

**The**  
**Official Rules**  
**of**  
**Baseball Atlantic**

**As approved for use for the 2005  
Baseball Atlantic Championships**

**2005 edition**

## THE RULES OF BASEBALL ATLANTIC

modified by the consensus of the members of Baseball  
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These rules, which govern the competitions known as the Baseball Atlantic Championships, are divided into three sections:

1. Eligibility Rules
2. Tournament Rules
3. Playing Rules

### 1.0 Eligibility Rules

#### 1.1 Age Categories/Classifications

##### 1.1.1 Age Categories

1. Baseball Atlantic shall use the following age categories:
  - Intermediate --- no age requirements
  - Junior ---no older than 21 by Dec.31 of current season
  - Midget---no older than 18 by Dec.31 of current season
  - Mosquito/Pee Wee/Bantam---as per Baseball Canada

##### 1.1.2 Classifications

1. Baseball Atlantic may conduct annual play downs in the following age categories (divisions) and classifications:

- Mosquito --- AAA & AA
- Pee Wee --- AAA & AA
- Bantam --- AAA & AA
- Midget --- AAA & AA
- Junior --- AAA & AA
- Intermediate --- AAA & AA

2. Note: There will be no Baseball Canada Junior Championship elimination tournament in Canada Games year.
3. There will be a Baseball Atlantic Junior "A" end-of-season Championship on an annual basis beginning in 2001

#### 1.2 Dates/Sites

##### 1.2.1 Dates

1. These tournaments are usually held within the first three (3) weeks of September each year. The actual dates are set annually at the annual general each
2. The dates for **2004** are:
  - Midget AAA --- **Sept. 3-5**
  - Midget AA --- **Sept. 3-5**
  - Junior AAA --- **Sept. 3-5**
  - Junior AA --- **Sept. 3-5**
  - All others --- **Sept. 17-19**

**1.2.2 Sites**

1. The host provinces for each of the tournaments is determined using the following chart:

'98/ '02/ '99/ '03/ '00/ '04/ '01/ '05/  
'06/ '10/ '07/ '11/ '08/ '12/ '09/ '13/

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Mosquito AAA	PEI	NB	NFLD	NS
MosquitoAA	NFLD	NS	NB	PEI
Pee Wee AAA	NB	NFLD	NS	PEI
Pee Wee AA	NS	NB	PEI	NFLD
Bantam AAA	NFLD	NS	PEI	NB
Bantam AA	NB	PEI	NFLD	NS
Midget AAA	NS	PEI	NB	NFLD
Midget AA	PEI	NFLD	NS	NB
Junior AAA	Elim.			<b>SEE BELOW</b>
Junior AAA	PEI	NFLD	NB	NS
Junior AA	NFLD	NS	NB	PEI
Intermediate A	(see below)			
Intermediate B	(see below)			

Junior '02 '03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09  
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NB NS NF xxx PEI NB NS xxx  
xxx denotes CSG year

Intermediate:  
'03 '04 '05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10 '11  
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AAA NS PEI NB NS PEI NB NS PEI NB  
AA PEI NB NS PEI NB NS PEI NB NS

2. The community within the host province shall be determined by the host provincial association on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current playing year. The manner in which the selection is made is a provincial responsibility and no appeal to Baseball Atlantic will be entertained. Baseball Atlantic reserves to right to review the host communities as put forward by the provincial host association and to veto any for lack of adequate facilities other reasonable causes.

3. Junior “AA” rotation added to list for intermediate implementation.

4. Junior “AAA” end-of-season championship added to list for implementation beginning in 2001.

**1.3 Hosts**

**1.3.1 Host application process**

1. Applications to host Baseball Atlantic playoffs are to be forwarded to member provincial associations as determined by those associations in time for the member provincial associations to inform Baseball Atlantic of their selections by My 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Within fourteen (14) days of the above deadline, Baseball Atlantic may request full particulars on any and all hosts and may veto a selected host for lack of adequate facilities. In such cases, the host province shall have seven days to determine a suitable host. If a suitable host is not names within the seven day period , Baseball Atlantic shall solicit applications for the other three provinces and a conference call or other suitable means shall be used to hold a special meeting to select the host.

