



## **Rules, Procedures and Policies**

The Premier Baseball League provides high school aged players the opportunity to compete in a provincial high performance baseball league at the secondary school level in the province of British Columbia. Programs are located throughout the province with teams on Vancouver Island, the lower mainland, and in the Okanagan.

The rules, procedures and policies noted in this document provide the governance for league competition and player eligibility.

## **Team Roster Information**

### **A. Team Rosters – Bantam, Junior and Senior**

1. **Player Eligibility**
  - a. **Premier Players** must be 19 years of age or younger as of Dec 31. (*Female players are exempt*)
  - b. Players that have participated in a single college baseball practice and/or game are not eligible to play in the BCPBL
  - c. **Junior Players** must be between grade 9 and 11. Players must be 16 years of age or younger as of Dec 31
  - d. **Bantam Players** must be 13 or 14 years of age as of December 31<sup>st</sup>; a player turning 15 after Dec 31<sup>st</sup> is eligible to play.
  - e. Players who are **12 years of age and under** require **league approval before** they attend any team tryout workouts or practices for a team roster
  - f. The PBL is a high school league and will not consider Pee Wee programs in our association
  - g. A player that turns 20 years of age during the calendar year of the season is not eligible to participate in the PBL.
2. **Maximum combined Junior/Senior roster is 45 players** for organizations that have both junior and senior teams. For organizations that only have a senior team the maximum program roster is 25. Teams may determine **roster composition** based on the maximums of 20 players for junior and 25 players for premier.
3. **Maximum Bantam** roster size is 20 players. Please note that only 18 players can be on the team roster for the Baseball BC sponsored provincial bantam championship.
4. Junior players must play a minimum of 10 games as a defensive player or make a minimum of 5 appearances as a pitcher at the JPBL level to qualify to play in the JPBL Championship.
5. **New** players to the PBL must be rostered by a team by April 1.
6. **Preliminary team rosters** must be submitted on the Excel player registration form by **March 1 to the Executive Director**. Preliminary team rosters will be circulated by email for coaches to confirm that the players on team rosters are eligible; any concerns should be directed to the **general manager** of the team in question.
7. All **final team rosters** must be emailed to the Executive Director on the team registration **Excel form** by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**; this form will confirm the premier, junior and bantam rosters for each team and will be used to register players for insurance coverage.
8. Roster violations which lead to the use of ineligible players will result in **sanctions** (not a forfeit) for the team or coach(s) as the violation is a management issue. Sanctions may be in the form of fines, probation, or other options.

9. All premier and junior team rosters must be finalized on the **GameChanger** program by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Final cuts and releases will be made by teams at this time; no player release requests will be considered after March 31<sup>st</sup>.
10. Teams are allowed to add players cut or released by other teams to their roster from **April 1 - 30**.
11. All team rosters are frozen as of **May 1<sup>st</sup>** for the season.
12. In the “spirit of the PBL” **all first year players new to the PBL in bantam, junior and premier are required to play for their catchment area team**. Teams will respond to all requests by informing parents, “play your first year with the team in your catchment” to eliminate requests for a transfer.
13. **Players seeking movement** to another team (transfers can only take place between August 15<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>) must send an email to their manager/coach and the Executive Director requesting a meeting to discuss this transfer.
  - a. All transfer requests are subject to a \$1500 **transfer fee**.
  - b. All transfer requests **must be approved by the Executive Director** before a player can work out, practice or play for another team.
  - c. Player movement is initiated by a **player transfer request email**.
  - d. A player transfer request applies to players on a **team roster** who want to move to another team after the season has ended after August 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. The player/parent meeting requested must take place within **10** working days; a **face to face** meeting is required.
  - f. The outcome of this meeting must be communicated to the Executive Director within **5** working days
  - g. All **commitments**, financial and/or equipment must be cleared with the team before a player can work out/play/practice with another team.
  - h. If the Executive Director denies an **age eligible** player a release and the player sits out a year (championship season), the player then becomes a free agent and is subject to the \$1500 transfer fee to join a PBL team after sitting out.
  - i. The decision from the LMC will be final and binding; no additional appeals will be reviewed.
14. There is no 10-game call-up restriction. Grade 12 players or Gap year players are not permitted to play at either the Junior or Bantam levels or . Grade 11 or Grade 10 players are not permitted to play at the Bantam level. Senior (Premier) rostered grade 11 players are ineligible to drop down and play Junior PBL games or championships. Same applies to Junior PBL rostered grade 9 players who would be ineligible to play Bantam PBL games or championships.
15. Any players called up to Premier or Junior need to be listed on the lineup/game card as “JR” or “BA”

