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CONSTITUTION
of
ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.

1.01 NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "Ontario Baseball Association, Inc." (unless the context otherwise requires, hereinafter referred to as the "OBA"). The OBA is authorized to carry on its business under the name "Baseball Ontario".

1.02 OBJECTS

The objects of the OBA shall be in order of priority:

- a) To foster and improve baseball at all levels in the Province of Ontario.
- b) To protect and promote the mutual interests of the members.
- c) To institute and regulate competition for the Ontario championships.
- d) To institute and regulate competition for determining the Ontario representative(s) in the national or Canadian play-offs.

1.03 MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership in the OBA shall be comprised of Rep Members as defined in the Constitution and By-laws of the Rep Division and Select Members as defined in the Constitution and By-laws of the Select Division.
- b) The Ontario Vintage Baseball Association shall be an Associate Member of the OBA. This membership shall be subject to the terms of an agreement approved by the OBA Board of Management.
- c) Premier Baseball League of Ontario ("PBLO") shall be an Associate Member of the OBA. This membership shall be subject to the terms of an agreement approved by the OBA Board of Management (the "PBLO Agreement").
- d) The position of Life Member can only be conferred on an individual upon the recommendation of the OBA Board of Management after 15 years or more of continuous faithful service by the individual to the OBA and where a definite desire exists to retain the active service of the individual with an official status. To be appointed a Life Member, the individual must have previously been appointed an Honourary Member. The total number of Life Members that the OBA may have at any one time shall not exceed 3, but terms of Life Memberships conferred prior to 1972 will continue to their expiration.
- e) The position of Honourary Member may be conferred by the OBA Board of Management for outstanding continuous and meritorious service to the OBA. Future Life Members are to be selected from Honourary Members. Honourary Members shall have the right of delegates at all Annual Meetings and Special Meetings of the OBA, including the right to vote.
- f) Past Presidents: Past Presidents shall have the right of delegates at all Annual Meetings and Special Meetings of the OBA, including the right to vote.

1.04 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a) i) 1) Management of the OBA shall be handled by the OBA Management Board, which shall be the board of directors of the OBA. The members of the Management Board shall be the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Immediate Past President, 6 Rep Directors and 3 Select Directors and the Treasurer. The President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President shall be elected annually by the Rep Members. The 6 Rep Directors shall be elected annually by the Rep Members. The 3 Select Directors shall be elected by the Select Members. In addition, the 4 additional members of the OBA Management Board may be appointed by the President pursuant to paragraph a) (i) 2) below, shall be members of the OBA Management Board.
- 2) In addition, the President may, subject to ratification by the OBA Board of Management, appoint 4 additional Directors to the OBA Board of Management.
- ii) Each member of the OBA Management Board shall have 1 vote at all meetings of the OBA Management Board.
- iii) Annually, a Treasurer shall be appointed by the OBA Board of Management; his/her term to run from December 1st to November 30th of the following year, and he/she may be paid a specified honorarium.
- iv) A Finance Committee may be appointed by the OBA Management Board to assist in the preparation of budgetary statements.

- v) An Executive Director and an Administrator may be hired by the OBA Management Board. The Executive Director's duties shall be as directed by the OBA Management Board. The Administrator shall act as the Secretary of the OBA in addition to any other duties delegated by the OBA Management Board.
- b) The OBA Board of Management shall have control of the affairs of the OBA and shall have power to fill vacancies which may occur in its number subject to the provisions for appointments to the OBA Board of Management as already laid down in paragraph a) (i) 2) and to issue or revoke rosters of teams and to deal with such cases. The OBA Board of Management shall also have the power to deal with cases which are not otherwise provided for or covered by the OBA Constitution and By-Laws.
- c) The President may appoint, from time to time, 1 or more committees of the Board of Management as required to consider such matters as may be dealt with by the OBA Board of Management and generally act on behalf of the OBA Board of Management between meetings of the OBA Board of Management. Such committee(s) shall be comprised of 1 or more members of the OBA Board of Management, and may include members of the Rep Council and/or the Select Council, as the President may deem fit.
- d) Nominations for Officers:
Officers shall be nominated (in writing) by an Affiliated Association in good standing and operating the previous year, or by a member of the OBA Board of Management or a member of the Rep Council or the Select Council. The nominations must be at the OBA Office not later than October 25th prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. In order for a name to remain on the ballot, a nominee must so request at the Annual Meeting in person, or must have indicated to the OBA Office in writing, prior to the election.
- e) The OBA Board of Management shall meet once a month during the season when business warrants. 7 members shall form a quorum for meetings of the OBA Board of Management.
- f) Any member of the OBA Management Board may be removed from office for conduct detrimental to the OBA at a meeting of the OBA Board of Management upon a resolution approved by 3/4 of the votes cast in respect of such resolution. Notice must be given at least 7 calendar days prior to the meeting to all members of the OBA Board of Management of the intention to bring such a resolution before the meeting.

1.05 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- a) It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the OBA Management Board. The President shall also perform such other duties as are necessary for the proper conduct of the office of President.
- b) The first Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President. The first Vice President shall also perform such duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President.
- c) The second Vice President, in the absence of the first Vice President, shall have all the powers and perform the duties of the first Vice President. The second Vice President shall also perform such duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President.
- d) The 9 Elected Directors shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the President.
- e) The Immediate Past President shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President and shall offer such advice and guidance to the OBA Management Board and the Rep Council and Select Council as may be requested.
- f) The President shall annually appoint an individual who will act as the OBA Registrar. The appointee shall be responsible for approving all team rosters, reinstatements, and the registration of all birth certificates. The OBA Registrar shall work in conjunction with the Administrator in the processing of the related documents.
- g) All cheques issued by the OBA must be signed as approved by OBA Management Board. The signatures of any such authorized signatory shall be cleared at the bank immediately following their taking office or their being so authorized by the OBA Management Board.
- h) The Administrator shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the OBA, including OBA Management Board and Rep Council and Select Council meetings and a register of all Affiliated Associations.
- i) The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed by the OBA and report at least annually to the members of the OBA. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually by an accredited auditor.
- j) All appointed members of the Board of Management shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the President.

1.06 MEETINGS

- a) The Annual Meeting of the OBA (which term shall include an Annual and Special Meeting) shall be held on the third Saturday and Sunday in November. The sites for future Annual Meetings shall be determined by the OBA Management Board. When determined, the sites for future Annual Meetings shall be announced at the Annual Meeting.
- b) No delegate shall be permitted to speak or vote at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting unless he/she has filed with the Secretary, a certificate of his/her appointment, signed by the Secretary of the Affiliated Association or Direct Entry which he/she represents.
- c) Annual member's fees for the then current period October 1st to September 30th must be paid by an Affiliated Association or Direct Entry or a Select member association before that Affiliated Association's or Direct Entry's or Select member association's delegate(s) shall have a voice or vote at Annual Meetings or Special Meetings of the OBA.
- d) "Special Meetings" - The President may call a special general meeting of the OBA ("Special Meeting") at any time, but must do so at the request of 3 Affiliated Associations or 25% of the members of the Select Division. At all Special Meetings, 8 delegates shall form a quorum. 4 days notice of such meeting must be given and the reason for such meeting.
- e) Affiliated Associations and Select member associations must operate the previous year under the jurisdiction of the OBA before having the right of voice at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the OBA.
- f) At an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the OBA, except with respect to the election of Select Directors,
- i) each Affiliated Association shall be entitled to the following votes:
 - Affiliated Associations with more than 24 teams.....4 VOTES
 - Affiliated Associations with 15 to 24 teams.....3 VOTES
 - Affiliated Associations with 6 to 14 teams.....2 VOTES
 - Affiliated Associations with 1 to 5 teams.....1 VOTE; and
 - ii) Life Members, Honorary Members, Past Presidents, and each member of Rep Council shall have 1 vote. Affiliated Associations, Life Members, Honorary Members, Past Presidents and members of Rep Council shall not, as such, have vote with respect to the election of Select Directors.
- At an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the OBA where 1 or more of the 3 Select Directors are to be elected, each Select Member shall have the votes provided for in the Constitution and By-laws of the Select Division with respect to the election of such 3 Select Directors. Select Members shall only have voting rights with respect to the election of Select Directors and shall not, as such, have voting rights with respect to any other matter at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the OBA.
- g) No delegate from an Affiliated Association or Select member association in arrears to the OBA in any way, shall be permitted to vote at an Annual Meeting providing notice of such arrears has been given in writing to the Affiliated Association a month prior to the Annual Meeting.
- h) "Electing Officers and Directors" - The OBA shall, at its Annual Meeting, provide the delegates with a proper form of printed ballot, giving the offices and nominations for each. In the case of the nominations for Rep Directors, of which 6 are to be elected annually, all eligible voting delegates must mark their ballots for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 of the candidates nominated and where such is not done, the ballot is to be considered spoiled and not counted. In the case of nominations for Select Directors, of which 3 are to be elected annually, all eligible voting delegates must mark their ballots for 1, 2 or 3 of the candidates nominated and where such is not done, the ballot is to be considered spoiled and not counted.
- i) Each person nominated for election as an Officer or Director shall be given a maximum of two minutes to speak about their candidacy. Nominees may decline to speak.
- j) A delegate may only vote as a representative of the Affiliated Association or Select member association through which he/she is registered or in whose territory he/she resides.
- k) At an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the OBA, each Associate Member shall be entitled to the following votes:
- i) with respect to amendments to the OBA Constitution and By-Laws (including amendments or other procedural matters relating to such amendments), 1 vote;
 - ii) with respect to the election of Officers or Rep Directors of the OBA 1 vote; and
 - iii) with respect to all other matters, including matters at a Rep Division Annual or Special Meeting or a Select Division Annual or Special Meeting or the election of Select Directors, zero votes.
- In the case of an Associate Member which, at the time this section k) comes into force and effect, has an agreement approved by the OBA Board of Management providing for different rights, such Associate Member shall have such rights as are set out in such agreement for the term of such agreement. The OBA Board of Management shall not renew any such agreement on terms which would violate this section k). If any such agreement is for an indefinite term, the

OBA Board of Management shall use their best efforts to seek an amendment of such agreement in order that it not be in breach of this section k). Any Affiliated Association or Select member association shall have the right to request a copy of any such agreement.

1.08 AMENDMENTS

- a) i) An amendment to the OBA Constitution and By-Laws may only be made at an Annual Meeting and must be approved by 2/3 of the votes cast in respect of such amendments in order to carry. Notice of any proposed amendment must be filed with the OBA Office in writing by October 25th prior to the Annual Meeting and the OBA Office shall then forward by mail a copy to each Affiliated Association no later than November first, before the Annual Meeting. Amendments passed and carried shall become effective at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which they are passed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, until November 30, 2018, an amendment to the OBA Constitution and By-Laws must be approved by ¾ of the votes cast in respect of such amendment in order to carry. As of December 1, 2018, the required approval will revert to 2/3 of the votes cast in respect of such amendment in order to carry.
- ii) An amendment may only be proposed by the OBA Board of Management, the Rep Council, the Select Council or by an Affiliated Association or Select member association in good standing.
- b) At an Annual Meeting, the OBA Board of Management may propose a resolution for an experiment that differs from the OBA Constitution and By-Laws. This experiment may be put into effect as an experiment for no more than 2 years. In order to be adopted, the resolution must be approved by 2/3 of the votes cast in respect of the resolution and would be subject to annual review by the OBA Board of Management. Any references in the Constitution that are contrary to the experiment are suspended while the experiment is in progress. Once the time period for the experiment has expired, unless an amendment to the OBA Constitution and By-Laws is adopted with respect to the subject matter of the experiment, the resolution shall be of no further force and effect and the suspension of any references in the OBA Constitution and By-Laws shall be removed.
- c) Order of Business - Annual Meeting:
 - i) President's Address.
 - ii) Reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting and any Special Meeting during the year.
 - iii) Administrator/Secretary's Report.
 - iv) Treasurer's Report.
 - v) Auditor's Report.
 - vi) Correspondence.
 - vii) Host's Comments and Address.
 - viii) Reports of Board Committees, including Rep Council and Select Council.
 - ix) Consideration of Reports.
 - x) Amendments - Notice of Motion.
 - xi) General Business.
 - xii) Election of Officers and Directors.
 - xiii) Annual Meeting - Site for the following year.
- d) Rules of Order of Annual Meeting or Special Meeting:

The following are the regulations of the government of the OBA during the time of business, and the business shall be disposed of in the following order:

 - i) No motion shall be received unless properly moved and seconded. Said motion shall not be open for discussion until so stated by the presiding officer.
 - ii) Except for motions requiring a special majority either pursuant to the OBA Constitution and By-Laws or at law, all motions shall be decided by a majority of votes cast. When the presiding officer sees fit to exercise his/her right to vote on any question before the meeting, he/she shall, from the chair, be at liberty to explain his/her vote, and any question on which there is an equality of votes in consequence of the presiding officer's vote, shall be deemed to be negative.
 - iii) No delegate shall speak twice on the same motion without the permission of the chair, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.
 - iv) A delegate desiring to speak or submit a motion shall rise and remain standing until recognized by the chair. In speaking, a delegate shall respectfully address the chair and shall confine his/her remarks to the motion under

debate. The delegate shall not be interrupted unless upon a point of order. Non-delegates may be permitted to speak at the discretion of the chair.

- v) No amendment to a motion shall be in order after an amendment to the amendment.
- vi) When a motion is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except to lay on the table or amend and these motions shall take precedence in the order named.
- vii) An amendment, which entirely changes the subject of the original motion, shall not be entertained as an amendment or substituted for the motion under debate.
- viii) After the motion has been stated by the presiding officer it becomes the property of the OBA but may be withdrawn at any time prior to amendment, unless objected to by a delegate.
- ix) There shall be no debate upon any question after it has been put by the presiding officer.
- x) When a vote is called, it shall be taken by each delegate holding up his/her right hand. The presiding officer shall declare the vote on all questions and should his/her declaration be disputed, he/she may require the delegates voting “Yea” and “Nay” to rise and stand until the number voting for the affirmative and the negative be counted by him/her.

1.09 GENERAL

- a) The OBA Constitution and By-Laws as shown in this book are intended as a general guide and cannot specifically cover each situation that may arise. Therefore, the President in regular or special meetings, with a quorum of the OBA Board of Management, will have the authority to interpret and decide to the best of their judgement with regard to all the circumstances or any specific case, any matter pertaining to any and all clauses contained herein. Their decision shall be final. The OBA Management Board shall appoint an Advisory Committee comprised of the Past Presidents and Life Members to advise upon matters presented to them by the officers, OBA Management Board.
- b) Any Affiliated Association or Select member association and/or officers of same, which fails to uphold the rulings and enforce the decisions of the OBA will leave said Affiliated Association, Select member association, and/or officers open to suspension by the OBA.
- c) A catalogue of OBA approved forms for requesting and/or recording of information to be submitted to the OBA Office be included as an Appendix in the Constitution. Forms will be reviewed and updated annually.

1.10 APPEAL PROCEDURE

- a) Any decisions made by the OBA (other than a protested game, which is governed by P2-14 and classifications which are governed by R2.04 e) and Appeal of Fines governed by 3.02) may be appealed to the President, in writing, with a deposit of \$100.00. The appeal must be made within 14 days of the decision being appealed.
- b) When the President receives an appeal in writing, the President shall review the appeal and determine whether, in the President’s discretion, the appeal either (i) presents new information not available or presented to the board or committee which made the decision appealed from or (ii) represents an important and compelling matter which justifies the holding of an appeal. Where the President determines that either (i) or (ii) applies, the President shall name a committee of at least 3 members of the OBA Board of Management who shall hear the appeal. The decision of the committee shall be final. The committee shall also rule on the disposition of the deposit.
- c) The President shall establish the time and place of the appeal hearing. The hearing must be held within 45 days of receiving the written appeal. The 45 days shall begin the day following the receipt of the written appeal.
- d) The appellant must be present in person at the hearing. Failure to appear will result in a default decision and no further appeal shall be allowed.

DIVISIONS

2.01 REP DIVISION

In addition to the provisions of the OBA Constitution and By-Laws, rep play and shall be governed by the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Rep Division.

2.02 SELECT DIVISION

In addition to the provisions of the OBA Constitution and By-Laws, select play shall be governed by the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Select Division.

FINANCIAL NOTES

3.01 FINANCIAL CLAIMS

All financial claims must be submitted to the OBA Office within 3 months of expenditure.

3.02 APPEAL OF FINES

Any Direct Entry, Local Association, Affiliated Association or Select Association desiring to appeal a fine imposed upon a team, a Direct Entry, a Local Association, an Affiliated Association or Select Association must file a request to appeal the fine with the OBA Technical Committee within 45 days of receipt of notification of the fine. (Any fine issued by the OBA with respect to a tournament must be issued within 30 days of receipt of the Convenor's Report.) The OBA Technical Committee must hear an appeal of a fine within 45 days after the appeal is filed with the OBA Office.

4.01 DISCIPLINE

- a) Any member of the OBA violating the OBA Constitution and By-Laws, the Rep Constitution and By-Laws or the Select Constitution and By-Laws, as applicable, or refusing to abide by the decisions of the OBA Board of Management, Rep Council or Select Council or its committee(s) may be expelled or suspended.
- b) Any Associate Member violating the OBA Constitution and By-Laws or the agreement which governs their membership in OBA may be expelled or suspended. In the case of the PBLO, any PBLO Franchise violating the PBLO Agreement may be expelled or suspended.
- c) Teams, officers or players may be suspended by the OBA Management Board for knowingly:
 - i) Permitting betting or improper conduct by players or officers at OBA games.
 - ii) Offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any OBA game or being interested in any pool or wager thereon.
 - iii) Playing with a team, Direct Entry, Local Association, Affiliated Association or Select Association that has been suspended or expelled.
 - iv) Having on its list of signed players any disqualified players.
 - v) Permitting officers to conduct business of Direct Entries, Local Associations, Affiliated Associations or Select Associations against the best interests of baseball.
- d) Any team or player which shall play under an assumed name shall be suspended from the OBA and any coach or manager knowingly permitting a player to play under an assumed name shall be suspended from the OBA, subject to appeal.
- e) Any player found guilty of playing over the age limit permitted in the series in which he/she is participating shall automatically be suspended along with the manager of the team.
- f) Any team found guilty of playing a player over the age limit permitted in the series in which he/she is participating, shall automatically be suspended along with the manager of the team.
- g) Any manager or coach using an ineligible player in a Rep or Select Tournament or a Rep or Select Play-Offs shall be automatically suspended indefinitely. Any further penalty shall be decided by the Rep Council or Select Council, as applicable.
- h) Any player, coach or manager making physical contact with an umpire will be immediately suspended indefinitely, subject to appeal.

GENERAL

5.01 GENERAL

The OBA was organized May 4, 1918 under the name "Ontario Baseball Amateur Association". In 1938 the name was changed to "Ontario Baseball Association". In 1982, the organization was incorporated as "Ontario Baseball Association, Inc".

- a) To the extent that there is any conflict between the OBA Constitution and By-Laws and either the Rep Constitution and By-Laws or the Select Constitution and By-laws, the OBA Constitution and By-Laws shall prevail.
- b) Except as provided by the OBA Constitution and By-Laws, the Rep Constitution and By-Laws and the Select Constitution and By-laws, the management and control of each individual Affiliated Association, Local Association, Select Member Association or Direct Entry shall be left entirely in the hands of the directors of such Affiliated Association, Local Association, Select Member Association and Direct Entry.

- c) Memberships in the OBA are the property of the OBA and cannot be bartered.
- d) Officers, members of the Board of Management, Series Chairs and Convenors appointed by the Overall Series Chair may be financially reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses in attending OBA Management Board or committee meetings, and also for appropriate out of pocket expenses (i.e.: telephone, fax, supplies, etc.) pertaining to OBA business during Rep or Select Play-offs.

5.02 INSURANCE

- a) All teams of Local Associations, Affiliated Associations, Select Member Associations, Direct Entries and PBLO Franchises must have the liability insurance provided through the OBA. This insurance must be purchased before the teams, associations and franchises begin the new baseball season.
- b) For purposes of insurance coverage only, the OBA sanctions all usual baseball activities including games, practices, try-outs, evaluations, tournaments and executive activities conducted by its Affiliated Associations, Local Associations, Select Member Associations, Direct Entries and Associate Members and such other activities of the OBA, its Affiliated Associations, Local Associations, Select Member Associations, Direct Entries and Associate Members as may be approved from time to time by the OBA Management Board.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE REP DIVISION

R1.01 REP DIVISION

- a) The Rep Division shall regulate competition throughout the province at the rep level, including provincial championships and championships to determine provincial representatives at national championships.

