



Bluenose League

Changes for 2021

During January of 2021, a committee was struck to review the Bluenose League's current structure. The committee was tasked with providing recommendations to the BNS Competition Committee to better align the league's structure and rules to Baseball Canada's LTAD principles.

The outcomes from the committee were:

- Provide an age-appropriate competition schedule that can allow for better alignment of training to competition ratios.
- Address pace of play issues that align with LTAD recommendations for competition length by age category.
- Allow for additional flexibility in the spring for clubs to finalize their rosters.
- Consider the benefits and implications to health and safety from such changes.

Bluenose Schedule Modifications

| Division | Registration Deadline | League Start Date | 1st Half End Date | 2nd Half Start Date | Approx. # of Games |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 11U A, AA, AAA | May 31 st | June 14 th | July 10 th | July 11 th | 18-20 |
| 13U A, AA, AAA | May 24 th | June 9 th | July 10 th | July 11 th | 20-24 |
| 15U A, AA, AAA | May 17 th | June 2 nd | July 4 th | July 5 th | 24-28 |
| 18U A, AA, AAA | May 17 th | June 2 nd | July 4 th | July 5 th | 24-28 |
| 22U AA, AAA | May 17 th | June 2 nd | NA | NA | 24-28 |

- For the purpose of cutting down on travel weekends, when possible, miniature tournaments scheduled (3-4 teams) with teams from various areas.
- 18U AAA and 22U AA/AAA standings to impact Provincial Championship seeding (in 6 and 8 team formats)

Bluenose Game Modifications

| Division | Time Limit (plus completion of inning) | Runs Per Inning Limit | Time between inning |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 11U A, AA, AAA | 1:45 | 5 | 90 seconds |
| 13U A, AA, AAA | 2:00 | 5 | 90 seconds |
| 15U A, AA, AAA | 2:15 | 5 (A/AA) | 90 seconds |
| 18U A, AA, AAA | 2:15 | 5 (A) | 90 seconds |
| 22U AA, AAA | 2:15 | NA | 90 seconds |

- Catchers will be limited to 1 visit with the pitcher per inning. A visit is defined as an interaction that involves the catcher leaving his/her position to visit the pitcher. Does not include catcher giving signs to fielders or any interaction where the catcher is exchanging the ball with the pitcher.
- All rules are applicable to Bluenose League play (not Provincial Championships, Qualifiers, or National Elimination events)