

OPERATIONAL RULES FOR THE LAC ST-LOUIS BASEBALL LEAGUE

Chapter 1 - Amendments to the operational rules of the league

This document contains the operational rules for the Lac St-Louis league.

The operating rules can only be modified during a "Commission des Presidents" meeting. Exceptionally, the league's executive committee may, by mutual agreement, make a change or implement an operating rule that would be considered minor, following one or more situations that arise during a season. This will come into effect 24 hours after its adoption. This change or addition to the rules would then have to be voted upon at a "Commission des Presidents" meeting in order for it to be maintained going forward.

Finally, in the event of a contradiction between the French and English versions of these rules, the French text will prevail.

Chapter 2 - Responsibilities of associations

Article 1 - Documents required by the league

- A. All associations must submit the following documents to the league before the respective deadlines:
- Field selection document
 - Organizational directory
 - Coaches' directory
 - + any other required documents.

SANCTION: Fine after investigation

- B. All associations must enter their rosters into the registration system prior to their teams first game. If a player's name is not entered, that player is prohibited from playing until his name has been entered into the system.

SANCTION: Fine and loss of the game according to the rules in chapter 8, article 2

- C. All associations must enter the players' jersey numbers into the registration system prior to their teams first game.

SANCTION: A fine of five dollars (\$ 5.00) per team / per day starting from the second week of the season.

Article 2 - Baremes

In order to be eligible to participate in the league, associations must follow the Baseball Quebec baremes for the number of "A" and "B" teams. For associations with only one (1) team at a level and who wishes for their team to play "B" instead of "A", an approved derogation from the region must be obtained.

Article 3 - Modification of participation

- A. Associations are prohibited from adding or removing a team after the deadline for submitting the field selection document.

SANCTION: Fine of one hundred dollars (\$ 100.00). This amount is paid to the region, more specifically to the League Scheduler.

- B. Associations are prohibited from adding or removing a team after the preliminary schedule has been made.

SANCTION: Fine of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$ 250.00). This amount is paid to the region, more specifically to the League Scheduler.

- C. It is prohibited for associations to withdraw a team at any time during the summer season, fall ball season or fall ball playoffs. If a member withdraws during the current season, the games to be played are canceled. The season begins the day that the first game is scheduled in the division.

SANCTION: Fine of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$ 250.00). This amount is paid to the region, more specifically to the League Scheduler.

Chapter 3 - Divisions

The old names of the divisions are now replaced by the following names:

Old name	New name
Atom	9U
Mosquito	11U
Peewee	13U
Bantam	15U
Midget	18U

Chapter 4 - Number of games

- A. The number of games during the summer and fall regular seasons will be determined each year during a "Commission des Presidents" meeting. The league's executive committee will provide its recommendation on this matter during this meeting.
- B. All games on the schedule must be played (at the discretion of the regional VP of the league).
- C. The leagues executive committee reserves the right to modify the number of games following one or more situations that arise during a season.

Chapter 5 – Game Rules

Article 1 - General rules and fair play

- A. The rules of the league are those of Baseball Quebec, Baseball Canada and the specific rules of the Lac St-Louis Baseball League. If something is not specified in this document, you must refer to the regulations of Baseball Quebec, followed by those of Baseball Canada.
- B. Fair play is in effect for all games.
See BQ Rule # 103.14 for more information on fair play.

SANCTION: Players, coaches, managers and members of the board of directors of associations who do not follow these rules, are subject to a fine, suspension or both, if necessary.

Article 2 - Game start times (regular season)

Division	Weeknight	Weekend or statutory holiday
9U	6:30 pm to 7:30 pm	9:00 am to 7:30 pm
11U and 13U	6:30 pm to 8:00 pm	9:00 am to 8:00 pm
15U and 18U	6.30 pm to 8.30 pm	9:00 am to 9:00 pm

During the week, a game can be scheduled to start as early as 6:00 pm with league approval only. These start times may vary during the fall ball playoffs.

Article 3 - Delay

A delay of fifteen (15) minutes is given to every member to reach the minimum number of players needed to start a game during the summer season, fall ball season and fall ball playoffs. Ex: Bad weather or major incident.

