

Official Rules of Baseball

Canadian Content



**BASEBALL CANADA
CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009**

January 24	National Teams Awards Banquet & Fundraiser	Toronto, ON
March 7 - 11	World Baseball Classic	Toronto, ON
March 8	Baseball Canada Board Mtg.	Toronto, ON
April 16 - 26	Junior National Team Spring Training Camp (Disney's Wide World of Sports)	Orlando, FL
May 20 - 29 Republic	Junior National Team Dominican Tour	Dominican
TBD	Women's Championships	Grandby QC
Aug 5 - 9	Baseball Canada Cup	Kindersley, SK
Aug 6 - 9 QC	Junior Championships	Trois-Rivieres,
Aug 13 - 16	Midget Championships	Fredericton, NB
Aug 20 - 23	Men's Senior Championships	Dartmouth, NS
TBD TBD TBD	PeeWee Boys - Regional Bantam Boys Bantam Girls	
TBD	Mizuno Elite Development Camp Rogers Centre	Toronto, ON

TBD	Junior National Team Fall Instructional League Camp (Disney's Wide World of Sports)	Orlando, FL
November 4 - 8 NFLD	Baseball Canada's Fall Convention	St. John's,

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OFFICIAL RULES OF BASEBALL CANADIAN CONTENT

1. Age Categories - Baseball Canada

Pee Wee Boys 13 years old and younger who do not reach their 14th birthday during the current calendar year.

Pee Wee Girls 13 years old and younger who do not reach their 14th birthday during the current calendar year.

Bantam Boys 15 years old and younger who do not reach their 16th birthday during the current calendar year.

Bantam Girls 16 years old and younger who do not reach their 17th birthday during the current calendar year.

Midget Boys 18 years old and younger who do not reach their 19th birthday during the current calendar year.

Midget Girls 21 years old and younger who do not reach their 22nd birthday during the current calendar year.

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

Canada Games 19 years old and younger who do not reach their 20th birthday during the current calendar year.

Canada Cup 17 years old and younger who do not reach their 18th birthday during the current calendar year. NF, NS, NB and PEI may bring two players who do not reach their 19th birthday during the current calendar year.

Senior Men - Open classification.

Senior Women – Open classification.

2. Baseball Canada Rules Interpretation

1.04 On page 13, delete "Lime", Keep chalk, and other white material.

1.10 Bats constructed of alumni, fibreglass magnesium, or other approved manufacturer's materials will be permitted. For Baseball Canada Championships, at the Bantam category, only Minus 3 (**Minus 5 for bantam girls**) (length-weight differential) bats with 2 5/8 maximum diameter barrel will be allowed. For Baseball Canada Cup, Midget, Junior, Canada Games and Senior championship, only wood bats will be allowed. The bat must clearly show the manufacturer's ORIGINAL marking (length-weight differential). If not, the bat will be considered illegal. Rule 6.06 (d) will apply with this addition as shown in bold above. This rule applies only to non-wooden bats.

1.11 All uniforms must have numbers on the back of the uniform shirt. Religious headgear that is consistent with Baseball Canada safety and recognized uniform code requirement is permitted.

1.16 All players shall wear double earflap helmets while at bat, in the on-deck circle and on the base-paths in all age categories. Chinstraps on batting helmets are to be mandatory for Pee Wee category and lower.

1.17 The C.F.A.B. rules require catchers in all age categories to wear a protective helmet and mask while catching. NOTE: This includes practice and warm-up situations such as the bullpen or between innings. Coaches must wear at least a mask in all practice and warm-up situations. Throat protectors are to be mandatory for all catchers and umpires. Extension masks are acceptable provided that the throat area is adequately covered in conjunction with the chest protector.

1.18 It is recommended that all players wear a protector cup (or Jill straps for females).

3.02 The umpire shall demand the ball and remove the offender from the game. In addition, the pitcher may be subject to further penalties following investigation by the Baseball Canada Rep. For rules in regard to a pitcher defacing the ball, see Rules 8.02 (a) (2) through (6).

4.06.1 THAT the use of all tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, by all on-field participants (players, coaches, managers, umpires etc.) be

prohibited at all competitions sanctioned by Baseball Canada, PENALTY: Automatic ejection from the game.

6.05 Contact Rule: Runners are instructed to slide or attempt to avoid making contact with a fielder. A player who maliciously runs into another player is to be declared out (unless he/she has already scored prior to committing the infraction) and is to be automatically ejected (whether or not declared safe).

B. Contact shall be considered malicious if: the contact is the result of intentional excessive force, and/or there is intent to injure.

C. Malicious contact is to be penalized whether committed by an offensive or defensive player. The Umpire shall determine whether contact was avoidable or unavoidable whether the runner was trying to reach the base or attempting to dislodge the ball from the fielder. IF the runner a) could have avoided the fielder and reached the base, or b) attempted to dislodge the ball, the runner is out even if the fielder loses the possession of the ball. The ball is dead and all other runners shall return to the last base legally occupied by them at the time of intent to contact. If the fielder blocks the base path, the runner may slide into or collide with the fielder as long as the runner is making a legitimate attempt to reach the base. IF the collision is flagrant, the runner is called out and ejected. The ball is declared dead. If the defensive player blocks the base path clearly without possession of the ball, obstruction is called. The runner is safe and a delayed dead ball is signaled. If the runner collides flagrantly, he/she shall be declared safe due to obstruction but shall be ejected. The ball is dead.

6.10 The designated hitter may be used in any exhibition play, league play, play-offs, tournaments, and championships in the midget, junior, senior and Baseball Canada Cup.

8.02 (a) 2 through 6: The pitcher shall be ejected immediately from the game and may be subject to further penalties following investigation by the Baseball Canada Rep.

8.06 (b) "A second trip to the same pitcher in the same inning will cause the pitcher's automatic removal from the pitching position.

The pitcher once removed from the mound as a result of 8.06 (b) as stated above, although retained in the game, may not be back as a pitcher in that same game.

11.00 MINOR DIVISIONAL PLAY RULES GOVERNING MOSQUITO

1.0 - Playing Field: Dimensions, Equipment

- 1.04** The playing field shall conform to the following measurements:
- (a) The distance between all bases shall be sixty (60) feet.
 - (b) The distance between the point of home base and the front side of the pitcher's plate shall be forty-four (44) feet
 - (c) The batter's box shall be rectangular in shape, the size being 6 ft. x 3 ft. and shall extend to the front from the centre of home plate, 3 ft. and an equal distance of 3 ft to the rear. The inside line shall be four (4) inches from the plate.
 - (d) The pitcher's mound shall be raised to a gradual slope. At a height of 6 inches above the levels of the base paths. Optional for league play but it is mandatory for all Inter-Provincial play.
 - (e) The coaches' box shall be 8 x 12 feet and not closer than ten (10) feet to the base- path.
 - (f) The backstop (behind home plate) shall NOT be less than 25 feet nor MORE than 40 feet from home plate.
 - (g) The following outfield fence distances are recommended: Left and right field foul line (I 80 feet min., suggested 200 feet) ... (Centre field 200 feet min., suggested 225 feet).
- 1.10** THE BAT: The bat shall be round and made entirely of wood or 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.
- 1.11** SHOES: Shoes with metal cleats or "spikes" are prohibited. Rubber molded cleats on running shoes are permitted.