**1.3.2 Hosting Responsibilities**

1. The host team in all cases will be responsible for the following:
  - 1.Host the tournament as agreed.
  - 2.Provisions of the facilities required for the tournament, which normally includes:

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1. at least one adequate playing field
  2. washroom and changing areas within easy reach of the field
  3. access to or supply of drinking water to participants
  4. reasonably ready access to emergency medical facilities
  5. adequate seating for spectators and some form of public address system
  6. an official scorer and scorekeepers for all games  
Hosts should also have an area for the working media and should supply bat boys/girls and ball boys/girls if possible.
3. Follow the rules and procedures as determined by Baseball Atlantic.
  4. Schedule a pre-tournament meeting, inform all participating teams, the Baseball Atlantic rep (if applicable) and the umpire-in-chief of the tournament, and conduct the meeting.
  5. Supply of approved baseballs for the entire tournament.
  6. Umpires, through their Provincial Umpire Association, for all tournament games. Any payment to the umpires in accordance with provincial guidelines are the responsibility of the host.
  7. Billeting of players in Mosquito, Pee Wee and Bantam is no longer required. The host is responsible for arranging accommodations if requested for teams, coaches and managers.

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8. The host must send game scores to the media (local media, appropriate provincial media, and provincial baseball office) on a daily basis and must send a post-event report to baseball office within seven (7) days of the end of the tournament.
  9. Provision of a protest committee large enough to ensure that three members are available at all times to make a decision as required by these rules. The host shall prepare a list of potential committee members complete with short (1-2 sentences) biographical sketches giving the baseball and other (lawyer, teacher, etc.) qualifications which make the individual desirable for the committee. The list will be provided to the host provincial association for approval at least five (5) days prior to the start of the tournament. The host provincial association shall approve (or reject) the proposed committee membership on behalf of Baseball Atlantic and return the list to the host with the seal or stamp of the provincial association and the words, "Approved on behalf of Baseball Atlantic by". The returned list is to be copied and given to all teams at the pre-tournament meeting. The teams will have the opportunity to object to the list at the pre-tournament meeting.
2. The host team will not be responsible for:
    1. Vandalism/damages or breakage by any team at these tournaments. If such a report is filed or brought to the attention of the Baseball Atlantic Executive strict measures will be taken.
    2. Transportation of the teams.
    3. Any other expenses of the visiting team

4. The host provincial association is responsible to ensure that the host team knows of and meets its responsibilities to the visiting teams, the officials of Baseball Atlantic. Should a host fail to meet its responsibilities, Baseball Atlantic shall fine the host provincial association \$200.00. Host teams and associations may also be disciplined by Baseball Atlantic, including the suspension of hosting privileges.
3. Baseball Atlantic encourages hosts to assist visiting teams, including helping with alternate activities when rain prevents or delays play. Hosts are asked to attempt to make the experience, both on the field and off, an enjoyable and memorable experience for all participants. Member provincial baseball associations are encouraged to make the provision of off-field activities a part of the host selection process. The failure of a host team or association to provide assistance to visiting teams may result in a review of the hosts suitability to host Baseball Atlantic events and/or a review of the member provincial association's host selection process.

#### **1.4 Funding**

1. Funding for hosts and teams is not available from Baseball Atlantic.

#### **1.5. Team Qualifying**

##### **1.5.1 Atlantic Qualification**

1. Baseball Atlantic tournaments are intended to see the provincial championships of the four member provincial associations and a host team play to determine the Atlantic Champion. However,
  1. in the event that the host team is also the provincial winner, then the runner-up or second place team to participate and this is at the sole discretion of the host provincial association, so no appeal to Baseball Atlantic will be entertained;

2. if this is a tournament, which leads to the Canadian championships, then the host province may only send a second or runner-up team if one of the other three provinces chooses no to participate.

