be a smooth, round stick not more than 2-3/4 inches in diameter at the thickest part and not more than 32 inches in length.

(b) Cupped Bats. An indentation in the end of the bat up to one inch in depth is permitted and may be no wider than two inches and no less than one inch in diameter. The indentation must be curved with no foreign substance added.

Rule 6.2 - STARTING AND ENDING THE GAME

6.2.1 In accordance with modified rule 3.10 (a), the host and not the home club makes the decision on starting any game in a tournament. **NOTE:** In the case of a home and home series, the home team for each game is considered the host.

6.2.2 Line-ups shall be exchanged at the plate prior to the commencement of the game. All players must be listed on the line-up card. **EXCEPTION:** Failure to list a player on the lineup card will not exclude him or her from play.

6.2.3 All games in BNS tournament play must be played to completion (unless declared complete because of the 10-run rule) and if interrupted become suspended games that must be resumed and completed prior to the next game in the tournament.

6.2.4 When a team claims an umpire's decision is in violation of the rules, the team may protest using the following procedure:

All protests regarding **PLAYING RULES** shall be referred to the Baseball Nova Scotia Rule Protest Committee, a cellular number will be made available to the Tournament Chair. Once the protest has been referred to the Rule Protest Committee, the decision made will be final and not subject to appeal.

All protests regarding **PLAYER/COACH ELIGIBILITY** and **TOURNAMENT RULES** shall be referred to the Baseball Nova Scotia Tournament Protest Committee through a phone number made available to the Tournament Chair. Any change in the protest phone numbers will be communicated to the tournament Chairpersons.

Rule 6.3 - SPECIAL BNS RULES

These are rules laid down by Baseball Nova Scotia that have no corresponding rule in the Official Rules of Baseball. For that reason, they are designated as rule 11.00

6.3.1 Registered coaches and trainers of both participating teams shall be permitted on the field, in the dugout, or on the bench or in designated bullpens. When the host is in control of any batting cages adjacent to the field or part of the same complex as the field, spectators shall be prohibited from using the batting cages during the tournament.

6.3.2 Members of both teams and the umpires shall not smoke nor use smokeless tobacco.

This rule applies from the moment that participants and Officials enter the playing field until they leave. Violation of this rule will result in an immediate ejection. In addition to using tobacco during the games, teams are encouraged not to smoke or use smokeless tobacco before or after the game while in uniform. (Umpires violating this rule shall be reported to the Executive Director.)

INTERPRETATION: The cage may be used as a bullpen by the teams competing but no batting practice may occur.

PENALTY: The umpires may order the removal of any of the above for violation of the above code.

6.3.4 No player shall be permitted to wear any exposed jewelry such as bracelets, necklaces, watches and earrings. However, Medical Alert bracelets and necklaces may be worn but must be taped to the body.

6.3.5 The use of alcoholic beverages is expressly prohibited on the field, in the dugouts or in the direct vicinity of the baseball field.

6.3.6 In the event that an electrical storm is apparent, the umpire shall have the authority to suspend play until such time as there is no evidence of lightning for a period of 15 minutes. This is in the umpire's judgment however the coaches do have the right to take their teams off the field.

6.3.7 Under no circumstances are cracked or damaged helmets to be used. The umpire has the authority to check all helmets and eject any that are deemed to be unfit.

6.3.8 For reasons of safety, no alterations are to be made to helmets (i.e. paint or stickers) unless written authorization from the manufacturer can be provided. (Constituents found in some paints can weaken the protective shell and stickers can hide the appearance of shell cracks. Use of a cracked helmet or one missing any of its shock absorbing foam will not be permitted).

6.3.9 **Mosquito R, A, AA Only – A runner on 3rd base cannot score on a pass ball or wild pitch.**

6.3.10 **Mosquito R, A, AA Only – Teams cannot score more than 5 runs in an inning with the exception of the last inning being an open inning.**

6.3.11 Baseball Nova Scotia will send a Bantam Boy's All-Star team to the Nationals in Vaughan, Ontario. There will be an identification tournament May 28-30th in New Glasgow.

Rule 7.0 - PITCH COUNT

Level	Daily Pitches (No rest)	Daily Pitches (1 day rest)	Daily Pitches (2 days rest)	Daily Pitches (3 days rest)	Daily Pitches (4 days rest)	Daily/Max.
Mosquito	1-25	26-40	41-55	56-65	66-75	75
Peewee	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-85	85
Bantam	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-90	90
Midget	1-30	31-45	46-60	61-75	76-100	100

PART A

a) A pitcher can not pitch in 3 consecutive days regardless of pitch count

PART B

a) A player cannot pitch and catch or catch and pitch in the same game.

b) 1 nights rest is defined as Midnight the night the player pitched to midnight the next day.

- c) If you pitched today, that determines when you can pitch again: (consult the chart). If you did not pitch today, when you pitched last and how many pitches were thrown determines when you can pitch again: (consult the chart).

PART C

- When a pitcher reaches his daily pitch maximum, he can finish the batter.
- Pitch Counts will be adopted for all BNS sanctioned tournaments (Districts, Provincial, Atlantics, Bluenose play & National Eliminations).
- Pitch Counts will be used in Mosquito, Peewee, Bantam & Midget at the A, AA & AAA level, but not the House League.
- The House League (R level) will use reduced innings during tournament play (Districts/Provincials). 2 innings maximum per game for Mosquito and 3 innings maximum per game for Peewee and Bantam.
- For Bluenose League only one official Pitch Counter should be recognized during a game. (agreed on by both teams)
- Warm up pitches & throws to other bases should not be included in the Pitch Count.
- The Pitch Count Official must warn coaches of any pitcher reaching the daily minimum/maximum level of pitches.
- Any team disregarding the Pitch Count rules during a game will be in default & the opposing team could be awarded the win. BNS to determine this.
- Official Pitch Count sheets should be kept during each tournament in order to prove compliance. BNS will supply these Pitch Count sheets.
- If a team does not have any remaining players eligible to pitch in a game the opposing coach may designate a player who has yet to pitch in that game, this pitcher may not throw more than 30 pitches.