Religious headgear that is consistent with Baseball Canada safety and recognized uniform code requirement is permitted.

4.00 - Starting and Ending a Game

- 4.10** The number of innings prescribed for the Mosquito Division is SIX (6) innings. NOTE: See general baseball rule re: ending a game.

6.00 - The Batter

- 6.09** (b) The batter cannot become a runner on a catcher's miss of a third strike. The third Strike, either called or swinging does NOT have to be caught by the catcher. The batter is AUTOMATICALLY RETIRED... however, the ball is alive and in play.
- 6.10** The designated hitter rule is not permitted in this age category.

7.00 - (The Runner) Special Regulations Governing Lead-offs in Mosquito Division

- 7.00** (a) When a pitcher is in contact with the pitcher's rubber with the ball in his possession PREPARATORY TO THE PITCHING ACT and the catcher is in the catcher's box ready to receive delivery of the pitching action, base runners SHALL NOT leave their bases UNTIL THE PITCHED BALL HAS REACHED THE BATTER.
- (b) When a base runner DOES leave his base BEFORE the pitch has reached the batter and the batter does not hit the ball, the runner is permitted to continue. If a play is made on him and he is tagged out... the OUT will stand. If, however, he reaches a base safely, "TIME" is called and he is returned to the base he occupied before the pitch was made... and NO OUT shall result.
- (c) When a base-runner leaves his base before the pitched balls has reached the batter and the batter hits the ball and the runner shall return to his original base (if the batter is retired on a fly ball or any other play) OR... he must return to an unoccupied base nearest the one he left depending on the advance of the batter... who in this case shall NOT advance beyond the first base on a single... second base on a double... or third on a triple.
- (d) When any base-runner leaves his base before the pitched ball has reached the batter, and the batter hits or bunts the ball to an infielder, who in the judgment of the umpire, could have with reasonable effort effected an out on the runner had the violation not occurred... NO RUNNER shall be allowed to score or advance (unless forced) and all runners shall remain. If three (3) runners are on base and the batter reaches first base safely on a similar action to an infielder, and ANY runner violates the leadoff rule...

SUCH RUNNER SHALL BE DECLARED OUT IN THIS INSTANCE.

- (e) In the event that more than one runner is simultaneously adjudged to have violated the leadoff rule... The violating runner CLOSEST to scoring shall be declared out. Exception: If at the conclusion of play there is an open BASE... sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) will apply.
- (f) THE VIOLATION OF ONE BASE RUNNER SHALL AFFECT ALL OTHER BASE RUNNERS.

Case Example of Lead-Off Infractions:

- (1) Runner on first leaves too soon... batter reaches first on a single... RUNNER can go on further than second.
- (2) Runners on second and third, either leaves too soon... batter singles... RUNNERS MUST return to their bases.
- (3) Runners on first and third, either leave too soon... batter hits a double. Runner on third would score... runner from first cannot proceed beyond third base.
- (4) All runners on base (if either leaves too soon) will be permitted to score if the batter hits a clean triple or home run.
- (5) Bases full... runner on third leaves too soon, batter hits or bunts the ball to an infielder which, in the judgment of the umpire, should have resulted in an out if the violation had not occurred...

Runner violating is declared OUT... advance runners... placing batter-runner on first... In the event, on this same situation an out is made at either first, second or third... the runner scoring (not allowed) will return to third... other runners returned.

NOTE: Field umpires must assume the responsibility of indicating a leadoff infraction by dropping a signal-flag (or handkerchief) upon detection of the offence.

Rules Governing the Pitcher (Exhibition Play, League Play, Play-offs, Tournaments and Championships)

Baseball Canada is recommending the following approach for the Mosquito Division.

- 8.01 (1) Any player on the team is eligible to pitch, and there are NO restrictions to the number of pitchers a manager may use in a game.
- (2) Pitchers are not permitted to throw 3 consecutive days in a row
- (3) Pitchers and managers shall follow the following guidelines:
- 1-25 pitches = No rest required
 - 26-40 pitches = 1 day rest
 - 41-55 pitches = 2 days rest
 - 56-65 pitches = 3 days rest
 - 66-75 pitches = 4 days rest
- Total allowed pitches in a day is 75 pitches
- (4) The official scorekeeper will calculate the total pitches thrown for that calendar day and determine the required rest starting the next calendar day. Athletes must not exceed the maximum pitch count total for that day.
- (5) Players will not be permitted to pitch and catch in the same game.
- (6) Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if his or her maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day.
- (7) Intentional Walks will be included in Pitch Count totals.
- (8) Required Rest shall be defined in “Days” starting at 12:01am and ending at 11:59 pm of the next calendar day.
- (9) A pitcher who is removed from the mound during a game shall not be permitted to return to pitch in the same game, even if the pitcher is retained in the game at another position.

RULES GOVERNING PEE WEE DIVISION

1.0 - Playing Field: Dimensions, Equipment

1.04 The playing field shall conform to the following measurements:

- (a) The distance between all bases shall be seventy (70) feet.
- (b) The distance between the point of home base and the front side of the pitcher's plate shall be forty-eight (48) feet.
- (c) The pitcher's mound shall be raised to a gradual slope. To a height of 6 inches above the levels of the base-paths. Optional for league play but is mandatory for all Inter-Provincial play.
- (d) The coaches' boxes shall be 8 x 12 feet and NOT closer than 10 feet from the base paths.
- (e) The backstop (behind) home plate shall NOT be less than 35 feet and no more than 45 feet from home plate.
NOTE: It is recommended that the fence-line to the base-path distance be twenty-five (25) feet.
- (f) The following outfield fence distances are recommended:
Left and Right foul lines (200-ft. min., suggested 225 ft.).
Centre field (225-ft. min., suggested 260 ft.).

1.10 SHOES: Shoes with metal cleats or "spikes" are prohibited. Rubber molded cleats on running shoes are permitted.

1.11 Religious headgear that is consistent with Baseball Canada safety and recognized uniform code requirement is permitted.

3.03 Any starting player may be substituted for and returned to the game, one time only. He/she must return to his/her original place in the batting order. Any pitcher, if removed from the game may return, but may not pitch. Any further substitutions do not jeopardize the right of re-entry for the original/starting player. Any starting player returned to the game may pitch if he/she has not previously assumed that position.