## **B. Playing Rules**

1. PRE-GAME and GAME TIMES (depends on park availability)
  - a. 2 hours prior to game time – home team batting practice
  - b. 1.5 hours prior to game time – visiting team batting practice for 30 minutes
  - c. 45 minutes prior to game time – home team infield for 10 minutes
  - d. 35 minutes prior to game time – visiting team infield for 10 minutes
  - e. 30 minutes prior to game time – field prep
  - f. 10 minutes prior to game time – field prep and coaches/umpires meeting
  - g. Game times for all games are per published schedule but may be subject to change. All games should be confirmed with opposition at least 72 hours prior to game time.
2. PBL plays using the MLB National League rules with the exceptions noted below.
  - a. DH Rule is Optional
  - b. EH Rule is Optional for regular season games only. Teams may list an extra hitter on their lineup card. If used, this position must be used for the complete game.

- c. For the purpose of position changes, treated the same as any defensive position (i.e., SS can move to EH and EH can move to SS)
  - d. For the purpose of substitution and re-entry, again treated the same as any defensive position (i.e., starting EH can re-enter, even if moved to another position, and upon re-entry can take up a defensive position with that position moving to EH)
3. **Re-entry:** A starting player, with the exception of the pitcher may re-enter a game as defined below:
- a. Player must re-enter in their original place in the batting order.
  - b. Only players appearing on the original starting lineup are eligible for re-entry.
  - c. Any intervening substitutions do not affect the starting player's right to re-entry.
  - d. Players may only re-enter the game once. All divisions.
4. **Runner for catcher with two outs:** A team may use a player who is not in the game to run for the catcher after two outs in an inning. All divisions.
5. **Tie Breaker:** MLB tie breaker will be used at all divisions. MiLB definition will be used as included below:

*At all levels of Minor League Baseball, extra innings will begin with a runner on second base. The runner at second base will be the player in the batting order position previous to the leadoff batter of the inning (or a substitute for that player). By way of example, if the number five hitter in the batting order is due to lead off the 10th inning, the number four player in the batting order (or a pinch-runner for such player) shall begin the inning on second base*

**Shohei Ohtani Rule** – WILL be used by the PBL. (P is hitting in the DH place. Once a pitching change occurs, the position in the lineup will become the DH place, with the previous P now exclusively hitting)

- 6. Teams **must not** wear the same color of uniforms for league games; the home team will wear a white or lighter color of uniform for the game; the visiting team will wear a dark color uniform.
- 7. All league games must consist of 7 innings and must be played to completion; an exception to this rule will be a late season game where it is cost or time prohibitive to complete the game prior to the end of the season.
- 8. There is a mercy rule with a 10 run differential after 4 ½ complete innings if the home team is leading, or 5 complete innings if the visitors are leading.
- 9. A game called by an umpire after 4 1/2 or 5 innings is a complete game when ratified by the ED; this would occur when teams are unable to complete the game in question by the end of the season. This will be called a suspended game until ruled a complete game or otherwise by the ED. *(if the game is tied, the game needs to be completed)*
- 10. Games will only be forfeited when a team does not have enough players or when an umpire forfeits a game. All other forfeitures resulting from a rule or policy violation will be dealt with by a team fine.
- 11. All **suspended** games as defined in 4.12 MLB regulations must be played to completion starting at the point of suspension.
- 12. The NCAA force-play slide rule will be used at all three (3) levels; Premier, Junior and Bantam for all games in league play, tournaments, and exhibition games. On any force play, the runner must slide on the ground before the base and in a direct line between the two bases. It is permissible for the slider's momentum to carry him through the base in the baseline extended. Exception- A runner need not slide directly into a base as long as the runner slides or runs in a direction away from the fielder to avoid making contact or altering the play of the fielder. Interference shall not be called.
- 13. Wood or composite bats are to be used for all games. The official ball, provided by Rawlings (ROML at Premier and Junior & 80CC permissible at Bantam) will be used for league play.
- 14. Umpires will report non-compliance of the **dugout rule** approved by the league after a reminder for coaches at the plate meeting to keep players in the dugout; **players and equipment** must remain in the dugout during the game or in the extended dugout when the existing dugout does not provide enough room for all players. An **extended dugout** is a chalk line extending from the front edge of the dugout closest to

home plate, then extending towards the outfield as far as necessary, then back towards the fence. Teams are subject to a fine for not support this dugout rule.