Rule 7.1 - IMPORTANT PITCHING INFORMATION (ALL MINOR DIVISIONS):

It is the responsibility of the OFFICIAL SCORER to track the pitches/ innings pitched for all those participating. All information regarding this shall be recorded and made available to any team requesting the information. If there is any discrepancy between a team's total and that of the official scorer, the OFFICIAL SCORER'S information will take precedence and is NOT subject to appeal. In the absence of an official scorer, the tournament chairman shall record the pitches/innings pitched by all pitchers and provide this information as requested.

If there is a violation of the pitching restrictions, the onus is on the official scorer or, in their absence, the opposing manager to bring the matter to the attention of the team at fault through the umpires. Only once the team has been informed of the violation or the impending potential for violation, the team is then responsible to ensure that the rules regarding pitching restrictions are followed. If after this point, the team continues to violate these rules, the team shall immediately forfeit the game.

- ***NOTE:** Suspended games do not alter the pitching restrictions. Innings and pitches apply per day and not per game. Innings pitched by a pitcher in a game, which is subsequently forfeited, will still count towards the total innings the pitcher is allowed to pitch in any such week or championship tournament.*

7.1.1 MOSQUITO ONLY

No balk shall be called in Mosquito division play unless 8.05 (l) applies.

Rule 8.1 - RESIDENCE RULE

8.1.1 In the minor age divisions of Mosquito, Pee Wee or Bantam, in order to be eligible for provincial play downs, a player(s) **must** be a resident of Nova Scotia (city, town or village) before June 1 of the current playing season.

8.1.2 Players who are a BNS registered member of an association and who wish to play competitive baseball and/or have played competitive baseball for their current association, are therefore required to play for or try out for their own association's competitive teams, provided:

The association is offering a competitive program at the level in which a player(s) wishes to play.

8.1.3 If the association, where a player was a member the previous year, is not offering a competitive program at a certain level and the payer wishes to play at that level, then they are required to:

- a) Play or try out with another association, within their own Region, that is offering the competitive team/program;
 - b) Return to their own association if they do not make the team in which they have tried out;
 - c) Return to their previous association the following year if their former association (in which they left) begins offering a competitive team/program at that level.
- 8.1.4 If no associations within the region in which a player resides are offering a competitive program/team at the level in which a player wishes to participate, then that player is eligible to move out of the region to play or try out for a competitive team that another BNS region is offering.
- a) Players who are not successful in making a team outside their region, will therefore be required to return to their own association to play, provided their association is offering the next competitive level;
 - b) If a player's association is not offering a particular level but another association in their region is offering that competitive level the next year, then the player will be required to return and play for an association in that region;
 - c) Players must return to their own association or region the following season, whenever the association or region has team(s) that are offering a competitive level in which a player wishes to play;
 - d) If none of the associations in a player's former region are offering a competitive program at the level in which a player wishes to play, then they will become eligible to remain with the association and play outside their own region for another season.
- NOTE: In doing so, a player then becomes a member of the region in which they have played for two consecutive seasons.
- 8.1.5 Players who have played with one association for two consecutive seasons are thereby considered a registered member of the association in which they have played.
- 8.1.6 Players who have played with more than one association within a region for two consecutive seasons are thereby considered a registered member of their last association and are considered part of that BNS defined region and not the region in which they left.
- 8.1.7 Players then wishing to play for or try out another association's competitive team must refer to and follow the above subsections rule 8.1.4
- 8.1.8 If there are extenuating circumstances, such as family transfers, marital breakdown or late moves, whereby a player is required to move and reside outside their current association or region, the BNS Executive may permit a player to be eligible to play with another team within the province.
- a) If a player who has moved outside the area/association in which they were registered and wishes to return and play for that association, then consideration may be given to the player by the Regional Director;
 - b) Applications for player releases, based on extenuating circumstances only, are to be first made to the Regional Director, in the region in which a player moves, prior to the first Friday in July of the current season;
 - c) The Regional Director, after reviewing the application, will then make a decision, after which the BNS office will be notified as to the decision that was made;
 - d) If the player(s) appeal the RD's decision, then the BNS Executive will become the Appeals Committee and their decision will be final.

Rule 8.2 - IMPORT CAP RULE

- 8.2.1 In the major divisions of Midget and Junior, in order to be eligible for provincial playdowns, a player(s) must be a resident of Nova Scotia (city town or village) before June 1 of the current playing season;
- 8.2.3 In both the Midget and Junior divisions, teams must have two-thirds of their players coming from their own association;
- 8.2.4 If a Midget or Junior team is operating as an independent team, then two-thirds of their roster must come from the area in which they are registered with BNS;
- 8.2.5 Teams will only be allowed to carry/register one-third of their team roster consisting of players that reside outside the area in which the team is registered/plays and/or the player(s) was registered as part of another association the previous season.

Rule 8.3 - PROOF OF AGE

- 8.3.1 Each Head Coach or Manager is accountable for ensuring the correctness of player information recorded on their rosters. There is no requirement to submit proof of any player's age while filing team rosters. If any Head Coach or

Manager has reason to question the age of any player s/he can do so in a written appeal to the Baseball Nova Scotia office and by including a \$100 process fee. The Head Coach or Manager of the team under question will have 48-hours to submit the requested proof of age to the BNS office. Acceptable proof of age will be determined from a photocopy of birth certificate, driver's license or Provincial Health Card. If the appeal is successful, the \$100 fee will be returned to the appellant Coach or Manager.

8.3.2 Return of original proof of age documents cannot be guaranteed by BNS.

8.3.3 Submission of falsified documents **shall lead to the team's suspension for the remainder of the year plus the next playing season and the same** for the player and any member of the team's coaching/management staff or any association executive who were aware that falsified documents were submitted and did not report same to BNS.