- Starting and Ending a Game

4.10 The number of innings prescribed for Pee Wee division is seven (7) innings.

NOTE: See general baseball rules re: ending a game.

6.00 - The Batter

6.10 The Designated hitter rule is not permitted in this age category.

7.00 - The Runner

ALL RUNNERS ARE PERMITTED TO LEAD - OFF. All base-runners are governed by standards of regulation baseball on all base-running actions.

Rules Governing the Pitcher (Exhibition Play, League Play, Play-Off's, Tournaments and Championships)

- 8.01 (1)** Any player on the team is eligible to pitch, and there are No restrictions to the number of pitchers a manager may use in a game.
- (2)** Pitchers shall be permitted to have 2 appearances in the same calendar day
- (3)** Pitchers are not permitted to throw 3 consecutive days in a row
- (4)** Pitchers and managers shall follow the following guidelines:
- 1-30 pitches = No rest required**
 - 31-45 pitches = 1 day rest**
 - 46-60 pitches = 2 days rest**
 - 61-75 pitches = 3 days rest**
 - 76-85 pitches = 4 days rest**
 - Total allowed pitches in a day is 85 pitches**
- (5)** The official scorekeeper will calculate the total pitches thrown for that calendar day and determine the required rest starting the next calendar day. Athletes must not exceed the maximum pitch count total for that day.

- (6) **Players will not be permitted to pitch and catch in the same game.**
- (7) **Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if his or her maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day.**
- (8) **Intentional Walks will be included in Pitch Count totals.**
- (9) **Required Rest shall be defined in “Days” starting at 12:01am and ending at 11:59 pm of the next calendar day.**
- (10) **A pitcher who is removed from the mound during a game shall not be permitted to return to pitch in the same game, even if the pitcher is retained in the game at another position.**

RULES GOVERNING BANTAM DIVISION

1.04 The playing field shall conform to the following measurements:

- (a) The distance between all bases shall be eighty (80) feet.
- (b) The distance between the point of home base and the front side of the pitcher's plate shall be fifty-four (54) ft.
- (c) The pitcher's mound shall be raised to a gradual slope. To a height of 8 inches above the levels of the base-paths. Optional for league play but is mandatory for all Inter-Provincial play.
- (d) The coaches' boxes shall be 8 x 16 ft. and NOT closer than 10 ft. from the base-paths.
- (e) The backstop (behind home plate) shall NOT BE LESS THAN 40 ft. and no more than 50 ft. from home plate.
- (f) The following outfield fence distances are recommended: Left and Right foul lines (245 ft. min., suggested 270 ft.)...Centre field (280 ft. min., suggested 300 ft.)

1.11 Religious headgear that is consistent with Baseball Canada safety and recognized uniform code requirement is permitted.

3.03 Any starting player may be substituted for and returned to the game, one time only. He/she must return to his/her original place in the batting order. Any pitcher, if removed from the game may return, but may not pitch. Any further substitutions do not jeopardize the right of re-entry for the original/starting player. Any starting player returned to the game may pitch if he/she has not previously assumed that position.

4.00 - Starting and Ending a Game

- 4.10** The number on innings prescribed for Bantam Division is seven (7) innings. NOTE: See general baseball rule re: ending a game.

6.00 - The Batter

- 6.10** The designated hitter rule is not permitted in this age category.

Rules Governing the Pitcher (Exhibition Play, League Play, Play-Off's, Tournaments and Championships)

- 8.01** (1) Any player on the team is eligible to pitch, and there are No restrictions to the number of pitchers a manager may use in a game.
- (2) Pitchers shall be permitted to have 2 appearances in the same calendar day
- (3) Pitchers are not permitted to throw 3 consecutive days in a row
- (4) Pitchers and managers shall follow the following guidelines:
- 1-30 pitches = No rest required
 - 31-45 pitches = 1 day rest
 - 46-60 pitches = 2 days rest
 - 61-75 pitches = 3 days rest
 - 76-90 pitches = 4 days rest
- Total allowed pitches in a day is 90 pitches
- (5) The official scorekeeper will calculate the total pitches thrown for that calendar day and determine the required rest starting the next calendar day. Athletes must not exceed the maximum pitch count total for that day.
- (6) Players will not be permitted to pitch and catch in the same game.
- (7) Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if his or her maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day.
- (8) Intentional Walks will be included in Pitch Count totals.
- (9) Required Rest shall be defined in "Days" starting at 12:01am and ending at 11:59 pm of the next calendar day.

- (10) A pitcher who is removed from the mound during a game shall not be permitted to return to pitch in the same game, even if the pitcher is retained in the game at another position.**

**IMPORANT PITCHING INFORMATION
(ALL MINOR DIVISIONS)**

When the use of a pitcher who is ineligible or about to become ineligible is evident scorekeepers or other officials **MUST** notify the manager or coach of the offending team so that an opportunity for assignment correction may be immediately affected. In the event that a coach deliberately over pitches his pitcher, the game shall be forfeited.

**INFORMATION ON COMPILING A PITCHER'S
"OUT" RECORD**

An "OUT" is listed against a pitcher's record during HIS ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT ONLY. Although all runners who may be on base upon a pitcher's removal are chargeable to that pitcher in determining won or lost records... ALL OUTS ON THE SAID RUNNERS SHALL BE LISTED AND CHARGED TO THE PITCHING RECORD OF THE SUBSTITUTE PITCHER OF ACTION WHEN THE OUTS OCCUR.

NO PITCHER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PENALTY for exceeding the out limitations through: (a) a scorer's error in compiling records: or (b) should the limit be exceeded on a DOUBLE or TRIPLE play on the pitcher's last out.

NOTE: The extras OUT (S) as circumstances may provide in multiple play sequences ARE NOT CHARGEABLE TO ANY SUCCEEDING PITCHER. Scorers **MUST** NOTE the fact on the pitching records that extra out(s) over the maximum allowed were the results of a double or triple play action.

Baseball Canada Umpires Committee

Rule Interpretations / Case Studies

1) Obstruction before first base.

Situation:

On a fly ball to right field line and a runner on third the batter runner is obstructed on his way to first. The right fielder catches the ball and R3 tags up and scores.

Rule 7.06 a): When a batter-runner is obstructed before he touches first base, the ball is dead and runners shall advance, without liability to be put out, to the base they would have reached, in the umpires judgment; if there had been no obstruction.

Interpretation: Since the batter was out on the fly ball, and would not have reached first base safely, the batter shall be ruled out and the play stands with no reference to the obstruction.