15. When a game is cancelled or rained out, the **home** team must look at the visiting team's schedule and contact them with three alternate dates. **This must take place within two days of the cancelled game** and be completed by notifying the webmaster with the new dates so that both GameChanger and Pointstreak can be updated. For games in the Vancouver area, the webmaster will notify the umpires of the new dates. For Interior and Vancouver Island, the teams are responsible for communicated game changes to their local umpires. The visiting team must reply with a game date or propose three additional dates within two days of receiving the dates from the home team.
16. **Failure** to complete the league schedule will result in a fine for both teams of \$500.00 per game not played. In addition, the games will be considered as losses for both teams.
17. **IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING APPLY ONLY TO THE BANTAM TEAMS.**
  - a. Diamond size to be used is 80/54 feet; some teams may want to play games with mutual agreement on a 90 feet diamond towards the end of the season. The Nationals and Western Canadian Championships are played on an 80/54 foot diamond.
  - b. A league schedule will be a minimum of 30 games.
  - c. No Bantam leaderboards will be posted. The League schedule and results will be posted on GameChanger.
  - d. The Baseball Canada Pitch Count for the 15U age group will be used for all games. Please refer to the Baseball Canada Website for additional information.
    - 1-35 pitches requires no rest period
    - 36-50 pitches requires a rest period of one(1) day
    - 51-65 pitches requires a rest period of two(2) days
    - 66-80 pitches requires a rest period of three(3) days
    - 81-95 pitches requires a rest period of four(4) days
    - 95 pitches is the maximum
  - e. The existing boundaries in place for the PBL will be used to determine a player's home area. A bantam player that does not have a home team (no PBL Bantam program) may play for any team; however, this player becomes a roster player and is not required to return to his catchment team
  - f. The designated hitter (DH) and extra hitter (EH) will be used at the bantam level for league competition
  - g. **Both teams** must keep a pitch count log for the pitchers used on their team and the opposing team. This can be electronic via GameChanger.
  - h. The **home team** will keep the **official pitch count** for both teams. Any discrepancies in pitch count will be addressed by the home team.

### **C. GameChanger**

- The Home team is the official scorekeeper. The away team can and should keep their own scorebook for their own teams' players stats.
- Stat settings must be left open to "anyone". They are not to be locked down.
- Leaderboards at Junior and Premier are not perfect. The stats shown on the Leaderboards are from the home teams scorekeepers. Stats are a judgement call and opposing teams/players/coaches cannot question the home teams scorekeepers
- If a game is not finalized or exited properly, pitcher wins/losses are not tracked on the leaderboards or stats.
- Teams may keep their own stats which must be left open and viewable to anyone at all 3 divisions
- Video is optional as of 2024. If you want to watch a game that is being broadcast and the game audience is not set to "open", you will need to be a fan of that team to view video.

### **D. Suspended Game**

1. A game shall become a suspended game that must be completed at a future date if the game is terminated for any of the following unique reasons: a time limit on lights; a curfew imposed by law; a light failure or malfunction of a mechanical device; a regulation game that is called with the score tied; a game has not become a regulation game; a unique situation not noted.
2. It should be noted that the PBL has adopted the rule that no game started will be played over from the beginning which is contrary to MLB Regulations 4.12.
3. A suspended game shall be resumed and completed immediately preceding the next scheduled game(s) between the two clubs. A mutually schedule game or a game scheduled by the Executive Director will be played when no further games are scheduled between both teams.
4. 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. The lineup and batting order of both teams shall be exactly the same as the lineup and batting order at the moment of suspension, subject to the rules governing substitution. Any player may be replaced by a player who had not been in the game prior to the suspension. No player removed before the suspension may be returned to the lineup. A player who was absent when the game was suspended may not be used as a substitute.
5. MLB Rules 4.12 will be reference where applicable to baseball rules that apply to the PBL.

## **E. Game Protest and Appeal Protocol**

The following protocol must be followed to request a protest of a game.