Rule 8.4 - CLASSIFICATION

8.4.1 Subject to verification by the BNS Board of Directors, a team may register in a suitable classification offered by BNS.

- ***NOTE:*** *The only teams eligible to compete for the senior title are those in the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League.*

8.4.2 At its July classification meeting, The BNS Board of Directors, with a 2/3 majority agreement of the BOD Members, may move a team up or down in classification.

- a) No team may be promoted or demoted after the close of the July classification meeting of the Board of Directors, except that in special circumstances the Executive shall have the authority to promote or demote a team up to and including the last Friday of July, with the consent of the team.
- b) Teams that have been promoted or demoted shall be advised by their Regional Director by telephone, within three (3) days after the Board of Directors meeting and confirmed in writing from the BNS Office within five (5) business days.

8.4.3 Notwithstanding 8.4.2, a team may appeal its promotion or demotion using the BNS appeal procedure, provided that such appeal is received in the office by the last Friday of July.

BNS Executive shall consult with the respective Regional Director before hearing any classification appeal.

8.4.4 The Executive of BNS reserves the right to reclassify any team after the completion of the District Tournaments if it is evident that a team should be playing in a higher classification. Any such team that is reclassified must be advised by BNS that they have the right to appeal their classification.

Rule 8.5 - AFFILIATION

8.5.1 Any team may affiliate with one team of a higher age division or classification and one team of a lower age division or classification, by submitting a completed affiliation form and copies of the affiliates' rosters to the BNS office no later than July 5th.

Note: *Any team may affiliate with one team of a lower age division at equal or lower classification OR affiliate with 1 team at the same age division at a lower classification, by submitting a completed affiliation form and copies of the affiliates rosters to the BNS office no later than July 5th. Mosquito level teams may affiliate with a Mosquito house league team within their association provided that a list of all affiliated players (to a maximum of 18) are submitted. You must affiliate with a team within your association if a team is available. Approval of affiliation forms are dealt with by the BNS office on a case-by-case basis.*

Example – *Peewee AAA can affiliate with Mosquito AAA, AA or PeeWee AA, A.*

Example – *Peewee AA cannot affiliate with a Mosquito AAA team but can affiliate with a Peewee "A" or Mosquito "AA", "A".*

- ***Since Senior and Intermediate are both "open" age categories, they may affiliate with any team Midget or higher but cannot affiliate with a team within their division. Example, an Intermediate AAA team cannot affiliate with an Intermediate "AA" or "A" team. An Intermediate "AAA" can affiliate with a Junior or Midget team.***

- 8.5.2 Following affiliation, a player registered with a lower age division team may play with a higher age division team with written permission from the lower age division team. If such player plays more than three (3) games of playdowns (Districts, Regionals, Provincials and National Eliminations) with a higher division team, he/she becomes ineligible to return to the lower age division team. For the purposes of the affiliation rules, the term “plays” means appearing on the official line-up card. [NOTE: Exception – Players on teams who affiliate with senior league teams (midget, junior, intermediate) may play six games after July 7th, but cannot play the 7th game or they cannot return to their original team.]
- 8.5.3 Teams wishing to use players from an affiliated team must present a copy of the approved affiliation form, a copy of the affiliated team’s roster and a signed release from the manager or general manger of the affiliate team at the pretournament meeting to have such affiliated players eligible for that tournament.
- 8.5.4 No player shall be permitted to register on more than one roster. However a player may appear on one roster plus the Canada Games Team, Youth Selects, Pee Wee Girls, Bantam Girls or Senior Women teams, without penalty.
- 8.5.5 Should a player appear on the roster of more than one team, he/she shall be eligible to play for the team of choice, with the choice to be made and communicated to BNS within forty-eight (48) hours of being notified by BNS.

Rule 8.6 - INELIGIBLE PLAYERS AND COACHES

- 8.6.1 No player shall be permitted to register on more than one roster. However a player may appear on one roster plus the Canada Games Team, Youth Selects, Pee Wee Girls, Bantam Girls or Senior Women teams, without penalty.
- 8.6.2 Should a player appear on the roster of more than one team, he/she shall be eligible to play for the team of choice, with the choice to be made and communicated to BNS within forty eight (48) hours of being notified by BNS.
- 8.6.3 Any team registering, playing or attempting to play an ineligible player or playing while an ineligible coach is coaching shall result in the ineligible person being disqualified.
- 8.6.4 Should a player or coach be ruled ineligible at a pre-tournament meeting, such player or coach ***may be subject to further discipline by the BNS Executive.***

Rule 9.1 - COACHING CERTIFICATION

- 9.1 To coach in District’s, Provincial’s and/or National Elimination’s for the 2010 season, you will be required to be fully Level 1 Certified under the old NCCP program or take the following courses:
- Online Initiation (nccp.baseball.ca)
 - Initiation Module (four-hour session offered by BNS Facilitators)
 - Teaching and Learning Module (four – hour session offered by BNS Facilitators)
 - Or Level 1 Certification under the old NCCP System

To be considered for selection to coach in BNS High Performance Programs, coaches must be qualified to the following certification:

Canada Games	Full Level 3
Youth Selects	Full Level 2, plus Level 3 Technical

- 9.1.1 Coaches will only be permitted to cross the foul lines to assess and/or assist injured players or ask for a ruling clarification. A coach may also cross the foul lines to address or remove the pitcher. No coach, manager, trainer or any other team rep shall address an umpire to debate/question a judgment call by an official. This will result in an automatic ejection.
- 9.1.2 Certification encompasses theory, technical and practical. All three must be obtained to qualify under the old system. The new system uses new language such as: Initiation/ intro to competition and Comp development.
- 9.1.3 The ***onus is on the coach to produce evidence of the required Level of NCCP certification.*** While BNS will make every reasonable attempt to verify the certification status of all coaches, should BNS rule a coach ineligible to coach due to incomplete or lacking certification or lack of authorization by the BNS Registrar, the coach must provide documents proving his/her certification. This is very important for coaches who attend clinics late in the season or who have attended clinics outside Nova Scotia.
- 9.1.4 Should a team with one or more ineligible coaches advance in play-downs, the coach will be subject to further discipline by the BNS Executive.