2) Runner stealing on ball four:

Situation:

With a runner on first, with a 3-1 count on the batter, the runner attempts to steal second on the pitch, and the umpire calls the runner out. Ball four was called on the pitch. The runner, because of being called out, is now off the base is tagged again.

Interpretation: Because the runner was entitled to second base on ball four, and is called out in error, the umpire shall call time, and place the runner back at second.

3) Multiple substitutions involving the DH

Situation:

The pitcher is removed from the mound and is now playing short stop, and the new pitcher enters the game from the bullpen.

Rule: 6.10 states that the game pitcher can only pinch hit (bat) for the DH. *Which means the new pitcher would have to bat in the batting position that was occupied by the DH.*

Interpretation: This is a multiple substitution and the manager can choose where he wants the players to bat. If the manager does not specify, the new pitcher will bat in the batting position that was occupied by the DH.

4) Obstruction with continuous action

Situation: Bases loaded, the batter doubles and R3 and R2 score. R1 is obstructed rounding third base and continues home and is thrown out at home. The batter, on the throw to the plate, attempts to go to third base and is called out.

Rule 7.06 b) If no play is being made on the obstructed runner (at the time of the obstruction) the play shall proceed until no further action is possible. The umpire shall then call time and expose such penalties. In the above situation, R1 would be ruled safe on the obstruction and the batter would be ruled out.

Interpretation: On an obstruction play, the ball becomes dead when the play is made on the obstructed runner, therefore, when the tag is made at the

plate, time is called and the runner is called safe on the obstruction, and the batter returns to second.

5) Balk followed by a throw

Situation: R1 is stealing. The pitcher balks while throwing to first. The first baseman catches and throws the ball to the shortstop, who tags R1 as he over slides second base.

Rule 8.05 penalty. The ball is dead and each runner shall advance one base without liability to be put out unless all runners advance at least one base in which case the play proceeds without reference to the balk.

Interpretation: A balk is indicated, and since the first baseman caught the ball, (not a wild throw as indicated under “penalty approved ruling”), time is called and the runner is awarded second base.

6) Catcher’s Interference with R3 stealing home

Situation: 1 out, with runners at second and third. R3 attempts to steal home, R2 remains at second. The catcher interferes with the batter and the pitch is fouled off.

Rule 6.08 c). If a catcher interferes with the batter, the batter is awarded first base. If, on such interference a runner trying to score on a steal or squeeze from third, the ball is dead and the runner on third scores and the batter is awarded first base. Runners not attempting to steal or not forced to advance remain at the base they occupied at the time of the interference.

Rule 7.07. If with a runner on third base and trying to score by means of a squeeze play or a steal, the catcher steps on or in front of home plate without possession of the ball, or touches the batter or his bat, the pitcher shall be charged with a balk and the batter shall be awarded first base on the interference and the ball is dead.

Interpretation: The balk is enforced. All runners advance one base, and the batter is awarded first base on the catcher’s interference.

6) Plays / Attempted Plays

Interpretation: A play or an attempted play shall be considered as one of the five following situations:

- Tag or attempted tag of a runner
- Tag or attempted tag of a base
- Throw from another fielder in an attempt to get an out
- Rundown
- Balk

7) Player Manager and visits to the mound

Interpretation: A player manager is the person who is designated by his team and is recognized under the roster requirements.

- 1) A player (or player coach) may visit a pitcher as permitted by the umpire whether or not time has been called. This would not be considered a trip to the mound.
- 2) A player manager who leaves his position to talk to his pitcher, whether or not time is called, is subject to the same rules provisions as a non playing manager. Therefore, a trip would be charged to the pitcher.

NOTES



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Note: Reference to the male gender shall also mean female where appropriate and the singular shall mean plural and plural shall mean singular where appropriate.

THE RULES & REGULATIONS THAT FOLLOW SUMMARIZE THE OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES, WHICH MUST BE CONFORMED WITHIN THE HOSTING OF ANY BASEBALL CANADA CHAMPIONSHIP.

Any Member can submit proposals to amend the game rules and/or a Baseball Canada Championship rule prior to 120 days before the planned date of the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting of its Members. Those proposals may be submitted to the Director General of the corporation. The Director General shall, at the latest 60 days before the planned date of the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting of its Members, publish and communicate all the proposed amendments to the Active Members. Any new rules will be in force the year following the adoption of the proposed change. At any time, the Active Members present at the meeting can waive the need for this notice with a unanimous vote.

PART I - THE TEAMS

1.1 Performance Guarantees:

1.1.1 Financial Responsibility:

Each Provincial Baseball Association (PBA) shall be required to have on file at the Baseball Canada office in Ottawa a letter of financial responsibility that will cover all its teams competing in the Baseball Canada Championships. This letter shall continue in force from year-to-year until rescinded in writing. The letter of financial responsibility shall make the PBA financially responsible for any damages or other costs caused by the PBA's team(s).

1.1.2 Attendance:

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

- In the case of British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec, that:
 - they will attend all championships except Senior, as they are required to do so, and
 - they will not be attending Senior, as they are not required to do so.
- In the case of New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, that:
 - they will be attending the Pee Wee, Bantam and Baseball Canada Cup championships; and
 - they will not be attending the Senior championship.
 - Baseball Atlantic shall be advised that it must send one team to the Midget and Junior championships.
- In the case of Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, that:
 - they will be attending the Pee Wee, Bantam and Baseball Canada Cup championships; and
 - they will not be attending the Senior championship.
 - The Western Canada Baseball Association shall be advised that it must send one team to the Midget and Junior championships.

Any Province/Region that qualifies/confirms for but does not show up at a Baseball Canada Championship will be fined \$1,000.

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

1.1.3 Team Eligibility:

The roster, issued in electronic form by either the PBA office or the PBA President shall be the only document required as proof of eligibility to represent the PBA at a Baseball Canada Championship.

1.2 Eligibility Rules:

1.2.1 Athletes:

(a) Only amateurs are permitted to play in sanctioned Baseball Canada Championships.

(i) An amateur baseball player is one whose involvement in baseball is not his primary source of income.

(ii) A former professional reinstated* to amateur status may participate in a Baseball Canada Championship.

*NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Manager, Baseball Operations of Baseball Canada to reinstate a professional as an amateur. Any professional who wishes to be reinstated, as an amateur must complete a reinstatement form supplied by Baseball Canada. The forms must then be submitted by July 1 of the current year, through the Provincial Association concerned, to the Manager, Baseball Operations of Baseball Canada who shall rule on it. To be eligible for reinstatement, an individual must be released by, or retired from, any professional team and not subject to a professional contract for a period of at least thirty days. A copy of the release, or letter of resignation, must be forwarded to Baseball Canada from the professional club. The decision of the Manager Baseball Operations of Baseball Canada is final and may not be appealed.