1. The home plate umpire must be informed of the protest before the next pitch in the game.
2. Reference to the MLB rule number and the section must be cited when a protest is made.
3. A fee of \$500 will be assessed to the team when a protest is requested. The fee will be refunded if the protest or appeal is successful.
4. Appeals must be made within 72 hours to the Executive Director after a ruling is determined.
  - a. Appeals will be heard within 7 working days of the request.
  - b. An independent panel made up of three (3) members will hear and rule on the appeal.
  - c. The president or delegate may attend the hearing as an observer and resource person should any questions need clarification.
  - d. The decision brought forward by the appeal panel is final.

## **F. Post Season Regulations**

### **1. PBL/JPBL/BPBL Championship Guidelines**

- a) At the completion of league play the top 8 teams will advance to the Final 8 Championship tournament.
- b) In the event of a tie in the standings, standings will be determined by applying the league tie breaking criteria. (See below).
- c) PBL tournament draws and tournament guidelines will be used.
- d) The PBL year end tournament will be in the format of double-knockout at both the Premier and Junior level. The format of the Bantam year end tournament will be pool play. (2 pools of 4 teams)

### **2. Final League Standing - Tie Breaking Criteria**

In the event that after the completion of league play there is a tie in the standings between teams, **the following criteria will be used for seeding and to break the tie.**

- a. Compare the head to head record of teams tied. Teams will be eliminated by criteria using the procedure below:

- b. Compare the record of teams tied against each other; if a tie still exists compare the record of teams against the team in first place, then in second place, then in third place, until the tie is broken.

### 3. Tournament Rules

- a) Tournament will be played under BCPBL League rules with any modifications noted. i.e.: DH is allowed; NCAA slide rule; No runner for catcher. EH will not be allowed.
- b) Playoff Roster rules: Team roster limits for playoffs/championship play is 20/20/25 (BPBL/JPBL/PBL) and is set prior to playoff/championship play with the League Executive Director. Players that are on the “playoff/championship” roster can be different from the team roster filed May 1 but must be players that have played in the teams’ organization. This allows for injury replacements & callups. The “playoff/championship” roster is set and cannot be changed once filed with the League Executive Director prior to “playoff/championship” play. (Players may not play down a division from what they were rostered on May 1. Example: A player rostered at Premier May 1 may not play in the Junior Championships)
- c) Home team will occupy 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout, unless mutually agreed upon.
- d) The host team may request to use the same dugout throughout the tournament. Players are required to remain in the dugout and behind the bar in front of the dugout when not on deck.
- e) There may be an infield or outfield prior to each game; to be determined by organizers.
- f) All games will be 7 innings played to completion.
- g) There will be no time limit on all games; however, there will be a ten run rule in effect after 5 complete innings.
- h) A 3-person umpire system will be used for all games; however, a 4-person umpire system may be used for the semi-final and final games at Junior and Premier.
- i) Coaches must provide the scorer with one copy of the starting line-up 15 minutes prior to each game. Please notify the announcer of any difficult pronunciations.
- j) Forfeitures will be recorded as 7-0 victories unless a team refuses to complete a game in progress resulting from extraordinary circumstances such as lights going off or sprinklers coming on.
- k) All disputes or protests will be dealt with by the protest or tournament committee; their decision will be final—at the time of the dispute or protest. The committee will be the umpire supervisor, another umpire, and a PBL representative(s).
- l) Contingency plan for rain delays or other delays will be addressed by extending the length of the tournament. The championship game could be moved to the following week if necessary.
- m) Tournament standings for a round robin format will be determined by the following in order:
  - a. Win - loss record.
  - b. The top team from the round robin standings will advance to the championship bracket.
  - c. Tied records—statistics are calculated based on the teams that are tied with each other; not all of the teams in the competition.
    - i. Head-to-head play.
    - ii. If the tie persists, then defensive runs allowed per defensive inning.  
(Defensive innings are defined as having taken the field and a pitch thrown)
    - iii. If the tie persists, then offensive runs allowed per offensive inning.  
(Offensive innings are defined as having been at bat for at least one pitch)
    - iv. There will be only one (1) qualifying game played when teams are tied with a losing record such as 1-3; criteria will be used to eliminate the other teams.
    - v. No team will be eliminated by criteria with a winning or tied record.
    - vi. The winner of the play-off game advances to the championship.