R1.02 REP MEMBERSHIP

- a) Rep Members shall consist of such Affiliated Associations, Local Associations, Associate members and Direct Entries, which shall agree to abide by and comply with the OBA Constitution and By-Laws, including the Rep Constitution. Members of the Rep Council, both those elected and appointed, Life Members, Honourary Members and Past Presidents shall also be Rep Members.
- b) The Rep Council shall have the power to accept individual teams where they are unable to secure grouping in any Affiliated Association. For purposes of the Rep Constitution, the term “Direct Entry” shall mean a team affiliating directly with the Rep Division and not through an Affiliated Association.

Note: A baseball association, which is a direct member of the Rep Division, will be known as an “Affiliated Association” and a baseball association, which is a direct member of an Affiliated Association, and an indirect member of the Rep Division, shall be known as a “Local Association”.

R1.03 ELIGIBILITY

- a) Teams Eligible: To be eligible for Rep Play-offs, teams must represent a municipality or municipalities, or a portion thereof, within the boundaries of the Province of Ontario and must be made up of players who qualify under the residence rule.
- b) Players Eligible: To be eligible, all players must qualify under the residence rule. Former professional baseball players who have been re-instated by the Rep Division in accordance with [Rep Rule P1-8] and athletes who are classified as professionals in other sports are eligible.

R1.04 REP COUNCIL

- a) The operations of the Rep Division shall be handled by the Rep Council. The members of the Rep Council shall be the President, first Vice President, second Vice President, the Immediate Past President, 6 Rep Directors, the 4 Directors appointed by the President to OBA Management Board, the Treasurer, all Life Members, Honourary Members, Past Presidents and 1 appointed Rep Council Member from each Affiliated Association to be appointed by that Affiliated Association.
- b) The President may appoint, from time to time, 1 or more committees of the Rep Council as required to consider such matters as may be dealt with by the Council and generally act on behalf of the Rep Council between meetings of the Rep Council. Such committee(s) shall be comprised of 1 or more members of the Rep Council as the President may deem fit.
- c) The Rep Council shall meet once a month during the season when business warrants. 7 members shall form a quorum for meetings of the Rep Council.
- d) Any member of the Rep Council (excluding Life Members, Honourary Members and Past Presidents) who fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings, without reasons that in the opinion of the Rep Council are satisfactory, shall have automatically tendered his/her resignation. After 2 consecutive misses, this detail shall be brought to his/her attention by a letter from the OBA Office. Should the third consecutive miss occur, except for a member appointed by an Affiliated Association, the Rep Council will appoint a replacement. If the member was an appointee from an Affiliated Association, that Affiliated Association shall be requested to appoint the replacement and must notify the OBA Office of such appointment within 3 weeks.

R1.05 MEETINGS

- a) The Annual Meeting of the Rep Division (which term shall include a Rep Annual and Special Meeting) shall be held in conjunction with the OBA Annual Meeting.

- b) No delegate shall be permitted to speak or vote at a Rep Annual Meeting or Rep Special Meeting unless he/she has filed with the Secretary, a certificate of his/her appointment, signed by the Secretary of the Affiliated Association or Direct Entry which he/she represents.
- c) Annual member's fees for the then current period October 1st to September 30th must be paid by an Affiliated Association or Direct Entry before that Affiliated Association's or Direct Entry's delegate(s) shall have a voice or vote at Annual Meetings or Special Meetings of the Rep Division.
- d) "Special Meetings" - The President may call a special general meeting of the Rep Division ("Special Meeting") at any time, but must do so at the request of 3 Affiliated Associations. At all Rep Special Meetings, 8 delegates shall form a quorum. 4 days notice of such meeting must be given and the reason for such meeting.
- e) Affiliated Associations must operate the previous year under the jurisdiction of the OBA before having the right of voice at a Rep Annual Meeting or Special Meeting.
- f) At a Rep Annual Meeting or Special Meeting, each Affiliated Association shall be entitled to the following votes:
 - Affiliated Associations with more than 24 teams.....4 VOTES
 - Affiliated Associations with 15 to 24 teams.....3 VOTES
 - Affiliated Associations with 6 to 14 teams.....2 VOTES
 - Affiliated Associations with 1 to 5 teams.....1 VOTE.
- g) No delegate from an Affiliated Association in arrears to the OBA in any way, shall be permitted to vote at a Rep Annual Meeting providing notice of such arrears has been given in writing to the Affiliated Association a month prior to the Rep Annual Meeting.
- h) A delegate may only vote as a representative of the Affiliated Association through which he/she is registered or in whose territory he/she resides.

R1.06 AMENDMENTS

- a) i) An amendment to the Rep Constitution and By-Laws may only be made at a Rep Annual Meeting or Special Meeting and must be approved by 2/3 of the votes cast in respect of such amendments in order to carry. Notice of any proposed amendment must be filed with the OBA Office in writing by October 25th prior to the Rep Annual Meeting and the OBA Office shall then forward by mail a copy to each Affiliated Association no later than November first, before the Rep Annual Meeting. Amendments passed and carried shall become effective at the conclusion of the Rep Annual Meeting at which they are passed.
- i) An amendment may only be proposed by the Rep Council or by an Affiliated Association in good standing.
- e) At a Rep Annual Meeting, the Rep Council may propose a resolution for an experiment that differs from the Rep Constitution and By-Laws. This experiment may be put into effect as an experiment for no more than 2 years. In order to be adopted, the resolution must be approved by 2/3 of the votes cast in respect of the resolution and would be subject to annual review by the Rep. Any references in the Constitution that are contrary to the experiment are suspended while the experiment is in progress. Once the time period for the experiment has expired, unless an amendment to the Rep Constitution and By-Laws is adopted with respect to the subject matter of the experiment, the resolution shall be of no further force and effect and the suspension of any references in the Rep Constitution and By-Laws shall be removed.
- f) Order of Business - Annual Meeting:
 - i) Reading of the Minutes of the last Rep Annual Meeting and any Rep Special Meeting during the year.
 - ii) Administrator/Secretary's Report.
 - iii) Reports of Board Committees.
 - iv) Consideration of Reports.
 - v) Amendments - Notice of Motion.
 - vi) General Business.
- g) Rules of Order of Rep Annual Meeting or Special Meeting:
The following are the regulations of the government of the Rep Division during the time of business, and the business shall be disposed of in the following order:
 - i) No motion shall be received unless properly moved and seconded. Said motion shall not be open for discussion until so stated by the presiding officer.
 - ii) Except for motions requiring a special majority either pursuant to the Rep Constitution and By-Laws or at law, all motions shall be decided by a majority of votes cast. When the presiding officer sees fit to exercise his/her right to vote on any question before the meeting, he/she shall, from the chair, be at liberty to explain his/her vote, and any

question on which there is an equality of votes in consequence of the presiding officer's vote, shall be deemed to be negative.

- iii) No delegate shall speak twice on the same motion without the permission of the chair, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.
- iv) A delegate desiring to speak or submit a motion shall rise and remain standing until recognized by the chair. In speaking, a delegate shall respectfully address the chair and shall confine his/her remarks to the motion under debate. The delegate shall not be interrupted unless upon a point of order. Non-delegates may be permitted to speak at the discretion of the chair.
- v) No amendment to a motion shall be in order after an amendment to the amendment.
- vi) When a motion is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except to lay on the table or amend and these motions shall take precedence in the order named.
- vii) An amendment, which entirely changes the subject of the original motion, shall not be entertained as an amendment or substituted for the motion under debate.
- viii) After the motion has been stated by the presiding officer it becomes the property of the Rep Division but may be withdrawn at any time prior to amendment, unless objected to by a delegate.
- ix) There shall be no debate upon any question after it has been put by the presiding officer.
- x) When a vote is called, it shall be taken by each delegate holding up his/her right hand. The presiding officer shall declare the vote on all questions and should his/her declaration be disputed, he/she may require the delegates voting "Yea" and "Nay" to rise and stand until the number voting for the affirmative and the negative be counted by him/her.

R1.09 GENERAL

- a) The Rep Constitution and By-Laws as shown in this document are intended as a general guide and cannot specifically cover each situation that may arise. Therefore, the President in regular or special meetings, with a quorum of the Rep Council, will have the authority to interpret and decide to the best of their judgement with regard to all the circumstances or any specific case, any matter pertaining to any and all clauses contained herein. Their decision shall be final. The OBA Management Board or the Rep Council shall appoint an Advisory Committee comprised of the Past Presidents and Life Members to advise upon matters presented to them by the officers, OBA Management Board or Rep Council.
- b) Any Affiliated Association and/or officers of same, which fails to uphold the rulings and enforce the decisions of the OBA or the Rep Council will leave said Affiliated Association, and/or officers open to suspension by the OBA.
- c) A catalogue of Rep Council approved forms for requesting and/or recording of information to be submitted to the OBA Office be included as an Appendix in the Constitution. Forms will be reviewed and updated annually.

R2 FEES

R2.01 MEMBERSHIP

- a) Every Affiliated Association desirous of joining the Rep Division shall send to the OBA Office a completed application for membership, a list of its officers, a copy of its constitution and by-laws.
- b) All teams of Local Associations of any classification desirous of entering the Rep Play-offs must affiliate through an Affiliated Association in their area or directly with the Rep Division where there is no Affiliated Association in their area.
- c) Teams of Local Associations must register with the Rep Division through the Affiliated Association in which territory they play their home games ("Home Affiliate"). Teams may be released to participate in a league schedule of another Affiliated Association ("League Affiliate"), but will be registered with and classified by the Home Affiliate. Released teams and their players will be subject to the rules and regulations of the League Affiliate. Released teams will be subject to the player release rules as set out by the Home Affiliate. Team releases must be in writing and there will be no charge for the release of any such team.

R2.02 FEES

- a) Each Direct Entry must pay a guarantee deposit of \$500.00 to be returned only if the Direct Entry completes its obligations as stated in the OBA Constitution and By-Laws and the Rep Constitution and By-laws.

R2.03 PROVINCIAL REGISTRATION FEE

- a) A Provincial Registration Fee of \$100.00 will be paid by each Affiliated Association or Direct Entry, as the case may be, to the OBA for each of its rep teams.
- b) The certificate tax must be paid by July 8th to the OBA Office. Failure to pay the certificate tax shall result in the applicable team(s) not being classified.

R2.04 CLASSIFICATION

- a) The OBA shall offer for annual competition the following Rep Play-offs:

Category	30,001+ Households	Less than 30,001
Minor Rookie Ball	AAA, AA, A	
Rookie Ball	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
Minor Mosquito	AAA, AA, A	B
Mosquito	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
Peewee Girls	AAA	
Minor Peewee	AAA, AA, A	B
Peewee	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
Bantam Girls	AAA	
Minor Bantam	AAA, AA, A	B
Bantam	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
Minor Midget	AAA, AA, A	
Midget	AAA, AA, A	B, C, D
Category	All Households	
Women	AAA	
Junior	AAA, AA, A	
Senior	AAA, AA, A, B, C	

In addition, the Rep Division shall offer the following championships through PBLO:

AAAA Midget
AAAA Minor Midget

- b) Household numbers are used only to determine categories teams are eligible to participate in. Teams may request higher classification if so desired. A team at a lower household category may be classified at the classification of a larger household category at its request.
- c) For purposes of classification, the number of households will be based on Canada Post data. Each Affiliated Association must define which postal codes are contained within their Local Associations' boundaries. Urban centres will use the FSA (first three digits of the postal code) and rural centres will use all 6 digits of the postal code. The information must be filed with the OBA Office by April 1, 2013 and updated as necessary every three years thereafter. If an Affiliated Association fails to comply with this requirement, the Competition Committee will decide whether or not the Affiliated Association's teams will be eligible to be classified, and if so, will determine the classification of the teams. The Competition Committee's decision is final and may not be appealed.
- d) The number of households added to the household count of a team by an import player(s) will be determined as follows:
 - i) Each urban postal code will add the highest count associated with the LCW, LB, SS, RR, or GD (as defined by Canada Post) for the FSA in which the players reside.
 - ii) Each rural postal code will add the highest count associated with the LCW, LB, SS, RR or GD (as defined by Canada Post) for the postal code in which the players reside.
 - iii) The import player household count adder will be calculated as the average of the household counts determined in the prior two steps. (Note: this will determine a single number that will be used as an adder for each player residing outside of the Local Association postal code(s), regardless of whether they reside in an urban or rural postal code. This number will be revised every 3 years by March 31st, in the same year that Local Association postal codes are eligible for changing).
 - iv) The import player household count adder will be recalculated with the update of the Canada Post information on which it is based.

- v) Canada post data will be updated annually by March 31st.
- vi) Where two or more Local Associations within the same Affiliated Association combine their players to field a single team, they may apply to have the combined household counts considered as the base amount for the Local Association registering the team, rather than applying the import adder count for each player from the other Local Association(s) involved. Application must be made to the Classification Committee by June 1st. The addition of the household counts from the neighbouring Local Association(s) must be applied to all teams classified by the designated Local Association.
- e) If any Local Association feels it has a circumstance that does not fall under the provisions of R2.04 a) to d), it has the right to appeal to the Rep Division.
- f) Classifications must be submitted to the OBA Office before the opening of business on the Tuesday immediately following the 2nd Monday of July. Failure to submit such information by the deadline shall result in the applicable team(s) not being classified.
- g) The Affiliated Association must submit with classification the maximum number of teams it will allow to participate in each category.
- h) The OBA Office shall immediately forward the Affiliated Associations' proposed classifications to the respective Series Chair, who shall be responsible for ensuring that all information provided for each team in the Series is complete and correct. The Series Chair shall ensure that each team is properly classified and review the potential number of entries in the individual classification playoffs.
- i) The Classification Committee shall consist of the Overall Series Chair and the Series Chairs. The Classification Committee shall meet on the week-end following the 2nd Monday in July to review classifications. A Series Chair may make recommendations to the Classification Committee to change a team's classification. This applies to all classifications AAA through D. If the Classification Committee decides to change a team's classification, the Local Association and the Affiliated Association shall be contacted by the 3rd Monday of July and advised of the change and the reasoning for the change. The Local Association and/or the Affiliated Association shall have until the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the July Rep Council meeting to appeal the change.
- j) The Classification Committee shall provide each Affiliated Association with a preliminary listing of classifications by the 3rd Monday of July. If there are any discrepancies, then the Affiliated Associations must report them to the OBA Office by the close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the July Rep Council meeting. Upon receiving any reported discrepancies, the OBA Office will notify the Series Chair and the classification report will be amended as necessary for presentation to the Rep Council.
- k) The Classification Committee shall present its recommendations, together with any appeals, to the Competition Committee at the July Rep Council meeting. The Competition Committee shall resolve any appeals.
- l) The decision of any Affiliated Association with respect to whether a team is, or is not classified, prior to the opening of discussions by the Classification Committee on the classification of all teams in the respective series, shall be deemed final by the OBA.
- m) Where required for classification purposes, the Affiliated Association must submit to the Classification Committee (on a form approved by the Rep Council) the schedule and results of the teams in any league play, the won-lost-tied record and any tournament results that the teams may have participated in. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the team being classified at the highest classification available under R2.04 a).
- n) Once classifications have been approved by the Rep Council, no further changes will be allowed.
- o) In any classification where less than 4 teams classify, no Rep Play-off will be held, and those teams which would have been classified at that level shall have the option of moving up one classification in order to participate in a Rep Play-off. Where they elect not to move up, they will not be classified.
- p) i) Except for Rep Play-offs for Rookie Ball and Girls Baseball, the number of teams allowed to participate at each classification shall be one per Affiliated Association plus the tournament host. In any series where the number of Affiliated Associations participating plus the tournament host is less than 12, the number of teams which will be allowed to participate would be up to 12 including the tournament host. The Rep Council shall determine the manner of selection of the additional teams to make up the 12 team tournament. If there are less than 12 teams classified at a classification, all teams may be permitted to participate.
- ii) At Rookie Ball and Girls Baseball, each Rep Play-off Tournament shall be open to all teams classified at the category. All teams classified at the particular category are expected to attend the Rep Play-off Tournament or Play-off. Teams desiring not to attend should not be classified. Tournaments in excess of 20 teams may require playdowns one week prior to the Rep Play-off Tournament being played.

iii) At Senior the following limits apply to the number of teams for each Rep Play-off Tournament:

(1) Senior AAA shall be unlimited; and

(2) Senior AA, A, B and C shall be limited to 12 teams, with no more than 2 teams coming from any one Affiliated Association. Additional teams may be added from an Affiliated Association to bring the tournament to a maximum of 12 teams including the host.

Except at Senior AAA and Senior AA, the champions in any category shall be classified in the next high category the following year.

- q) The Rep Council shall decide annually the method by which the winner of each Rep Play-off shall be declared. This method shall consist of one of the following:
- i) home and home style Rep playoffs; or
 - ii) a double loss knock-out tournament with a minimum of 6 teams scheduled to be held no later than the Labour Day weekend; or
 - iii) a round robin tournament; or
 - iv) a combination.
- r) No player may participate with more than 1 team in any 1 series.
- s) Any team classified at the Rep classification meeting must participate in all its Rep Play-offs. If a team fails to fulfil its commitment a \$500.00 fine will be assessed. Local Associations and Affiliated Associations shall be responsible for ensuring payment of such fines assessed against their teams.
- t) Teams appealing their Rep classification as finalized by the Rep Council are not to be levied the \$500.00 fine if the team declines to compete within 24 hours after the appeals meeting.
- u) The winner of the Senior Rep Elimination Tournament will be declared the Senior AAA champions.
- v) A Direct Entry not participating in the scheduled play of an Affiliated Association shall be classified at the highest level for which the households of its municipality makes it eligible.
- w) In order to be classified, a team must have played and reported on the Classification Form a minimum of 5 games against other OBA Rep rostered teams.
- x) The winner of the Junior Elimination Tournament will be declared Junior AAA champions.
- y) At each age category where the winner of the Elimination Tournament is not deemed a Rep Play-off Champion, the winner of the Elimination Tournament shall be granted an automatic entry into the Rep Play-off Tournament for which teams entering the Elimination Tournament are classified. The Elimination Tournament winners will not be considered the representative of the Affiliated Association to which it belongs and the Affiliated Association shall be entitled to send another of its teams as its representative. Elimination Tournament winners must declare their intentions to the OBA Office and the Rep Play-off Tournament host by August 15.
- z) For Rookie Ball and Girls Baseball, the OBA Play-off Tournament format shall be at the discretion of the Rep Council each year.
- aa) Where several municipalities or Local Associations of C or lower classifications desire to compete in open tournaments at the A, AA and AAA level, they may choose to register an Affiliated Association approved team for that purpose. Such teams shall not be eligible for Rep Play-offs and Elimination Tournaments, and players on such a team are obliged to honour commitments to their Local Association first.

R3.01 TERRITORIAL RIGHTS

- a) The status of all Affiliated Associations is defined as territorial rights, as set forth in Appendix C. The boundaries of each have been approved and set by the Rep Council. Any new baseball associations, which do not conflict with any established Affiliated Association, which desire to affiliate with the Rep Division, must first be approved by the Rep Council.
- b) Two Local Associations in different Affiliated Associations cannot amalgamate across Affiliated Association boundaries without the written permission of both Affiliated Associations and the approval of OBA.
- c) All applications by Direct Entries for direct entry must be approved by the Rep Council before being accepted.
- d) The Rep Council shall have the power to mediate boundary disputes and make changes to Affiliated Association boundaries where such changes are deemed to be in the best interests of baseball.
- e) Franchises in the PBLO shall declare themselves to operate as either Residency Franchises or Non-Residency Franchises. A Residency Franchise is one that determines to operate in accordance with the Rep Division's residence and release requirements. A Residency Franchise will have the territorial rights of the Local Association, Direct Entry

or Affiliated Association which is operating the Franchise. A Non-Residency Franchise is one that determines not to operate in accordance with Rep Division's residence and release requirements. A Non-Residency Franchise shall have no territorial rights.