(b) An athlete participating in a Baseball Canada Championship must be a Canadian citizen or a full time resident of Canada for twelve consecutive months prior to June 1st of the current year. A player cannot be registered in two provinces simultaneously. Any player moving to another province after June 1st, must obtain a release from their old province in order to play for the new province.

In addition to the above requirement, an athlete, other than a Senior Division Player or a student, must reside in the Province for which he participates as of June 1st of the current year.

A Senior Division Player need only provide proof of Canadian citizenship and be on a registration form while meeting provincial registration requirements.

Students studying in a province other than their own may represent either their native province or their province of temporary residence. The individual involved must state which province they intend to play for by June 1 of the current year. This is subject to the approval of the Provincial Association involved and Baseball Canada, NOT the club involved.

(c) An athlete must be a registered player of the Provincial Baseball Association that his team represents.

(d) Specific Criteria:

Senior Men: Open classification

Senior Women: Open classification

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

Canada Games: 19 years old and younger who do not reach their 20th birthday during the current calendar year.

Midget Boys: 18 years old and younger who do not reach their 19th birthday during the current calendar year.

Midget Girls: 21 years old and younger who do not reach their 22nd birthday during the current calendar year

Baseball Canada Cup: 17 years old and younger who do not reach their 18th birthday during the current calendar year. NF, NS, NB and PEI may bring two players who do not reach their 19th birthday during the current calendar year.

Bantam Boys: 15 years old and younger who do not reach their 16th birthday during the current calendar year.

Bantam Girls: 16 years old and younger who do not reach their 17th birthday during the current calendar year.

Pee Wee Boys: 13 years old and younger who do not reach their 14th birthday during the current calendar year.

Pee Wee Girls: 13 years old and younger who do not reach their 14th birthday during the current calendar year.

1.2.2 Coaches:

- (a) **Only coaches with full NCCP Level I Certification (Technical I, Practical I, Theory I in old NCCP), plus NCCP Level 2 technical and MED Online Evaluation as attested to by their NCCP Coaching Certification number (cc #) included on the email roster will be certified to coach during the Championship. For 2009, for coaches in the new NCCP, coaches with the Regional Coach Trained Status will also be eligible to coach at nationals. These coaches will also have to complete the MED online evaluation. One coach per team will also have to complete the On-line evaluation portfolio.** New Multisports module Part A will give the coach the level 1 theory while the new Multisport module Part B will give the coach the level 2 theory.

Exceptions: In the Baseball Canada Cup coaches must be fully certified at NCCP Level 2 and have their NCCP Level 3 Technical. In order to coach at the Canada Games, all coaches must be fully certified at NCCP Level 3.

- (b) Names of coaches, along with their respective NCCP passport numbers (cc #), must be included in the email roster. All coaches must be able to prove certification during the championship.
- (c) A chef de mission is mandatory and should be assigned by the PBA. A chef should be appointed by the PBA and should not be a coach or/and a manager. Any chef should be assigned to any administrative task and will serve as liaison with the Baseball Canada Representative. Chef should be reminded to tour all rooms upon check-in and inform accommodation site/host of any damages. Upon check-out, chef should room tour along with accommodation/host reps to confirm rooms' status.

1.2.3 Rosters:

- (a) The final team rosters shall be approved by the PBA and sent from the computer of the PBA office or the PBA President by e-mail only to the Baseball Canada office in Ottawa nine (9) days before the first scheduled game of the Championship. The original copy of each team roster (Baseball Canada Championship registration form) will be made available to the Baseball Canada representative at the Pre-Championship Meeting.
- (b) Failure to comply with paragraph (a), shall result in the PBA being subject to a \$500 fine, payable to Baseball Canada.
- (c) The rosters are to include each participating coach's Coaching Certification number (cc #).
- (d) Provincial offices shall provide a list of suspended players to Baseball Canada prior to April 1st. An updated list shall be sent by August 1st.

1.2.4 Last minute modifications to the roster

No modifications to the rosters submitted by the PBA as per 1.2.3 will be allowed at the pre-championship meeting, except for the following situations:

- a) A player is injured and cannot participate in the championship as attested by medical proof.
- b) A player is changed following a fax submitted by PBA office or President to Baseball Canada Rep prior to their first game.
- c) After verification of certification by Baseball Canada, a coach is allowed to coach if PBA includes written confirmation.

1.3 **Publicity:**

Publicity Data:

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

1.4 **Team Discipline:**

1.4.1 Team Discipline:

Team discipline is the responsibility of the individual teams and their coaches and managers, who shall be held responsible for the maintenance of discipline and proper team or individual conduct. Any breach of discipline, whether on the playing field or off, shall be dealt with by the Host Committee and the Baseball Canada Representative.

1.4.2 Team Dress:

Teams shall be dressed in matching uniforms of an acceptable standard. All uniforms, including those of managers and coaches shall be matching and numbered. No duplicate numbers shall be permitted unless extenuating circumstances prevent this (i.e. lost baggage, torn uniforms, etc). Teams must declare their team uniform colors, home and visitors, at the Pre-Championship meeting. If they have only one set of uniforms, this must be stated at this time.

1.4.3 Personnel in the Playing Areas:

Only authorized personnel will be permitted to occupy the player's benches or dugout areas. Eighteen (18) players or twenty (20) for Canada Cup or twenty-one (21) players in the case of Senior, three (or four) coaches, one trainer and one batboy in uniform are authorized personnel. A chef de mission will be considered a coach if standing in the dugout and will have to fulfill the coaches requirements.

1.4.4 Ejections:

A player ejected from a game will be out of that current game only unless the ejection happens at the conclusion of the game. A player will receive a 1 game suspension for his second ejection during the championship and 3 games for the third ejection.

All coaches, players, and other team personnel shall be made aware that a second ejection during the Championship for any reason may result in the expulsion from all games during the balance of said Championship. Furthermore, appropriate sanctions as specified in 1.4.5, 1.4.7, will be applied and will have to be served. Suspensions will be served during the remaining championship games involving their team. In case the suspension is not fully served during the championship, it shall be completed during the next game (s) in their province.

- 1.4.5 Touching an Umpire:
Bumping, shoving, or pushing an umpire shall result in automatic ejection from that game. Further penalty may be imposed at the discretion of the Baseball Canada Representative and such action must be announced before the next scheduled game of the team involved.
- 1.4.6 Tobacco Rule:
The use of all tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, by on-field participants (players, coaches, managers, umpires, etc.) shall be prohibited at all competitions sanctioned by Baseball Canada. Any offenders caught using tobacco products will be ejected from the game.
- 1.4.7 Injuring or attempting to injure:
Any participant that is ejected for injuring or attempting to injure another participant is automatically suspended for three (3) games.
- 1.4.8 Throwing at a batter:
Any player or coach that is ejected from the game for attempting to throw at a batter is automatically suspended for one (1) game.
- 1.4.9 Team infractions
(Provincial Baseball Associations will be invoiced \$100 for this) include the following:
- Failure to submit starting line-up on time.
 - Failure to attend the pre-championship meeting.
 - Failure to attend the opening banquet.
 - Failure to participate at opening/closing ceremonies.
 - Failure to respect rules regarding dugout access and personnel.
 - Failure to inform host committee or any change in travel itinerary.
 - Any team and/or individual misconduct.