SANCTION: Possibility of fine after investigation.

Article 4 - Practice before the game

- A. The home team must have completed batting practice and infield / outfield practice, twenty (20) minutes before the scheduled start time of the game.
- B. The visiting team will have the next fifteen (15) minutes to complete batting practice and infield / outfield practice.
- C. The field must be free five (5) minutes before the start of the game. The meeting with the umpires at home plate takes place during this period. The home team informs the visiting team of the specific park regulations as well as its curfew.

SANCTION: Possibility of fine after investigation.

Article 5 - Balls

- A. Only the model of balls recognized by the league are accepted. The balls approved for the current season are:
 - Division 9U: DR BB85, Rawlings RL850, Worth RIF 85S (8.5" ball)
 - Divisions 11U and 13U: DR BB11, Rawlings 65CC, Worth BCAF.
 - Divisions 15U, 18U: DR BB12, Rawlings 80CC, Worth MLH.Any ball approved for a higher division is accepted for a lower division (except 9U).
- B. At the beginning of the game, the home team must supply **three (3)** new balls to the home plate umpire. They must also have a sufficient number of balls in their possession to complete the game.

SANCTION: Fine of twenty-five dollars (\$ 25.00) following the report of the officials

Article 6 – Players' bench

On the players' bench, the players must all be dressed in the same uniform (with the exception of those on the reserve list). A maximum of four (4) coaches and one (1) bat boy (16 yrs and under) are permitted across all divisions except U9 B & GC where 5 (five) coaches are permitted.

SANCTION: Prohibited to enter the field of play. Any reported infraction will result in the suspension of the head coach for the following game.

Article 7 - Uniform

All players and coaches must wear a full baseball uniform consisting of pants, jersey and cap. **Wearing shorts, tank tops and sandals are forbidden.**

In addition to baseball pants and a cap, each coach must wear, at a minimum, one (1) of the following items:

- a jersey bearing the logo of his team;
- a shirt / polo in the same colors as his team;
- a jacket bearing the logo of his team or the same colours of his association

SANCTION: Prohibited from entering the field of play.

Article 8 - Length of games

A. Divisions 9U, 11U and 13U:

A Level

Any inning which begins 90 minutes (1h30) after the official start of a game is declared "last inning" and this inning is open. The game is over after this inning.

B Level

Any inning which begins 75 minutes (1h15) after the official start of a game is declared "last inning" and this inning is open. The game is over after this inning.

B. Divisions 15U and 18U:

A Level

Any inning which begins 105 minutes (1h45) after the official start of a game is declared "last inning" and this inning is open. The game is over after this inning.

B Level

Any inning which begins 90 minutes (1h30) after the official start of a game is declared "last inning" and this inning is open. The game is over after this inning.

A game becomes official when it reaches, either the conditions described in the articles relating to the length of games of division 9U to 18U, or when a last inning is announced and finished.

The scorekeeper records the start time of the game. Any stoppage of the game of more than 10 minutes is not counted in the duration of the game.

In the regular season:

If there is a tie at the end of the allotted time, the game is over and ends in a tie.

Article 9 - Bad weather and / or darkness during a game

- A. In the **9U, 11U and 13U** divisions, a game is considered official after three innings and a half (3½) of completed play or four (4) depending on whether the team with the lead is the home or visiting team. This game will be considered **official and final**. It will not be considered as a suspended game.
- B. In the **15U and 18U** divisions, a game is considered official after four and a half (4½) complete innings of play or five (5) depending on whether the team with the lead is the home or visiting team. This game will be considered **official and final**. It will not be considered as a suspended game.
- C. In all divisions, a game that is stopped due to bad weather or darkness **before** the minimum number of innings has been reached will be considered as a **suspended game**.

For all suspended games, the following rules apply when the game resumes:

- The game will resume from the point in which it was stopped.
- The duration of the game will resume from the point in which it was stopped.
- If a player was absent during the initial game and is present when the game resumes, he can be added to the end of line up.
- If a player was present during the initial game and is absent when the game resumes, his name will be scratched from the lineup. There will be no automatic outs.
- If a pitcher was taken out during the initial game, he will not be able to return as a pitcher when the game resumes.
- **Daily pitching rules apply.**
- It is mandatory to bring the game sheet from the initial game to the field for when the game resumes.