R4 CHAMPIONSHIPS

R4.01 DATES ON WHICH ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS MUST BE DECLARED

- a) Each Affiliated Association in order to participate in the Rep Play-offs must be prepared to enter the Rep Play-offs on the dates as set by the Rep Council (for all series) but in no case shall that date be later than the fourth Saturday in August.
Note: Labour Day weekend (except in Junior, Midget and Girl's Baseball) is the recommended dates for Tournament style Rep Playoffs.
- b) No Rep Play-off may be ordered after October 5th. The Series Chair has the power to order a tournament to be held to declare a winner, if deemed necessary.
- c) Where exceptional circumstances arise in Affiliated Associations, only the Rep Council or its committee(s) are empowered to extend the date of declaring a winner. The request for extension must be at the OBA Office at least 2 weeks prior to the Rep Play-off date.
- d) Except at Junior AAA which will be the Junior Elimination Tournament, all Junior Rep Play-offs will be scheduled 2 weeks prior to the Labour Day week-end.
- e) Girls Baseball Rep Play-offs will be scheduled at least 1 week but not more than 2 weeks prior to Labour Day weekend.
- f) All Midget Rep Play-offs will be scheduled 1 week prior to Labour Day week-end.
- g) Except at Senior AAA which will be the Senior Elimination Tournament, all Senior Rep Play-offs will be schedule on the Labour Day weekend.
- h) Rep Play-off tournament schedules shall be published at least 2 weeks prior to the start date of the tournament (with the exception of Senior which shall be 3 weeks prior to the start of the tournament) as defined in R4.01 a) through f). Failure to meet this deadline will result in the assessment of a \$200 fine to the tournament host.

R4.02 VISITING TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPENSES

The visiting teams shall pay their own travelling expense.

R4.03 REP PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENT FEE

All teams in Rep Play-off Tournament play will pay the following participation fees to the tournament host:

- a) teams in PeeWee and below \$400.00
and
- b) teams in Minor Bantam and above \$450.00.

If the team defaults on the payment of such fee or fails to meet its commitment to play in the Rep Play-off tournament, the Rep Division will pay the appropriate tournament fee to the host, pending any appeals. The Rep Division will collect the fine from the offending Affiliated Association/Local Association.

R5.01 SPECIAL PLAYING RULES

- a) The Council shall create a Special Playing Rules Committee and appoint a Chair Person for this committee.
- b) The Special Playing Rules Committee shall be made up of the Chair Person appointed by the Rep Council, and a representative from each Affiliated Association. In addition, the committee shall also have a member from the Technical Committee, a member from the Competition Committee, a member of the Umpire Committee and a member of the Coaching Committee. Each of these members shall act in an advisory capacity and shall not have a vote.
- c) Each Affiliated Association shall have one vote and a simple majority in attendance is required to pass any changes. The Special Playing Rules Committee may entertain and discuss rule changes throughout the year. Any changes suggested by the Special Playing Rules Committee shall be considered at an initial meeting of the Special Playing Rules Committee for consultation with the membership. At a subsequent meeting to be held at least 3 weeks after the initial meeting, the Special Playing Rules Committee shall vote on whether or not to recommend the suggested changes to the Rep Council.

- d) The Special Playing Rules Committee shall prepare a report to the Rep Council on the proposed changes it is recommending. Such report shall be submitted to the Rep Council at one Rep Council meeting and voted upon at the subsequent Rep Council meeting. Changes must be approved as follows:
 - i) by a majority of the Affiliated Association representatives present at the Rep Council Meeting, and
 - ii) 2/3 of the votes cast
 for passage at the Rep Council.
- e) The Special Playing Rules Committee shall send the approved changes to each of the Affiliated Associations and present a report of the changes at the Rep Annual Meeting.
- f) The Special Playing Rules Committee shall publish each year the special playing rules for the coming season.
- g) Such rules may include fines and ejections to be imposed against teams, Local Associations and/or Affiliated Associations for failure to comply with the rules.
- h) For the purposes of this rule, the special playing rules shall include P2, P3, P4, P5, P6, P7, Q1, and Q2..
- i) Notwithstanding clauses a) through h), the Rep Council may from time to time review and modify Rules P2.1 through P2.5, where in the opinion of the Rep Council, the changes are in the best interests of the members as a whole and/or in matters that are related to risk management for OBA. These changes must be presented and tabled at a Rep Council meeting to be voted on at the subsequent Rep Council meeting. These changes do not require approval of the Rules Committee but require:
 - i) approval of the majority of the Affiliated Association representatives present at the Rep Council Meeting, and
 - ii) 2/3 of votes cast,
 for passage by the Rep Council.

R5.02 BASEBALLS

Each year at the Rep Annual Meeting, the Rep Council will submit for discussion and approval a list of baseballs for use in the upcoming season.

R6.01 CONVENORS

- a) Affiliated Associations are to recommend Rep Convenors for approval by the Rep Council. The Rep Council will reserve the right to appoint Rep Convenors for districts where Direct Entries participate in the Rep Division.
- b) In any Rep Play-off game, no playing member of any team involved in the series will be allowed to act as a convenor or umpire.
- c) Only a registered Rep Convonor will act as the convenor at Rep Play-off games.
- d) In the case of the absence of a Rep Convonor, the umpire-in-chief shall act as the convenor in order for the game to begin.
- e) At the request of Affiliated Associations, the Rep Division will hold regional meetings to instruct Rep Convenors on proper procedures for running Rep Play-offs.
- i) Without limiting the generality of R4.01 a), any Local Association which permits any of its teams to play against a non-recognized baseball program (as defined in P1.9 d) i)) shall be subject to sanction up to and including suspension, which may include the sanction or suspension of any of its other teams.
- j) In addition to or in place of any suspension authorized by section R4.01 or this section R6.01, any person or organization violating any of the provisions of section R4.01 may be subject to fine or other sanction as determined appropriate.

R7.01 CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

- a) Championship teams of each Rep Play-off series shall receive a trophy representative of the championship.
- b) The Rep will present the following numbers of awards to members of the championship team and finalist team of each classification:
 - i) Bantam and below: 20 awards
 - ii) Minor Midget and Midget: 20 awards
 - iii) Junior, Senior and Womens: 25 awards

REP PLAYING RULES

The rules in P1 to P7 apply to teams registering and playing in the Rep Division.

P1 PLAYER SIGNING

SECTION P1.1 AGE AND CATEGORY

To be eligible to play in a particular age category, a player must be born during the year indicated beside such category or during any subsequent year:

Minor Rookie Ball	2008
Rookie Ball	2007
Minor Mosquito	2006
Mosquito	2005
Minor Peewee	2004
Peewee/Peewee Girls	2003
Minor Bantam	2002
Bantam	2001
Minor Midget/Bantam Girls	2000
Midget	1998
Junior	1995
Senior/Women's	Unlimited (Note: These years are to be automatically updated each year.)

SECTION P1.2 BIRTH RECORDS

- All players 21 years of age and under must produce a birth record the first time they register with OBA. Only birth certificates, passports, citizenship cards or drivers licences will be accepted as birth records. In the case of Affiliated Associations having their own registrar and having the approval of the OBA, it is not necessary to send birth records to the OBA Office if such birth records are provided to the Affiliated Association's registrar and will be recorded by the registrar. For Affiliated Associations not having their own registrar or for Direct Entries, when sending birth records to the OBA Office, they must be listed and a copy of the list included with the birth records. Upon receipt of a birth record, it will be recorded in the OBA Office.
- Players who cannot procure a birth record may sign a team roster upon producing a statutory declaration sworn by their parent or guardian establishing their age; the same to be accompanied by a certificate of a solicitor or notary public.

SECTION P1.3 PLAYERS TO QUALIFY UNDER RESIDENCE RULE

- The basic premise of OBA's residence rule is that players are to play with the Local Association where they reside.
- Players must establish residence within the Local Association on or before June 30th of the playing year. Exception: a player, who (1) maintains Canadian citizenship, (2) has been a member of a Rep Local Association or Direct Entry for at least one year prior, (3) continues to be a member of the same Rep Local Association or Direct Entry, and (4) for any reason is living outside of the Province of Ontario, may continue to register with that Local Association or Direct Entry.
- Individuals may be granted permission by the Rep Registrar to participate in Rep play. Cases will be dealt with on an individual basis (i.e., exchange students).
- Affiliated Associations must establish territorial boundaries for Local Associations within the Affiliated Association. Affiliated Associations may also set policies applicable within their Affiliated Association. A copy of the boundaries and any related policies must be filed with the OBA. OBA will consider the most recent copies filed by the Affiliated Association in any dispute. OBA may, in its discretion, choose to not follow the Affiliated Association policy where it conflicts with the OBA Constitution and By-laws and/or the Constituion and By-laws of the Rep Division or the best interest of Baseball Ontario.
- In areas where no Local Association exists, the Affiliated Association may set policy. In the absence of such a policy, the OBA shall apply the following policy: The player may play for any team in the Affiliated Association without a release.
- In areas where there is a Local Association but the Local Association does not have a team at the particular series, the Affiliated Association may set policy. In the absence of such a policy, the OBA shall apply the following policy: The player may play for any team in the Affiliated Association without a release. For the purposes of this rule, minor (e.g.,

Minor Rookie, Minor Mosquito, Minor Peewee, Minor Bantam, Minor Midget) is not defined as a separate series from major (e.g., Rookie Ball, Mosquito, Peewee, Bantam, Midget). If a combined minor/major program is offered by a Local Association, then the Local Association is considered to have a team at the particular series. The player is expected to return to his/her Local Association, unless a release is obtained pursuant to P1.5.

- g) A player in the circumstances of e) or f) may play for a team in another Affiliated Association without a release where such team is the team closest to his/her place of residence. Closest team shall be interpreted as the distance from the player's home to the relevant teams' home baseball diamond as the crow flies.
- h) Where a Local Association has more than 1 team operating in the same series, the Local Association shall set policy and/or boundaries for such teams. The Local Association shall file a copy of such policy and/or boundaries with the Affiliated Association and OBA.

GIRLS BASEBALL

- i) Notwithstanding any provision of this section P1.3,
 - i. A female may, but is not required to, register with both a Girls Baseball team and a non-Girls Baseball team.
 - ii. Where the Local Association in whose territory the female lives offers both Girls Baseball and non-Girls Baseball teams, the female may register with either a Girls Baseball team or a non-Girls Baseball team or both in such Local Association and on the basis of such registration play on any team from such Local Association for which she is eligible to play based upon her age.
 - iii. Where the Local Association in whose territory the female lives does not offer Girls Baseball, the female may register for non-Girls Baseball with such Local Association and Girls Baseball with another Local Association without a release being required from the Local Association in whose territory the female lives.
 - iv. Except as provided for in this clause i), a female player requires a release in accordance with the provisions of section P1.5 in the same manner as a male player.
 - v. Female athletes have the option of playing one year overage in each of the following Series: Rookie, Mosquito, Peewee, Bantam and Midget.

SECTION P1.4 PLAYERS CHANGING RESIDENCE

- a) OBA recognizes that families move. As set out in P1.3b), players must establish residence prior to June 30th of the playing season.
- b) In split family situations (i.e., the parents are divorced or separated), players 18 years of age and younger shall be deemed to reside where the parent(s) having custody rights reside.
- c) OBA does not condone moves of convenience or falsified family splits designed to bypass the release process.
- d) OBA, when considering the legitimacy of the family move or family split, may have regard to a number of factor(s), including, but not limited to the following:
 - i. a statement from the parent(s) outlining that they actually live at the stated address;
 - ii. a copy of a rental agreement or proof of ownership of the residence;
 - iii. a driver's license with the stated address;
 - iv. the name and address of the school the player attends;
 - v. a separation agreement or divorce decree outlining the custody and access arrangements of the player; and/or
 - vi. Canada Revenue Agency Marital Status Change Form – RC 65

SECTION P1.5 PLAYERS CHANGING TEAMS/RELEASE/TRANSFER POLICY

- a) Players are only allowed to be registered with one team at any time. Players registered with one team must be properly released before registering with a second team. This applies to all series.
- b) A player's playing rights are held by: (i) the Local Association(s) where he/she resides as set forth in P1.3 and P1.4; and (ii) the Local Association where he/she played the previous season if the player obtained all necessary releases under this section P1.5. At the Affiliated Association level, a player's playing rights are held by the Affiliated Association(s) where he/she resides as set forth P1.3 and P1.4.
- c) Before a player may participate in a practice, game, tryout, evaluation or other baseball activity with a team that does not currently hold the player's playing rights, the player must obtain the appropriate authorization as specified below.
- d) Where a player wishes to participate in another team's out-of-province game or tournament, and is registered with the Local Association that holds his/her playing rights, then permission from the Local Association and the Affiliated Association are required.

- e) Where a player desires to register with a Direct Entry or Local Association that does not hold his/her playing rights, the player must obtain:
 - i. a release from each Local Association that hold his/her playing rights as set out in P1.5 b); and
 - ii. a release from the Affiliated Association where the player resides, if the player desires to register with a Direct Entry or Local Association outside of the Affiliated Association where the player resides.

The request for a release must be in writing and the granting or refusal of a release shall be in writing authorized by the current management of the Direct Entry, Local Association or Affiliated Association involved. The foregoing does not apply at Senior where no release is required and a player may sign with a team that does not hold his/her playing rights without a release as long as there is no equipment, uniform or financial obligation owing to their previous team.
- f) Where a player desires to participate in a tryout, evaluation, practice or other baseball activity with a team that does not currently hold the player's playing rights, the player must obtain the releases required by P1.5e).
- g) Where a Local Association or Direct Entry grants a player a release, such release is valid and remains in full force and effect so long as the player continues to play for the Local Association or Direct Entry with which the player registered on the basis of having been granted such release.
- h) All releases must be in writing and cannot be conditional.
- i) Any player, for whom a Local Association is not prepared to offer a spot on one of the Local Association's OBA teams, is deemed to be released. The Local Association is required to provide a written release upon request by the player.
- j) Any player, who has not been played by his/her team in 3 or more consecutive games, has the right to appeal to the OBA Technical Committee should the player's team refuse to release the player.
- k) Releases shall not be valid until filed with the OBA Office.

SECTION P1.6 RELEASE APPEALS

- a) Where a player has been denied a release under P1.5 by a Local Association, the player has the right to appeal in writing the Local Association's refusal to the Affiliated Association.
- b) The Affiliated Association will make a decision to grant or deny the release. The Affiliated Association's decision is to be in writing.
- c) Either the player or the Local Association may appeal the Affiliated Association's decision to the OBA Technical Committee. No appeal may be made until the Affiliated Association has made its decision. The appeal must include all evidence and correspondence submitted to the Local Association and/or the Affiliated Association and copies of all decisions made by the Local Association and Affiliated Association.
- d) The OBA Technical Committee will establish the time and place of the appeal hearing, which will be held within 30 days of receiving the written appeal and all documents required in P1.6 c).
- e) The player (and/or his/her parent(s) or guardian(s)) and the Direct Entry or Local Association and/or Affiliated Association must be present in person at the hearing to provide evidence in support of their position.
- f) Failure to appear may result in a default decision. The decision of the OBA Technical Committee shall be final.

SECTION P1.7 OFFENCES

- a) Where a player participates in a practice, game, tryout, evaluation or other baseball activity with a team that does not currently hold the player's playing rights without the authorization(s) required by P1.5, the player is subject to suspension by OBA.
- b) Any coach or manager, who allows a player to participate in any practice, game, tryout, evaluation or other baseball activity with a team that does not currently hold the player's playing rights without the authorization(s) required by P1.5, is subject to suspension by OBA.
- c) No player, coach or manager may approach any player for whom their Local Association or Direct Entry does not hold the playing rights with the intention of securing said player for their Local Association or Direct Entry. Violation of this rule will leave the player, coach or manager subject to suspension by OBA.
- d) Where a director, officer, employee or other member of a Local Association or Direct Entry (who is not a player, coach and/or manager) approaches any player for whom their Local Association or Direct Entry does not hold the playing rights with the intention of securing said player for their Local Association or Direct Entry, then such violation will leave the Local Association or Direct Entry open to a fine of up to \$1000.
- e) In addition to or in place of any suspension authorized by this section P1.7, any person or organization violating any of the provisions of section P1.7 may be subject to fine or other sanction as determined appropriate by the Technical Committee.

SECTION P1.8 PLAYERS MAY ADVANCE TO HIGHER SERIES

- a) A player registered with a team in any series Junior or below shall be allowed to advance to a higher series of his/her own Local Association without affecting his/her status in the series and classification of the team with which he/she is registered. Any player, who advances, must play with his/her original team when the team he/she advances to and the team he/she is registered with have games on the same date. Where the original team is competing in a weekend tournament, the player shall not be eligible to be used as a call up to the team he/she is advancing to until their original team is eliminated from competition in their tournament. (**Note:** Any team knowingly postponing a game so that a player may advance will be suspended from the Rep Play-offs.) (Local Association shall be interpreted as the Local Association with which the player is registered.)
- b) In advancing under P1.8 a), a player may only advance as follows:
 - i. A Rookie player may only advance to Mosquito. (Note: A Rookie player is not eligible to pitch.)
 - ii. A Mosquito may advance only to Pee wee.
 - iii. A Pee wee may advance only to Bantam.
 - iv. A Bantam may advance only to Midget.
 - v. Players who turn 16 years of age in the calendar year may only advance to Junior.
- c) For clarification, where a Local Association has more than one team at a series, players on one team are not eligible to be called up to the other team. Where a Local Association has both a Select Division team(s) and a Rep team(s) at a series, players from the Select Division team(s) may be called up to the Rep team(s), provided the players comply with residency rules and are the proper age.
- c) Where a player of a younger age is rostered with a team at an older age category (eg. A Pee wee aged player is rostered on a Bantam roster), such player shall be considered as a player of the older series at which he/she is rostered despite being of younger age, and shall not be eligible to play with the younger team.
- d) Where a team wishes to use a call up player from a team that has been eliminated from any further competition during a tournament or a Rep Play-off tournament or a Rep Elimination tournament being held the same week-end, must have either the pitch count records or copies of the official game sheets for all games involving the call-up player. Any player, for whom the pitching eligibility cannot be confirmed, shall not be eligible to pitch.
- e) Once discovered, the penalty for violating any provision of P1.8 shall be forfeiture by the team to which the player advances. The Series Chair shall determine what other appropriate steps will be taken in the circumstances. The Series Chair's decision is final and is not appealable.

SECTION P1.9 PLAYER REGISTRATION

- a) A permanent identification number will be assigned to a Rep registered player based on his/her birth registration number. For players without a birth registration number, the OBA will assign a permanent identification number.
- b) The OBA shall update the eligibility for a series for all previously registered players, based upon the player's birth year, at the beginning of each subsequent calendar year. Team rosters will be prepared by OBA, by sorting the updated player information by Local Association or Direct Entry and by series. Team rosters will be made available to Local Associations or a Direct Entry through the OBA online registration platform.
- c) Team rosters will be available for editing through the OBA online registration platform by December 1st of each year for the following playing season.
- d) Each Local Association shall be responsible for providing as necessary through the OBA online registration platform the complete and accurate information for each returning player and each new player. The required information includes: proper name, date of birth, birth registration number, gender, proper address of residence including postal code, telephone number and valid email address. In addition, completed information for the head coach/manager and all coaches is to be provided.
- e) By virtue of having their Local Association submit a team roster, the head coach/manager accepts responsibility for the authenticity of the information shown on his/her team roster.
- f) The Local Association shall submit the team roster to the Affiliated Association registrar for approval.
- g) The Affiliated Association registrar shall check the submitted team roster ensuring that all information is complete and accurate (i.e., players are registered for the proper team and series, birth records are confirmed, necessary player releases

are included, etc.), that all required player releases are included and that all registered coaches have the proper credentials.