For these infractions, before any fine is imposed on the provinces or (host), the Baseball Canada Representative may issue one warning in order to allow the team a chance to solve the problem.

Delivery of notices

The Baseball Canada Representative will deliver the fines or ruling communication personally to the interested parties. The recipient will be required to execute an acknowledgement of receipt indicating the name of the recipient and the date and time of delivery. A copy of the fine will also be sent to the PSO following the championship.

Appeals

Appeals may be presented no later than seven (7) days after the conclusion of the championship. All appeals must be delivered to the Baseball Canada office.

It is the responsibility of the Appellant to provide all materials which it deems necessary to the appeal.

Once the appeal has been presented, Baseball Canada will then have fourteen (14) days after receiving the appeal and without postponement will pronounce its ruling.

NOTES:

The Provincial Baseball Association will be totally responsible for any damages caused by any member of a delegation to the installation where they are housed, the baseball stadium or transport units or to any other area.

1.5 Power of Decision:

- (a) The Executive Committee of Baseball Canada shall have the power to make decisions on any point not specifically covered in the Rules & Regulations.
- (b) During the course of the Championship the Host Committee and the Baseball Canada representative shall have the power to make decisions on any point not specifically covered in the Rules & Regulations. The Baseball Canada Representative has the ultimate say on any aspects of the championship.

1.6 Pre-Championship Meeting:

- 1.6.1 At a convenient time, prior to the opening game of the Championship, the Pre-Championship meeting shall be held. The Chairman of the Host Committee, the Baseball Canada Representative, and the Baseball Canada Supervisor of Umpires, must be in attendance at this meeting.
- 1.6.2 The Baseball Canada Representative shall chair the meeting.
- 1.6.3 Each team shall send at least one representative who shall have the authority to speak on behalf of the team and make decisions concerning his team, which shall be binding. At the meeting, announcements and directions will be made affecting aspects of the Championship. Non-attendance at the meeting shall not be an excuse for non-compliance.
- 1.6.4 The Host Committee may, for reasonable cause, limit the number of representatives from each team provided that at least two (2) are permitted to attend.
- 1.6.5 Team rosters, fully completed, shall be distributed to each team prior to the start of the Championship and as far in advance of the Pre-Championship meeting as possible. Any challenge concerning eligibility of any player must be raised at that time. The final team rosters shall be approved by the Provincial body and submitted in accordance with rule 1.2.3 above.
- 1.6.6 No challenge on the questions of eligibility shall be considered after the conclusion of the meeting. However, should subsequent information indicate that ineligible players have been used, the Baseball Canada Executive will have the authority to investigate, and if necessary, take appropriate action to penalize the Provincial Governing Body, of the team concerned.
- 1.6.7 The “travesty of the game” rule will be enforced by the Baseball Canada representative and the umpires at the event which will result in ejections – first to manager then to players. Travesty of the game is defined as an attempt to intentionally lengthen or shorten a game or manipulate the score of the game by any means that has players not “playing to win”. This would include batters or runners obviously attempting to make outs, pitchers obviously trying to miss the strike zone when pitching and fielders obviously trying to make errors.
- 1.6.8 Pre-Championship Meeting Agenda:
 - (a) Review of Championship Rules & Regulations.

- (b) All Championship rules and procedures, special local field conditions, etc.
- (c) Eligibility of rosters, athletes, coaches (NCCP status), etc.
- (d) Championship schedule, and home/visitor determination.
- (e) Run limitations.
- (f) Protest procedures.
- (g) Team and player discipline.
- (h) Travesty of the game
- (i) Special ceremonies and events.
- (j) Closing ceremonies and awards.
- (k) Question period.

1.7 Championship Schedule

1.7.1 Schedule Approval:

- (a) Baseball Canada shall determine the schedule for each championship in consultation with the Host Committee. Baseball Canada shall have final approval on all schedules.
- (b) All Baseball Canada Championships will be from Thursday (Wednesday for Canada Cup) to Sunday inclusive and Monday will be the rain day. It is required that all teams remain available to play on the rain day. For teams busing to the event and wishing to leave after completion of games, they must wait until receiving approval from the Baseball Canada Rep.

1.7.2 Playoff game

Any playoff game among tied teams to determine which team will advance to medal play will be played on Sunday (last day of the event). This does not apply to the Canada Cup.

1.7.3 Start time

A game will not start after 10:00pm during any Bantam and Pee-Wee Baseball Canada Championship unless required to complete the event.

1.7.4 Less than Eight Teams:

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

1.7.5 Eight or Nine Teams:

- (a) The teams shall compete in two (2) pools, with the pools determined by Baseball Canada using the following criteria:
 - The "serpentine" structure shall be followed (1,4,5,8 in one pool and 2,3,6,7) in the other pool) based on the previous year's results.
 - The host team and the team from the host province shall not be in the same pool.
 - If the pools are of uneven size, the host team shall be in the larger pool.
- (b) The teams shall play a round-robin schedule within their own pools, with each team playing each other team in the pool once.
- (c) Following round-robin play, the following "quarter-final" games shall be played:
 - QF-1: 3rd pool A vs 2nd Pool B
 - QF-2: 3rd Pool B vs 2nd Pool A
 with the winners moving on to the medal round and the losers to the consolation round.