Article 10 - Mercy Rule

If a team has a ten (10) or more runs lead after the minimum number of innings has been reached, the game will end by mercy rule.

- A. In the **9U, 11U and 13U:** divisions the game will end after the losing team has batted a minimum of four (4) times and has had the same number of turns at bat as the winning team.
- B. In the **15U and 18U:** divisions the game will end after the losing team has batted a minimum of five (5) times and has had the same number of turns at bat as the winning team.

Article 11 – Tie in the standings

At the end of the regular season, in the event of a tie, the standings will be determined based on the following criteria:

- A. The greatest number of wins.
- B. The least number of losses.
- C. The result(s) of the game(s) between the tied teams (wins)
- D. The best point differential in games between the tied teams

Chapter 6 - Level rules

Article 1 – Baseball Quebec Rules

- A. **Division 9U**
See BQ rule # 105 for more information on the game rules specific to this division.
- B. **Division 11U**
See BQ rule # 106 for more information on the game rules specific to this division.
- C. **Division 13U**
See BQ rule # 107 for more information on the game rules specific to this division.
- D. **Division 15U**
See BQ rule # 108 for more information on the game rules specific to this division.
- E. **Division 18U**
See BQ rule # 109 for more information on the game rules specific to this division.

Article 2 – Pitcher Rules

The maximum number of innings in which a pitcher can throw during the summer regular season may not exceed the number equivalent to 25% of the anticipated innings of the season for his team.
(Example: 12 games of 6 innings planned. Therefore, 72 innings x 25% = 18 innings maximum).

*For more information on all the pitcher rules at each level, refer to BQ rule # 106 to 109.
A table with a general summary is also available in BQ rule # 111.*

Article 3 - Configuration for the Sling Shot (pitching machine)

- A. Requirements for the Sling Shot in **9U A**

Louisville Slugger Blue / Blue Flame Sling Shot

- Part A - 3 (Micro adjustment to the arm)
- Part B - 4 (Release the block - pull the lever)
- Part C - 7 (Use Foot pedal)

Louisville Slugger Black / Black Flame Sling Shot

- Part A - 4 (Micro adjustment to the arm)
- Part B - 3 (Release the block - pull the lever)
- Part C - 8 (Use Foot pedal)

- B. Requirements for the Sling Shot in the **9U B**

Louisville Slugger Blue / Bleu Flame Sling Shot

- Part A - 3 (Micro adjustment to the arm)
- Part B - 4 (Release the block - pull the lever)
- Part C - 5 (Use Foot pedal)

Louisville Slugger Black / Black Flame Sling Shot

- Part A - 4 (Micro adjustment to the arm)
- Part B - 3 (Release the block - pull the lever)
- Part C - 6 (Use Foot pedal)

Chapter 7 – Team’s responsibilities (during a game)

Article 1 – Lineup card

At least fifteen (15) minutes before the start of the game, the white copy of the line up card should be provided to the scorekeeper by the manager or coach. During the plate meeting, the manager or coach must produce to the plate umpire, their line up card with the three (3) respective copies. It must be completed as follows:

- A. Use of the official line up cards provided by Baseball Quebec.
- B. Properly fill in the top of the lineup card
- C. Enter the full name of each player eligible for this game in block letters.
- D. Enter the uniform number of each player.
- E. Enter the position (number) for the starting pitcher.
- F. Enter at the bottom, the names and numbers of the coaches and manager in block letters (no signatures).

Any error (spelling or other) in the names and / or jersey numbers, the following sanction applies:

SANCTION: A fine of five dollars (\$5.00) upon report of the officials.

Article 2 - Scoresheet

- A. Information: all scoresheets must be properly completed by the scorekeeper in block letters.
 - Uniform numbers and full names.
 - Fill in the top and bottom portions completely.
 - Indicate the full name of the umpires and scorekeeper in block letters.

