

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.

* There is no re-entry rule.

Pitch Count: The NBIAA has adopted the rules governing pitch count in the 18U Division of Baseball Canada.

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 shall be permitted to have 2 appearances in the same calendar day. If a pitcher requires a rest following 1st appearance, they cannot return in the same calendar day.
- 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.
- d) Pitchers and managers shall follow the following guidelines:

No. of pitches	Rest required
1-40	None
41-55	1 day
56-70	2 days
71-85	3 days
86-105	4 days
105	Maximum

- e) 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.
- f) Once a player assumes the position of pitcher, they cannot catch for the remainder of the day.
- g) Pitchers will be permitted to finish the batter if his or her maximum pitch limit has been reached for that calendar day.
- h) Only pitches actually thrown will be included in the Pitch Count totals. Automatic balls during an intentional walk do not count towards Pitch Count totals.
- i) Required Rest shall be defined in "Days" starting at 12:01am and ending at 11:59 pm of the next calendar day.
- j) If a game continues past 12:01am, those pitches are counted as if pitched prior to midnight. If a game is suspended, when it resumes it is defined as a different day.
- k) 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.

8.06 (c) The manager or coach may make a 2nd visit to the mound while the same batter in at bat in order to remove the pitcher.

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 2nd 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: 30 minutes after Game 2.
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 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).
- c) Suspended games shall be replayed as soon as possible.

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.