## **PBL Policies and Procedures**

### **Team Catchment Areas**

1. **Coquitlam** –Burnaby boundary is Sperling extending in both directions. Tri-city area, (Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam), Village of Anmore, Village of Belcarra plus Pitt Meadows added; Harris Road from the Pitt River to the Fraser River. In addition, **North East Burnaby** – the area from Gagliardi Way and Lougheed Highway/Highway #1 westbound to the Sperling/Kensington exit/overpass on Highway #1.
2. **Delta** – Delta, North Delta, Ladner, Richmond, and Tsawwassen.
3. **North Shore** – Southern boundary is Burrard Inlet, North and West Vancouver, Bowen Island, the area from West Vancouver up to Whistler, and the Sunshine Coast northerly to Earl's Cove.
4. **Whalley** –Whalley Little League (not including the old Kennedy-Surrey area). Northern Boundary – south arm of the Fraser River to 176<sup>th</sup> Street (including Barnston Island), south on 176<sup>th</sup> to 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, west on 72<sup>nd</sup> to 148<sup>th</sup> Street, north on 148<sup>th</sup> to 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue, west on 88<sup>th</sup> to 140<sup>th</sup> Street, north on 140<sup>th</sup> to 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue, west on 96<sup>th</sup> to the Fraser River.
5. **Langley** – City of Langley, Township of Langley, Township of Aldergrove
6. **White Rock** – South Surrey and White Rock
7. **Abbotsford** - Abbotsford (Sumas, Matsqui, Abbotsford), Chilliwack to Hope, Mission
8. **Vancouver-UBC** – Vancouver-UBC boundary is from Fraser St. - west to the water. No players from outside the city of Vancouver unless mutually agreed to by the home team.
9. **Okanagan** – the area from East of Hope thru Merritt to Kamloops, East to Salmon Arm, and including south to Osoyoos, and Revelstoke.
10. **Parksville** – Parksville and areas north and west on Vancouver Island including the northern Gulf Islands, Powell River and the Sunshine Coast southerly to Saltery Bay.
11. **Mid Island** – Malahat (Hwy 1) to the Nanoose Bay Overpass on Vancouver Island
12. **Victoria** - Vancouver Island up to the Malahat.

#### **Shared areas include the following:**

1. **North East Vancouver** – North Shore and Vancouver-UBC - Boundaries are Burrard Inlet on the North, Boundary Road on the East, Lougheed Highway/Broadway on the South, and Nanaimo on the West)
2. **Vancouver East** – Vancouver-UBC, North Shore, Coquitlam, Whalley, and North Delta (area from Fraser Street east to Boundary Road. (add Lougheed Hwy as northern boundary, Fraser River to the south)
3. **North West Burnaby** – North Shore and Coquitlam - the boundary on the north is the Burrard Inlet, Sperling Avenue on the east, Lougheed Hwy/Broadway on the south, and Boundary Road on the West.
4. **Remaining Burnaby (except for North East Burnaby which belongs to the Reds and North West Burnaby which is shared with the North Shore Twins, and Coquitlam Reds)** – North Shore, Coquitlam, Whalley and North Delta.
5. **Cloverdale** – Whalley, Langley, White Rock (72<sup>nd</sup> on the north from 160<sup>th</sup> to 168<sup>th</sup>, then 80<sup>th</sup> on the north from 168<sup>th</sup> to 196<sup>th</sup> to 40<sup>th</sup> South; 160<sup>th</sup> West north to 72<sup>nd</sup> then 168<sup>th</sup> to 196<sup>th</sup> East)
6. **Newton** – Whalley, White Rock, North Delta
7. **Maple Ridge** – Whalley, Langley, Coquitlam, Abbotsford
8. **Port Kells** – Langley, Whalley (80<sup>th</sup> North to Fraser River). (176<sup>th</sup> to 200<sup>th</sup>)
9. **New Westminster** – Coquitlam, Whalley, and North Delta
10. **Remainder of BC** – All teams

Boundary/catchment area review may take place every two (2) years or as deemed necessary by the Executive Director.

## A. Ejection and Discipline Policies

All ejections received by the League will be reviewed by the Executive Director. Serious ejections may result in the immediate suspension of the coach /player and will have a detailed review by the Executive Director and Discipline Committee. The review may include additional reports from the coaches, players, and game officials. If warranted, additional discipline will be issued. In all cases, the previous history of ejections for the player or coach will be reviewed and taken into consideration. Ejections and unsportsmanlike conduct will be governed by the guidelines below