9.1.5 Coaches are to be in compliance with 9.1 upon submission of their team's roster. Coaches who are not in compliance with the certification requirement on July 7 shall be stricken from the roster and will be ineligible for BNS playdowns in 2010.

- **NOTE: Each Coach, Manager and team staff member shall submit proof of a valid Criminal Background Record Check to their home association.**

9.1.6 Should a team lose its entire coaching staff under 9.5, it shall be notified of such fact and shall be given a period of five (5) business days to find at least one replacement coach who meets the coaching certification requirement.

9.1.7 A team may apply to the Executive Director for permission to replace one or more of its coaches with one or more new coaches. Any such coaches must meet the certification requirement stated in 9.1.

9.1.8 The Coaches Dress Code pertains to all Baseball Nova Scotia sanctioned events such as Regionals, Districts, Provincials, and any elimination tournaments and Bluenose League in which BNS coaches take part. For the purpose of this regulation, the "coach" refers to all members of the coaching staff, including those in the dugout.

- Members of the coaching staff **must** be in appropriate and presentable baseball coaches' attire at any/all BNS sanctioned events. This attire consists of any of the following:
 - Baseball NS encourages base coaches to wear a skullcap.
 - Numbered baseball uniform, identical to those worn by the players which includes jersey, team jacket/sweater, pants and team hat;
 - Track pant/suit with a golf shirt or t-shirt (short, 3/4 or long leaved) in matching colours and preferably having a team logo on the shirt;
 - Tailored shorts or pants (i.e. Khaki's, Dockers, etc.) with a golf shirt or t-shirt (short, 3/4 or long sleeved) in matching colors and preferably having a team logo on the shirt;
 - Footwear: should consist of sneakers, cleats or coaches turf shoes.
 - Coaches clothing that is not permitted consists of the following:
 - Pants: Blue Jeans, cargo, sweats or cords;
 - Shorts: jeans, basketball or beach;
 - Shirts: T-shirts, jerseys or other types of shirts **not** matching team colors or other shirts such as cut-off/muscle shirts;
 - Footwear: sandals, flip-flops, boots, etc.

In addition, cellular telephones are not permitted to be used on the field.

- **NOTE:** Cell phones may be used in the dugout/bench area to obtain medical attention for emergencies and other non-game related purposes.

IMPORTANT: All coaches are expected to wear either a team uniform, track pants or shorts, along with shirts that are similar and match team colors.

If unable to completely match team colors, then all coaches should have the same color outfit. An example of this would be all coaches in navy track pants, white golf shirt and team hat, even though the team pants are royal blue.

Rule 10 - Championship Play

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Rule 10.1 - ORGANIZATION

- 10.1 The Baseball Nova Scotia Championships are divided into three levels:
- 10.1.1 Regionals: Whereby a Regional Champion is declared in each of the age divisions and classifications in region.
- ***NOTE:*** *If six or fewer teams register in any District, no Regional tournament shall be required.*
- 10.1.2 Districts: Whereby the Regional Champions meet to determine the District Champions, with Cape Breton and Highland meeting in the Eastern Districts; TriCounty, Dartmouth and Cole Harbour meeting in the Central Districts; Halifax Metro, Halifax Suburban and Valley meeting in the Metro Districts; Pictou and Fundy meeting in the Northumberland Districts; and Shore and Southwestern meeting in the Southern Districts.
- 10.1.3 Provincials: Whereby the District Champions and a host meet to determine the Provincial Champions.
- 10.1.4 Notwithstanding the above, the following two exceptions ***shall apply:***
- 10.1.5 If there are six or fewer registered teams in any age division and classification, all such teams shall advance to the Provincial tournament.
- 10.1.6 If a Provincial tournament in any age division and classification has fewer than four teams after the District tournaments are complete, then a fourth participating team or wildcard team shall be determined by the following sequence: the runner up in a District tournament when it is the only such District runner up; a two out of three series with the two District runners up) A tournament consisting of the Regional runners up. The series shall be conducted following the District tournament if time permits.

Rule - 10.2 PLAYDOWN REGISTRATION

- 10.2.1 BNS Playdowns are open only to members of BNS.
- ***NOTE:*** *Information on the membership process may be found in the information section at the end of these rules.*
- 10.2.2 All member teams wishing to participate in Play-downs leading to Provincial Championships must submit an entry form, delivered to their Regional Director no later than July 5th of the playing year, along with a cheque or money order in the amount of \$125.00 per team.
- 10.2.3 After the July 5th deadline, should a team not already be a member of BNS or have one or more players, coaches or other team members not previously submitted on a membership application in the current playing season, a completed membership application, along with the membership fee for all its participants at all age levels, shall be remitted to BNS. Additionally, a playdown entry fee equal to double the normal entry fee shall be submitted along with the team's completed roster. Independent teams must also provide a statement explaining why they are not members of a league or an association.
- ***NOTE:*** *Associations may not use this mechanism to avoid paying the membership fee for all its participants. The BNS Executive may, at its discretion, reject the play-down entry application from any such team(s).*

Rule - 10.3 ROSTERS

**** All participating teams MUST have a copy of their roster at all provincial play-downs.**

- 10.3.1 If a coach or manager is also a player, such player or players are to be counted among the 12-18 registered players.

10.3.2 Teams may also have a trainer who must be certified as such, or be a nurse or doctor or have been trained in first aid by the St. John Ambulance or similar organization. Trainers may be requested to prove their status and under no circumstances may they become involved with coaching the team unless he/she is also one of the three coaches as specified in 11.1.