- h) The Affiliated Association registrar approves the team roster by submitting the roster to OBA for approval through the OBA online registration platform. By submitting a roster, the Affiliated Association registrar accepts responsibility for confirming the completeness and accuracy of the submission.
- i) The OBA shall review the team roster submitted to ensure that the information for each player and coach/manager is complete and that the required number of players and coaches are present, copies of birth records and player releases are submitted where required, no player is registered with a series for which he/she is not eligible.
- j) When all requirements of the OBA Constitution and By-laws are met for the team's registration, the OBA shall approve the roster through the OBA online registration platform.
- k) Approved rosters will be sent to the Affiliated Association and Local Association through the OBA online registration platform.
- l) Subject to the deadlines set forth in this section P1.9, rosters may be amended through the OBA online registration platform by adding or deleting players after they have been initially approved by the Local Association, Affiliated Association and/or OBA.
- m) All team rosters must be submitted to the OBA Office through the OBA online registration platform on or before June 1st of the current playing year; provided, however, that Affiliated Associations with approved registrars, shall have until June 8th to submit their rosters to OBA so long as the Local Association has submitted the roster to the Affiliated Association by June 1st. Any team playing in an OBA tournament after June 1st without having submitted its roster shall be automatically suspended until such time as the roster is submitted. Changes to a roster may be submitted to the OBA Office through the OBA online registration platform until June 30th of the current playing year; provided, however, that Affiliated Associations with approved registrars, shall have until July 8th to submit their changes to OBA so long as the Local Association shall have submitted the changes to the Affiliated Association by June 30th.
- n) Team rosters submitted to the OBA by the deadline, but not completed correctly, must be resubmitted correctly to the OBA Office by August 8th of the current playing year.
- o) Where a team, which is playing an Affiliated Association schedule prior to June 30th, fails to submit a roster to OBA by the deadline, the team may register late upon paying a \$500 late registration fee to the OBA. In so registering, the team must provide evidence satisfactory to the Rep Registrar that the players listed as being part of such team were part of such team roster prior to June 30. **Note:** This provision does not permit individual players to be added to any team roster after June 30.
- p) No player shall be added to a team roster before September 15th of the preceding year, nor after June 30th of the current playing year.
- q) Affiliated Associations must forward all team rosters and certificate tax for all of their players and teams whether they participate in Rep Play-offs or not. No player may participate in a Rep tournament or Rep Play-off without his/her name on a team roster.
- r) Where this section refers to the providing of rosters, the same shall be provided through the OBA online registration platform.

SECTION P1.10 TEAM NUMBER

A team must have 9 signed players and may have a maximum of 25 players who must be signed to a team roster of the series of the team entered. Each team must have at least 1 manager, and/or 1 or more coaches, signed to the roster clearly marked "Manager" or "Coach" and who shall be responsible for that team.

SECTION P1.11 PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS AND REGISTRATION

- a) Any player signed by a professional baseball club of the National or American Leagues of Professional Baseball Clubs, or of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, who has received his/her unconditional release or has been placed on the Voluntary Retired List by said professional club before June 30th of the playing season shall become eligible for reinstatement to play in the OBA immediately when he/she returns to his/her home city or town, or to the team he/she left to turn professional or he/she may play with any other team providing he/she qualifies under the residence rule.
- b) All applications for reinstatement must be accompanied by a letter from the Office of the President of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues or a copy of the release from the applicable professional organization.

- c) A player shall be considered to have turned professional when he/she plays his/her first game, either exhibition or league with a professional club.
- d) The release or voluntary retirement must accompany any application for reinstatement.

SECTION P1.12 ELIGIBILITY

- a) Players are not eligible to register with the OBA for the then current playing season if they have registered with a non-recognized baseball program operating in the Province of Ontario for any part of such playing season. Players registered with the OBA for the then current playing season who register with a non-recognized baseball program shall be subject to suspension in accordance with section P7-1.
- b) Where an entire team of players desires to register as a team with a non-recognized baseball program, the Local Association operating such team may, if it has the approval of its Affiliated Association, apply to the OBA for OBA recognition of the non-recognized baseball program. The OBA may in its absolute discretion recognize or refuse to recognize such other baseball program.
- c) Individual players may participate with a non-recognized program outside of the province if he secures letters of permission from: (1) Rep Coach and/or Manager (2) Local Association Executive and (3) Affiliate Association Executive; allowing him/her to play with a specified team or organization. (All letters and information shall be forwarded to the OBA through the Affiliated Association) A player participating with a non-recognized program outside of the province without these approvals shall be automatically suspended indefinitely. Any further penalty shall be decided by the OBA Board of Directors.
- d) For the purpose of this section P1.12, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - i) “non-recognized baseball program” shall mean any baseball program other than (1) a baseball program operated exclusively by the OBA, its Affiliated Associations and its Local Associations, (2) a high school, college or university baseball program, (3) a baseball program operated exclusively by an associated member of the OBA, (4) a baseball program recognized by the Rep Council, or (5) a baseball program operated by the PBLO in accordance with the PBLO Agreement.
 - ii) “playing season” shall mean the period from April 15 through to the end of the Labour Day weekend.
 - iii) “registered” includes any form of signing or registration process and any player participating on a regular basis with a non-recognized baseball program shall be deemed to have been registered with such program.
- e) A player participating in another recognized program shall have the right to sign only with:
 - i) the OBA Local Association in whose territory the player lives or
 - ii) the OBA Local Association with whom the player played in the previous playing season.

If the player is not signed by such Local Association, then he/she shall not be entitled to sign with another Local Association.

Senior players are exempt from P1.12 e).

SECTION P1.13 PBLO

- a) The terms of the PBLO Agreement shall govern teams operated by PBLO Franchises.
- b) The provisions of Sections P1.1 to P1.12 shall not apply to teams playing in the PBLO unless the Franchise operating such teams determines to operate as a Residency Franchise in which case those provisions shall apply to the teams operated by such Residency Franchise.
- c) The PBLO shall determine such residence and release requirements, if any, as shall apply to PBLO Non-Residency Franchises.
- d) The PBLO shall determine such registration procedures and policies as shall apply to PBLO Franchise teams.
- e) PBLO Non-Residency Franchises may not operate teams other than as set out in the PBLO Agreement. Accordingly, Affiliated Associations and Local Associations may not operate PBLO Non-Residency Franchises. However, since PBLO Residency Franchises may operate additional teams, Affiliated Associations and Local Associations may operate PBLO Residency Franchises.
- f) Players playing on a PBLO Non-Residency Franchise team may also register with a team of a Local Association in accordance with P1.12 e) i) or ii).
- g) Players playing on a PBLO Residency Franchise may not sign with another team.

- h) PBLO Non-Residency Franchise teams are not eligible to compete in Rep Elimination tournaments and/or Rep Play-offs, other than the AAAA championships determined by PBLO. PBLO Residency Franchise teams are eligible to compete in Rep Eliminations and/or Rep Play-offs at the AAA level.
- i) The provisions of P2, P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7 do not apply to the PBLO, PBLO Franchises or PBLO Franchise teams, except that P5 and P6 apply to PBLO Residency Franchise teams participating in Rep Eliminations and/or Rep Play-offs at the AAA level.

SECTION P1.14 ELITE BASEBALL DIVISION

Baseball Ontario has established an Elite Baseball Division so that Baseball Ontario players can compete at the highest level at the respective age levels.

Where an Affiliated Association agrees to be part of the Elite Division by July 1st on an annual basis, all Baseball Ontario Rep rules and constitutional requirements will be followed except as outlined below:

- a) Any Local/Affiliated Association may register an Elite team at the Bantam, Minor Midget, and Midget age level.
- b) If a player trying out for an Elite team is offered a position on the team, the player may accept and all necessary releases are considered to have been granted.
- c) Any Local/Affiliated Association planning to field an Elite team must register their Elite team with the Baseball Ontario Office by August 1st that they will be offering an Elite team for the following playing year.
- d) Tryouts for these Elite teams may start as early as July 1st and must be completed no later than the second Sunday in September.
- e) It is understood that the playing rights of a player, who tries out for one or more Elite team(s) and is not selected, will remain where they were as determined by section P1.5(b) of the Constitution and By-laws of the Rep Division and the Rep Playing Rules.
- f) Each Elite team will forward their roster, through the respective Affiliated Association, to Baseball Ontario no later than the Wednesday following the second Sunday in September. Elite teams will forward necessary releases to Baseball Ontario when they are received.
- g) The respective Elite teams will determine the number of players on their team within the guidelines as outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Rep Division and the Rep Playing Rules.
- h) There will be, Bantam, Minor Midget and Midget teams with Minor Bantam, Bantam, Minor Midget and Midget) aged players participating in the Elite Division.
- i) There must be a minimum of six teams at a series to form an Elite League for the respective age group.
- j) All Elite teams will be classified as AAA.
- k) Baseball Ontario will appoint a Commissioner to oversee the Elite Division operations.

P2 – P7 AND Q1-Q2 (GOVERNED BY REP COUNCIL RULES COMMITTEE)

P2 SPECIAL PLAYING RULES

The Official Rules of Baseball shall govern all games except as provided in the playing rules below. NOTE: Where there is a change made to The Official Rules of Baseball, the change shall not take effect until the Board of Directors approves the application of the change.

SECTION P2.1 REPORTING ABUSE

Any incident that is considered to be verbal or physical abuse of or by any participants in any Rep games shall be reported by the tournament convenor(s), OBA officials and/or the umpire(s) to the OBA Office.

SECTION P2.2 GIRLS BASEBALL

Only females are eligible to play Girls Baseball.

SECTION P2.3 PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

- a) Players, coaches and umpires in uniform must refrain from using any tobacco products during all games.

- b) Players, coaches and umpires in uniform must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- c) Penalty for a) and b) will be immediate ejection for players or coaches and may result in loss of accreditation for umpires.

SECTION P2.4 COACHES AND MANAGERS

- a) All coaches and field managers, in order to be on a Rep roster after June 15th of the playing year as outlined below, must meet the following certification requirements:

Year and Division:	Requirements (Head Coach)	Requirements (Assistant Coaches)
2015 + Rookie	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiation Online Module 2. Initiation Workshop 3. Teaching & Learning Workshop 4. Infielding Workshop 5. Hitting Workshop <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Total: 5 Components)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiation Online Module 2. Initiation Workshop 3. Teaching & Learning Workshop 4. Infielding Workshop 5. Hitting Workshop <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Total: 5 Components)</i></p>
2015 + Mosquito	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiation Online Module 2. Initiation Workshop 3. Teaching & Learning Workshop 4. Infielding Workshop 5. Hitting Workshop 6. Pitching and Catching Workshop 7. Absolutes Workshop (formerly Skills Analysis) <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Total: 7 Components)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiation Online Module 2. Initiation Workshop 3. Teaching & Learning Workshop 4. Infielding Workshop 5. Hitting Workshop <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Total: 5 Components)</i></p>
2016 Peewee to Midget (including Bantam Girls and Women):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiation Online Module 2. Initiation Workshop 3. Teaching & Learning Workshop 4. Infielding Workshop 5. Hitting Workshop 6. Pitching and Catching Workshop 7. Absolutes Workshop (formerly Skills Analysis) 8. Base running Workshop 9. Planning Workshop 10. Online Portfolio <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Total: 10 Components)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiation Online Module 2. Initiation Workshop 3. Teaching & Learning Workshop 4. Infielding Workshop 5. Hitting Workshop 6. Pitching and Catching Workshop 7. Absolutes Workshop (formerly Skills Analysis) <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Total: 7 Components)</i></p>
2017 Bantam to Midget (including Bantam Girls and Women):	2016 Peewee Requirements <u>plus</u> : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Outfielding Workshop 12. Strategies Workshop 13. Practice Evaluation <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Total: 13 Components)</i></p>	2015 Mosquito Head Coach Requirements <u>plus</u> : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Base running Workshop 9. Planning Workshop 10. Online Portfolio <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Total: 10 Components)</i></p>
2018 Midget and Women:	2017 Bantam Requirements <u>plus</u> : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Game Evaluation <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Total: 14 Components)</i></p>	2016 Peewee Head Coach Requirements <u>plus</u> : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Outfielding Workshop 12. Strategies Workshop 13. Practice Evaluation <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Total: 13 Components)</i></p>
2016 + Junior:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiation Online Module 2. Infielding Workshop 3. Hitting Workshop 4. Pitching & Catching Workshop 5. Baserunning Workshop 6. Outfielding Workshop <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Total: 6 Components)</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiation Online Module 2. Infielding Workshop 3. Hitting Workshop 4. Pitching & Catching Workshop 5. Baserunning Workshop 6. Outfielding Workshop <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Total: 6 Components)</i></p>
Senior:	No Formal Training Required	No Formal Training Required

- b) All coaches and field managers at Peewee and up, and in their very first year of coaching, will be granted an extension of one (1) calendar year to complete the required modules for their specific division, provided they complete at a minimum the following 5 courses prior to June 15th of their first year coaching:
1. Initiation Online Module
 2. Initiation Clinic
 3. Teaching & Learning Clinic
 4. Infielding Clinic
 5. Hitting Clinic
- c) For Rep Elimination tournaments, coaches must also meet the Baseball Canada certification requirements applicable to the national tournament they would attend if their team won the Elimination tournament.
- d) Managers and coaches will be responsible for the conduct of their players both on and off the field until departure from the park. An infraction may result in a suspension for the next scheduled game in that Rep Play-off or to further suspension depending on the severity of the circumstances of the incident at the discretion of the tournament host's protest and discipline committee. Nothing in this paragraph limits the application of P2-13.
- e) In Junior and below, at least one certified coach or manager listed in the Helpers Roster of the Local Association must be present and on the bench for each game. If there is no coach/manager present or the only coach/manager present is ejected, then the game is forfeited.
- f) All coaches and managers come under the jurisdiction of the umpires during games and are subject to penalties. The umpires shall see that the rules governing coaches and managers in all games are strictly enforced.
- g) As per the Official Rules of Baseball, in Minor Bantam and above, any team member in uniform may act as a base coach. Where a player in Minor Bantam, Bantam, Minor Midget or Midget is acting as a base coach, the player must wear a helmet.

SECTION P2.5 UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT

- a) In all games in all Rep series, all team personnel, including the manager and coaches, must be in complete baseball uniform.

Note: Complete baseball uniform shall consist of:

- corresponding tops or jerseys (with proper numbers),
 - corresponding (similar) baseball caps
 - baseball pants (no shorts)
 - corresponding stirrup or baseball socks.
- b) Provided the teams are completely uniformed the uniformity as laid down by the Official Playing Rules of Baseball will be disregarded and no protest will be considered by the OBA after the game has been played.
- c) The on deck batter, batter, base runners and batboy/batgirl must wear a prescribed protective helmet with flaps, covering both ears. This may not be changed except after the inning has been completed, or the player has been retired or has crossed home plate. In Rookie Ball, T-Ball, Minor Mosquito, Mosquito, PeeWee Girls, Minor PeeWee and PeeWee, helmet chinstraps are mandatory and will be worn as designed by the manufacturer.
- d) In Rookie Ball, T-Ball, Minor Mosquito, Mosquito, PeeWee Girls, Minor PeeWee, PeeWee and Bantam Girls shoes with metal cleats are prohibited.
- e) All catchers are required to wear a mask with throat protector, helmet, chest protector, shin guards, cup and a cup-type supporter.
- f) A team member shall be deemed as "warming up a pitcher" the moment either:
- i. the pitcher stands on the rubber (on the field or bullpen)
 - ii. the team member assumes a squatting position to receive a thrown ball from the pitcher, regardless of position on the field or pullpen; or
 - iii. the team member assumes a position behind home plate
- g) Any team member serving as a catcher to warm up a pitcher shall wear a mask with throat protector.
- h) The legal diameter for bats shall be 2 3/4". For the 2017 baseball season, the maximum legal diameter of the barrel of the bat shall be 2 5/8".

- i) Subject to the following, in addition to wooden bats, metal bats shall be allowed in Rep play.
 - i. For all Minor Peewee and Peewee play, metal bats with a length to weight difference of -10 or less are permitted.
 - ii. For all levels of play Minor Bantam and above, only wood bats, bamboo bats and wood composite bats will be allowed. Wood composite bats include wood bats with fibreglass sheathing and wood barrelled bats with composite handles. Wood composite bats do not include any bat that has any metallic component.
- j) Pitchers will be allowed to wear Medic-Alert bracelets on the wrist of their pitching arm if such bracelets are locked or cannot be transferred to their non-pitching wrist.
- k) There is no visible jewelry allowed for players. **Penalty:** The team will be given one warning and instructed to remove all jewelry. Any further violation of this rule by any member of that team will result in the ejection of the offending player **AND** the Manager/Head Coach. For the purposes of this rule, Phiten necklaces or similar necklaces, Livestrong and other rubber bracelets, friendship bracelets, etc. are **not** considered jewelry. Medic Alert identification and sunglasses are not considered jewelry.
- l) Players, coaches and managers who use electronic devices on the field will be ordered by the umpire to remove them from the field immediately. Failure to do so will result in ejection. Umpires who use electronic devices on the field during the game are subject to suspension and potential loss of accreditation. Fitbits, FuelBands, and other fitness trackers are considered electronic devices for the purposes of this rule, and are not permitted except where required for medical reasons (i.e.: heart rate monitor prescribed by a physician). **Exception:** Dedicated watches, stopwatches and electronic pitch counters/indicators are permitted.

SECTION P2.6 APPROVED BASEBALLS

MAKE	MODEL	MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDED USE
Rawlings	ROTB5 45CC/RTDC 65CC 80CC ROMLCAN** CAN100HS	Rookie/Indoor Up to Peewee Minor Mosquito to Bantam Minor Mosquito to Midget All Divisions All Divisions
Silverstar Sports	818LS REV500	Rookie to Peewee Peewee to Senior
Louisville Slugger Canada	BB93 BB11 BB12 BB12-RL	T-Ball Minor Mosquito to Peewee Minor Bantam to Senior Minor Midget to Senior

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Rawlings ROMLCAN is the exclusive baseball of Baseball Ontario Elimination Tournaments.

SECTION P2.7 GAME LENGTH

- a) All games in a Rep Play-off or Elimination Tournament shall be 7 complete innings (6 1/2 complete innings if the home team is ahead), or until a winner is declared.
- b) In tournament play if a game is delayed due to curfew, darkness, light failure or weather related conditions at any point prior to completion, the game shall be resumed from the point of delay.
- c) In the case of bad weather or other emergency situations, the schedule may be revised at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
- d) In home and home style Rep Play-off games called due to curfew, darkness, light failure or weather related conditions after becoming an official game shall be declared a complete and official game even if less than 7 innings were played. If the game is called prior to becoming an official game, then it is resumed from the point of delay.
- e) Time limits are not permitted in any Rep Play-off or Elimination games.

- f) In Rep Open or Invitational Tournaments when a time limit or curfew is in effect in the tournament rules, it shall be interpreted as follows: No new inning may be started after the time limit or curfew. An inning shall be deemed to have started immediately after the last out in the bottom of the previous inning has occurred.
- g) In all OBA games an 18 run mercy rule will apply after 3 innings (2 ½ if the home team is ahead) and a 10 run mercy rule will apply after 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead).
- h) Where the home team scores to take the lead in the 7th inning, any extra inning or any inning that will be the last inning because of a time limit, the game ends immediately. Similarly, if the home team scores a run that results in a mercy pursuant to g), the game ends immediately with that run.

SECTION P2.8 LINE-UP RULES

- a) Each manager will see that the umpire-in-chief is provided with a batting order card listing the batting order of his/her players for the commencement of the game. This card shall list (i.e., print legibly) each player's first and last name, his/her uniform number and position. It shall also list the substitute players, coaches and manager including their uniform number. Bona fide players of either team, who arrive after the commencement of the game, may have their names added to the list upon reporting to the umpire-in-chief.
- b) In Minor Mosquito and Mosquito games, all players present at the game shall be listed on the team's batting line-up in the order desired by the manager/coach and bat in that order. Late arrivals shall be added to the bottom of this batting order.
- c) In Minor Mosquito and Mosquito games, if a player is removed from the game due to injury, illness or official ejection, the player's spot in the batting order shall be deleted. In the event a batter must be removed due to injury, official ejection, or has to leave for any reason during the time at bat, the next batter in the batting order shall come to bat assuming the balls and strikes count at the time the batter is removed. If the batter becomes an out, such batter shall then take his/her regular turn at bat.
- d) In Minor Peewee, Peewee, Minor Bantam and Bantam, teams may opt to utilize 10 batters in the starting line-up. The additional batter shall be deemed as the extra player (EP). The following rules for the EP shall apply:
 - i. The option to use the EP must be declared when handing in the line-up card prior to the start of the game.
 - ii. The EP may bat in any place in the batting order.
 - iii. The EP will be considered a defensive position and eligible for re-entry.
 - iv. If a team using the EP has any players ejected or injured and it results in the team having less than 10 players in the line-up the game shall continue with 9 players. The batting order will be shifted up to fill the void but otherwise remains the same.

Note: If the player starting in the EP is moved into a defensive position his place in the batting order does not change. The new EP will bat in the place of the player they replaced.

