

# SECTION B - DEFINITIONS

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Note that the following definitions are presented in the order in which they appear in the French version of this document.

## ACTIVITIES

Entirety or a sub-set of programs approved by Baseball Quebec.

## MEMBERSHIP

Annual voluntary registration, required by Baseball Quebec, of an individual or a collective member using a specific form for which a cost was predetermined by Baseball Quebec's Board of Directors.

## ELIGIBILITY

Satisfies various criteria and specific rules.

## AFFILIATION

Associate members' recognition.

## FREE AGENT

Any player who has obtained a territorial withdrawal or a release from a team.

## FINE

Pecuniary penalty given to an individual or a collective member.

## APPEAL

Procedure governed by precise norms intended to revise an administrative/technical decision or a protest. It is determined that the appellant has won his cause when the appeal decision reduces in any manner the decision rendered by the lower body.

## APPROVAL

Acceptance given by a person in authority.

## UMPIRE

A person certified annually by Baseball Quebec or, in rare instances, approved by the two teams, to enforce the playing rules during a game between two Baseball Quebec affiliated teams.

## ASSAULT

Brutal attack made by a member during a sanctioned activity.

## ASSOCIATION

One or several teams operating within a territory recognized by a region and belonging to an operational zone.

#### TO SHOVE

Push, brutally making contact, pushing in any direction

#### TEAM CONTRACT AND/OR COACHING CERTIFICATE

Annual form committing a player or a coach to a team and an association.

#### PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Competition at the conclusion of which the winner becomes the champion recognized by Baseball Quebec for a specific division and class.

#### CLASSIFICATION

The distribution of players, teams or leagues of a same division according to the qualification standards based on the player's origin or on their distribution.

#### CONTESTING

Disagreement on the legitimacy of a fact, a right.

#### SUBSCRIPTION

Amount, determined before the beginning of the season, subscribed by the members to their immediate governing body.

#### DEADLINE

Date on which is fixed the termination of something.

#### DEFAMATION

Verbal or written allegation that affects, involuntarily or deliberately, the reputation of an organization or of a person that is either living or dead.

#### DIRECTOR

Person who occupies a recognized administrative or technical position.

#### DISBANDING

Voluntary action that terminates a team's activities.

#### DIVISION

Grouping of players having the same age.

#### PERMANENT RESIDENCE

For any player 17 years and younger during the current season, the legal address is as documented on their scholastic report card during the current year. The athlete is presumed to be residing with the parent or guardian where they live the majority of the time. If the scholastic report card contains two legal addresses, the zone of the school will be used.

Note: In correspondence with the Civic Code of Quebec, a person has only one legal address but can have several residences. Minor children are presumed to have the same legal address as their guardian (article 80 of the Civic Code). In the case where their parents are separated, the legal residence is where the minor lives the majority of their time.

For any player 18 years and older during the current season, his legal residence is where they live the majority of their time.

#### TERRITORIAL RIGHT

Right for a team or an association to claim ownership of players that were registered with them the previous season or who lives on its recognized territory.

#### ELIGIBLE

Any person having met the required conditions to participate in a Baseball Quebec recognized activity

#### COACH

A person, registered annually with Baseball Quebec, assisting the head coach during Baseball Quebec sanctioned games and responsible for the development of the technical components.

#### HEAD COACH

A person, registered annually with Baseball Quebec, who is in charge of a team during Baseball Quebec sanctioned games.

#### TEAM

Group of players having signed a contract with Baseball Quebec under the same name.

#### ALL STAR TEAMS AT THE MAJOR LEVEL

Group of players from different teams of the same division and the same league for the purpose of participating in a Baseball Quebec sanctioned competition.

#### ALL STAR TEAMS AT THE MINOR LEVEL

Group of players from different teams of the same division and the same region for the purpose of participating in the provincial championships.

#### EVENT

Activity comprised of a set number of games played within a specific time period during a season (Examples: championships, Quebec Games, tournaments)

#### EJECTION

Action taken by an umpire to prohibit for the current game, the participation of any player, coach, head coach, team or association directors. For the administrators, refer to the By-Laws.

#### FESTIVALS

Event bringing many teams together at the end of which no winner will be determined.

#### SCORE SHEETS

Sheets approved by Baseball Quebec used by the official scorekeeper to write all the actions that take place during a game.

#### FORFEIT

A forfeited game is a game that cannot be played due to one of the two teams being unable to start or continue the game.

a) Team that cannot begin the game:

The umpires declare the forfeit. The score is 6 or 7 to 0 (depending on the division). The winning team will get credit for 6 or 7 defensive innings and 0 offensive innings while losing team will get credit for 0 defensive innings and 6 or 7 offensive innings.

b) Team that cannot continue the game:

If the leading team wins the game by forfeit, the final score and the statistics on the number of innings played and on the number of innings pitched are compiled as is. If the teams are tied or if the losing team wins the game by forfeit, the team is awarded one more run than the number of runs that the other team has. The statistics on the number of innings played and on the number of innings pitched are compiled as is.