Rule - 10.4 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

10.4.1 The Regional Director, in consultation with the teams involved, shall determine the host of each Regional tournament.

10.4.2 In the event that in any age division or classification there is only one registered team in a region, such team will automatically advance to the District tournament. If there are only two registered teams in a District, both teams will automatically advance to the District tournament.

10.4.3 Provided that two or more teams register in an age division and classification, the winner shall be determined in a tournament as outlined in "Draws."

- ***NOTE:*** *Should weather delay the selection of a Regional winner past the dates set aside for the District tournament, the Executive Director may determine the manner in which the Regional winner will be determined so that one team may proceed to the District tournament.*

10.4.4 All winning teams are to contact their Regional Director and the BNS office within 24 hours of completion of Regional tournaments in order to facilitate the District tournament. Failure to declare such winners as outlined above may result in the region not having representation in that division and classification.

Rule - 10.5 DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

10.5.1 In each District, the winning team in each age division and classification shall be determined by a tournament format. Such tournaments shall be held in August for all levels.

Rescheduling of games is the responsibility of the host. If no agreement or rescheduling is completed, than the decision is made by the BNS office. Since the rainout weekend between the Regional tournaments and the District tournaments has been eliminated, the date of the District tournament may be one week later should one or more of the regions have to complete their Regional tournament.

10.5.2 We are accepting bids so that we can have four team tournaments from the regions specified in the table on the following page:

10.5.3 Provided that two or more teams register in an age division and classification, the winner shall be determined in a tournament as outlined in "Draws."

- ***NOTE:*** *Should weather delay the selection of a District winner past the dates set aside for the rain-out weekend following the District tournament, the BNS Executive may determine the District winner or the manner in which the District winner will be determined so that one team may proceed to the Provincial tournament.*

10.5.4 All winning teams are to contact their Regional Director and the BNS office within 24 hours of completion of District tournaments. Failure to declare such winners as outlined above may result in the District not having representation in that division and classification.

Rule - 10.6 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOTE: In all Divisions (Midget AA and below) it is mandatory that all players present are in the batting order and all players must play a minimum of two defensive innings. Baseball Nova Scotia understands that this requirement may not be able to be met for games shortened by weather, ten-run rule, or other unforeseen circumstance. This applies to District, Regional and Provincial tournaments. Baseball Nova Scotia has introduced this opportunity as a Fair and Safe Play initiative. We have increased the fair play to include Midget AA, and A.

10.6.1 Provincial championships shall be held at sites determined by the BNS Board of Directors.

10.6.2 Teams wishing to host a Provincial Championship must apply to their Regional Director before June 14th.

10.6.3 All provincial play-downs will be played at dates decided by the BNS Board and will be published in the Calendar of Events.

- **NOTE:** Since Labour Day is a public holiday, it may be used to complete a tournament that has been held up by bad weather. However, hosts are to keep this day available for rain and may not schedule games in advance for this day.

Rule - 10.7 NATIONAL ELIMINATION TOURNAMENTS:

Baseball Nova Scotia shall also conduct elimination tournaments in 2010 to determine the Nova Scotia representatives at the Midget and Junior National Championships. These tournaments are only open to AAA teams in their respective divisions.

Rule - 10.8 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

10.8.1 The rules under which Baseball Canada conduct their tournaments are established by that organization. Teams representing Nova Scotia at these tournaments must be approved by Baseball Nova Scotia and must meet the eligibility requirements outlined by Baseball Canada.

Rule - 10.9 RECREATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ELIGIBILITY

1. "R" level only applies to the Mosquito, Bantam and Pee Wee Divisions.
2. It is designated for true "House" teams without pick-ups or add-ons.
3. There are still "AAA", "AA", and "A" Divisions to apply to.
4. Teams playing in the Bluenose League or rep teams can apply for "A" and "AAA", but cannot play at the "R" level.
5. All Star teams from House League are eligible for "A" level, but are not eligible for "R".

Exception: *If for example an Association had two or more teams in an age group playing House and decided to form an All Star team (entering "A" or higher) those remaining teams could enter the "R" category and could pick up players from other teams to replace players lost to the All Star team. The theory is that after having lost players to the All Star team, teams might not have enough players left to enter.*

Rule - 10.9.2 RULES OF PLAY

1. All players bat in the line-up.
2. There is free substitution in the field at all positions except pitcher, at the beginning of each inning.
3. There is a maximum of five runs per inning except the last inning, which is open (must get three outs).
4. The 10 run mercy rule is in effect after five innings.
5. Once a pitcher is removed from the mound in a game they cannot return to pitch again in that same game.
6. Pitching Maximums:

"R" Division Pitch Restrictions

Mosquito:

Two innings in a game, three innings in a day and six in a week or championship weekend. One pitch in an inning constitutes an inning pitched. If a pitcher throws three innings in a day, he or she requires 1 days rest. A days rest is defined as midnight the day he/she pitched to midnight the next day.

Example, Pitcher throws three innings Friday then he or she cannot throw again until Sunday.

Pee Wee:

Three innings in a game, five innings in a day and seven in a week or championship weekend. One pitch in an inning constitutes one full inning. If a pitcher throws 4 innings in a day, he or she requires 1 days rest. A days rest is defined as midnight the day he/she pitched to midnight the next day.

Example, Pitcher throws four innings Friday then he or she cannot throw again until Sunday.

Bantam:

Three innings in a game, six innings in a day and nine in a week or championship weekend. One pitch in an inning constitutes one full inning. If a pitcher throws five innings in a day, he or she requires 1 days rest. A days rest is defined as midnight the day he/she pitched to midnight the next day.

Example, Pitcher throws five innings Friday then he or she cannot throw again until Sunday.

7. Associations pay only one application fee (\$125) per age group in "R" regardless of the number of teams in that age group entering.
8. All players present at a game must be in the batting order and play a minimum of two defensive innings.
9. All coaches must be certified to coach in Districts or Provincials.