2. Teams may only complete in the age category and classification in Atlantics that they competed in during their province's playoffs to determine their provincial champion. This does not apply to PEI where only one classification exists and the top team goes "AAA" and the second place team goes "AA"

3. To qualify for these tournaments the following steps must be followed:

1. Each member province must make all registered teams aware these tournaments are being held—sites and dates.

2. Each Province must set up provincial playoff systems to declare winners for these divisions.

3. All matters pertaining to the determination of champions in each of the member provinces are to be resolved within the individual provincial associations and no appeal to Baseball Atlantic shall be entertained.

##### **1.5.2 National Qualification**

1. The winner of the Midget AAA shall represent Baseball Atlantic at the national championships in the year following.

2. If the Baseball Canada Junior Championship is not open to all member provinces, an elimination tournament will be held on the Canada Day weekend to determine the Baseball Atlantic representative for that year.

3. At Baseball Atlantic tournaments serving as an elimination tournament for national play, it is the team and not the province that wins the right to represent Baseball Atlantic.

## **1.6 Discipline**

### **1.6.1 Jurisdiction**

1. Baseball Atlantic reserves the right to impose and enforce penalties, including fines and suspensions, or expulsion for any violation of any of its regulations as a result of any inter-provincial play between any two of its member provincial associations' teams. Games between two teams from the same province at a Baseball Atlantic championship tournament shall be considered inter-provincial.

2. Except as outlines immediately above, play between teams within a member provincial association's jurisdiction shall be out of the jurisdiction of Baseball Atlantic and in matters of discipline resulting from such play, the member provincial association shall rule.

3. In matters of disciplinary action undertaken as a result of inter-provincial play between a member provincial association, and another provincial association outside Baseball Atlantic, the Canadian Federation of Amateur Baseball shall rule.

4. Baseball Atlantic shall honor the disciplinary action taken against participants, organizers and any others that may, from time to time, be decided by any of its members provincial associations or the Canadian Federation of Amateur Baseball.

5. The four member provincial associations shall honor the disciplinary actions undertaken by Baseball Atlantic and the Canadian Federation of Amateur Baseball.

6. Until, and if, a suspension imposed by Baseball Atlantic or one of its members associations is lifted, no member provincial association's teams shall knowingly compete with or against the suspended member or members.

### **1.6.2 Procedure**

1. In matters of disciplinary action as a result of inter-provincial play between any two of its members provincial associations, Baseball Atlantic shall, in the first instance, refer the matter to the participant's, organizer's or other individual's provincial association for disciplinary proceedings in accordance within the organization's by-laws and other regulations.

2. Such proceedings must, in all cases, be commenced within twenty-one (21) days of receipt or written notice of referral.

3. A province which fails to commence proceedings as required has no right of appeal of a decision made by Baseball Atlantic as a result of such failure.

4. In the case of failure of a member provincial association to commence disciplinary proceedings as required the President of Baseball Atlantic shall form a committee to hear the matter. The committee shall be composed of the President and the Vice President from the provinces not involved if possible, otherwise the committee shall consist of the President and the four Vice Presidents. The committee shall meet or conduct its business by alternate means at the discretion of the presidents.

5. The accused individuals shall have the right to present their case either in writing, or via other means, at the discretion of the President.

### 1.6.3 Appeals

1. Should any member provincial association appeal the decision of another member provincial association's disciplinary proceeding resulting from inter-provincial play between member's teams, the president shall form a committee to hear such appeal. The committee shall consist of the President and the two Vice Presidents from the provinces not involved. The provinces considered involved are the province making the appeal. The decision made by the member provincial associations and shall be honored by all members.

2. Baseball Atlantic shall only hear appeals from its member provincial associations. Decisions made by a member provincial associations must be appealed by the individual involved within their provincial association.

3. All appeals to baseball Atlantic must be by the member provincial association within thirty (30) days of being notified of the disciplinary action taken by a fellow member.