- e) At Minor Midget and Midget, a team may use either an EP as in P2-8 d) or a designated hitter as in P2-8 f), but the team may not use both an EP and a designated hitter in the same game. For clarity, a team may also choose not to use either an EP or a designated hitter.
- f) A designated hitter may be used for a pitcher from Minor Midget to Senior as per the Official Rules of Baseball 6:10(b).
- g) A designated hitter may be used in any OBA Elimination Tournament only if it is permissible at national level.
- h) For tournament play the Tournament Convenor shall appoint an official scorer for each game (who may be the scorer of 1 of the teams playing). For all home and home style OBA Play-off games the home team score keeper shall be the official score keeper.

SECTION P2.9 SUBSTITUTIONS

- a) In Minor Mosquito and Mosquito games, unlimited substitutions defensively are allowed (including for injury or official ejection).
- b) In Minor PeeWee, PeeWee, PeeWee Girls, Minor Bantam, Bantam, Bantam Girls, Minor Midget, Midget, and Women's ball any starting player may be substituted for and returned to the game, one time only. He/she must return to his/her original place in the batting order. Any further substitutions do not jeopardize the right of re-entry for the original/starting player. Any starting player returned to the game may pitch if he/she has not previously assumed that position. A pinch runner may be inserted for a pitcher, who was listed in the starting batting order,

and the pitcher may return to pitch under this re-entry rule only if the player is re-entered immediately as a pitcher when his/her team takes the field defensively.

- c) At all levels, courtesy runners for the catcher or any other players are prohibited. Pinch runners may be substituted in accordance with the Official Rules of Baseball except where contravened herein.
- d) In Minor PeeWee, PeeWee, PeeWee Girls, Minor Bantam, Bantam, Bantam Girls, Minor Midget, Midget, Women's and Junior ball in the event that all players have entered the game and an injury(s) occurs, the opposing manager shall have the right of selecting any remaining player(s) as the replacement.

Note: This rule does not apply to ejections from a game.

- e) If a player re-enters or enters the game illegally: offensively, this shall be considered as a batter hitting out of order; defensively, the proper player shall replace him.

SECTION P2.10 PITCHING RULES

- a) Any player advancing to play in a higher series shall be restricted to the pitching rule of the series in which he/she is registered. Rookie Ball players advancing to play in a higher series cannot pitch.
- b) In Minor Mosquito and Mosquito games, the number of trips to the mound by manager/coach shall not be limited except when the umpire rules that the purpose of the trip is to delay the game.
- c) In PeeWee Girls, Minor PeeWee and PeeWee games, a third trip by a manager/coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher's automatic removal from the pitching position.
- d) From Minor Mosquito to Midget and Women, a pitcher once removed from pitching, regardless of the number of trips to the mound by the manager/coach, may continue in the game at another position, but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game. From Minor Bantam to Senior, a second trip by a manager/coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher's automatic removal from the pitching position. The pitcher, once removed after the 2nd trip in an inning, may continue in the game at another position but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.
- e) In Junior and Senior, a second trip by a manager/coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher's automatic removal from the playing position. The pitcher, once removed after the 2nd trip in an inning may continue in the game at another position but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.

Pitch Count Limitations

- f) A pitcher may not pitch more than the following limits in a calendar day. If the limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher may pitch to the earlier of: (i) the completion of that batter or (ii) the end of the inning.

Minor and Major Mosquito	70 pitches
Minor and Major PeeWee, PeeWee Girls	80 pitches
Minor and Major Bantam, Bantam Girls	90 pitches
Minor and Major Midget, Women	100 pitches

- g) If a pitcher throws more than the following limits in a calendar day he/she cannot pitch the next day – the player must have 2 nights rest.

Minor and Major Mosquito	45 pitches
Minor and Major PeeWee, PeeWee Girls	55 pitches
Minor and Major Bantam, Bantam Girls	65 pitches
Minor and Major Midget, Women	75 pitches

- h) Where a team has multiple games on the same day, if a pitcher throws more than the following limits during a game or in combination of one or more games, the pitcher may not pitch again in a subsequent game that day:

Minor and Major Mosquito	45 pitches
Minor and Major PeeWee, PeeWee Girls	55 pitches
Minor and Major Bantam, Bantam Girls	65 pitches
Minor and Major Midget, Women	75 pitches

- i) The pitching rules were modified in 2012 to change the circumstances in which a pitcher may be eligible to pitch in more than one game on the same day. Prior to 2012, if a player reaches the number of pitches that would make them ineligible for the next day, the player could still pitch later that day up to the maximum number pitches in their particular division. This is no longer the case. The table below details player eligibility.

(Examples will use the Mosquito pitch counts, adjust for your specific division)

Example 1 – 2 games in 1 day

1. Game 1 Pitcher throws less than 46 pitches – Eligible for Game 2
 - a. Total pitch count for Game 1 and Game 2 less than 46 eligible for next day unless it is third day in a row
 - b. Total pitch count Game 1 and Game 2 greater than 45 pitches, pitcher not eligible for next day.
2. Game 1 Pitcher throws more than 45 pitches – Not eligible for game 2 and not eligible for next day

Example 2 – 3 games in 1 day

1. Game 1 Pitcher throws less than 46 pitches – Eligible for Game 2
 - a. Total pitch count Game 1 and Game 2 less than 46 pitches – Pitcher eligible for game 3
 - i. Total pitch count for Games 1, 2 and 3 less than 46 pitches – Pitcher eligible for next day unless it is the 3rd day in a row.
 - b. Total pitch count for Game 1 and Game 2 greater than 45 pitches – Pitcher is not eligible for 3rd game and next day
 2. Game 1 Pitcher throws greater than 45 pitches – Pitcher not eligible for Game 2 or Game 3 and the next day
 3. Game 1 Pitcher does not pitch, throws less than 46 pitches in Game 2 – Eligible for Game 3
 - a. Total Pitch count for Game 2 and Game 3 less than 46 pitches – Pitcher eligible for next day unless 3rd day in a row.
 - b. Total Pitch count for Game 2 and Game 3 greater than 45 pitches – Pitcher not eligible next day.
 4. Game 1 pitcher throws greater than 45 pitches – Not eligible for Game 2, Game 3 and next day
 5. Game 1 pitcher does not pitch, throws more than 45 pitches in Game 2 – Not eligible for Game 3 and next day.
 - j) If a balk is called but the pitcher throws the ball it will count as a pitch thrown, even if it is not counted as a pitch for ball/strike purposes.
 - k) The official scorekeeper shall designate the official pitch count recorder.
 - l) The official pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or the umpire.
 - m) The official pitch count recorder shall inform the home plate umpire when a pitcher has delivered his/her limit of pitches for the game. The home plate umpire will then notify the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed.
- Note: It is the responsibility of the manager to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible, even if the pitch count recorder and/or the umpire fail to notify the manager.
- n) If a team has no remaining players eligible to pitch in a game, the opposing coach may designate a player who has yet to pitch in the game. This pitcher may not throw more than 30 pitches. If the limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher may pitch to the earlier of (i) the completion of that batter, or (ii) the end of the inning.
 - o)
 - i. At Minor Mosquito, Mosquito, Minor Peewee, Peewee, Peewee Girls, Minor Bantam, Bantam and Bantam Girls, pitchers may not pitch on 3 consecutive calendar days
 - ii. At Minor Midget, Midget, pitchers may not pitch on 3 consecutive calendar days unless:
 1. the pitcher threw 30 pitches or less on each of the first two days.
 2. the maximum number of pitches which may be thrown on the third day is 50.
 - iii. At Junior, Senior and Womens, there is no restriction on pitchers pitching on 3 consecutive calendar days.
 - p) Illegal pitching penalty: where a player throws more pitches than is permitted under f); or pitches without the rest required by P2.10 g); or pitches on 3 consecutive days in violation of o); or pitches and catches in the same game in violation of q), the penalty shall be forfeiture by the player's team. A second violation by a team will result in the manager/head coach's indefinite suspension.
 - q) At Minor Mosquito, Mosquito, Minor Peewee, Peewee and Peewee Girls, a player may not be a pitcher and a catcher in the same game. Where a game is suspended and completed on another day, a player may be a pitcher and a catcher in the same game so long as the player does not pitch and catch on the same day during the suspended game.
 - r) Pitches shall count on the calendar day on which the pitch is thrown. An exception shall be made where a game commences on one day and is played continuously past midnight. In that case, the pitches shall count as being thrown on the day on which the game commenced. In the case where a game is suspended, for whatever reason,

on one day and resumed on a second day, pitches shall count on the calendar day on which the pitch is thrown (i.e. both parts of the game shall be considered on separate days). Where weather or other reasons cause the delay or postponement of a game or games, the time of the delay can count towards the nights rest required under g) and can constitute a break in the 3 consecutive day rule under n).

- s) The pitching limits apply to every pitcher. For an ambidextrous pitcher, the limits and restrictions of P2.10 apply to the pitcher and not to each individual arm. For clarity, the pitches thrown with the right arm and left arm on a calendar day are added together to determine whether a pitch limit has been reached.
- t) 8.06 c) of the Official Rules of Baseball does not apply where a coach/manager goes to the mound to remove a pitcher in order not to exceed the pitch limits of P2.10 g)” Note: For this to apply, the second trip must be after the last pitch which could be thrown without exceeding the particular pitch count limit of P2.10g). For example, after the 55th pitch but before the 56th pitch at Peewee or Minor Peewee.

SECTION P2.11 BASE RUNNING RULES

- a) In Minor Mosquito and Mosquito, base runners cannot leave the base until the ball leaves the pitcher’s hand. If an infraction occurs, the ball will be declared dead and runners may not advance. 1 warning will be issued and for any further infractions thereafter, the runner will be called out. (Each team to receive 1 warning).
- b) In Minor Mosquito and Mosquito, if a runner is removed by reason of injury or official ejection from the game, the player last put out shall act as pinch runner for the removed player. By virtue of the rule there shall be no pinch runners allowed.

Malicious Contact:

- c) Malicious contact is to be penalized whether committed by an offensive or defensive player. Contact shall be considered malicious if:
 - i. the contact is the result of intentional excessive force, and/or
 - ii. there is an intent to injure.
- d) The umpire shall determine whether contact was avoidable or unavoidable. If the fielder blocks the base path, the runner may make contact, slide into or collide with the fielder as long as the runner is making a legitimate attempt to reach the base/plate.
- e) Runners are instructed to slide or attempt to avoid making contact with a fielder. A player who maliciously runs into another player is to be declared out (unless he/she has scored prior to committing the infraction) and is to be automatically ejected (whether or not declared out).
- f) If the defensive player blocked the base path clearly without possession of the ball, obstruction shall be called. The runner is safe and a delayed dead ball is called.

SECTION P2.12 FIELDING RULES

- a) A fielder may not enter the dugout or bench area to make a legal catch. Any such ball shall be declared dead.
- b) Where a fielder carries a live ball into dead ball area, the ball shall be declared dead and all runners shall be awarded 1 base without liability of being put out.

SECTION P2.13 DISCIPLINE

- a) The following Progressive Penalties shall apply at all levels of baseball on minor offenses/infractions by a coach or manager:
 - i. On a first minor violation, the coach or manager shall receive a warning from the umpire.
 - ii. If the coach/manager continues after being warned, or on any second minor violation in that game, the umpire shall order the coach/manager be restricted to the dugout for the remainder of the game.
 - iii. On any subsequent minor violation in that game, or refusal to remain in the dugout after restriction, the umpire shall eject the coach/manager from the game.
 - iv. The umpire in his/her sole discretion may elect to eject any coach, manager or player from the game without warning or progressive penalties.

- b) Any player, coach or manager ejected by an umpire from any Rep Play-off or Tournament (Elimination, Play-off or other sanctioned tournament) game is suspended for 1 game, and this to be the next scheduled game in that tournament or Play-off. The player, coach or manager may be subject to further suspension depending on the severity of the circumstances leading to the ejection at the discretion of the tournament host's protest and discipline committee.
- c) The umpires, who umpire a game where an ejection occurs, shall file an ejection report with the convenor of the tournament within 2 days of the completion of the tournament. Failure to submit an ejection report shall result in the suspension of the umpire(s) until the report is filed.

SECTION P2.14 PROTESTS

- a) Protests based on umpires' judgment decisions will not be permitted. A protest based on an umpire's interpretation of the rules must be lodged with the umpire before the game resumes, and the opposing team must also be advised by the umpire before the game resumes.
- b) No protests will be entertained regarding coaches or managers being listed on a roster team. A coach or manager signed with 1 team in an organization may act as coach or manager for any other team in that organization.
- c) Tournament Style Rep Play-offs:
 - i. A Protest Committee shall be established by the host Local Association.
 - ii. The Protest Committee has the right to rule whether a protest will be heard.
 - iii. All protests must be ruled on at the time of their occurrence by the Protest Committee.
 - iv. If the protest is heard and denied, the team will be billed \$50.
- d) Home and Home Style Rep Play-offs:
 - i. Protests are to be mailed to the Rep Protest Chair postmarked within 48 hours of the end of the game under protest. The \$50.00 fee will accompany it.
 - ii. Copies of the protest are to be sent to (1) the Rep President (2) the OBA Office (3) the Rep Series Chair and (4) the manager of the other team.
 - iii. The Protest Chair will decide on behalf of the President, whether there is reason for holding a protest meeting.
 - iv. The site and time of the protest meeting will be decided by the Protest Chair.
 - v. Results of the protest hearings will be sent by the Protest Chair to the Rep President, both teams, the OBA Office, the Rep Series Chair and the Rep Overall Series Chair.
- e) Once a protest has been dealt with by the OBA or a committee delegated to act in such matters by the OBA, any ruling handed down must be considered as final by the OBA. No further action will be taken.
- f) The Rep Protest Chair has the power in a home and home style OBA Play-off to appoint a committee to handle all protests which must be disposed of 5 days from the time the Rep Protest Chair receives the complete protest, etc.
- g) Each team may be represented at the hearing by 2 representatives, only 1 of whom shall be permitted to speak. Where Direct Entries, Local Associations, Affiliated Associations or teams are only called in to give evidence they shall not be required to deposit a defence fee.
- h) All correspondence regarding protests and defence of appeals must be forwarded by registered mail.
- i) Even if it is held that the protested decision violated the rules, no replay of the game will be ordered unless in the opinion of the Rep Protest Chair the violation adversely affected the protesting team's chances of winning the game.
- j) Teams or players which knowingly play against ineligible players and do wilfully conceal this knowledge from the OBA until it shall suit their convenience to use it in any protest which may arise shall be considered equally guilty with the offending team or players and shall be dealt with accordingly.

Emergency Situations:

- k) In an emergency situation the protest will be dealt with by the Rep Series Chair in consultation with the Rep Protest Chair and the Rep President.

SECTION P3.1 GENERAL

- a) The home team in a home and home style Rep Play-off shall notify and supply official OBA umpires. All umpires are to be classified as neutral. Any visiting team which wishes a change of umpires for the third or deciding game only, may request same through their Series Chair, but must pay the umpires' mileage or any other extra cost that may occur.
- b) All umpires and umpires' associations must be first approved by the Affiliated Association before they may qualify as registered OBA umpires. The OBA Umpiring Supervisor shall determine annually the umpires to be registered with the OBA. The umpire is to pay a registration clinic fee per year as determined by the OBA for which an umpire's card, crest, OBA Playing Rules and Regulations, Official Rules of Baseball and accident and liability insurance will be issued.
- c) A list of OBA registered umpires, with their municipality and telephone numbers, will be furnished by the OBA to all Affiliated Associations and Series Chairs. All registrations are to be renewed yearly.
- d) All umpires who have been approved and recommended should affiliate with an umpires' association in their district. Where none now exists an umpires' association should be formed. This association in turn shall affiliate with the Affiliated Association in their area. In districts where there are no Affiliated Associations established, the Direct Entries making application for direct entry into the OBA must follow the same procedure and recommend the names of umpires to be registered.
- e) Umpires handling OBA games must have current OBA certification. An umpire may not officiate any OBA game involving a team of which the umpire is a member, without the written consent of both managers.
- f) The umpire-in-chief must file a complete report to the OBA Office, concerning accidents, ejections, delays in starting and protests. This report is to be signed by the umpire-in-chief and the base umpires. Reports must be forwarded for each game within 24 hours of scheduled time of game. In tournament play it is the responsibility of the host to ensure that all umpires are officially carded and recognized by the OBA. If any umpire used in a tournament is found not to be registered with the OBA and game(s) are played using the umpire, the game results shall stand, however, the host shall be fined \$100.00 for each incident and may be refused as host for any tournaments in the succeeding year.
- g) All umpires shall be properly dressed as specified by the OBA Umpiring Committee when officiating at any baseball games involving Rep teams. Failure to comply could mean loss of accreditation.
- h) In all final series of a home and home style Rep Play-off, 3 umpires will officiate with the exception of the Minor Mosquito, Mosquito, PeeWee Girls, Minor PeeWee and PeeWee where 2 umpires will suffice. In tournament style Rep Play-offs 2 umpires will suffice except for the final game(s) at Minor Bantam, Bantam, Bantam Girls, Minor Midget, Midget, Junior, Women's and Senior where there will be 3 umpires. 2 umpires will suffice for the final game(s) at T-Ball, Rookie Ball, Minor Mosquito, Mosquito, PeeWee Girls, Minor Peewee and Peewee.
- i) To qualify for a Baseball Ontario umpires card, an umpire must:
- Level 1
Yearly attend a recognized Baseball Ontario umpire clinic.
- Level 2
Yearly attend a recognized Baseball Ontario umpire clinic and pass a written test. Must be a Level 1 umpire for at least 2 years.
If the test is not successful, the umpire will be certified Level 1.
- Level 3
Yearly pay a certification fee and pass a written test. Must be a Level 2 umpire for at least 3 years.
Every three years attend a recognized Baseball Ontario umpire clinic.
If the test is not successful, the umpire will be certified Level 2.
- j) Umpire Levels And Respective Series Effective Are:
- Level I..... All House League, and Rep up to and including PeeWee
Level II Rep up to and including Midget
Level III..... Up to and including Senior
Level IV.....National Accreditation
Level V International Accreditation

SECTION P3.2 FEES FOR UMPIRES

- a) Umpires' fees for Rep Play-offs will be determined locally.
- b) Mileage allowed for OBA umpires is \$0.52 per kilometre for all series. If umpires are requested from outside their respective Local Associations, mileage allowed will be for each umpire unless 2 or more come from the same city or town in which case, only 1 will be paid mileage allowance.
- c) In all Rep Play-off games which are postponed because of rain or other causes, if umpires arrive before notification of postponement, they shall be paid $\frac{1}{2}$ of the fees plus mileage if applicable. If game has been started, the umpires will be entitled to full fees and mileage, if applicable.
- d) No umpires will be paid by the OBA. The home team in each game of a home and home style Rep Play-off must pay the umpires' fees.

FIELD DIMENSIONS

Series	Mound	Bases	Diagonal	RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES				Grass Radius
				Foul Area	Outfield Fence			
					Left	Centre	Right	
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Regulation	60'6"	90'0"	127' 3 3/8"	60'	325'	400'	325'	95'
Bantam Girls	55'0"	82'0"	115' 11 5/8"	55'	300'	365'	300'	85'
PeeWee	50'0"	75'0"	106' 3/4"	50'	270'	335'	270'	80'
PeeWee Girls	50'0"	75'0"	106' 3/4"	50'	270'	335'	270'	80'
Mosquito	44'0"	65'0"	91'11"	44'	235'	290'	235'	70'
Rookie Ball	44'0", †	65'0"	91'11"	44'	235'	290'	235'	70'
T-Ball	50'0"	60'0"	84' 10 1/4"	40'	215'	265'	215'	50' †

† – measured from the centre of the Playing Line. ‡ – located at the centre point of an 8' diameter safety circle.