Rule - 10.10 HOSTS

10.10.1 Teams hosting Provincial championships are not eligible to take part in Regional and District tournaments. Teams hosting District championships are not eligible to take part in Regional tournaments.

10.10.2 The Host Association shall:

- Appoint a tournament chairperson and official scorekeeper; (**Shall not be a members of the host team. i.e. Coach**);
- Arrange and pay the umpires before each tournament game;
- If requested, assist visiting teams with booking accommodations;
- Submit the proposed tournament schedule to BNS for approval
- Supply sufficient number of approved baseballs for the entire tournament;
- Ensure the playing field is prepared for each game;
- Provide on-site washroom facilities;
- Provide drinking water for all tournament games;
- Have the means for medical assistance if required;
- **NOTE:** *Baseball Nova Scotia strongly recommends that first aid or ambulance service be available on site for all games.*
- Determine location of game or resumed game provided it is an approved site.
- Any individual, team member or host may file a tournament evaluation. Forms are available from Baseball Nova Scotia.
- The Tournament Chair must, within 48 hours, forward to the BNS office all game reports showing the results of the Provincial Tournament.

10.10.3 Baseball Nova Scotia will have a representative at all Provincial and National Elimination Tournaments, or have a system in place to be operated out of the BNS Head Office, to hear a protest from a decision regarding a rule interpretation. When the manager of either team makes a protest, this is the procedure that shall be followed:

All protests regarding **PLAYING RULES** shall be referred to the Baseball Nova Scotia Rule Protest Committee, Cellular number that will be made available to the Tournament Chair. Once the protest has been referred to the Rule Protest Committee, the decision made will be final and not subject to appeal.

- **NOTE: No protest shall be permitted on a judgment decision of an umpire.**

10.10.4 Upon completion of the tournament, the Tournament Chairman shall forward copies of all game reports to the BNS office through the Regional Director for the host region.

10.10.5 **Tournament Costs:** Hosts for Provincial Championships are solely responsible for umpires' fees, field rentals, lighting costs and an adequate amount of Rawlings baseballs. In the situation that there is no host by the Baseball Nova Scotia classification meeting, BNS will appoint a host. At that time, the tournament will be cost shared.

If a team has to travel 200 km or more for a District or Provincial Championship, that team will NOT be responsible to cost share that tournament.

All National Elimination Tournaments are cost shared amongst all teams.

Rule - 10.11 PRE -TOURNAMENT MEETING

10.11.1 The Tournament Chairperson shall arrange a pre tournament meeting of all teams, the host committee and, if possible, representatives of BNS and the BNSUD. Unless otherwise agreed to by **all** participating teams, the Pre Tournament Meeting is to be held one hour prior to the commencement of the first game of the tournament, but in all cases the Pre Tournament Meeting must be held prior to the commencement of the tournament.

All variations to procedures must be unanimously agreed to, in writing, by all teams at the meeting. Changes CANNOT be made to playing or eligibility rules, only to tournament procedures by going through the BNS office.

10.11.2 Any team that fails to attend the pre-tournament meeting **shall be bound by the results of the meeting.**

10.11.3 At each pre-tournament meeting the following is to be reviewed:

- Proposed ground rules (for information only since the actual ground rules are to be confirmed at the plate conference before the start of each game);
- Presentation of rosters, affiliation forms and coaching certification, and the name of official scorer. Each coach shall bring a sufficient number of copies of his/her roster in order to give one copy to each participating team in the tournament.
- The format and schedule of the tournament, including the tie breaking procedure as outlined in Rule 10 of the Tournament Rules, as well as rescheduling games due to inclement weather;
- Number of innings;
- Team Conduct Rule (14.1.2)
- 10 run rule;
- Coin toss as required, to determine home team for each game.
- **NOTE:** *BNS recommends that each team have enough copies to give to each team registered at the tournament.*

10.11.4 The tournament chairman or Baseball NS representative shall facilitate the pre-tournament meeting.

Rule - 10.12 DRAWS

10.12.1 The draws contained herein are the draws that shall be scheduled for tournaments in Regional's, Districts and Provincials. In cases of inclement weather, the prescribed format and schedule may be changed and any such eventuality should be agreed to at the pre tournament meeting held prior to the first game.

10.12.2 While the host shall prepare the schedule for the tournament, Baseball Nova Scotia must approve it before it becomes official.

When more than three games are required in a tournament; at least one of the games shall be scheduled on Friday.

No game shall be scheduled to begin after 5:30 pm on an unlit field.

If a tournament consists of four or fewer teams then no game shall begin prior to 11:00 am on the first scheduled day of the tournament.

10.12.3 In the various draws below, the teams shall be assigned to positions in the draws as follows:

PROVINCIALS: "A" is host, "B" is nearest, "C" is next nearest and "D" is the farthest.

DISTRICTS: "A" is host, "B" is nearest, "C" is next nearest and "D" is farthest.

REGIONALS: Teams are to be assigned positions in the draw by the Regional Director.

10.12.4 In determining relative geographic position, the distance for each team shall be determined by the shortest possible driving (land) distance as determined by that team's home field. In cases of dispute or uncertainty, the decision of the BNS office shall be final.

- **NOTE:** *When two or more teams use the same home field, the BNS office will determine the placings.*

A) Two Team Draws

All two team draws in tournaments shall be scheduled as a best of three series.

- **NOTE:** *All home and home series are still considered tournaments for the purposes of the BNS rules. The home team for each game is to be considered the host for that game.*

B) Three Team Draws

All three team draw tournaments shall be scheduled as a double round robin format.

The schedule format for the three-team draws shall be:

THREE TEAM DRAW

Game 1: A vs B Game 5: A vs C
Game 2: C vs A Game 6: C vs B
Game 3: B vs C Game 7: Championship Game (if necessary)
Game 4: B vs A (second named team is home team)

If one team is undefeated during the round robin, it shall be declared the champion and no championship game shall be played.