4. All appeals must be sent by courier or certified mail to the president of the member provincial association making the decision to be appealed and to the President of Baseball Atlantic. The copy sent to the President of Baseball Atlantic must include the receipt provided by the courier company or post office clearly indicating that the other member has received a copy of the appeal. The copy sent to the President of Baseball Atlantic must also include a cheque from the member association's account (or a certified cheque or money order) in the amount of two-hundred dollars (\$200.00). If the appeal is discredited or prove detrimental to the game of baseball or Baseball Atlantic or its member provincial associations.

### 1.7 Player Eligibility

1. All teams may sign and use eighteen (18) ball players, except Seniors which may sign and use twenty-one (21).

2. Each provincial association will be responsible for provision of player registration of player registration forms for all teams wishing to register for play-offs. When a team's roster containing a signature of the provincial association's president is not present at the pre-tournament meeting for a Baseball Atlantic tournament, the provincial association shall be fined \$100.00.

3. Players playing professional baseball are not eligible to participate in Baseball Atlantic unless duly released by Baseball Canada and meet the residence requirements of the Province they wish to participate for.

4. Players shall only play with a team which they are registered with on their provincial roster or any affiliated team recognized by the member provincial association. This does not apply to PEI for divisions of Midget and above, nor to tournaments leading to national competition.

Interpretation : At the Junior AA, Midget AA and Intermediate tournaments, PEI is permitted unlimited pick-ups and the other provinces are permitted a maximum of three (3). At the Midget "AAA" tournament, all provinces are permitted unlimited pick-ups. Any interpretations on eligibility that apply to Junior "AA" shall also apply to the end-of-season Junior "AAA" tournament.

5. When there is not mutual agreement between the provinces there shall be a compensation fee of \$ 5,000.00 for any player that wishes to play outside their Province. This fee shall be paid to the province before such player can have his rights transferred.

6. There shall be three pickups permitted for Intermediate tournaments. (See interpretation on rule 1.7.4 above.)

7. There shall be three pickups permitted for Midget “AA” and Junior “AA” tournaments. (See interpretations on rule 1.7.4 above.)

8. All pick-ups in the open-age categories be from the same or lower classification, with the order being Senior, Intermediate AAAA, and Intermediate AA. Interpretation: This rule (1.7.8) does apply to PEI. For example, players who play on the PEI Senior team at the Baseball Canada Championships are not eligible to be pick-ups for an intermediate team later in the season.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Teams attending Baseball Canada Championships must ensure that their players and coaches meet the eligibility requirements of the national body. Please consult the Baseball Canada Official Rules of Baseball or contact the national office in Ottawa.**

#### **1.8 Coach Eligibility**

1. All coaches must be certified level one. If a team uses a coach who does not meet this certification requirement, which is permitted, the team’s provincial association will be fined \$100.00.

#### **1.9 Umpire Eligibility**

1. The provincial umpire supervisor, on behalf of the provincial association president, shall schedule umpires for all Baseball Atlantic games hosted within a province.

2. For all Baseball Atlantic competitions:

1. Umpires must be registered with one of the four member provincial associations on order to work games.

2. Three umpires must be scheduled to work each game.

3. Umpires must be at least level 2 to work below Midget and at least level 3 to work above Bantam.

3. Umpires may work outside their home province only with the permission of both their provincial umpire supervisor and the umpire supervisor of the province hosting the game(s).

4. Without the permission of the provincial association president, no umpire below the age of 16 shall work any Baseball Atlantic game.

5. Without the permission of the provincial association president and the advance knowledge of all participants, no umpire shall work any game in which an immediately family member is a participant.

6. Each participating province in a Baseball Atlantic competition has the right to send one of its umpires to the event at its expense. Such assignment of an umpire must in no way increase the umpire-related cost of the hosts. Such assignment shall be worked out between the umpire supervisors of the two provinces involved at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the event.