SANCTION: Possibility of fine after investigation.

- B. Distribution: The scorekeeper will complete two sets of scoresheets with three sheets each. They will be distributed as follows:
 - Original (white) and 1st copy (pink): given to the home team
 - 2nd copy (yellow): given to the visiting team.

In case of a suspended game, the scorekeeper must provide all copies of the scoresheet to the home team in order for them to bring it to the continuation of the game. The scorekeeper must mark on the back of the scoresheet the time that the game was stopped and if there is a count to the batter (ex: 1 ball and 2 strikes)

All scoresheets must be kept intact by the teams and provided if requested.

SANCTION: Fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00), if the score sheet is not provided by request

Article 3 – Defensive sitting outs chart

All teams are required to follow **BQ rule # 103.14 B** for defensive sitting outs.

During each game, a coach or parent of each team must complete the defensive sitting outs chart. Each team is responsible for noting the players sitting out in each inning for the OPPOSING team. This must be completed on the leagues form. At the end of the game, the coach of the home team must collect both forms and is responsible for uploading the information to the league site.

Exceptions to the rule: A pitcher while pitching, an injury or sickness (applicable during the regular season only)

If the person tracking notices an issue, they must advise their teams coach, who will then communicate with the coach of the opposing team. If the issue is not immediately rectified, this should be brought to the attention of the league.

SANCTION: If a coach does not respect **BQ rule # 103.14 B**, the opposing team must notify the league representatives and the league will determine if any sanctions are necessary.

Article 4 – Submission of results and pitcher’s information (not applicable to 9U GC)

Within a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours after each game, the home team must fill in the game report sheet using the online platform on the league website with all the following details:

- A. The score of the visiting team and the home team.
- B. The status of the game.
- C. Visiting and Home teams: the players who were present at the game, the number of innings pitched by each pitcher, any ejections that occurred during the game and any suspensions served during the game.
- D. Whether the teams received their “Point Respect”
- E. Upload a picture of the visiting and home team’s scoresheets.
- F. Upload a picture of the visiting and home team’s defensive sitting out chart**
- G. Notes: protests, delays, observations etc...

SANCTION: 1st time: Warning.
2nd time: Fine of twenty dollars (\$20.00)
3rd time: Fine of forty dollars (\$40.00)
4th and all subsequent times: Fine of sixty dollars (\$60.00) and a suspension of one (1) game for the head coach.

Article 5 - Protest

- A. Any manager or coach may lodge a protest at the time of the infraction, before play resumes, by advising the home plate umpire and the scorekeeper. The protest must be received by the league within forty-eight (48) hours of the protested game during the regular season. Any protest must be submitted to the regional VP of the league using the official league form. A check for fifty dollars (\$50.00) must be received by the treasurer of the region within the same period in order for the protest to be considered. The league must make a decision within a maximum of five (5) days of receiving the protest.

SANCTION: If the protester wins, the game is resumed from the moment of the infraction and the region returns the amount of the protest to the Member. If he loses his protest, the outcome of the game remains unchanged and the protest amount will be retained by the region.

- B. Any manager or coach, who during a game lodges a protest, must act on it officially, should his team lose.

SANCTION: Fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

Article 6 - Withdrawal from the game or refusal to continue

Any manager or coach cannot withdraw his team or refuse to continue playing a game, regardless of the reason.

SANCTION: Fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and after investigation, possibility of suspension of the member.

Article 7 - Non-respect of a person in authority

Any person (coach, manager, parent, player) cannot insult, intimidate or disrespect a member of the league’s executive committee, an official, a member of authority or any other officer of the region.

SANCTION: After investigation, fine and / or suspension as the case may be.

Chapter 8 – Team’s Responsibilities (off the field)

Article 1 – Game changes (not applicable to 9U GC)

- A. **All Members must, at all times, follow the schedules prepared by the League.** The schedules on the league's website are the official versions. **Teams are not allowed make game changes without the approval of the league.**
- B. The only acceptable reasons for rescheduling a game are: bad weather / field conditions or direct conflict with a game in a tournament authorized by the region (the cancellation procedure must be followed as described in chapter 8, article 3).
- C. The only exception to this rule is when a city decides that the park is no longer available for the team.
- D. Any request to change a game for any other reason must be made to the regional VP of the league with a notice of seventy-two (72) hours. If this request is accepted by the latter, it will cost twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) in administration fees. This is allowed for a maximum of one (1) time during the season.