Type of Offense	Offender	Consequence for First Offense	Consequence for Second Offense	Consequence for Third Offense
Unsportsmanlike conduct or language directed toward an umpire or an opponent	Assistant coach, player or team personnel	Ejection from present contest plus a one game suspension	Ejection from present contest plus a three game suspension by the same individual in the same season	Ejection from present contest plus a five game suspension by the same individual in the same season
Unsportsmanlike conduct or language directed toward an umpire or an opponent	Head coach	Ejection from present contest. Executive Director may impose additional games based on severity of the ejection.	Ejection from the present contest plus a one game suspension	Ejection from the present contest plus a two games suspension
Prolonged or continued arguing, offensive language or excessive expressions directed at an umpire or game official after an ejection	Any participant	Two-game suspension added to the present accumulative total for applicable suspension penalties	Suspended for the next four games	Suspended for the next six games
Fighting or physical abuse of participants	Any participant	Ejection plus a four-game suspension	Ejection plus a six games suspension	Ejection plus a suspension for the remainder of the season, including postseason competition
Intentional throwing at a batter	Pitcher, or pitcher and head coach	Ejection plus a two game suspension. The head coach is not ejected if no warning is given. If a warning has been given, the head coach is ejected	Ejection plus a four-game suspension. The head coach is not ejected if no warning has been given. If a warning has been given, the head coach is ejected and	Ejection plus a six game suspension. If no warning is given, the head coach is not ejected. If a warning is issued, the head coach is ejected and suspended for one game



		from that game and suspended for one game	suspended for one game	
Verbal abuse/bench jockeying	Any participant or game personnel other than head coach	After a warning, offender is ejected for that game plus a one game suspension	When verbal abuse/bench jockeying continues, head coach is ejected (no suspension). All others, ejection plus one game suspension	Same as second offense
Failure to leave sight and sound of the playing field and grandstands after an ejection	Any participant	Two game suspension added to any penalties already accumulated	Same as first offense	Same as first offense
Collision rule	Player	Ejection from the present contest. Two game suspension	Ejection from the present contest plus a four game suspension	Same as second offense
Ejection for tobacco use	Player or team personnel and head coach	Ejection from present contest plus one game suspension.	Ejection from present contest and three game suspension	Ejection from the present contest and five game suspension
Post-participation ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct	Any participant	Suspended for the next two games	Suspended for the next three games	Same as second offense
Umpire abuse – vocal, physical or any type of threat	Any participant	ED will review – minimum of two game suspension.	ED will review – minimum 6 game suspension	ED will review – minimum 10 games suspension

**NOTE:**

- 1. ED will review and issue suspensions for fourth or any additional occurrences.**
- 2. ED may issue additional suspensions on any ejection depending on the severity of the ejection and actions by the ejected personnel.**
- 3. First base coach may only approach the first base umpire regarding calls at first base. Head coach may approach the officials regarding any calls.**

## **Bench Clearing or Leaving your Position**

Any bench clearing incidents within a three-year period for a team will result in the following discipline:

1. First occurrence - \$500 team fine.
2. Second occurrence - \$1000 team fine.
3. Third occurrence - \$2000 team fine.

## **Suspension Rules:**

1. Players/Coaches are not to be in uniform when ejected or under suspension and must remain at least 100 meters from the dugout (including the bullpen area) and the team.
2. No involvement with the team one hour prior or after a game.
3. Any coach or player that is suspected of relaying instructions from the ejected coach will be given one warning, and if it continues, ejected from the game.
4. The game officials have the ability to forfeit the game if the ejected coach or player continues to not abide by these rules.
5. The “Spirit” of the suspension must be followed and will cover any details missed in these guidelines.

## **Player Recruitment**

1. There will be **no recruiting** of players by coaches.
  - a. Absolutely no contact of players on another team by coaching staff or team management.
  - b. No contact implies emails, phone calls, direct contact, player or parent contact and the distribution of program information.
  - c. Players will seek to play for another team; first year players to the premier league will initiate team contact.
2. Teams violating the above recruiting policy will be subject to the following **tampering regulations**.
  - First incident - \$500 fine; team probation for one year; and the suspension of the head coach for 5 games.
  - Second incident - \$1000 fine; indefinite team probation with review request; and the suspension of the head coach for 10 games.
  - Third incident – indefinite suspension of head coach.
3. **Appeal Process**
  - All appeals are brought forward to the Executive Director for review.
  - A \$500 assessment will be made to the team for all appeal requests and will not be applied if the appeal is successful.
  - A decision made by the Executive Director may be appealed and will be reviewed by an independent committee of three members.
  - The decision made by the independent review committee is final.