#### **1.10 Protest Committee**

1. The host’s protest committee shall hear and rule upon all on-field protests of situations that are protestable in accordance with the playing rules. The composition of the committee shall be approved on behalf of Baseball Atlantic by the host provincial association. The teams shall also approve the committee at the pre-tournament meeting. If a team objects to the committee composition, the Baseball Atlantic President shall rule, which is final.

2. Committee members should have a knowledge of baseball, the Baseball Canada rules and Baseball Atlantic rules or have experience in resolving disputes involving interpretation of rules or be from a profession that involves analytic decision making such as a lawyer, doctor, clergy, etc.

3. Committee members should not normally be directly involved with the operation of the host team or have a family member on the host team. If either of these are the case, and such information must be included in the biographical sketch to the provincial association and given to the teams.

## **2.0 Tournament Rules**

### **1.2 Dates/Start Time**

1. Baseball Atlantic executive is empowered to set dates for all Tournaments and teams must comply. (See 1.0)

2. Baseball Atlantic Executive shall confirm all tournament dates at either the Annual general Meeting or in consultation with Baseball Atlantic representatives.

3. Tournament games in all cases must start no later than 5:00 p.m., ADT, except where lights are available and in working order.

### **2.2 Schedule/Draws**

#### **2.2.1 Schedule**

1. Using the draws and other information contained in these rules, the host team/community, in consultation with the host provincial association, shall prepare a draft schedule at least ten (10) days prior to the start of the event and forward same to the provincial association of the hosting

province. Only upon this approval may the schedule be distributed.

2. No game is to start after 5:00 pm on an unlighted field.

3. All teams must play one game on the first day of the Tournament.

4. Home team determination for all round-robin games shall be made by coin toss at the pre-tournament meeting. Home team for playoff or championship games shall be determined by the higher placed team after round-robin play.

5. If there are two teams from the same province then these two teams must play the first game otherwise it shall be the host team and the next closest as determined by land miles of driving required.

6. In all championships leading to national competition all teams shall be prepared to play on the Monday immediately following the weekend of the championship, if necessary due to inclement weather.

#### **2.2.2 Draws**

1. Throughout these draws:

- “A” is the host team
- “B” is the second team from the host province or, of the host team is the only team from the host province, the closest team
- “C” is the next closest team
- “D” (if applicable) is the next closest team
- “E” (if applicable) is the team farthest away from the tournament site.

If a team is not based in a city or town, the home address of the Manager (head coach) shall be used for any distance calculations.

**The draws are divided into 2-,3-,4-, or 5-team tournaments:**

**2.2.2.2 Two Team Draws**

1. All two teams draws shall be the best of five (5) series with all games to be played at the park of the host team.

**2.2.2.3 Three Team Draws**

1. All three (3) team draws shall be double round robin. If one team is undefeated during the round robin, it shall be declared the champion.

2. If two teams finish round robin play with three wins (3) and one loss, these teams shall play a single game for the championship. Should the first team have a record of 3 and 1 the second place team also play a single game for the championship.

3. Should the first teams be tied at 2 and 2; first and second play will be determined by using the tie breaking procedure and these two teams will play a single game for the championship.

4. The team with the higher placing after round robin play shall have the choice of home game.

5. Three Team Format:

- Game 1 -- A vs B
- Game 2 – A vs C
- Game 3 – B vs C
- Game 4 – A vs B
- Game 5 – B vs C
- Game 6 – A vs C
- Game 7 – Championship

6. It is suggested at games 1-2 be schedules for Friday, games 3-5 for Saturday, and games 6-7 for Sunday.

**2.2.2.4 Four Team Draws**

1. All four team draws shall be single round robin. Upon completion of the round robin the first and second place teams shall advance to the championship.

2. If the first place team is undefeated after the round robin and the second place team has two wins and one loss, the second place team must defeat the first place team twice in order to win the championship, and the two games shall be played if necessary.