SANCTION: After investigation, fine, suspension and / or loss by default as the case may be.

Article 2 - Absence of a Member from a scheduled game

- A. Any Member who is not present at a duly scheduled game during the summer season, the fall ball season or fall ball playoffs is at fault.

If the other team is notified in advance by the team at fault at least 3 hours before the game:

1st time: Fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)

2nd time: Fine of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00)

3rd and all subsequent times: Fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00)

If the other team is NOT notified in advance by the team at fault at least 3 hours before the game:

1st time: Fine of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00)

2nd time: Fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00)

3rd and all subsequent times: Fine of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00)

These fines are transferred to the opposing member, less a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which is transferred to the league.

- B. **For a third (3rd) offense during the season, the league will determine whether the team can continue to participate in league activities.**
- C. **For a third (3rd) offense during the season, the team may not be eligible to participate in the regional championships.**

Article 3 - Cancellation of a game

- A. Procedure to follow in the event of bad weather and / or field conditions:
Please make sure you have checked the local weather forecast (city where the game is taking place) and field conditions before cancelling. The weather downtown is perhaps not the weather in the west island.

In the event of cancellation due to bad weather and / or field conditions, the home team must inform the following people at least two (2) hours before the game:

- Coach of the visiting team (email or phone)
- Local rep responsible for umpires and scorekeepers (email or phone)
- Regional VP of the League (email)

The game number must be included in the subject line of your email to the league.

* If the visiting team does not confirm the receipt of your email, it is the responsibility of the home team to ensure that the visiting team gets the message. This can be done by calling the head coach, contacting an assistant coach, etc.

SANCTION: Possibility of fine and / or loss of the game after investigation.

B. Procedure to follow in case of a tournament conflict

Upon confirmation of acceptance to the tournament and / or receipt of the tournament schedule, the member must contact the regional VP of the league to advise about the conflict or the potential conflict. Depending on the conflict, the regional VP of the league will confirm whether the regular season game will be rescheduled immediately or will be put on hold depending on the tournament results. The regional VP of the league will then inform the opposing team and the local rep responsible for umpires, scorekeepers and fields.

SANCTION: Possibility of fine and / or loss of the game after investigation.

Article 4 – Rescheduling of a game (not applicable to 9U GC)

A. Procedure to follow when rescheduling a game:

- Immediately after the cancellation of a game, the coach of the home team must review the schedules of the upcoming games for both teams for the next 15 days, in order to determine some possible date options for the game to be played.
- The coach of the home team will then have to contact his field scheduler to determine if there is availability on these dates.
- The coach of the home team should then contact the visiting team to suggest two (2) to three (3) date options (preferably by email so that there is a written record).
- Once the visiting team has accepted one of these dates, the home team must notify the regional VP of the league
- The regional VP of the league will then send a confirmation email to both teams and the local rep responsible for umpires, scorekeepers and fields to finalize the date. After this, the league website will be updated.

B. Any Member that has a game to reschedule in the summer regular season must reschedule this game within seven (7) days of its cancelation. The game must be played within fifteen (15) days of the date initially scheduled. Exceptional cases are judged by the regional VP of the league

C. Any Member that has a game to reschedule in the fall regular season, must reschedule this game within three (3) days. The game must be played within seven (7) days of the date initially scheduled. Exceptional cases are judged by the regional VP of the league

SANCTION ("B/C"): 1st time: Fine of twenty dollars (\$20.00)
2nd time: Fine of forty dollars (\$40.00)
All subsequent times: Fine of sixty dollars (\$60.00)

A Member who has contravened points "B or C" will have to reschedule the game within forty-eight (48) hours following the application of the sanction.

SANCTION:

If the home team is at fault, it will lose its home game and the visiting team is now the team that will host the game OR the team can be forced to present themselves for the game by the regional VP of the league OR possibility of loss of the game.