The respective dimensions for any Series shall be deemed to include the corresponding Minor Series except

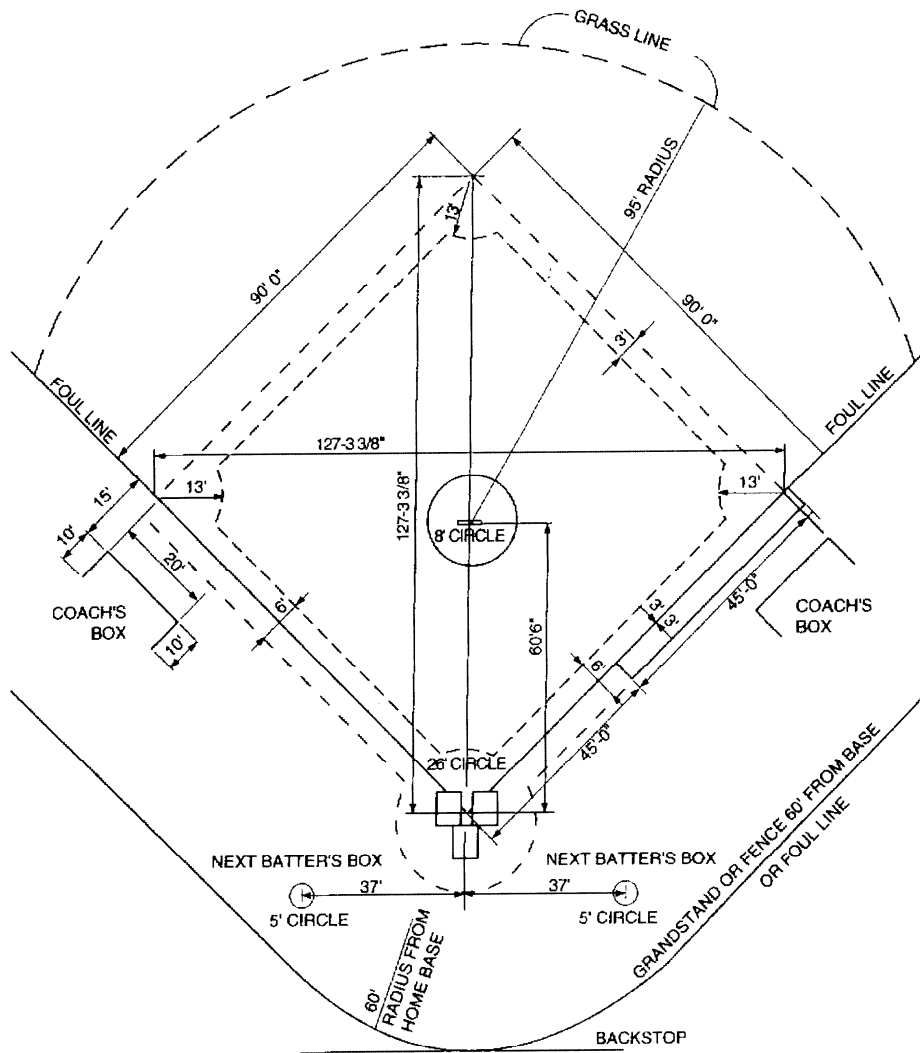


DIAGRAM NO. 1

LEGEND

- BATTER'S BOX, CATCHER'S BOX, FOUL LINE, PITCHER'S PLATE, COACH'S BOX
- NEXT BATTER'S BOX
- - - - BASE LINES
- - - - GRASS LINES

P4-1 DIMENSIONS

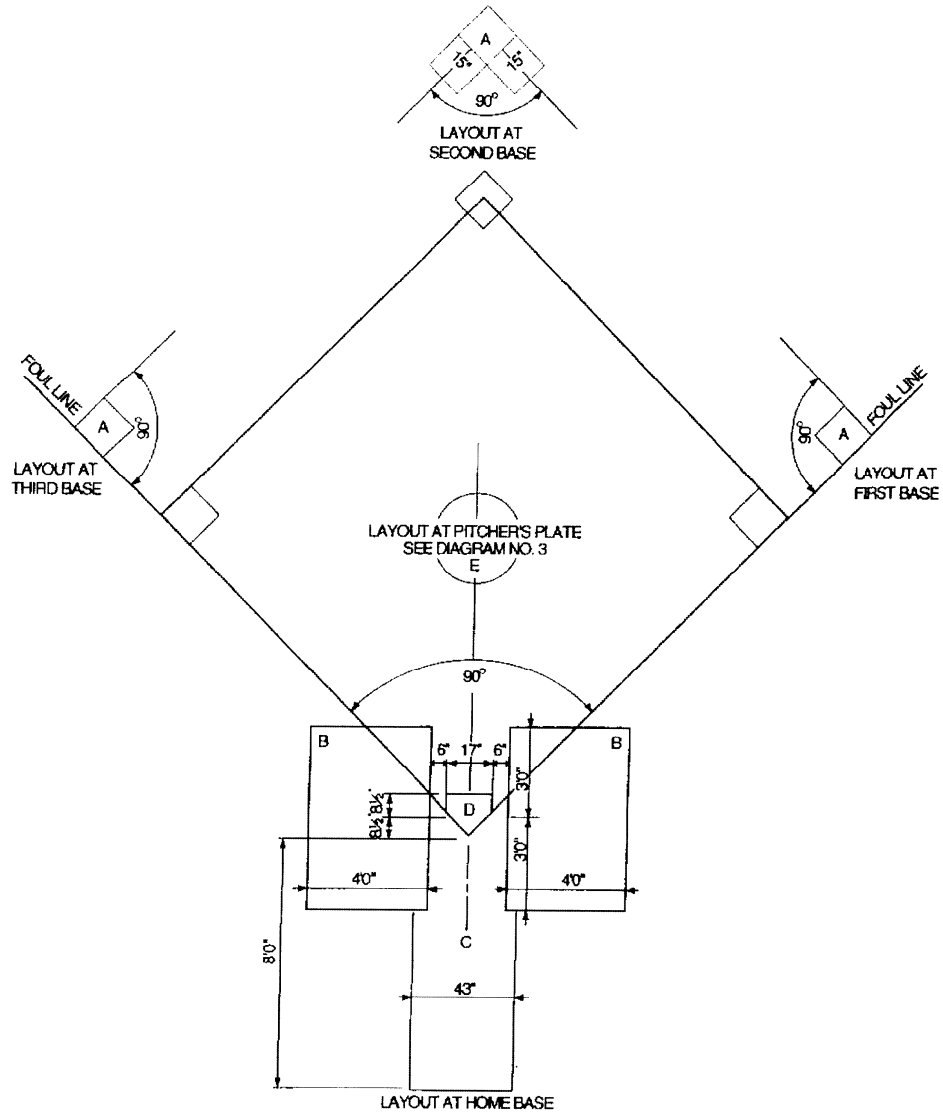


DIAGRAM NO. 2

LEGEND

- A 1st, 2nd, 3rd BASES
- B BATTER'S BOX
- C CATCHER'S BOX
- D HOME BASE
- E PITCHER'S PLATE

REP PLAY-OFF PROCEDURES

- a) The OBA shall conduct and assist the different Affiliated Association representatives to meet and play off to determine the OBA champions.
- b) The Rep Council shall appoint a Series Chair to handle each series Rep Play-offs.
- c) In order to be eligible to participate in the Rep Play-offs, teams must represent a city, town or municipality within the boundaries of the Province of Ontario. Players must be bona fide and continuous residents of the province in accordance with the Rep Rules and Regulations.
- d) Whenever possible, the Rep Play-offs shall be a tournament. If no host is found by the July meeting of the Rep Council, then that series shall become a home and home style Rep Play-off. Rep Play-off Tournaments will be comprised of 1 team from each Affiliated Association, which has classified a team for such Rep Play-off Tournament, plus a host team. The Junior AAA Rep Play-off will be the Junior Rep Elimination Tournament and the Senior AAA Rep Play-off will be the Senior Rep Elimination Tournament.
- e) Coaches must have a copy of their OBA approved roster with them in case it is required during the tournament.
- f) Barring extenuating circumstances, if 1 team is not able to start a game within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time for such game, the game will be forfeited to the other team and in tournament style Rep Play-offs, the offending team will not be allowed to continue in the tournament. The game will count as a game played and not count as a bye in the tournament and the published chart shall not be changed.
- g) Any team failing to play a game when ordered will automatically forfeit their right to continue in Rep Play-offs. This causes a \$500.00 fine to be assessed to the team forfeiting. A team that has been suspended shall have the right to appeal to the Rep Council for a hearing. All appeals must be accompanied with a fee of \$50.00.
- h) The Rep Tournament Chair shall provide, immediately, to the Affiliated Associations a listing of any and all disciplinary problems with managers, coaches, players or other team personnel, as reported by the Series Chair.
- i) In all Rep Play-off games, the diamond must be properly laid out; the batter's box marked; the pitcher's mound properly built up and the playing field kept sufficiently clear of spectators and obstructions for the proper performance of the players.

Tournament Style Rep Play-Offs

- j) When the number of entrants to a tournament-style Rep Play-off is restricted by other organizations, such as those tournaments played during the Ontario Summer Games, a preliminary round(s) shall be arranged to provide the necessary representatives. Where such preliminary rounds are required to reduce the number of entries, the names of all Affiliated Associations with teams in that Series shall be entered into a draw to determine the pairing(s) of the preliminary round(s). Where such preliminary rounds are required to increase the number entries, the names of all teams in that Series (after the determining the Affiliated Association representatives) shall be entered into a draw to determine the pairing(s) of the preliminary round(s).
- k) Each Affiliated Association shall notify the Rep Series Chair by Tuesday midnight in advance of the start of the first game of the Rep Play-off Tournament, of its representative in that series and classification. Failure to make such information available by the required deadline, to the Series Chair, shall result in the Affiliated Association forfeiting its place in the Rep Play-Offs, subject to P5 g), plus any other penalty that might be imposed by the OBA.
- l) All draws for tournament style Rep Play-offs will be conducted by the OBA Office.
- m) The host shall designate a Tournament Convenor to convene the tournament. The Tournament Convenor shall not be a member of the host's team in such tournament.
- n) No team may play more than 3 games in a calendar day, without written consent of the team. A suspended game shall count as a game played on both the day it commenced and the day it is completed if 3 or more innings have been played each day. If less than 3 innings are played on the day it is completed, it will not count as a game played on that day.
- o) Where scheduling concerns warrant the elimination of teams as early as the first day of the tournament, a maximum of two rounds may be played on day one.
- p) Before distribution to the teams by the Tournament Host Association the complete schedule must be forwarded to the Rep Tournament Chair at least two weeks prior to the tournament for approval.
- q) Teams must be prepared to play on the Friday no earlier than 9:00 a.m. if necessary. In all series up to and including Bantam, no game shall start after 9:30 p.m. on any day and no new inning may begin after 12:59 a.m.

(or such earlier time as may be provided by local by-law). In all series up to and including Bantam, where the published schedule has a team starting a game at 8:30 pm or later, then the team cannot be scheduled to play earlier than 9:00 am on the following day.

- r) Where a team drops out of a tournament style Rep Play-off 7 or more days prior to the start of the tournament, the schedule for the tournament, if published, will be redone. If a team drops out of a tournament style Rep Play-off less than 7 days prior to the tournament and the schedule for the tournament has been published, any scheduled games not played due to teams having dropped out of the tournament shall be considered defaults and shall count as a game played and not as a bye in the tournament and the published chart shall not be changed.
- s) Where a team drops out of a tournament style Rep Play-off 7 or more days prior to the start of the tournament, and there exists one or more teams that were classified at the relevant classification for the tournament which are not scheduled to attend the tournament because their Affiliated Association's allotment of teams was filled by other teams, then the spot of the team which dropped out shall be filled as follows:
 - i) by a team from the same Affiliated Association as the team dropping out if applicable;
 - and ii) by a team from a different Affiliated Association as determined by the applicable series chair. Where a team drops out of a tournament style Rep Play-off 7 or more days prior to the start of the tournament, and there is no team that was classified at the relevant classification which is not schedule to attend the tournament, then the schedule for the tournament, if published, will be redone. If a team drops out of a tournament style Rep Play-off less than 7 days prior to the tournament and the schedule for the tournament has been published, any scheduled games not played due to teams having dropped out shall count as a game played and not a bye in the tournament and the published chart shall not be changed.
- t) Where a team is playing multiple consecutive games on the same day, the team must be given a minimum of 30 minutes from the time of completion of the first game of the day until the start of their second game of the day and a minimum of 60 minutes from the time of completion of the second game of the day until the start of their third game of the day. If a team must travel from another location between games, appropriate travel time shall be added to these periods. A team may agree to waive the minimum period and play at an earlier time. Byes are to be awarded as follows:
 - i. No team shall receive a back-to-back bye in successive rounds.
 - ii. No team shall receive a second bye until all remaining teams have received their first bye.
 - iii. If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye, the undefeated team shall automatically receive the bye.
 - iv. If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye, the bye team will be determined by means of a draw with the first team drawn receiving the bye.
- u) The OBA Convenor's Report and specified attachments must be mailed (postmarked) to the OBA Tournament Chair within 10 days following the tournament.

Home and Home Style Play-Offs

- w) The secretary of each Affiliated Association shall notify the Rep Series Chair as to the representatives of his/her Affiliated Association, after which all arrangements regarding Rep Play-offs are to be completed through the management of the teams and respective Series Chair.
- x) All series shall be the best 2 out of 3; except in the final series in any category, if both teams agree, a longer series may be permitted. The Rep Council shall reserve the right to order a sudden death game in any semi-final or final Rep Play-off.
- y) In order that the final game may be played within a reasonable time, all teams competing in Rep games will be required to play 2 or more games a week.
- z) The home team shall have control of the arrangements for grounds, officials, convenors, etc. The said arrangements are subject to the approval of the Rep Series Chair.
- aa) Where the home team operates under floodlights they shall reserve the right to play any or all the Rep Play-off games under the lights.
- bb) No home and home style Rep Play-off game shall be scheduled before 1:00pm if the traveling team involved is further than 160 kilometres from location of said game.
- cc) No playing member of either team involved in any series will be allowed to act as convenor.
- dd) The Convenor making arrangements for home and home style Rep Play-offs must contact both teams personally regarding dates and times for all games and any further arrangements that might be necessary at least 48 hrs in advance of said dates and times.

- ee) The game convenor will be responsible for checking the rosters prior to the game and returning the rosters to the respective teams.
- ff) In all home and home style Rep Play-off games, the period for batting and fielding practice shall be: home team batting practice up to 45 minutes before advertised time of game; visiting team batting and infield practice for the next 30 minutes; home team fielding practice for the next 10 minutes. The home team shall be required to notify the teams of the termination of their allotted time for the various practices. It shall be the duty of the manager of the team at practice to order his/her team to vacate the diamond immediately. When a team is late for its allotted practice time they will forfeit their practice rights.
- gg) All statements and Rep Play-off forms must be mailed (postmarked) to the Series Chair within 24 hours after each game.

SECTION P5.1 FORMAT FOR OBA PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENTS

(Available as a separate download from the website)

Note: Standard tournament formats for all Rep Play-off tournaments must be used, and those brackets not identified in this P5-1 will be provided by the OBA Office to the tournament host before the close of business on the Friday following the Rep Classification Meeting.

SECTION P5.2 DETERMINING THE HOME TEAM

- a) The home team will be decided by a coin toss prior to each Rep Play-off Tournament game with the team from the municipality furthest away from the tournament site calling the toss.

P6 REP ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

- a) The Rep Elimination Tournament is sanctioned by the OBA in order to produce an Ontario representative to the National Championship Tournament sponsored by the Canadian Federation of Amateur Baseball.
- b) All Rep Elimination Tournaments and Rep Elimination Tournament games shall be governed by the Constitution of the OBA, the Official Rules of Baseball, the Rep Tournament Rules and these Rep Elimination Tournament Rules.
- c) The OBA, the local Host Association and their respective officials accept no responsibility for any injuries to any player, team official, or any other person, either on or off the field during an OBA Elimination Tournament.
- d) Only Rep registered teams and players may participate in a Rep Elimination Tournament.
- e) Teams participating in a Rep Elimination Tournament shall automatically be classified by the Rep Council as follows:

PeeWee	AAA
Bantam	AAA
Midget	AAA
Junior	AAA
Senior	AAA

Any team participating in a National Championship as a host team shall be classified as AAA.

- f) Applications to enter a Rep Elimination Tournament must be at the OBA Office by May 15th. The entry fee (payable to OBA), written permission from the team's Affiliated Association and a photocopy of each coach's and/or manager's NCCP Level I certification plus Level II technical accreditation and NCCP passport number must accompany the application. Applications to enter a Rep Elimination Tournament received after May 15th, and prior to the draw being held for such tournament, shall be accepted if accompanied by a late fee of \$100.00 for each day after May 15th that the application is late.
- g) An information package, including a complete schedule of Rep Elimination Tournament games, rules and an Rep approved tournament chart, will be forwarded to each local host by the Rep Series Chair by June 15th.
- h) Where a team drops out of a Rep Elimination Tournament 7 or more days prior to the start of the tournament, the schedule for the tournament, if published, will be redone. If a team drops out of a Rep Elimination Tournament less than 7 days prior to the tournament and the schedule for the tournament has been published, any scheduled games not played due to teams having dropped out of the tournament shall be considered defaults and shall count as a game played and not as a bye in the tournament and the published chart shall not be changed. A team which drops out of a Rep Elimination Tournament after the draw shall forfeit its entry fee and shall not be classified for the Rep Play-offs.

Note: If possible a late entry team may be used as a substitute where applicable.

- i) The Rep Elimination Tournament shall be a double loss knock-out tournament and may require play-downs to be played from July 15-17, 2016 with the championship tournament being played from July 29th - August 1st, 2016. The published chart for Rep Elimination Tournaments may provide for predetermined byes in early rounds (not exceeding the fourth round) of the Rep Elimination Tournament. Thereafter, byes are to be awarded as follows:
 - i. No team shall receive a back-to-back bye in successive rounds.
 - ii. No team shall receive a second bye until all remaining teams have received their first bye.
 - iii. If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye the undefeated team shall automatically receive the bye.
 - iv. If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye, the bye team will be determined by means of a draw with the first team drawn receiving the bye.
- j) A local host shall not use any special or local rules in any Rep Elimination Tournament or game(s).
- k) Where scheduling concerns warrant the elimination of teams as early as the first day of the tournament, a maximum of two rounds may be played on day one.
- l) Teams must be prepared to play on the Friday, if necessary. In all series up to and including Bantam, no game shall start after 9:30 p.m. on any day and no new inning may begin after 12:59 a.m. (or such earlier time as may be provided by local by-law).

- m) 18 players are eligible to be included on Rep Elimination Tournament rosters for Peewee, Bantam and Midget. For Junior and Senior rosters at Rep Elimination Tournaments 25 players will be allowed. (For Baseball Canada Championships, rosters for Peewee, Bantam, Midget, and Junior are limited to 18 players. The Senior roster for Baseball Canada Championships may include 21 players).
- n) Coaches must have a copy of their OBA approved roster with them in case it is required during the tournament. The coach must write the OBA roster number in the space provided on the tournament sign-in sheet.
- o) The tournament host will maintain a sign-in list for all umpires used in the tournament and forward the sign-in list to the Tournament Chair with the Tournament Report.
- p) Teams must be given a minimum of 30 minutes from the time of completion of the last game that they played, until the start of their next game. If a team must travel from another location, appropriate travel time shall be added to the 30 minute period.
- q) Barring extenuating circumstances, if 1 team is not able to start a game, within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time for such game, the game will be forfeited to the other team and the offending team will not be allowed to continue in the tournament. The game will count as a game played and not count as a bye in the tournament and the published chart shall not be changed.
- r) The home team will be decided by a coin toss prior to each Rep Elimination Tournament game with the team from the municipality furthest away from the tournament site calling the toss.
- s) Awards shall be presented to the champions and finalists.
- t) The Rep Convenor's Report and specified attachments must be mailed (postmarked) to the Rep Tournament chair within 10 days following the tournament.

P7 EXHIBITION GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS

SECTION P7.1 PLAYING NON-REGISTERED TEAMS AND PLAYERS

- a) Except at Senior, any registered team or player shall automatically suspend themselves upon playing with or against any team or players which are not registered with the Rep without first securing written permission from the Rep Council or the OBA Office; except where an entire team is playing an exhibition game(s) with teams up to and including Midget age, permission may be granted by the secretary of the Affiliated Association to which the team belongs.
- b) Any Rep team participating in a non-OBA sanctioned tournament without permission of the OBA shall be liable for a fine of up to \$500 and may be suspended from further participation in any Rep sanctioned tournament and the Rep play-offs.