3. If, however the first place team go undefeated in the round robin and all other teams have one win and two losses the first place team shall be declared champion and no play-off will be required.

4. If two teams are tied at 2 wins and 1 loss and the other two teams have 2 or more losses, a single championship game will be played.

5. If three (3) teams are tied at 2 and 1, first place will be determined by using the tie breaking system. 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.

6. The team with the highest placing after round robin play shall have the choice of home game.

7. Four team Format:

- Game 1 – A vs B
- Game 2 – C vs D
- Game 3 – A vs C
- Game 4 – B vs D
- Game 5 – A vs D
- Game 6 – B vs C

- Game 7 – play –off game, if three way tie or Championship game #1, if necessary
- Game 8 – Championship game or Championship #2, if necessary

8. It is suggested that games 1-2 be scheduled for Friday, games 3-6 for Saturday, and games 7-8 for Saturday

### **2.2.2.5 Five Team Draws**

1. All five team draws shall be single round robin. Upon completion of the round robin if one team is undefeated and all other teams have two loses, the first place team shall be declared champion. Otherwise the first and second place teams shall play a single championship game.

2. The team with the higher placing after round robin play shall have the choice of home game.

#### 3. Five Team Format:

- Game 1 – A vs B
- Game 2 – C vs D
- Game 3 – E vs A
- Game 4 – B vs C
- Game 5 - D vs E
- Game 6 – A vs C
- Game 7 – B vs D
- Game 8 – E vs C
- Game 9 – A vs D
- Game 10 – B vs E
- Game 11 – Championship game, if necessary

4. When one field is used, it is suggested that games 1-3 be scheduled for Friday, games 4-7 for Saturday and games 8-11 for Sunday. When two fields are used it is suggested that games 1-4 be scheduled for Friday, games 5-8 for Saturday and 9-11 for Sunday.

5. Due to the complexities of scheduling five-team tournaments, Baseball Atlantic will entertain draw proposals from hosts.

Interpretation: With the permission of the hosting provincial baseball association, the host may switch the host team and the team from the hosting province on the five-team draw (switch the assignment of “A” and “B” under rule 2.2.2.1. Any other change requires approval of all competing provinces (provincial baseball associations not competing teams).

Note: Baseball Atlantic acknowledges the resources host must put into these events and encourages all provincial baseball associations to work with hosts whenever possible to agree on a schedule that meets the needs of the host while not giving an unreasonable competitive advantage to any team.

### **2.4 Pre-Tournament Meeting**

1. When games take longer to complete than the scheduled amount of time, the tournament chairperson shall designate a new start time for the next game and immediately inform all participants.

2. The minimum amount of time between games shall be the time required to prepare the field for play plus twenty-five (25) minutes for team warm-up practice. In extraordinary circumstances, the competing teams and the host, through unanimous consent, agree to shorten this time.

3. Where time permits:

- The home team shall vacate the playing field forty-five (45) minutes prior to game time.
- The visiting team shall then have twenty-minute batting practice.
- The home team shall then have a ten (10) minutes infield.
- The visiting team shall then have a team (10) minute infield
- The final five minutes shall be used as meeting at time plate with umpires.

4. If there is not time for both teams to have batting practice, then neither team shall have the opportunity for such practice.

#### **2.4 Pre-Tournament Meeting**

1. The host team shall also arrange a pre-tournament meeting of all teams and if possible Baseball Atlantic rep and a rep from the umpires. Proper notice shall be given to all parties. All variations to procedures must be unanimously agreed to, in writing, by all teams at the meeting, any teams that fail to attend the pre-tournament meeting shall be bound by the results of the meeting.

2. Teams are required to have a representative at the meeting. If a team is not present:

1. it must forward its roster so that the roster is available at the meeting;  
and
2. it must abide by all decisions made at the meeting

3. At such pre-tournament meeting the following are to be reviewed:

1. proposed ground rules of ball park (information only) to be confirmed at field
2. presentation of the team rosters and coaching certification
3. the format of tournament, i.e. single round robin, double round robin, etc., playing schedules of each team
4. number of innings
5. 10 run mercy rule
6. toss to determine home team for each game
7. approval of protest committee

4. The pre-tournament meeting should be run by the tournament chairperson or his/hers appointee.

1. All teams must discuss and agree upon an alternate format should rain force cancellation of part of the tournament. If there is no unanimous consent, majority shall rule.