If the visiting team is at fault, the team can be forced to present themselves for the game by the regional VP of the league OR possibility of loss of the game.

Article 5 – Games rescheduled by the Regional VP of the league

The regional VP of the league may impose that any Member show up for a game upon twenty-four (24) hours notice including the fall ball playoffs.

SANCTION: if a team does not show up for a game, the sanctions described in chapter 8, article 2 will apply.

Chapter 9 - Players

Article 1 - Origin of the players

The recognized protected territories are those of the region.

Article 2 - Participation of a player

During the summer and fall regular seasons:

- A. A minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of nine (9) players must be on defense - except 9U B and 9U GC where a minimum of five (5) players is required. If a team only has five (5) players present, they will only bat five (5) players in each inning instead of six (6). The rotation of the batting order continues to apply.
See BQ rule # 105.4.2.
- B. A player who arrives late will be able to participate in the game, his name will be written at the bottom of the line-up sheet.

SANCTION: Any team that appears on the field with a lower number of players than the minimum required will automatically default the game.

Article 3 – Call-Ups

- A. A call-up can be used during the regular season from any association that is a member of the Lac St. Louis region. The current level of the call-up must always be respected, as per BQ rules.
See BQ rule # 62.8 for the organigram which demonstrates the possibilities for each level.
- B. A call-up cannot play more than a regular player on the team. The call-up must bat last in the lineup and has to be the first player to skip his turn on defense when it comes to the rotation of players **sitting out** on the bench. **Exception: pitcher while pitching, injury or sickness.**
- C. In the summer season, fall ball season and fall ball baseball playoffs, a call-up player cannot pitch.
- D. Any Member who uses a call-up must identify him on the line-up card by the following initials: "LR".

SANCTION: Fine of five dollars (\$ 5.00)

Article 4 - Ineligible player

Any Member who appears on a field, or plays a game, with one (1) or more ineligible player(s) will be suspended for investigation.

SANCTION: Fine of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$ 125.00), loss of the game, suspension of the Member and investigation.

Article 5 – Defensive positions at the 9UB and 9U GC levels

- A. **See BQ rule #105.3.1 for the various options when a minimum of six (6) players are present**
- B. When only 5 players are present, teams must use one of the two following options:
 - 1. One (1) pitcher, three (3) infielders, one (1) outfielder
 - 2. One (1) pitcher, four (4) infielders

Chapter 10 - Officials

Article 1 - Number of umpires

- A. During the summer season, fall ball season and fall ball season playoffs, a minimum of two (2) umpires is required at all times - except 9U where a minimum of one (1) umpire is required.
- B. For the 2025 season, a pilot project is being done at the 9U B level in the Montérégie Division only (Presqu'île / Rigaud / Soulanges / St-Lazare / Valleyfield), as well as at the 9U GC level. No certified umpires will be used. A coach of the defensive team will act as the umpire when his team is in the field.

Article 2 - Delay or no umpire

- A. If, due to misfortune or illness, the umpire(s) cannot arrive to the appointed game, the coaches of the two (2) teams will agree on the choice of one or more umpires. All rules remain in effect. If the appointed umpires arrive during the game, they will replace the temporary umpires immediately. The temporary umpires shall be paid as regular umpires, in proportion to the number of innings worked.
- B. During the fall ball playoffs, the field supervisor has the responsibility to inform the executive committee of the league in order for an appropriate solution to be found.

Article 3 - Number of scorekeepers

- A. During the summer season, fall ball season and fall ball season playoffs, one (1) scorekeeper is required at all times.
- B. For the 2025 season, a pilot project is being done at the 9U B level in the Montérégie Division only (Presqu'île / Rigaud / Soulanges / St-Lazare / Valleyfield), as well as at the 9U GC level. No certified scorekeepers will be used. The home team is required to find a parent to act as a scorekeeper at the 9U B level. No scorekeeper is needed at the 9U GC level.