- (d) The following medal round games shall be played:
 - Championship semi-finals:
QF-1 winner vs 1st pool A
QF-2 winner vs 1st pool B
 - Bronze medal game:
Semi-final losers
 - Gold medal game:
Semi-final winners
- (e) The following consolation-round games shall be played.
 - Consolation semi-finals:
QF-1 loser vs 1st pool B
QF-2 loser vs 1st pool A
 - Seven place game:
Semi-final losers
 - Fifth-place game:
Semi-final winners

1.7.6 **Ten Teams:**

- (a) This section does not apply to the Baseball Canada Cup.
- (b) The teams shall compete in two (2) pools, with the pools determined by Baseball Canada using the following criteria:
 - The "serpentine" structure shall be followed (1,4,5,8,9 in one pool and 2,3,6,7,10) in the other pool) based on the previous year's results.
 - The host team and the team from the host province shall not be in the same pool.
- (c) The teams shall play a round-robin schedule within their own pools, with each team playing each other team in the pool once.
- (d) The following medal round games shall be played:
 - Championship semi-finals:
2nd Pool B vs 1st Pool A
2nd Pool A vs 1st pool B
 - Bronze medal game:
Semi-final losers
 - Gold medal game:
Semi-final winners
- (e) The following placement games shall be played:
 - Fifth place game: 3A vs 3B
 - Seventh place game: 4A vs 4B
 - Ninth place game: 5A vs 5B

1.7.7 **Eleven Teams:**

- (a) This section does not apply to the Baseball Canada Cup.
- (b) The teams shall compete in two (2) pools, with the pools determined by Baseball Canada using the following criteria:
 - The "serpentine" structure shall be followed (1,4,5,8,9 and 11 in one pool and 2,3,6,7,10 and 11) in the other pool) based on the previous year's results.
 - The host team and the team from the host province shall not be in the same pool.
 - The host team shall be in the larger pool.
- (c) The teams shall play a round-robin schedule within their own pools, with each team playing each other team in the pool once.
- (d) The following medal round games shall be played:

- Championships quarter-finals
3rd Pool B vs 2nd Pool A
3rd Pool A vs 2nd Pool B
 - Championship semi-finals:
Winner 3B/2A vs 1st Pool B
Winner 3A/2B vs 1st pool A
 - Bronze medal game:
Semi-final losers
 - Gold medal game:
Semi-final winners
- (e) The following placement games shall be played:
- Fifth place game: Loser 3B/2A vs Loser 3A/2B
 - Seventh place game: 4A vs 4B
 - Ninth place game: 5A vs 5B

1.7.8 Baseball Canada Cup:

- (a) This section applies only to the Baseball Canada Cup.
- (b) The teams shall compete in two (2) pools, with the pools determined by Baseball Canada using the following criteria:
- Last 3 years Baseball Canada Cup results shall be used to determine the pool composition.
 - First three (3) teams from pool A, and the first two (2) teams from pool B shall qualify for final round.
 - First two (2) teams from Pool A and 1st place team of Pool B shall automatically advance to semi-finals.
- (c) The teams shall play a round-robin schedule within their own pools, with each team playing each other team in the pool once in pool B and twice in Pool A.
- (d) Following round robin play, the following medal-round games shall be played:
- Quarter-final: 3A vs 2B
 - Semi-finals: 1B vs 1A and Winner of 3A/2B vs 2A
 - Bronze medal game: Semi-final losers
 - Gold medal game: Semi-final winners
- (e) Following round-robin play, the following placement games shall be played:
- 5th place: Loser 3A/2B vs 4A
 - 7th place: 3B vs 4B
 - 9th place: 6B vs 5B

To help with the understanding of the rules for the Baseball Canada Cup, below is an example of how the two pools would be set up (based on 2007's results):

<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>
BC	Alberta
Ontario	New Brunswick
Quebec	Nova Scotia
Saskatchewan	Newfoundland
	PEI
	Manitoba

If the teams finished in this order after the round robin, then the medal round would occur as follows:

- Quarter-Final A: New Brunswick vs Québec
- Semi-Final A: Winner of QF vs. Ontario
- Semi-Final B: Alberta vs. British Columbia
- Gold Game: Winner SFA vs Winner SFB

- Bronze Game: Loser SFA vs Loser SFB
- 5th Place Game: Loser QF vs. Saskatchewan
- 7th Place Game Newfoundland vs. Nova Scotia
- 9th Place Game Manitoba vs. PEI
 - In order to determine the placement of teams in Pools for the following year, the final finish will be considered. Finishing 1st will give the province 10 points, finishing 2nd 9 points and so on. Average from the last 3 years will always be used to rank teams for following year.

1.8 Determination of Home and Visitor:

1.8.1 Round-Robin:

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

1.8.2 Medal Round Games:

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

1.8.3 Baseball Canada Cup:

- (a) This section applies only to the Baseball Canada Cup.
- (b) The determination of home and away for all medal-round, qualification and placement games shall be done by coin toss, with the winner of the toss having the choice of home or away.
- (c) The coin tosses will be done by the Baseball Canada Representative at a time or times to be determined by the Representative.

PART II - GAMES AND PROTEST PROCEDURES

2.1 Playing Rules:

2.1.1 Official Playing Rules:

All games of the Baseball Canada Championships shall be governed by the Baseball Canada's Official Rules of Baseball.

2.1.2 Protective Headgear:

- (1) All players shall wear double ear-flap helmets while in the on deck circle, at bat and on the base-paths in all age categories.
- (2) The C.F.A.B. rules require catchers in all age categories to wear protective helmet and mask while catching.

NOTE: This includes practice and warm-up situations such as the bullpen or between innings. Players & Coaches must wear at least a mask in all practices and warm up situations.

- (3) All batboys/batgirls must wear protective double earflap helmets.

2.1.3 DH Rule:

The designated hitter may be used in Senior, Junior, Midget and Baseball Canada Cup.

2.1.4 Courtesy/Designated Runners:

No courtesy runner will be allowed for the catcher(s).

2.1.5 Length of Games:

All games in Baseball Canada Championships (Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget, Baseball Canada Cup, Junior, and Senior) will be seven (7) complete innings (6 ½ complete innings if the home team is ahead) or until a winner is declared. If a game is delayed due to curfew, darkness, power failure or any other weather related conditions at any point prior to completion, the game shall be resumed from the point of the delay.

2.1.6 Mercy Rule:

The ten run mercy rule shall apply after the fifth (5th) inning or four and a half inning (4 1/2) if the home team is ahead. In a mercy rule ball game, the winning team will get credit for 7 defensive innings while the losing team will only get credit for innings played.

2.1.7 Re-entry Rule:

In PeeWee and Bantam Championships, any starting player may be substituted for and returned to the game, one time only. He/she must return to his/her original place in the batting order. Any pitcher, if removed from the game may return, but may not pitch. Any further substitutions do not jeopardize the right of re-entry for the original/starting player. Any starting player returned to the game may pitch if he/she has not previously assumed that position.

2.1.8 Unless there are extenuating circumstances which are accepted by the Baseball Canada Representative, a team not showing up for any game during any Baseball Canada championship will receive a \$1,000 fine and will have the manager of the team suspended for the following 2 games. If the incident occurs within the last 2 games played by the team, the manager shall serve his/her suspension in his/her province.

2.2 Game Procedures:

2.2.1 Dugout

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

2.2.2 Time between two games

If a team is scheduled to play two games back to back, it will be entitled to a rest period of one hour following the completion of the first game. However, upon agreement with the head coach, the Baseball Canada Representative may reduce this rest period.