SECTION P7.2 EXHIBITION GAMES AND OUT OF PROVINCE PLAY

- a) All teams registered with the OBA, which desire to participate in exhibition games, must first secure the permission of their Local Association and Affiliated Association. (Any game or tournament that has not been sanctioned by the OBA is defined as an exhibition game. Local Associations and Affiliated Associations may approve exhibition games where their own member teams are playing against each other within their own boundaries.)
- b) Teams wishing to play an exhibition game(s) outside the Province of Ontario must first secure the permission of their Local Association and Affiliated Association and submit same to the OBA Office for approval.
- c) Teams wishing to play an exhibition game(s) involving a team(s) from outside the Province of Ontario must first secure the permission of their Local Association and Affiliated Association and submit same to the OBA Office for approval.
- d) In an exhibition game(s) teams may only use players who have signed OBA approved rosters. Except with the permission of the management of the team with which the player is rostered, a team may not use pick-ups in an exhibition game.
- e) Applications can be made to the Rep Council to make exceptions to the rule.

SECTION P7.3 OPEN, INVITATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

- a) Any team, Direct Entry, Local Association or Affiliated Association, wishing to hold a tournament where 3 or more teams are competing, must first apply for permission to hold same from the Rep Council. A fee of \$50.00 must accompany each application only if teams are from outside the area Affiliated Association. This application must

have been approved by the Affiliated Association secretary in the area from which it came. If more than 1 series (e.g. Minor and Major) is held, a \$50.00 fee must be paid for each series.

- b) Upon receipt of each of the items in a) above, the Rep Tournament Chair will consider the tournament request and, if approved, the OBA office will forward a tournament package to the tournament host.
- c) The Rep Tournament Chair shall have the power to appoint a Rep Representative to any Rep sanctioned tournament.
- d) A list of all Rep sanctioned tournaments will appear on our website, www.baseballontario.com.
- e) A declared representative from an Affiliated Association must first honour its Rep Play-off and Affiliated Association obligations before participating in a tournament.

Any team not fulfilling its commitment to any Rep sanctioned tournament may be fined and/or suspended from further participation in any Rep sanctioned tournament and the Rep Play-offs provided that this information is provided to the Rep Tournament Chair in writing. The fine for a team not fulfilling its commitment to a tournament is \$500. Any fine collected (after any appeals) is to be split 50/50 between the Rep and the tournament host.

- f) Non-OBA teams registered in Ontario may compete in open, invitational or international tournaments, only if permission of the Rep Tournament Chair is requested. Such non-OBA teams must provide proof of accident and liability insurance to the tournament host prior to being permitted to play in the tournament.
- g) The tournament host is responsible for ensuring that each team in the tournament is either: (i) Rep rostered, (ii) Select registered, (iii) recognized under P7.3(f) or P1.12, or (iv) from outside of the Province of Ontario.
- h) The Host Committee must notify each application of acceptance or rejection into the tournament within 10 days following the final deadline date. Failure to comply with such provisions may lead to the tournament not being approved the following year.
- i) A final date for applications for acceptance to the Rep sanctioned tournament must be in the hands of the Host Association at least 21 days in advance of the first date of the tournament.
- j) Before distribution to the teams by the Tournament Host Association the complete schedule must be forwarded to the Rep Tournament Chair at least two weeks prior to the tournament for approval. Failure to comply with such provisions may lead to the tournament not being approved the following year. Failure to comply with this section will result in a \$200 fine.
- k) The Complete schedule of tournament games must be sent to each participating team at least one week prior to the first game.
- l) Only Rep rules shall apply for all Rep tournaments, local rules shall not apply. Tournament convenors shall determine curfews, game length, and schedules, including playoff formats.
- m) Where a tournament is cancelled prior to any game being played the total tournament entry fee must be refunded to all teams. Where a tournament is cancelled after games have been played the teams will be refunded on a pro rata basis for the games not played.
- n) No special concessions will be granted to any team(s) participating in any of these tournaments.
- o) The tournament host is responsible for ensuring that each umpire is properly carded. Teams may request that the host produce verification of umpire certification prior to the game. Teams may not protest a game based on the carding of the umpires during or after a game.
- p) No tournament game shall start before 8:00am on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, and no tournament game shall start later than 9:30pm on any night. Where the published schedule has a team starting a game at 8:30 pm or later, then the team cannot be scheduled to play earlier than 9:00 am on the following day.
- q) Teams must be given a minimum of 30 minutes from the time of completion of the last game that they played, until the start of their next game, without jeopardy of forfeit. If a team must travel from another location, appropriate travel time shall be added to the 30 minute period.
- r) Barring extenuating circumstances, if 1 team is not able to start a game within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time for such game, the game will be forfeited to the other team, and the forfeiting team fined \$500.
- s) No team may play more than 3 games in a calendar day without its written consent. A suspended game shall count as a game played on both the day it commenced and the day it is completed if 3 or more innings have been played each day. If less than 3 innings are played on the day it is completed, it will not count as a game played on that day.
- t) In tournaments where tie breaking rules are required, the following tie breaking rules will be used for each placement independently:
 - i. head to head record among tied teams;
 - ii. team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in games among tied teams;

- iii. team with the smallest runs against ratio (runs allowed / number of defensive innings played) in all games;
 - iv. team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in games among tied teams;
 - v. team with the highest runs for ratio (runs scored / number of offensive innings played) in all games;
 - vi. coin toss
- u) When there are 3 or more teams tied, the tiebreakers will commence at 7.3(t)(ii). After the winner of that tie breaker is determined, the tiebreakers will continue, if necessary, at 7.3(t)(ii) as long as there are 3 or more teams tied. When only 2 teams remain, the tiebreaker will start at 7.3(t)(i).
 - v) The Rep Convenors Report and specified attachments must be mailed (postmarked) to the Rep Tournament Chair within 10 days following the tournament.
 - w) If these rules are not adhered to, the tournament shall not be approved or, if already approved, the host association may be fined \$200.00 and the tournament may not be approved the following year.
 - x) The Rep Tournament Chair shall provide, immediately, to the Affiliated Associations a listing of any and all disciplinary problems with managers, coaches, players or other team personnel, as reported by the tournament convenors.
 - y) Tournament hosts may determine what awards they give to teams and/or players entering their tournaments, provided, however, that cash prizes may only be given to teams (not players) at Junior or Senior tournaments.

Q1 APPROVED PLAYING RULES OF T-BALL

SECTION Q1.1 GENERAL

a) The Game:

T-Ball is a game of baseball between 2 teams of 11 players, under the direction of a manager and coaches played in agreement with the Official Playing Rules (Q1-1 d) under the authority of an umpire or umpires on a recommended T-Ball field.

It is designed to get young people interested in the game of baseball by stressing and maintaining active participation of all the players; with mandatory alternation of players at a game (Q1-4 c), with the offensive team utilizing the 11 players as batters to score as many runs as possible and the defensive team using 2 extra outfielders to make as many outs as possible in accordance with the rules.

b) Insurance:

Liability insurance must be carried by all T-Ball leagues. Proof of Liability insurance must be sent to the OBA Office.

c) Official Playing Rules:

T-Ball is a game of baseball played in accordance with regular baseball rules with the incorporation of the rules contained in these Approved Playing Rules of T-Ball.

d) Rosters:

See OBA Rules. Min. - 11. Max. - 25.

e) Field Decorum:

- i) The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires and league officials must be above reproach.
- ii) The use of tobacco, alcohol or illicit drugs in any form is prohibited on the playing field, benches or in dugouts.
- iii) Players or coaches while participating in a scheduled game are not permitted to deliberately harass or direct discourteous remarks at the officials or any member of the opposing team.
- iv) Managers, coaches or players engaged or persisting in conduct contrary to the spirit, principles and objectives of good sportsmanship in T-Ball, shall receive a single warning from the umpire. If the offences continue, offender or offenders will be removed from the game.
- v) Anyone removed from the game must leave the playing field and the spectator area. Failure to do so could result in a forfeiture of the game (Q1-4 b).

SECTION Q1.2 EQUIPMENT

- a) Uniforms:
Uniforms shall consist of a sweater, cap, pants and socks and must be worn by all players and coaches while participating in a game. Sweaters shall be individually numbered.
- b) Gloves:
i) The catcher may wear any type of baseball glove.
ii) The first baseman shall be permitted to wear a trapper or fielder's glove.
iii) All other members of the fielding team must wear fielder's gloves.
- c) Helmets:
Each team must supply at least 6 double ear-flapped protective helmets with chinstraps. They must be worn when the players are at bat, while running the bases, while acting as batboy and while in the next batter's circle. Chinstraps must be worn as designed by the manufacturer.
- d) Footwear:
Shoes with metal cleats are prohibited. Shoes with moulded rubber cleats may be used.
- e) Catcher's Equipment:
The catcher's equipment shall consist of a chest protector, shin guards, facemask and helmet, which must be worn during practices, game warm-ups and regular games. A metal, fibre or plastic cup-type athletic support must also be worn.
- f) It is recommended that all players wear athletic supports of the plastic cup-type.
- g) The Ball:
The ball shall weigh not less than 5 oz. or more than 5.25 oz. It shall measure not less than 9 in. or more than 9.25 in. in circumference. OBA Approved Balls.
- h) The Bat:
The bat shall be round and made of wood or aluminium. It shall not be more than 33 in. in length. It shall not be more than 2 1/4 in. in diameter at its largest part and not less than 1 1/16 in. in diameter at its smallest.
- i) The Batting Tee:
The batting tee shall be a stand that will be placed on home plate for the purpose of holding the ball for the players to swing at. It should be portable and adjustable to the height of the player's choice. Each team may use its own tee when at bat. Safety must be a key element when selecting a batting tee.
- j) The Playing Field:
i) The distance between all bases shall be 60 ft.
ii) The distance between the point of home plate and the pitcher's rubber shall be 50 feet.
iii) Batter's boxes shall be 3 ft. wide and 6 ft. long. The inside line shall be parallel to and 4 in. away from the side of home plate. It shall extend 3 ft. in front of and 3 ft. behind the centre of home plate.
iv) The coach's box shall be 4 ft. wide and 8 ft. long, and shall not be closer than 6 ft. to the base lines.
- k) The infield arc is a line dividing the infield playing area from the outfield. It has a 50 ft. radius from the centre of the playing line (Q1-3 a) extending from foul line to foul line.

SECTION Q1.3 DEFINITIONS

- a) A "playing line" is an imaginary line running directly from first base to third base, which is a guide for the plate umpire to determine a fair hit ball.
- b) A "forfeited game" is a game declared ended by the umpire for violation of the rules. The score will be recorded 5-0 for the offended team.
- c) A "fair hit ball" is a legally batted ball that in the plate umpire's opinion will or could have firmly crossed the playing line (Q1-3 a) in fair territory, even if it is fielded before crossing the line.
- d) A "dead hit ball" is a legally batted ball that, in the umpire's opinion will not or could not have firmly crossed the playing line, even if fielded in front of the playing line. This excluded a ball put into play by an illegal swing (Q1-3 l). If the ball is caught in flight by the defensive team, the batter is out and the ball is in play until time is called.
- e) A "strike" is when:
i) the ball is swung at by the batter and is completely missed.
ii) the ball is a dead hit, fouled or put into play by an illegal swing (Q1-3 l) by the batter when he/she has less than 2 strikes.

- f) An “illegally batted ball” is when the batter hits the ball, either dead, fair or foul with one or both feet on the ground entirely outside the lines of the batter’s box (Q1-3 k).
- g) A “fielder’s choice” is when any defensive player has control of the ball in the infield area (Q1-3 h) and in the judgment of the plate umpire there is no attempt to make a play on any of the base runners, time will be called, and the base runners, in the judgement of the umpires, will be held on the base they last occupied or the unoccupied base they were approaching when time was called. A player raising his/her hand with the ball therein above his/her head will not automatically attain a call of time by the umpire.
- h) The “infield area” is the area, in the judgement of the plate umpire, in which the defensive infielders would normally play in performance of their duties. It also includes the adjacent foul territories which are encompassed by the playing line being extended to the playing field boundaries.
- i) An “appeal” must be made before “play” is called for the next batter; in the case of the last batter, it must be made before the last defensive player is off the field.
- j) A “lead-off” is when a runner is off his/her base when the batter hits the ball off the tee.
- k) The “batter’s box” is an area on each side of home plate, within which the batter shall have both his/her feet during his/her time at bat.
- l) An “illegal swing” is when the batter does not take a full swing or chop swings downward at the ball. This is considered bunting and is contrary to Q1-4 a). (Penalty see Q1-5 n).

SECTION Q1.4 GENERAL RULES

- a) In T-Ball there shall be no pitching to the batter, therefore there will be no base-on-balls awarded; there is no bunting and the infield fly rule does not apply.
- b) Each team shall have a starting line-up of 11 players. If at any point during the game a team cannot field the 11 players, the game will be forfeited to the opposing team.
- c) All players listed in the game line-up in which their team is participating must be scheduled to play at least 2 innings of a 5 inning game. It is compulsory that players play a complete inning when alternated and must be put in at the beginning of an inning.
- d) 10 minutes before the scheduled starting time, the manager must give a copy of his/her batting line-up for each of the 5 innings to be played to the opposing manager and the official scorekeeper. A player must be listed to bat in the same batting position for each inning until substituted. He/she may return to the same or any other batting position in the line-up following the inning in which he/she was substituted. No changes to the line-up will be permitted in the first 3 innings of the game, except in the case of injury or sickness. (A player substituted for because of injury or sickness may not re-enter the game until the following inning.) Prior to the start of the fourth and/or subsequent innings, valid additions or changes to the line-up must be made before the plate umpire calls play for the first batter at the beginning of that inning. All line-up changes must be reported to the plate umpire, official scorekeeper and the opposing manager. If a player is listed on the game score sheet but is not in attendance at the game when his/her scheduled time at bat or his/her turn to take a defensive position occurs, the offending team shall forfeit the game. Late arriving team players who are not listed on the home score sheet may only be inserted into the line-up to play the fourth and fifth innings at the manager’s discretion (Q2-4 c).
- e) The “batting orders” must be followed for each inning. A batter who fails to bat in his/her proper batting position shall be declared out on an appeal by the defensive team, if another player completes a time at bat in his/her place. However, the proper batter may take his/her place in the batter’s box at any time before the improper batter becomes a runner or is put out and any strikes will be assumed by the proper batter. If the improper batter becomes a base runner or is put out and the proper appeal is made the plate umpire shall:
 - i) declare the proper batter out,
 - ii) nullify any advances or scores made by the base runners because of a ball batted by the improper batter, and
 - iii) the next batter will be the player in the batting position following the player who was called out because of missing his/her turn at bat.

If the appeal is made too late then the improper batter becomes legal and the player in that batting position is considered to have completed his/her turn at bat. The next batter will be the player in the next batter position in the line-up.
- f) If at the time a game is scheduled to begin, a team does not have a minimum of 11 eligible players, a maximum extension of 15 minutes will be allowed before the plate umpire declares the game forfeited to the non-offending team.
- g) If 15 minutes past the scheduled game time, neither team can field 11 eligible players the umpire shall declare a double forfeit.

- h) Each “defensive team” shall have:
 - i) a catcher who shall play a position normally taken by the catcher behind home plate, far enough back so he/she does not interfere with the batter while batting,
 - ii) a pitcher who shall play in the infield and must assume a set position with both feet on the pitcher’s rubber until the ball is hit,
 - iii) a first baseman, a second baseman, a third baseman and a shortstop who shall play in positions regularly played by these infielders and they shall not cross the playing line until the ball is hit. Penalty - in the event a defensive player, in the judgement of the umpire, does cross the playing line before the ball is hit the umpires will call time immediately and the ball is dead,
 - iv) 5 outfielders who shall play in the area regularly played by outfielders, and
 - v) a maximum of 4 adults in the dugout.
- i) The “offensive team” shall have no more than 2 adults in the dugout and will be allowed only 2 coaches in the coaching boxes (1 near first base and 1 near third base) for a total of 4. Coaches and managers shall:
 - i) be adults,
 - ii) remain within the dugout or within the coaches boxes at all times,
 - iii) not physically assist any runner while he/she is in play (in the event he/she does, the base umpire will call the runner out at the time of the infraction), and
 - iv) talk to members of his/her own team only.
- j) A “regulation game” will consist of 5 complete innings, provided 1 team has scored more runs than the other. If the score is tied at the end of 5 innings, play is continued until 1 team has scored more runs than the other in an equal number of innings or when the home team has scored the winning run in the last inning. In the event the umpire terminates the game before the end of the fifth inning and there has been at least 3 completed innings played, the score will revert back to the last completed inning. In the event that a league game is tied after 3 or more completed innings and halted by the umpire, it shall be scored a tie. In the event that a league game is halted before 3 complete innings, it shall not be considered a regulation game and will be replayed from the beginning at a later date. In tournament play, if a game is halted before it is a regulation game but at least 1 inning has been completed, the game will continue from the exact point play was halted.
- k) **Protesting a Game:**
 The managers of the contesting teams only shall have the right to make protests. A protest will not be considered on a decision involving umpire’s judgement but only when based on the violation or interpretation of a playing rule, an eligible player or if a player does not play at least 2 innings of a 5 inning game. Protests shall be made as follows:
 - i) The protesting manager shall immediately and before any further play begins, notify the plate umpire that he/she is playing the game under protest.
 - ii) Following such notice the umpires shall consult with each other and if they are convinced that the decision is in conflict with the rule the decision shall be reversed. If, however, after consultation they are convinced that the decision is not in conflict with the rules, the plate umpire shall announce that the game is being played under protest and play will continue.
 - iii) Protests made due to the use of an ineligible player or a player not playing enough innings may be considered only if made to the plate umpire before the last batter of the final inning or half inning has completed his/her turn at bat.
 - iv) Any protest for any reason whatsoever must be submitted in writing within 48 hours after completion of the game by the protesting manager and the plate umpire to the proper league officials who shall deal with it as they see fit.
 In tournament play, all protests are settled on the playing field before any further play continues. The umpires shall consult with each other and if they cannot resolve the protest between them, they shall call in the tournament umpire-in-chief or protest committee and this decision is non-appealable.

SECTION Q1.5 PLAYING RULES

- a) To begin the game, the plate umpire shall instruct the home team to take their positions in the field, place the tee of the batting team on home plate and call “play” for the first batter of the offensive team.
- b) The batter becomes a base runner when:
 - i) he/she hits the ball hard enough to cross the playing line in fair territory (Q1-3 a and c).
 - ii) the catcher interferes with him/her while he/she is attempting to hit the ball. The batter is awarded first base, the ball is dead and no runner may advance except those forced by the batter becoming a base runner. In the event that the batter, in spite of the interference, hits the ball fairly (Q1-3 c) and reaches any base safely and all runners have

advanced at least 1 base safely, then the interference is disregarded. In the case of catcher interference on the last batter while he/she is attempting to hit the ball, the ball is dead, no runners may advance and the last batter is allowed to continue his/her turn at bat with the same count. In the event the last batter, in spite of the catcher interference, hits the ball fairly and reaches home plate safely, the ball is alive and the catcher interference is disregarded. However, in all cases of catcher interference, the offensive manager has the option of accepting or refusing the catcher interference.