Article 4 – Delay or no scorekeeper

- A. If, due to misfortune or illness, the scorekeeper cannot arrive to the appointed game, the coaches of the two (2) teams will agree on the choice of scorekeeper. All rules remain in effect. If the appointed scorekeeper arrives during the game, the temporary scorekeeper will be replaced immediately. The temporary scorekeeper shall be paid as a regular scorekeeper, in proportion to the number of innings worked.

Chapter 11 - Fall Ball (Regular Season)

Article 1 – General Rules

- A. The rules indicated in this chapter are in addition or replacement to the rules of the summer season. If certain rules are not specified in this chapter, you must refer to the previous rules in this document and subsequently those of Baseball Quebec and Baseball Canada.
- B. Associations must provide the fields, the accredited and qualified umpires, an accredited and qualified scorekeeper, balls and absorb all costs.
- C. Associations must register any new player who did not play BQ in the summer in the system before their teams first game.
- D. The release process for players for fall baseball is the same as during the summer season.
- E. All sur-classed and sous-classed situations must be approved by the regional representative of the league.

Article 2 - Composition of divisions and teams

Divisions are based on the birthyears for the SUBSEQUENT season (8U/10U/12U/14U/17U)

8U plays with 9U rules
10U plays with 11U rules
12U plays with 13U rules
14U plays with 15U rules
17U plays with 18U rules

- The teams are made up of a mix of local A and B caliber players to which AA players can be added.
- A maximum of 2 AA players can be added to a team.
- The players who played on teams that were non-affiliated with Baseball Quebec during the summer season will be considered AA players for the fall season.
- All 1st year AA players must play in the higher level.
- Baseball Quebec level 'A' rules will be used at each level.

The leagues executive committee reserves the right to slightly modify the rules on player eligibility on a case-by-case basis.

Article 3 - Pitching rules

Option 1

- A and B players are limited to pitching two (2) innings per game in the regular season and a maximum of fifteen (15) innings for the entire fall regular season.
- A player cannot pitch three (3) days in a row
- 1st year AA players may pitch two (2) innings per game in the regular season and a maximum of fifteen (15) innings for the entire fall regular season.
- 2nd year AA players may pitch a maximum of one (1) inning per game in the regular season and a maximum of five (5) innings for the entire fall regular season.
- Sous-classed male baseball players are not permitted to pitch at their new division. Sous-classed female baseball players are permitted to pitch at their new division

The leagues executive committee reserves the right to slightly modify the rules on pitcher's eligibility on a case-by-case basis.

Article 4 – Call-ups

- A. The player must have played within the region during the summer season.
- B. The player must have played for a lower division.
Example: U12 division: the called-up players must have played U11 A or U11 B in the summer season or U10 in the fall ball season.
- C. No AA player who has played in the summer season can be used as a call-up.
- D. Callups are not permitted to pitch. This applies for the regular season and in the fall ball playoffs.
- E. Callups are not permitted to be used more than twice during the regular season and once during the playoffs for any given team.

Article 5 - Uniform

Due to weather conditions that exist during fall ball, the wearing of a hat, jacket, gloves and/or mittens as well as compression sleeves are permitted. A sweatshirt in the team's color is also permitted. If a pitcher uses a compression sleeve or partial compression sleeve, it has to be solid in colour and must not be white or gray. No compression sleeve that is distracting or made of reflective material is permitted. The pitchers throwing hand must be kept bare.

Chapter 12 - Fall Ball (playoffs)

Article 1 - Responsibilities of the host association

- A. Provide the fields, two accredited and qualified umpires as well as an accredited scorekeeper.
- B. Provide a supervisor per field who will:
 - Be neutral in all situations and ensure that all rules are followed.
 - Greet the teams and officials upon their arrival.
 - Provide the home plate umpire with 3 new balls and the score sheet to the scorekeeper.
 - Submit a good quality photo of the scoresheet **immediately** after the game to the regional VP of the league.
 - In the event of a protest, inform the teams of the procedure to follow.
 - In the event of an ejection, send the reports immediately to the regional VP of the league

