

BASEBALL (18.2)

Baseball Canada rules will be used unless special playing rules are put forth by the NBIAA. In this case the NBIAA rules will take precedence over any other rules.

NBIAA Modifications:

1. The NBIAA game ball shall be the Rawlings ROML.
2. The game shall consist of seven (7) innings.
3. For conference league play only, a tied game will be permitted for 1 point.
4. Wooden bats are to be used in all NBIAA competitions.

Pitch Count: The NBIAA has adopted the rules governing pitch count in the 18U Division of Baseball Canada, which can be found under the NBIAA Baseball Rules section.

Rules Governing the Pitcher:

- a) 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.
- b) Pitchers will not be permitted to exceed the maximum daily allowable number of pitches in any two day period. Pitchers cannot pitch in 3 games during a day. Ex: A pitcher throws 35 pitches on Day 1. Day 2, that pitcher is limited to 70 pitches.
- c) Pitcher cannot pitch 3 consecutive days unless a pitcher's first 2 days combined does not exceed 40. If pitcher's day 1 + day 2 exceeds 40, they require at least 1 days rest. Pitcher cannot pitch 4 consecutive days. One (1) days rest is needed. A Pitcher's combined 4 day pitch count cannot exceed 150.
- d) ALL pitchers and managers shall follow the following guidelines:

No. of pitches	Days Rest required	No. of pitches	Days Rest required
1-40	0	86-105	4 days
41-55	1 day	105	1 and 2 Day Maximum
56-70	2 days	150	4 day Maximum
71-85	3 days		

- e) When a pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches allowed for a threshold, they can complete the at-bat without the penalty of days of rest, as long as they do not pitch to another batter. In this situation, the number of pitches corresponding to the threshold reached will be indicated on the pitching log. The coach/manager needs to acknowledge this to the umpire at this moment prior to the next pitch (the pitch that breaks the threshold). The umpire would then notify the scorekeeper.
- f) The Home Team 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. After each game the Home Team scorekeeper will fill out the pdf charts and these will be sent to the Conference / League Chair. These charts MUST be sent by email within 24 hours.

Pitch count violations: Any violation of any part of the pitch count rule, the result is the Head Coach is ejected from the current game and receives an additional game suspension.

Number of Games Permitted

A team shall be limited to **12** games (including all exhibition, controlled scrimmage, tournament and league play.) All games in the regionals and provincials shall not be counted in the 12 game limit.

Special Provisions:

1. NBIAA Championships to be held on the 3rd Saturday in October - Game Time: 10:00 A.M.
2. If only one field is available:
10:00 AM Host Region #1 vs Guest Region #2
1:00 PM Host Region #2 vs Guest Region #1
Championship Game: The time in between the final game for the provincials can up to a maximum of an hour.
If two fields are available, both games will be held at 10:00 AM with the championship game at 2 PM.
3. The higher seed team is the home team. If both #1 teams meet in the finals, the home team will be decided by a coin toss.
4. Baseball and softball are not to be categorized as parallel programs; therefore girls are eligible to participate.

Suspended Game during Conference, Regional and Provincial Play

- a) A suspended game shall be resumed as soon as possible at the exact point of suspension of the original game. The completion of a suspended game is a continuation of the original game.
- b) A game ending with the score tied will be treated as a suspended game providing it is a legal game (4 1/2 or 5 innings).

10 Run Rule

A baseball game shall end any time after five innings, or after four and one-half innings when a team is 10 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.

Schedules

Each Region will develop its own schedule as provided for in the NBIAA By-laws. The schedule must be approved by the Executive Director.

Umpires

Only rated New Brunswick Amateur Baseball Umpires shall be used in all league games.

Protests

In the event of a question or a protest during a Regional or Provincial Tournament, the decision of the Tournament Director shall be final. The Tournament Director will base his decision on the NBIAA By-laws.

Regular season protests, if any, will be handled as indicated in the NBIAA By-Laws.

Ejections

All names of players and coaches ejected from a game must be reported to the school principal. A player or coach ejected from a game for disciplinary measures shall be suspended from the remainder of that game and the next scheduled game (exhibition, conference, regional or provincial). If the ejection takes place during a semi-final regional or provincial event, the player(s) or coach(es) is suspended from the next scheduled game, excluding exhibition games.