



**BASEBALL**  
New Brunswick



## **BASEBALL ATLANTIC BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP**

1. Baseball Atlantic shall be composed of Provincial Member Associations who govern amateur baseball in the member provinces
2. Each province may be represented by one (1) Association only and the President of that Association shall be a Vice-President of Baseball Atlantic
3. Membership may be terminated by written statement, or withdrawn by a Province, or by expulsion for cause by Baseball Atlantic
4. A Provincial Member Association may be admitted or re-admitted to membership in Baseball Atlantic from time to time by resolution of a general meeting of Baseball Atlantic and who, as a condition of membership, shall agree to abide and comply with the Constitution and By-Laws of this body and observe faithfully the ruling of those charged for the time being with the conduct of its affairs.
5. Baseball Atlantic may admit non-voting associate members from time to time by resolution at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

### **ARTICLE II – DUES**

Annual membership fees and any special assessment fees for each province shall be set by resolution of the Baseball Atlantic Annual General Meeting (AGM) and shall be paid in full prior to March 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Such fees shall be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer.

### **ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

1. The President shall oversee the function of the board of Baseball Atlantic in cooperation with the Presidents of the Member Provincial Associations. He shall provide the overall vision and sense of direction for the organization. He shall be the spokesperson/liaison as well as schedule and preside all organizational meetings and shall have assigned to him all duties pertaining to this office. The President shall be a resident of one of the four (4) provinces and shall be duly proposed for election for a two-year term at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the body.
2. The Executive shall be comprised of an elected President, a ~~Secretary~~-Treasurer and the President of the Provincial Member Associations who shall serve as Vice-Presidents of Baseball Atlantic. The Executive shall conduct the business of Baseball Atlantic. It shall have the power to admit, suspend, or

expel any club, manager, coach or player for conduct adjudged unacceptable. The Executive shall control the regulations governing playoff competition within the Atlantic Provinces in accordance with a tournament guide. All committees and sub-committees will be responsible to the Executive.

3. The ~~Secretary~~-Treasurer is elected by the Executive of Baseball Atlantic and shall oversee the finances of the organization. This includes establishing an annual budget, reports to the Executive the group's financial status, records and pays bills/reimbursements, deposits/withdraws funds, and works closely with the Executive.
4. The **Secretary** records and distributes all pertinent information to all members, including meeting minutes, handles all organizational correspondence and keeps office organized **with the assistance of the President. Such role shall be assigned to the Executive Director, ex-officio, of the province in which the Baseball Atlantic President resides.**

#### **ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS**

1. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held each year at ~~the site of and during the Baseball Canada Convention, prior to any special general meeting of Baseball Canada at~~ **an agreed time and location.**
2. ~~If the President is not involved with Baseball Canada and does not have his travel and lodging expenses paid by Baseball Canada, The four Member Provincial Associations shall each pay one-fourth of the President's expenses to attend the meeting. If for some reason the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is not held part of Baseball Canada Convention, it will be held at an agreed upon time and location.~~
3. Special general meetings of the Body, including those to be held using alternate methods, must be called by the President, or in his absence, the Vice-Presidents upon request by two (2) Provincial Member Associations.
4. Thirty (30) day notice of an Annual General Meeting (AGM) and seven (7) days of a special general meeting must be given to members.
5. Special general meetings may be convened within fourteen (14) days of receipt of notice as per item 3.
6. Written notice of a general meeting of Baseball Atlantic stating the date, hour and place along with general nature of business to be transacted, shall be delivered or sent through e-mail.
7. No proxy votes shall be accepted at any such meeting.
8. Each certified voting delegate shall represent one (1) vote.
9. Each Provincial Member Association shall be represented by its President (Baseball Atlantic Vice-President) or his/her official representative, as designated in assigned letter, and is entitled to a (1) vote.
10. In case of a tie vote (at Executive, special, or Annual general Meeting), the President/Chair shall cast the deciding vote.
11. Voting at all meetings shall be verbal or oral unless a ballot vote is requested.

#### **ARTICLE V – ORDER OF BUSINESS**

##### **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

1. The President shall call to order the meeting
2. Identification of delegates present

3. President's report
4. Business arising from previous meeting/minutes
5. Financial statement
6. Tournaments/points of discussion by each province/Baseball Canada
7. Correspondence
8. Election of Officers
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

## **ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS & MOTIONS**

1. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be submitted in writing for approval by any Provincial Member Association 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
2. The proper way to propose that the group take a certain action is by making a MOTION. The Provincial Member Association proposes a motion and another Provincial Member Association must second the motion.
3. The President ~~or designate~~ shall state the motion to the assembly for discussion and debate. Only one member at a time may speak and must first be recognized by the president ~~or designate~~.
4. Discussion/debate must be confined to the motion that is before the group.
5. A member may amend a motion and another Provincial Member Association must second the amended motion.
6. The President ~~or designate~~ takes the vote on the motion. The vote shall be verbal unless a ballot vote is requested.
7. The President shall announce the results of the vote.
8. Where a motion is "amended" and seconded by another Provincial Member Association, this motion shall be stated first by the President ~~or designate~~ for vote. The President ~~or designate~~ shall announce the results. Should the motion be defeated, then the original motion is stated by the President ~~or designate~~ for vote. The President ~~or designate~~ shall announce the results of the vote.
9. The floor is now open and another motion can be proposed.
10. In the event of a tie vote, the President ~~or designate~~ shall cast the deciding vote.
11. In the absence of the President, a further meeting will be held to deal with matter(s) of concern.

## **ARTICLE VII – DISCIPLINE FOR VIOLATION**

Baseball Atlantic may apply discipline for violation of the rules of baseball, or for conduct not in the best interest of the game, during Baseball Atlantic competitions and during other inter-provincial play.

The Executive shall have the power to admit, suspend, expel and/or fine any club, manager, coach or player for conduct adjudged unacceptable.

## **ARTICLE VIII - APPEAL**

Any individual, team, or association suspended by the Executive of Baseball Atlantic has the right to appeal the suspension to the Atlantic Appeals Committee. The decision of this Committee shall be final and binding on all

parties to the appeal. The Appeals Committee shall consist of the Executive, plus any two other appointees by the President, from a province not involved in the dispute.