Article 2 - Rules

- A. **General Rules**
If some rules are not specified in this chapter, you must refer to previous rules in this document and subsequently those of Baseball Quebec and Baseball Canada.
- B. **Eligibility**
To participate in the fall ball playoffs, a regular player must have played a minimum of 40% of the fall season for his own team.
- C. **Fair play**
Baseball Quebec fair play rules must be respected at all times

D. **Numbers of players**

- A **minimum of nine (9) players is required at the start of the game.**
- A minimum of nine (9) players must be found on defence.
- In the case of a player who arrives late, please see **BQ Rule # 103.14 A**
- If a player has to leave early which results in the team being left with fewer than nine (9) players, this team loses by default. The only exception to this rule is **BQ Rule # 103.14 A & 103.24**

E. **Call-ups**

Refer to Chapter 11, Article 4 for eligible players in addition to the rules for these players.

F. **Pitching Rules**

- No “pitch count” during the playoffs.
- Each pitcher is limited to a maximum of two (2) innings per **DAY** for the playoffs.
- A pitcher cannot pitch in three (3) consecutive days.
- Refer to the playoff schedule file to see which players are not eligible to pitch and / or restrictions on certain players. A player highlighted in red means they are ineligible to pitch. A player highlighted in green is only eligible to pitch one (1) inning per day.

G. **Visiting / Home teams**

There is **no** flip to determine the visiting and home teams. This is already predetermined in the schedules for all games.

H. **Dugouts**

The home team will be assigned the dugout on the 3rd base side while the visiting team will be assigned the dugout on the 1st base side.

I. **Delay**

A delay of fifteen (15) minutes is granted to any member to arrive at the minimum number of players to start the game.

J. **Practice before the game**

- Each game starts at the time indicated in the schedule. However, each Member is entitled to ten (10) minutes of practice on the field as follows:

Home team:	10 minutes
Visiting team:	10 minutes
Meeting with the umpires at home plate:	5 minutes before the game
- This is subject to change if the time, weather or field conditions disrupts the schedule of the games. For any use of the field before a planned game, permission must be obtained from the field supervisor.

K. **Length of games**

See BQ Rule # 40.6

L. **Mercy rule**

The mercy rule of a 10-run lead applies at all times, if the game is official. The 15-run lead rule applies as well. The losing team must hit the same number of times or more as the winning team.

M. **Time limit**

Please refer to the excel sheet for whether or not time limit applies at each level.

N. **Ties**

Please refer to the excel sheet for whether or not ties applies at each level.

O. **Extra innings (applies to all games in the playoffs where ties are not permitted)**

If a game is tied following the open inning, the following procedure will be used at the start of extra innings:

- Each team will start the extra inning (and any subsequent necessary innings) with a runner on 1st and 2nd base and no outs.
- The batting order for the first extra inning or any subsequent innings will be determined according to the end of the previous inning.
Example: Batter # 6 obtained the last at-bat at the end of the last regulation inning. The extra inning will then begin with batter # 7 at bat, batter # 5 at 2nd base and batter # 6 at 1st base.
- All other game rules remain in effect throughout the extra innings until a winner is declared.

P. Rain, weather conditions and darkness

For all round robin games, see BQ Rule # 48.7

For all elimination games and best of 3 series games, see BQ Rule #40.1

Q. Suspended game

In the event of rain or poor field conditions, the game is suspended by the supervisor.

All round robin games follow the rules in chapter 5, article 9. All elimination games and best of 3 series games must be completed in full.

R. Tie breaking

See BQ Rule # 41.8

Article 3 - Protest and discipline

A. Procedures when filing a protest:

- Any manager or coach may lodge a protest at the time of the infraction, before play resumes, by advising the home plate umpire, the scorekeeper and the supervisor.
- The game is immediately stopped. The supervisor must provide the manager or coach with the official form for this purpose and collect the deposit amount of one hundred (\$ 100.00) dollars in cash.
- The supervisor must immediately notify the leagues executive committee. Its members will either have to hold a conference call or meet and study the protest. They must make a decision before the game can resume.
- If the protest is successful, the deposit will be returned to them. If it is not successful, the supervisor must send the money to the region.

B. Protest and Discipline Committee:

<u>Names</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Phone number</u>
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