## **Administrative Procedures and Information**

### **General Information**

1. Meetings on the first Saturday in November at 11:30 am and on the third Saturday of January are pre-scheduled each year to address league matters.
  - a. The AGM take place at the November immediately after the lunch break.
  - b. The meeting in January may be replaced by a conference call starting at 10:30am.
  - c. Conference calls will be scheduled as required to conduct league business.
2. Team insurance is through Baseball BC with All Sport Insurance the carrier.
  - a. Insurance information can be obtained from Scott MacKenzie at Baseball BC via [scottm@baseball.bc.ca](mailto:scottm@baseball.bc.ca)
  - b. Travel insurance for out of country competition is the responsibility of **individual teams**. Contact Baseball BC for travel insurance.
  - c. Additional player insurance is available for personal treatment such as physiotherapy through the Canadian Athletic Insurance Program (CAIP). Additional information available on [www.armstrongmccready.ca](http://www.armstrongmccready.ca).
  - d. General liability provides coverage for teams using facilities such as school gyms and playing fields. It is the responsibility of individual teams to **notify Baseball BC of all the facilities used for team workouts**.
3. Graduating players may apply for a PBL **scholarship** if they plan to attend a Canadian baseball program.
  - a. The scholarship application form with criteria is posted on the PBL website.
  - b. Application deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. Website advertising opportunities are available to players and teams.
  - a. Teams or players will receive 50% of an ad cost for securing an ad for the PBL website.
5. **League assessment** is due January 15<sup>th</sup>.
6. Players may apply for external PE credits through Baseball BC for playing in the PBL.
  - a. External credit information available on:  
<http://www.baseball.bc.ca/externalcredits>.

### **League Governance**

Governance of league activities is administered by the executive management committee (LMC) and the general managers committee (GMC)

- a. The general manager or designate from each team sits on the GMC. Members of the GMC will deal with most issues excluding dealing with other teams, personnel, league policy and issues where there is a conflict of interest; however, input from the GMC may be solicited by the Executive Director to assist with making sound decisions.
- b. Five elected members from the GMC will make up the LMC. The LMC will review proposals tabled and provide background information for members of the GMC to make informed decisions.
- c. The LMC will oversee the operation of the Premier Baseball Association, and will ratify motions passed by the GMC. The LMC will request the GMC to review a decision made if the decision is not in the best interest of players, baseball, and the PBL. The LMC is a five(5) member committee including the president, executive director, treasurer, and secretary. A parent with an active player in the PBL cannot be a member of the LMC.
- d. Quorum is a minimum of 75% of eligible voting members and a minimum of 70% majority is required to pass motions tabled.
- e. No proxy votes will be accepted. Each GMC/LMC member has one vote.
- f. All meetings will be public meetings; the LMC members will also be in attendance.
- g. The chairperson for meetings will be the president or in his absence the executive director will chair the meeting.

## Over-age Player Requests

In the best interest of players, the league has accepted proposals from players, parents and teams to give overage players the opportunity to play a final year in the PBL.

1. A request will only be considered if the player falls into one of the following categories.
  - a. Medical problems prohibited player from playing their final year in the PBL such as a baseball injury, other injury, mental breakdown, etc.
  - b. Personal problems prohibited player from playing their final year in the PBL such as a death in the family, family tragedy, personal emotional issues, etc.
  - c. Academic difficulties such as retention at an early age in elementary school, or starting school late that result in a player being over-aged by the PBL rules. In this situation an additional year in secondary school for the player may be required to graduate. The student must attend school on a full time basis during the school year from September to June.
  - d. A team experiencing low team roster numbers of 14-15 players may apply to use up to two (2) overage players to bolster their roster. The Executive Director will approve the players selected as additions to the team roster.
  - e. No over-age requests will be reviewed by the Executive Director for the bantam or junior level.
2. The Executive Director will rule on all proposals submitted based on what is best for the player and the league

## Championship Application

When team applications are received by the LMC the following criteria will be used to determine the successful host.

1. Does the tournament facility meet the standards for a championship event
  - a. Playing field/surface
  - b. Scoreboard
  - c. Dugouts size
  - d. Second field/warm up field \*\*\*
  - e. Batting cage
  - f. Lights \*\*\*
  - g. Adequate parking
  - h. Washrooms
  - i. Concession
  - j. Spectator seating

\*\*\* may only be a deciding factor but not a mandatory requirement

2. Does the team have past experience in hosting tournaments and has the team demonstrated performance to the standard of the PBL.