#### GENERAL MANAGER

Person responsible for the administration of one or several teams of the same association or league.

#### INFRACTION

Violation of any regulation or playing rules.

#### REGISTRATION

Entering a team, an association or an individual, according to all prescribed conditions, to an event recognized by Baseball Quebec.

#### PLAYER

Any person who plays baseball and who meets the eligibility criteria.

#### ACTIVE PLAYER

9U to 15U/16UF player that participates with their original team in a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the regular season games of the league where they play and are registered, for the purposes of eligibility in playoff, the regional and provincial championships. At the 18U/21UF division, the minimum is thirty-three percent (33%).

When this minimum percentage is not reached for medical reasons, the player will have to give proof via medical certificate. With a medical certificate, the player will then be presumed, for the purposes of the present rule, to have taken part in the regular season games that they missed due to medical reasons.

#### INELIGIBLE PLAYER

Suspended player or player who does not meet eligibility criteria and whose participation in a game will result in his team losing it.

#### REGISTERED PLAYER:

Player whose name appear in an approved team contract.

#### PROFESSIONAL PLAYER

Any player who is the property of a professional organization.

#### UNDERAGE PLAYER

Any player who plays in an age division superior to his.

#### OVERAGE PLAYER

Any player who plays in an age division inferior to his.

#### WORKING DAYS

Weekdays, except statutory holidays.

#### JURISDICTION

Powers conferred to a league, a region, a committee, a board within predetermined limits.

#### ABUSIVE LANGUAGE

Action or reprehensible comments made about another member for the purpose of attacking his integrity.

Constitute an abusive language is the act of harassment, the usage of racist expressions or threatening remarks.

#### RELEASE

Procedure allowing a player to play for another association, league or region. This release can be temporary (one season) or permanent.

If the player is given a temporary release, he return to the original association at the end of the season.

If the player is given a permanent release, he belongs definitively to the new association.

#### LEAGUE

Grouping of a minimum of three teams of the same division and the same class competing under a schedule of at least 12 games.

#### RESERVE LIST

Approved list of players coming from a lower division or lower class.

#### MAJOR

Teams from the Junior, Junior Elite and Senior divisions.

#### TAMPERING

Action to seek, to negotiate with or to use a player who is protected by the territorial right of a team, an association, an organization, a league.

#### OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER

A person accredited annually by Baseball Quebec or, in rare instances, approved by the two teams to complete the score sheets and to take on the responsibilities mentioned in article 10 of the playing rules.

#### COLLECTIVE MEMBER

Group of persons accredited annually with Baseball Quebec to play for a team within a league.

#### INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

A person accredited annually by Baseball Quebec to hold a position or recognized as a volunteer at any level of the administrative structure.

#### MINOR

Teams from the Rally Cap up to the 18U/21UF divisions inclusively.

#### OFFICER

A member of the Corporation's Board of Directors or of a regional Board of Directors.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Representation of the structure of an association, an organization, a league or a committee.

#### ORGANIZATION

A grouping of associations or teams from one or several divisions and classes.

#### DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN A GAME

The action of using a player during a game as a: 1-Regular player, 2.Substitute player

#### EXHIBITION GAME

Game played outside the regular parameters of Baseball Quebec sanctioned activity.

#### AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL

Person elected or mandated by a league, an operational zone, a region, a committee or by the Board of Directors of Baseball Quebec to supervise or to observe an approved activity.

#### COMPLAINT

Right of a member to express in writing, with supporting evidence, its dissatisfaction.

#### PROOF OF AGE

Official document recognized by the state attesting the age of an individual.

#### PRIORITY

Right to go first.

#### PROTEST

Appeal concerning the interpretation of a rule or a regulation.

#### REGULATIONS

Group of statutes defining the individual or collective members' participation in Baseball Quebec.

## PLAYING RULES

Group of regulations governing the game of baseball.

## SEASON

All team's activities during the calendar year.

## SANCTION

Disciplinary measure given by a person in authority for not following the rules.

## SUSPENSION

Disciplinary measure, no matter the nature, which prevents an individual or collective member from taking part in any game of Baseball Quebec. This penalty is served at the next scheduled and played game (not including an exhibition game) or a scheduled game won by forfeiture. A suspended member cannot participate in an exhibition game or in the completion of a game and this completion of a game cannot be used to serve a suspension.

## FIELD

Playing area, including the dugouts and the bullpens.

## TERRITORY

Definite geographic area reserved for a team, for an association, for an organization, for a league, for an operational zone or for a region.

## TOUCH

Action of touching, putting your hands on a person or to make contact with a person in order to intimidate him/her.

## TOURNAMENT

Approved competition regrouping, in a specific time frame, teams of the same division and the same class.

## OPERATIONAL ZONE

A territory proposed annually by the regional Board of Directors, and adopted by the regional Presidents Commission, for the sole purpose of classifying players.