Should two teams finish the round robin with 3-1 records, these teams shall meet in a single game for the championship.

Should the first place team have a 3-1 record and the second place team a record of 2-2 in the round robin, such teams shall also play a single game for the championship.

Should all three teams finish the round robin with 2-2 records, first and second place shall be determined using the tie breaking procedure and these two teams shall play a single game for the championship.

C) Four Team Draws

All four team tournaments in District and Provincial tournaments shall be scheduled as single round robins.

The schedule format for the four-team draws shall be:

FOUR TEAM DRAW

Game 1: A vs B Game 4: B vs D
Game 2: C vs D Game 5: A vs D
Game 3: A vs C Game 6: B vs C
Game 7: Championship game (if necessary or play-off game (if necessary))
Game 8: Championship game (if necessary) or championship game #2 (if necessary)

If the first place team is undefeated in the round robin and the second place team has a record of 2-1, the second place team must defeat the first place team twice in order to win the championship, and two (2) games shall be played if necessary.

If, however, the first place team goes undefeated in the round robin and all other teams have 1-2 records, the first place team shall be declared champion and no championship game will be required. The silver medal will be awarded as per article 10 (Tie Breaking Procedure).

If three (3) teams are tied at 2-1 after the round robin, first place shall be determined using the tie breaking procedure. The remaining two (2) teams shall play a single game, with the winner advancing to play a single championship game against the first place team.

D) Five Team Draws

All five team tournaments in Regional tournaments shall be scheduled as single round robins.

The schedule format for the five-team draws shall be:

FIVE TEAM DRAW

Game 1: A vs B Game 6: E vs C
Game 2: C vs D Game 7: A vs D
Game 3: E vs A Game 8: B vs E
Game 4: A vs C Game 9: B vs C
Game 5: B vs D Game 10: D vs E
Game 11: Championship Game (if necessary)
Game 12: Championship game # 2 (if necessary)

Upon completion of the round robin, the first and second place team shall advance to the championship.

If the first place team is undefeated in the round robin and the second place team has a record of 3-1, the second place team must defeat the first place team twice in order to win the championship, and two (2) games shall be played if necessary.

If, however, the first place team goes undefeated in the round robin and all other teams have 2-2, 1-3 or 0-4 records, the first place team shall be declared champion and no championship game will be required.

Provided that no team has gone undefeated, if three or more teams are tied for first and/or second places, the tie breaking procedure shall be used to select first place, and the other two teams will playoff to determine the other finalist.

E) SIX TEAM DRAW

All six team draws in tournaments shall be scheduled as a two-pool single round robin tournament.

The schedule format for six team draws shall be:

SIX TEAM DRAW

	POOL '1'		POOL '2'
Game 1:	A vs B	Game 2:	D vs E
Game 3:	A vs C	Game 4:	D vs F
Game 5:	B vs C	Game 6:	E vs F
Game 7:	2nd Place Pool A vs 3rd Place Pool B		
Game 8:	2nd Place Pool B vs 3rd Place Pool A		
Game 9:	1st place Pool B vs Winner of Game 7		
Game 10:	1st place Pool A vs Winner of Game 8		
Game 11:	Championship Game		

After round robin play in either pool, should all three teams be tied at 1-1 first place shall be determined using the tie breaking procedure, the remaining two teams shall play a single game to determine second place, and winner of the playoff and the first place team shall advance to the cross-over semi-finals.

F) Seven Team Draw

Baseball NS will create draw when required.

G) Eight Team Draw

Baseball NS will create draw when required.

Rule - 10.13 GAMES PER DAY

10.13.1 Due to weather, travel distance and tie breaking procedures, it may be necessary for a team to play 3 games on the final day. Although it is not a suggested practice, BNS recognizes that it may occur and will permit it to take place.

10.13.2 However 4 games in any day (except completion of a suspended game) will not be permitted.

Rule - 10.14 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

10.14.1 When two teams are tied, the record of the two teams against each other will determine the position of finish. Obviously, the team, which won between the two teams, finishes higher in the standings.

10.14.2 Where two or more teams are still tied, calculating to two decimal places the team, which has given up the fewest defensive runs per defensive inning played, will break the tie. Under this formula, the team haven given up the fewest runs per defensive inning finishes higher in the standings, the team having given up the second fewest runs per defensive innings next, and so on.

10.14.3 When two or more teams are still tied, calculating to two decimal places the team, which has scored the greatest number of offensive runs per offensive inning played, will break the tie.

The team scoring the greatest number of runs per offensive inning finishes higher in the standings, the team having scored the second highest runs per offensive innings next, and so on.

10.14.4 In the very unlikely event that two or more teams are still tied, the tie shall be broken by one or more coin tosses conducted by the host.

10.14.5 Where there are no innings played, all scores of forfeited games shall be excluded from the tie breaking process under sections 10.2 and 10.3

INTERPRETATION: Also excluded are innings played in a forfeited game.

10.14.6 Throughout the tie breaking procedure, only those games involving the teams actually tied shall be considered. In a four team tournament, for example, whereby Teams A, B and C are tied with each other, those games only shall be considered for the purpose of the tie breaking procedure. Any game involving Team D, no matter who their opponent was, shall not be considered for the tie breaking procedure.

10.14.7 For the purpose of calculating innings pursuant to Rule 10, each out counts as one third of an inning so that if, for example, the game ends with one out in the sixth inning then the team will have played five and one third innings for the purpose of any such calculation pursuant to this rule.

Rule - 10.15 HOME TEAM

10.15.1 Except as otherwise provided in these rules, a coin toss at the pre tournament meeting will be used for each game of the round robin.