2.2.3 Pre-Game Procedures:

- (a) Teams shall arrive at the designated playing field at least forty-five minutes prior to the designated starting time of the game.
- (b) Starting twenty-five minutes before the designated time of the game, the home team shall have the field for ten minutes for infield/outfield practice.
- (c) The visiting team shall then have the field for ten minutes for infield/outfield practice.
- (d) Following the visiting team's practice time, there shall be the meeting at home plate among the Head Coaches and the umpires.

NOTE: Scheduled starting time means the time indicated on the Championship schedule drawn up prior to the start of play. Designated starting time means the time determined by the Baseball Canada Representative in the event of delays because of inclement weather, lengthy preceding game(s), or other factors.

- (e) The starting line-up including all available substitutes listed shall be given to the official scorer at least thirty minutes prior to the start of the game. The list shall include the surname of each player, coach and manager with his usual first name and his uniform number. The uniform number is to be listed to the left of each name and the playing position of the starting players listed to the right of each name.
- (f) Forty-five minutes prior to turning over the line-up cards to the umpire, team managers will indicate to each other if they plan "left" or "right" handed pitchers to start the game.

2.2.4 Post-Game Procedures:

- (a) At the conclusion of play, the teams shall line up in the home plate area for the traditional handshakes.
- (b) Following the handshakes, upon the request of the Host Committee (which shall be given prior to the game) the teams shall line up on their respective baselines for the presentation of awards.
- (c) Following any post-game ceremonies, teams shall vacate the dugouts in a timely manner so as to not delay any following games.

2.3 Protest Procedures:

- (a) The host will submit the names of the entire Protest Committee to Baseball Canada, at least two (2) weeks prior to the Championship.
- (b) The Baseball Canada Representative will approve the Protest Committee for the Championship.
- (c) The Protest Committee shall be composed of sufficient members to ensure that three members are present at each game of the Championship.
- (d) The names of the members of the Protest Committee shall be made known to the teams at the Pre-Championship meeting. The Baseball Canada Representative will sit on the Protest Committee.
- (e) To be heard, protest must be accompanied with a cash deposit of \$100. In the event that the protesting team wins the protest, the cash deposit will be reimbursed.
- (f) When a protestable incident occurs, the protesting Head Coach must, before the next pitch is made or an attempted play is made, inform the game Crew Chief that he is lodging a protest.
- (g) The Crew Chief shall suspend play and inform the manager of the opposing team and the Protest Committee.

NOTE: No protest may be made on a judgment call.

- (h) The Protest Committee, the Head Coach making protest and the game Crew Chief shall retire to a private area away from the teams, spectators and other persons.
- (i) The Protest Committee shall hear and question in the following order:
 - the game Crew Chief,
 - the protesting Head Coach, and
 - the opposing Head Coach (if necessary).The Protest Committee shall have the power to exclude any of those persons while talking to any of the others.
- (j) The Head Coach's and game Crew Chief shall then leave while the Protest Committee shall discuss the protest.
- (k) Before ruling on the protest, the Protest Committee may confer with any person whom they believe may be helpful in assisting them reach a decision.
- (l) The Protest Committee shall rule on the protest and inform the game Crew Chief and he in turn will advise the Team Head Coaches and resume play.
- (m) The game Crew Chief shall put the decision into effect and order resumption of play from the point of suspension.
- (n) No further argument or comment on the protest shall be entertained.
- (o) The decision of the Protest Committee shall be final. There shall be no appeal to any other body.

PART III - UMPIRES

3.1 Assignments:

The Supervisor of Umpires, and Assistant Supervisor of Umpires (where necessary), for the Baseball Canada Championship shall be assigned by Baseball Canada. In all, nine umpires and one Supervisor of Umpires are to be assigned during a 6 team Championship. For a 10 team Championship, 12 umpires plus one Supervisor and one Assistant Supervisor are to be assigned. For an 11 team Championship, 15 umpires plus one Supervisor and one Assistant Supervisor are to be assigned.

The Provincial Umpire Supervisors shall nominate umpires for Baseball Canada Championships to the Umpires' Committee of Baseball Canada, with approval from the Provincial Presidents. The Baseball Canada's Umpires' Committee will then assign the nominated Umpires to each Championship.

3.2 Umpires Meeting:

At a convenient time prior to the Pre-Championship meeting described earlier, the umpiring staff, the Supervisor of Umpires, the Chairman of the Host Committee, and the Baseball Canada Representative shall meet. The discussions will include ground rules, umpiring crews, and any other items the umpiring crews may wish to discuss for the purpose of clarifying rules or procedures.

3.3 Umpire infractions

(Provincial Baseball Associations will be invoiced \$100 for this) include the following:

- Failure to follow the proper dress code.

For this infraction, before any fine is imposed on the provinces, the Baseball Canada Representative may issue one warning in order to allow the umpire a chance to solve the problem.

PART IV - BASEBALL CANADA CHAMPIONSHIPS FORMAT & TIE BREAKING FORMULA

4.1 Please note the following before going through the tie-breaking formula:

4.1.2 In any 11 team tournament, the tie-break formula will be used only to rank the team within each pool. No tie-break games shall be played with any 11 team tournament.

4.1.3 When a multiple tie occurs and is only partially resolved, the remaining ties will be resolved by continuing on with the remaining tie breaking priorities until all 4 priorities have been exhausted. Then, and only then, will the remaining tied teams return to priority number 1 and proceed through the order again.

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

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

- 4.1.5 In a mercy rule ball game, the winning team will get credit for 7 defensive innings while the losing team will only get credit for innings played.
- 4.2 Should ties occur between the provinces, division standings will be decided according to the following priorities:
1. The team with the best win-loss record in the game(s) between or among the tied teams will place higher in the standings.
 2. If the tie still persists, the placement of teams will be dictated by the ratio of number of runs against per defensive inning for games between or among the original tied teams.
 3. If the tie persists, the placement of teams will be dictated by the ratio of runs scored per offensive inning for games between or among the original tied teams.
Note: When calculating the number of defensive and offensive innings that are to be credited to each team under priorities (2) and (3), innings will be calculated on a fractional basis.
 4. If the tie still persists, the team having the best win-loss record in games played versus the highest placed team not in the tie, followed by comparison against the next highest placed team, etc. will place higher in the standings.

Example:

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

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

Example of fractional inning scenarios:

Scenario # 1

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

Visiting Team: 7 offensive innings and 6 defensive innings

Home Team: 6 offensive innings and 7 defensive innings

Scenario #2

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

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

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

Scenario #3

The same application of the rule is used in a mercy rule situation. If

the home team is awarded the game by the mercy rule after two outs in the bottom of the fifth inning the inning count will be:

Visiting Team: 5 offensive innings, 4 2/3 defensive innings

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

Canada Cup Only

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