2. At the pre-tournament meeting, the teams shall approve the composition of the protest committee. Should a team object to the proposed committee, the objection shall be referred to the President of Baseball Atlantic for a decision, which shall be final. Objections must be based on facts, which the objecting team has the onus to prove. Failure to provide such proof to the President shall result in the objection being dismissed and may result in the President taking disciplinary action against the objector(s).

## 2.5 Tie Breaking System

1. Where 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 finished higher in the standing.

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

3. In the unlikely event that the above does not break the tie then and only then is the tie to be broken by calculating the number of runs scored per offensive inning played. The team scoring the greatest number of runs per offensive inning finishes highest on the standings, the team scoring the second greatest number of runs per offensive inning played finishes next and so on.

4. When teams are tied the tie shall be broken by using only the total number of games in which the teams were involved.

## 3.0 Playing Rules

### 3.1 Official Rules

1. To ensure the enforcement of the official rules of the game as adopted by this body, the playing rules of Baseball Canada shall apply for all classifications.

2. the rules used by Baseball Canada are based on those used by professional baseball, with some modifications for amateur baseball.

Contact your provincial baseball association or Baseball Canada for the Canadian modifications and/or to acquire a CFAB Rule Book.

NEW The Canadian content and minor division rules are now available on-line, at URL [www.baseball.ca](http://www.baseball.ca).

### 3.2 Minor Division Rules

1. Baseball Canada has developed modifications to the official rules for the age categories of Mosquito, Pee Wee, and Bantam. These rules, unless modified here in shall be used for all Baseball Atlantic play in these age categories.

### 3.3 Modifications to CFAB Rules

#### 1. Re-Entry Rule

*ref: 3.03*

For Atlantic year-end tournaments up to and including Bantam, a re-entry rule injured players will be accepted. Re-entry of such a player will be selected by the opposing coach.

Interpretation: This is interpreted to apply only in situations when a team would otherwise be forced to forfeit a game to due to the injury of a player when all substitutes have been used in the game. It applies in cases of injury and not in cases of ejection. Once removed from the pitching position, a player may not return to pitch again during the same game.

## 2. Length of Games

*ref: 4.10*

The length of games for all Baseball Atlantic Championship tournaments shall be:

- Mosquito – 6 innings
- Pee Wee/Bantam – 7 innings
- Midget/Junior – 7 innings
- Intermediate – 7 innings

## 3. Completion of Games

*ref: 4.10, 4.11, 4.12*

All games in tournament play that are stopped for any reason, shall be suspended and play resumed at the first available opportunity.

## 4. Baseballs

*ref: 1.09 and 3.01(c)*

In Baseball Atlantic Tournaments only those balls approved year to year shall be used. Hosts are to provide each team with a sample ball of the type to be used for pitcher warm-up purposes.

Interpretation: This is interpreted to mean that whatever balls approved by the hosting provincial baseball association are the balls to be used for the tournament.

Note-Consult hosting provincial association for balls approved for use.

## 5. Protests

*ref: 4.19*

Baseball Atlantic shall use the following procedures to resolve game protests.

1. The host committee shall in co-operation with the Baseball Atlantic establish a Protest Committee for the Tournament and name a Chairperson.

2. The Protest Committee shall be composed of sufficient members to ensure that three (3) members are present at each game.

3. The names of the members of the Protest Committee shall be announced prior to the start of each game.

4. When a protestable incident occurs, the protesting manager/coach must before the next pitch, inform the game Umpire-in-chief that the game is being played under protest.