10.15.2 A coin toss shall be used to determine home team for any tiebreaker games that might be required.

10.15.3 In a crossover game, if a team has a better win/loss record, that team will have the choice of home or away.

10.15.4 In the championship game(s), the team finishing higher in the round robin shall be the home team.

10.15.5 Coin tosses other than those at the pre tournament meeting shall take place at least 30 minutes prior to the game, or immediately following the preceding game if the time between games is less than 30 minutes.

Rule - 10.16 STARTING TIME

10.16.1 The scheduled starting time shall be the official starting time until such time as the host informs both teams that the time has been changed because of long games, weather delays, or other reasons, at which time the new time designated for the start of the game shall become the new official starting time.

Unlimited changes may be made to the starting time making the game later; only with the consent of both teams may a game be started earlier than its scheduled starting time.

- ***NOTE:*** Games scheduled for a field, which does not have lights, will not start after 5:30 PM unless the host and both teams agree. The BNSUD Crew Chief will determine where there is insufficient natural light for save play and stop the play.

10.16.2 When time permits, both teams shall be allowed 10 minutes in which to conduct infield/outfield practice. If a team misses its allotted time, it will not have the opportunity for practice. The host is responsible for enforcing the prescribed times for practice. Such practice format is as follows:

- 25 minutes prior to the designated game time, the home team will have the field for 10 minutes
- 15 minutes prior to the designated game time, the visiting team will have the field for 10 minutes;
- 5 minutes prior to the designated game time, the managers or their representatives will meet with the umpires at home plate.

Rule - 10.17 FORFEITING

10.17.1 A game will not start until each team has a minimum of nine players and one certified coach on the bench. If one team fails to meet this standard within 20 minutes past the official start time of the game the team will lose by forfeiture. Should both teams not be able to field nine players and have a certified coach in attendance within 20 minutes past the official starting time, then such game will be declared a double forfeit and result in a loss to both teams.

10.17.2 Should such forfeiture be the first game of a doubleheader (in a two team draw), the forfeiting team ***shall be given a further 40 minutes to field nine players*** and have a certified coach in attendance. Should they again not be able to do so, the second game of the doubleheader shall also be declared a forfeit.

As per the rules of Baseball Canada, a forfeit will be recorded as a 9-0 win for the opposing team. Any innings pitched will count toward totals. No innings pitched will be charged if a pitch has not been thrown.

10.17.3 All tournament games shall be played. Once a team begins playing its first game in a tournament, and a team violates this condition the matter shall be reviewed by the BNS Tournament Official. The team may be eliminated from further play and may be subject to further discipline.

Rule - 10.18 TEAM CONDUCT

10.18.1 While at any tournament conducted by Baseball Nova Scotia or at any tournament representing the Province, the team must conduct itself in a manner that is in the best interest of baseball in our Province.

- a) Teams that cause vandalism or other intentional damage to properties may be subject to further discipline from the BNS Executive.
- b) Teams that willingly leave a tournament early or who fail to appear for a tournament without permission of the tournament chairperson, or who withdraw from a tournament within the 5 days immediately prior to a tournament **may be fined \$500.00 and suspended until such fine has been paid**. Where the host association incurs costs, the host association may claim from BNS, receipted expenses to a maximum of \$200.00

10.18.2 In the case of minor division teams, the adults involved with the team (general manager and coaches) shall be held responsible for the team's actions.

10.18.3 Umpires must also conduct themselves in a manner that is in the best interest of baseball in our Province. Umpires who fail to do so shall be disciplined by the BNSUD according to its discipline policy.

BASEBALL NOVA SCOTIA

INDIVIDUAL PENALTIES FOR PLAYERS, COACHES, MANAGERS AND UMPIRES FOR 2010

VIOLATION	1 ST OFFENSE	2 ND OFFENSE	3 RD OFFENSE
Verbal discussion and abuse, arguing balls and strikes, safe and out.	Ejection from the current game.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next 2 games the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next 5 games the team plays.
Verbal abuse after the point of ejection.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next 2 games the team plays.	Ejection for the current game plus the next 5 games the team plays.
Throwing equipment: bat, helmet baseballs or any equipment.	Ejection from the current game.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus 5 games that the team would have played
Bumping an umpire intentionally or by accident. Bumping is defined as touching an umpire in any manner.	7 games, including the original game.	Ejection for a year starting from the first day of ejection.	Suspended for life.
Initiating physical contact with umpire. Physical contact is defined as any contact with the umpire by pushing, shoving, spitting, or striking an umpire with any object.	15 games, including the game the incident happened.	One year starting from the first day of the ejection period of 365 days.	Suspended for life.
Players shoving or fighting with each other.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next 3 games the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next 10 games the team plays.	One year, starting from the first day of the ejection for a period of 365 days.
Intent to injure (fighting included). This will be a judgment call by the official making it.	This includes the game that the player has been ejected from, plus the next 5 games that they would have played.	Starting from the first day of the ejection for a period of 365 days.	
Team playing an ineligible player. Suspended player or player not on the official roster.	Loss of game and removal of any medals from team.	Loss of game and removal of any medals from team. Suspension of coach for one calendar year starting from the first day of the suspension.	
Displaying bad sportsmanship between other players and fans. Swearing across the field to other players or fans.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next 5 games the team plays.	One year, starting from the first day of the ejection for a period of 365 days.
Threatening an umpire, during or after a game. For example but not limited to the following: "I will get you after the game" or "I'll get you later" or "You'll get yours", etc.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next 3 games the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next 15 games the team plays.	One year, starting from the first day of the ejection for a period of 365 days.
Abuse by an Umpire on a player or coach	Investigation. Hearing by BNSUD		

ALL PENALTIES TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

All penalized persons have the right to appeal through the BNS.

All penalties are considered per season (except for those otherwise stated.)

Any suspension issued and not served in the playing year will be held over until the following season. It is the responsibility of the team's coach to make sure all suspensions are enforced. A record of all games played after the suspension is announced must be made available to BNS on request.

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