5. The game Umpire-in-chief shall suspend play and inform the manager of the opposing team and the protest Committee.

6. The Protest Committee, the teams managers and Umpire-Crew-chief shall retire to a private area away from the teams, spectators and other persons.

7. The Protest Committee shall hear and question the game Umpire-Crew-chief, the protesting manager/coach and the opposing manager/coach in this order. The Protest Committee shall have the power to exclude any of those persons, while talking to any of the others.

8. The managers/coached and Umpire-Crew-chief shall leave and the Protest Committee shall discuss the protest.

9. Before ruling on the protest, the protest Committee may confer with any person whom they believe may be helpful in assisting them reach a decision.

10. The protest Committee shall rule on the pro-test and inform the game Umpire-in-chief and team managers/coaches.

11. The game Umpire-in-chief shall put the decision into effect and order resumption of play from the point of suspension.

12. No further argument or comment on the protest will be entertained.

13. Teams shall obey the direction of the Protest Committee or be liable to immediate suspension and forfeit of the game.

14. The decision of the Protest Committee shall be final; there shall be no appeal to any other body.

6. **Mercy (10-Run) Rule** *ref: 4.10, 4.11 and 4.12*

Whenever a team trails by ten (10) or more runs after having completed at least five (5) offensive half-innings (at bats), the umpires shall terminate play:

- (a) immediately after the run scores (except on a home run out of the park) when the home team is leading; or
- (b) at the completion of the home team's half of any inning when the home team trails.

and the game shall be deemed to be a completed game for all Baseball Atlantic rules. Only actual innings played shall be counted for the purpose of pitching and tie-breaking rules.

7. **Uniforms** *ref: 1.11*

(1) Pursuant to rule 1.11 of the Baseball Canada Official Rules of Baseball, in the Baseball Atlantic play, all players and coaches on the field of play must wear uniforms that are the same color. Coaches may wear different style pants and tops but they must be the same color as those of their players and should be the same style for the entire coaching staff. No cut-off shorts are considered acceptable uniforms for coaches.

(2) No coach may appear in the coaching boxes or elsewhere on the playing field unless they adhere to this ruling. The umpires shall order from the playing field and coach not adhering to this ruling. Should the coach refuse to leave the field, the umpires shall eject the offender from the game. Only the head coach or manager shall be permitted on the field while not adhering to this rule and only for the following purposes:

- (1) confer with umpires;
- (2) aid an injured player;
- (3) confer with pitcher (in minor divisions only)
- (4) at the request of the umpires.

8. **Bats**  
**ref. 6.06**

A batter is out for illegal action when:

(d) he uses or attempts to use a bat that, in the umpire's judgment, has been altered or tampered with in such a way to improve the distance factor or cause an unusual reaction on the baseball. This includes, bats that are filled, flat-surfaced, nailed, hollowed, grooved or covered with a substance such as paraffin, wax, etc.

No advancement on the bases will be allowed and any out or outs made during a play shall stand.

In addition to being called out, the player shall be ejected from, the game **and suspended for the following games. The bat will also be removed from the game and will be returned to the player/team upon completion of the tournament.**

**Note: For all non-wooden bats, in Baseball Atlantic Bantam, Midget, Junior and Intermediate play, only minus 3 (length-weight differential) bats with 2 5/8 maximum diameter barrel will be allowed. The bat must clearly show the manufacturer's ORIGINAL marking (length-weight differential). If not, the bat will be considered illegal. The umpires will be checking the bats prior to the games. The bat rule and sanction will be discussed at the pre-championship meeting with the teams. All provinces will receive the ruling prior to the championships.**

### **Interpretations**

#### **Re-entry rule:**

Baseball Atlantic has opted to retain its own re-entry rule and not to use the one in the Baseball Canada Official Rules of Baseball (for Pee Wee and Bantam) for the 2004 season. It should be noted to those teams attending the 2004 Baseball Canada Pee Wee and Bantam championships that the Baseball Canada rule will apply.

All interpretations previously made are now included in the rules.

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