- c) A batter is out when:
- i) his/her fair hit, dead hit, foul fly or fly ball put into play by an illegal swing is caught by a member of the defensive team. The ball is alive and in play until time is called.
 - ii) he/she hits the ball illegally. The ball is dead and runners may not advance (Q1-3 f).
 - iii) he/she has 3 strikes called on him/her. The ball is dead and runners may not advance (Q1-3 e).
- d) A base runner is out:
- i) on a force play.
 - ii) when he/she is tagged.
 - iii) when running off his/her baseline to avoid a tag.
 - iv) when he/she is hit by a fair batted ball, either on or off his/her base, before the ball has touched or passed an infielder trying to make a play on the ball not including the pitcher. The ball is dead and no runner may advance.
- e) Lead-offs:
No player on the offensive team, while a base runner, shall take a lead-off from the base he/she is on until the batter has hit the ball from the tee. When any runner has taken a lead-off, the base umpire shall indicate same by dropping a red flag. Play is permitted to continue and all runners are in jeopardy. At the end of the play when time is called, any outs will stand and all other runners will return to their original bases and the batter, if not put out will return to bat with the same count. In the event that lead-off occurs on the last batter, play will continue and all legal runs are allowed to score except player(s) who lead-off.
- f) If a fielder intentionally drops a fly ball or line drive, when first base is occupied, the force is removed and the base runner must be tagged.
- g) Overthrows:
Base runners may advance when a ball is overthrown to any base until such time a defensive player has control of the ball in the infield area and there is no attempt to make a play (Q1-3 g and h). In the event the overthrown ball leaves the playing field, the base runners shall be permitted to advance to the base they were approaching when the ball was thrown plus 1 more base. Runners with last batter status (Q1-5 i) are allowed to continue to score.
- h) The offensive team's turn at bat ends when:
- i) the last batter has 3 strikes.
 - ii) the last batter has hit the ball illegally (Q1-3 f).
 - iii) when the catcher (only) touches home plate with the last batter's fair hit ball (Q1-3 c) in his/her possession. The ball must be thrown over the playing line (Q1-3 a) at least once on its way to the catcher unless the fair hit ball was fielded in front of the playing line. The pitcher, only, is allowed to assist the catcher in the home plate area. Penalty - In the event a defensive player other than the pitcher, in the judgement of the umpire crosses into the home plate area, the umpire will call time and allow all legal runs to score.
 - iv) base runner with last batter status (Q1-5 i) is hit by a fair hit ball either on or off his/her base before the ball is touched by an infielder or has passed an infielder, excluding the pitcher, the ball is dead and no runs may score.
 - v) the last batter's fly ball is legally caught and there are no runners on the bases.
- i) Last Batter Status:
Any players on the offensive team who are base runners when the last batter is at bat are regarded in the same manner as the last batter and no defensive play can be made on them on the bases. They are all forced to home plate when the last batter has hit the ball fairly (Q1-3 c).
- j) In the event the last batter's fair hit ball leaves the playing field by going over the outfield fence, either in flight or bouncing over, it will be considered a home run and all runners having last batter status will be allowed to score. However, if the ball goes under or gets caught in the outfield fence and in so doing interferes with the fielder's chances to field the ball, all base runners will be allowed to score but not the batter.
- k) In the event that the last batter of the offensive team is out on a fly ball, the players who are base runners shall be permitted to score, provided they are on the base when the ball is caught or they retouch it after the ball is caught before touching the next base. These runners have to score prior to the ball being returned to home plate.

- l) In the event that the last batter of the offensive team or any base runner with last batter status is obstructed in any manner by any defensive player while running the bases, it shall be the discretion of the umpire as to how far he/she would have advanced had there been no obstruction.
- m) A run does not count when a runner with last batter status:
 - i) reaches home plate after the plate has been legally touched by the catcher.
 - ii) has led-off and reaches home plate safely.
 - iii) has not tagged up and reaches home plate safely.
- n) Illegal Swing:
When a batter puts a ball into play by an illegal swing (Q1-3 l) the plate umpire shall indicate same by dropping a red flag; play is permitted to continue and all runners are in jeopardy. At the end of play, when time is called, all outs will stand and all other base runners will return to their original bases. The batter, if not put out, will resume his/her turn at bat with a strike added to his/her count (no third strike can be applied, Q1-3 e ii). In the event the last batter puts the ball in play by an illegal swing it shall be considered a dead ball unless caught in flight by a defensive player.

SECTION Q1.6 UMPIRES

- a) Once the batting line-ups have been exchanged the plate umpire takes charge of the game and takes his/her place behind home plate.
- b) The decisions of the umpire shall be final; however, the managers of each team shall be entitled to ask for permission to approach the umpires for an interpretation of the rules. No umpire shall overrule any other unless invited into consultation.
- c) The umpires are the only ones that can call “time”.
- d) To resume play after time has been called, the plate umpire will call for the next batter, and after the next batter has stepped into the batter’s box, the umpire will place the ball on the tee and call “play”. The batter is then allowed to hit.
- e) In the interest of safety, the plate umpire must remove the tee from home plate to prevent any interference with a play at home plate. Failure to do so will be no cause for the umpire to change the results of the play.
- f) The plate umpire must call out all strikes, dead hits and foul balls as quickly as possible. He/she must also indicate an illegal swing by dropping a red flag.
- g) The plate umpire shall notify opposing managers of any changes or additions to the original line-up as reported to him/her (Q1-4 d).
- h) Base umpires shall:
 - i) judge the position of the runners when the ball is thrown out of the playing area (Q1-5 f),
 - ii) watch for and indicate lead-offs (Q1-5 d) and inform the plate umpire which runner(s) lead-off if they have last batter status (Q1-5 j),
 - iii) watch for and inform the plate umpire of runners that do not retouch when the last batter’s fly ball is caught (Q1-5j) and
 - iv) hold up runners when time is called (Q1-3 g).
- i) All umpires must make sure the fielders are all behind the playing line and the pitcher is in his/her proper position before play is called for the next batter.
- j) It is the duty of the plate umpire, after he/she has been notified, to call out “last batter”. Failure to do so does not nullify the play.
- k) The plate umpire may terminate a game before its completion for reasons of darkness, bad weather or dangerous field conditions, etc.
- l) The umpires shall have the authority to rule on any situation not covered specifically in the Official Playing Rules.

Q2 THE APPROVED PLAYING RULES OF ROOKIE BALL

SECTION Q2.1 REGULATIONS

All Rep Rules & Regulations pertaining to membership, territorial rights, registration, players signing, fees, insurance, classification, Rep Play-offs, and tournaments shall apply as stated in the current version of the Constitution of the OBA and Constitution and By-laws of the Rep Division as amended each year at the Annual Meeting. The Approved Playing Rules of Rookie Ball apply to both Major and Minor Rookie Ball.

SECTION Q2.2 DIAMOND LAYOUT

- a) The pitching machine is placed directly in front of home plate at a distance of 44 ft.
- b) An 8 ft. diameter safety circle shall be marked off directly in front of home plate and its centre shall be 44 ft. from home plate. No player is permitted to enter the safety circle, which is considered a dead ball area. Enter means that any part of the body enters the safety circle.
- c) Electrical cord must run along or under the ground from the pitching machine to the electrical source. A ball that hits the cord outside of the safety circle shall remain live and in play.
- d) In addition to electrical pitching machines, Louisville Slugger UPM 45 Blue Flame Pitching Machines are approved for Rep Rookie Ball play. It is recommended that a radar gun be present to confirm the machine settings produce pitches at the speed contemplated by Q2.3 f). Note: A tournament may use either electric or mechanical machines, but not both.

SECTION Q2.3 PLAYING RULES

- a) A team shall comprise of a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 25 players, all signed to team rosters of the series and classification of the team entered. Each team must have at least 1 manager and/or 1 or more coaches signed to a team roster clearly marked manager or coach and who shall be responsible for that team.
- b) Each team shall have a catcher, a first baseman, a second baseman, a third baseman, a shortstop, a left fielder, a right fielder, 1 pitcher and 2 centre fielders in the line-up. A team may play as long as it has 9 players at the game. If it drops to 8 or few players at a game, then the game is forfeited to the other team.
- c) The pitcher must stand beside the pitching machine outside of the safety circle and behind the release point of the pitching machine. Lines shall be drawn from the release point to 4 ft. beyond the circle. The pitcher must have both feet on or within 4 feet behind the white line until the ball is released from the machine. Once the ball is released from the machine, the pitcher may move in front of the line, but may not move through the circle. The machine shall be 44 ft. from home plate. Only the pitcher may return a live ball to the operating coach with runners on base. The pitcher must wear a NOCSAE approved batting helmet with a facemask and chinstrap attached as designed by the manufacturer. Neither the pitcher nor any other player may in any way break the plane of the 8 foot diameter circle around the machine whether stepping on the circle line or reaching into the circle while in an attempt to field a ball. Play will be called dead and 1 base will be awarded. All other forced runners will move 1 base.
- d) Infielders can ask for time in the infield area. Time will be given at the umpire's discretion when continuous action from the play has stopped. **NOTE:** The ball does not have to go back to the pitcher before an infielder may ask for time. Continuous action ends when the defense stops trying to field the baseball, and the offense stops trying to advance.
- e) Until the ball is fed into the machine, outfielders shall position themselves at least 15 feet beyond the basepaths.
- f) The pitching machine speeds cannot be altered except at the end of an inning. Any tampering with the machine speed by the coach feeding the machine shall result in the coach's immediate ejection. If the machine speed is erratic, it shall be corrected by the umpire. (This may be done at any time.) Machine speed is a maximum of 40 mph and a minimum of 35 mph. Height can be adjusted at any time.
- g) All Rookie Ball baseball games shall be 7 innings or until a winner is declared. 5 innings shall constitute an official game.
- h) Each batter shall receive a maximum of 5 strikes as called by the umpire. The batter shall not be called out if the 5th strike is called a foul ball. If a ball crosses the plate over the batter's head or bounces into the dirt, the umpire will not count it as a strike unless the batter swings at the pitch.
- i) Batters cannot walk or bunt. (Bunts are automatic outs.)
- j) There shall be no passed balls or wild pitches.
- k) Base Runners cannot leave the base until the batter makes contact with the ball. If an infraction occurs, the ball will be declared dead and runners may not advance. One (1) warning will be issued and for any further infractions Thereafter the runner will be called out. (Each team may receive 1 warning). No stealing allowed.
- l) If a batted ball hits the pitching machine or any adult in the playing field, then the ball is declared dead and the batter is awarded first base with the corresponding move of any base runners who may be forced to move. The coach feeding the machine must not interfere with any play being made by the defensive team. Otherwise, the batter will be called out and the runners will be returned to their base of origin. In case of the third out the side is retired.
- m) When a thrown ball hits the pitching machine or the cord within the circle, then the ball is declared dead and each base runner (including the batter-runner) shall advance one base from the time the ball becomes dead.

- n) The plate umpire shall be behind the catcher. The second umpire is the traditional base umpire.
- o) The on deck batter, the batter and base runners must wear a prescribed protective helmet with flaps covering both ears. Chinstraps are mandatory and will be worn as designed by the manufacturer. Helmets may not be changed except after the inning has been completed, or the player has been retired or has crossed home plate.
- p) Shoes with metal cleats are prohibited.
- q) All catchers are required to wear a mask with throat protector, helmet, chest protector, shin guards, cup and cup type supporter during the game and during any warm-up, machine set-up, etc.
- r) In addition to wooden bats, metal bats shall be allowed in OBA play. Except with respect to diameter, these bats shall meet the dimensional requirements specified in Rule 1:10 of the Official Rules of Baseball. The maximum diameter of the bat barrel may be 2 ¾".
- s) All players in uniform (Rep rostered) must be put in a continuous batting order, with the bat person being the exception.
- t) A coach/manager may only communicate positive instructions to his/her players on the field.
- u) Up to 3 games may be played in 1 day.
- v) An inning will be 3 outs or a maximum of 7 runs.
- w) The infield fly rule does not apply.
- x) The coach operating the pitching machine is required to wear a baseball helmet. For the purposes of this rule a skull cap is considered a baseball helmet. **Penalty:** the team will be warned one time to wear a helmet and for second violation or refusal to wear the helmet, the coach will be ejected.
- y) The coach operating the pitching machine may instruct the batter before feeding the machine, but shall not instruct runners during the play. **Penalty:** the coach shall be warned. If the action continues, the coach will be removed from the game.
- z) Batters at Rookie Ball must drop the bat and not throw it (intentionally or unintentionally) upon hitting the ball. **Penalty,** each team shall be entitled to one warning per game. After the warning, any further offences by a team shall result in the batter being declared out, the ball being dead and runners returning to their bases. If, prior to the team's warning, a batter throws the bat resulting in an injury, the ball is dead and play shall be halted and the team will receive its warning. The player's at bat will continue. **Note:** The pitch will not count as one of the batter's 5 strikes.
- aa) Once time has been granted by the umpire, the ball is returned to the Offensive Coach within the pitching circle. At this time, the plate umpire should say "Play" to make the ball live. The defensive pitcher may ask the offensive coach for the ball so he/she can make an appeal by tagging the base or the runner and indicating to the umpire the runner missed the base/left early/etc. The offensive coach must give the ball to the defensive player when requested. As per the Official Rules of Baseball, appeals must be made while the ball is live on either the base that was missed by a runner or the runner – as long as the defense indicates clearly than an appeal is being made.

SECTION Q2.4 APPROVED BALLS FOR ROOKIE BALL

Any baseball approved for Mosquito play.

APPENDIX “A”

GUIDELINES FOR AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS (REP DIVISON)

- 1) Affiliated Associations shall agree by and comply with the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the OBA according to Article 1.03 a) of the Constitution of the OBA.
- 2) Send a copy of the Constitution of the Affiliated Association to the OBA Office.
- 3) Send a list of the Officers, along with their names, addresses and telephone numbers, of the Affiliated Association to the OBA Office within 30 days of the Annual Meeting of the Affiliated Association.
- 4) Send a copy of the Affiliated Association’s Annual Financial Statement to the OBA Office within 30 days of the Annual Meeting of the Affiliated Association.
- 5) Send a copy of all minutes of meetings of Affiliated Associations to the OBA Office within 30 days of the meeting.
- 6) Notify the OBA Office as to the date, time and place of the Annual Meeting of the Affiliated Association 30 days prior to the meeting.
- 7) Pay annual affiliation fees, certificate tax and other fees according to Article R2.02 and R2.03 of the Rep Constitution of the OBA.
- 8) Determine team classifications according to Article R2.04 of the Rep Constitution of the OBA.
- 9) Process playing rosters according to the Rep Constitution of the OBA.
- 10) Notify the Rep Chair of each series as to the play-off representatives from the Affiliated Association.
- 11) Approve tournament requests prior to submission to the OBA.
- 12) Approve clinic requests prior to submission to the OBA.

APPENDIX “B”

(REP DIVISON)

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Algoma Baseball Association	ABA
Central Ontario Baseball Association	COBA
Eastern Ontario Baseball Association.....	EOBA
Hamilton and District Baseball Association	HDBA
Inter-County Baseball Association	ICBA
London District Baseball Association.....	LDBA
North Bay Baseball Association	NBBA
North Central Baseball Association.....	NCBA
National Capital Ontario Baseball Association.....	NCOBA
Niagara District Baseball Association	NDBA
Southern Counties Baseball Association	SCBA
Sun Parlour Baseball Association	SPBA
Timmins Area Baseball Association.....	TABA
Toronto Baseball Association	TBA
Thunder Bay Baseball Association	TBBA
Western Counties Baseball Association.....	WCBA
Western Ontario Baseball Association	WOBA
York Simcoe Baseball Association.....	YSBA

**AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION BOUNDARIES
TERRITORIAL RIGHTS**

ABA ALGOMA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

Starting at, but excluding Massey on #553, then North on Highway # 553, excluding all area on said Highway, then on a straight line due West to Highway #129, then North on #129, including the Town of Chapleau, then on Highway #101 to Wawa and Lake Superior, then South along Lake Superior to Sault Ste. Marie, then East along Highway #17 to Massey.

COBA CENTRAL ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

(Formerly Halton County Baseball Association)

Starting at Lake Ontario, North along the Etobicoke Creek (Peel/York County Border) to Highway #50, then North on Highway #50 (excluding Bolton) to Highway #9, then West on Highway #9 (including Orangeville) to County Road leading to Fergus, then South on Highway #6, (excluding Guelph) to Highway #24, then South on Highway #24 to Highway #99 (excluding all centres), then East to Hamilton City Limits (excluding Dundas) to Lake Ontario, then East along Lake Ontario to starting point.

EOBA EASTERN ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

The territory governed by the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association and approved by the Ontario Baseball Association shall begin at Lake Ontario and the Rouge River, north along the Rouge River to Highway 2; thence east along Highway 2 including the City of Pickering and the Towns of Ajax and Whitby to Region of Durham Road 23; thence north along Durham Road 23 to Highway 48; thence north and east along Highway 48 to Highway 35; thence North on Highway 35 to Minden; thence east on Highway 121 to Bancroft; thence south on Highway 62 to Madoc; thence east on Highway 7 to Sharbot Lake; thence south on Highway 38 to and including the City of Kingston, Howe Island, Wolfe Island, and Amherst Island; thence west along the shore of Lake Ontario including Prince Edward County to the starting point at the Rouge River.

HDDBA HAMILTON & DISTRICT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

Starting at Lake Ontario, West along the Northern Boundaries of the City of Hamilton (including Dundas), South along the Hamilton-Wentworth Region boundary (including Ancaster) and East to Lake Ontario (including Glanbrook and Stoney Creek).

ICBA INTER COUNTY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

Starting at Highway 2 (Governors Road) and Highway 19 (Plank Line), excluding Thamesford; then east on Highway 2 to Oxford County Road 6 (Foldens Road); south on County Road 6 to County Road 12 (Sweaburg Road); then East on Sweaburg Road and south on Rural Road (Cedar Line) to Curries Road, east on Curries Road to Muir Line (Brant-Oxford County Line); north on Muir Line to Highway 53; then east on highway 53, including Brantford, to the boundary of Greater Hamilton; then northwest along the boundary to Highway 99; west along Highway 99 to Highway 24; then north on Highway 24 including Cambridge, Guelph and all centres on Highway 24 to Highway 7; thence west on Highway 7 including Bridgeport, Kitchener, Waterloo, New Hamburg and Stratford to Highway 19; then south on Highway 19 to Highway 2. Please note: St. Thomas Junior and Senior remain in the ICBA.

LDBA LONDON DISTRICT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

Starting at, but excluding Port Bruce on Lake Erie, North on County Road 73 (Imperial Road) to County Road 45 (John Wise Line); west on County Road 45 to County Road 35 (Springwater Road); north on County Road 35 to County Road 52 (Ron McNeil Line); East on County Road 52 to County Road 73 (Imperial Road); North on County Road 73, across Highway 401, north to Highway 2 (Dundas St.); East on Highway 2 to Highway 19, including Thamesford; North on Highway 19 to Highway 7, then west on Highway 7, excluding St. Mary's to Highway 81 including Strathroy to and along County Road to Christena on Highway 2 to and including Melbourne, then south along County Road leading to and including Port Talbot on Lake Erie.

NBBA NORTH BAY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

Starting at the Northern most point of Highway #539-A, but excluding any location on it and going due East to Temagami on Highway #11 to the Ottawa River, then South along the Ottawa River to the Northern boundary of the National Capital Senior Baseball Association, thence along the Northern boundary of Algonquin Park to the York Simcoe Baseball Association's Northern boundary, then due West on Highway #518 to Highway #69, but excluding any location on Highway #69, then due North to Warren, and excluding any location of this line including Warren.

NCBA NORTH CENTRAL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

Starting at Massey on the West, then North to the end of Highway #553, then due East to the end of Highway #539-A, then South through a point on Highway #17 at Warren to a Southern limit on Highway #69, excluding Parry Sound, then due West from Georgian Bay to include all of the Manitoulin Islands.

NCOBA NATIONAL CAPITAL ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

The territory governed by the National Capital Senior Baseball Association shall be the newly incorporated city of Ottawa. Also included are the Counties of Dundas, Glengarry, Grenville, Lanark, Leeds, Prescott, Renfrew, Russell and Stormont. The legal description of the territory (by the Province of Ontario), shall be: the most southerly shores of the Ottawa River to the north; the Ontario-Quebec border, to the east; the most northerly shores of the St. Lawrence River, to the south; the most easterly boundaries of Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington and the most easterly boundary of Nipissing, to the west.

NDBA NIAGARA DISTRICT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

Starting at the Niagara River, then South along the Niagara River to Lake Erie, then West along the shore of Lake Erie to and including Port Maitland, then North along County Road to Highway #3, then along Highway #3 (including Dunnville and Cayuga) to Highway #54, then North on Highway #54 to Highway #6 (excluding Caledonia), then North on Highway #6 to the Boundary of the Region of Hamilton-Wentworth, then East and South along the boundary of Hamilton-Wentworth to Lake Ontario, then East along the shore of Lake Ontario to the Niagara River.

SCBA SOUTHERN COUNTIES BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

Starting at Port Maitland, north along County Road to Highway 3, excluding Dunnville and Cayuga, to Highway 54; then north on Highway 54 to and including Caledonia; then north on Highway 6 to the boundary of the former Region of Hamilton-Wentworth; then west along the boundary of Hamilton-Wentworth to Highway 99; then west along Highway 99 to Highway 24; then south on Highway 24, excluding Brantford; then west along the former Highway 53 to Muir Line (Brant-Oxford County Line); south on Muir Line to Curries Road; west on Curries Road and north on Rural Road (Cedar Line) to Sweaburg Road (Oxford Rd 12). Turn west on Sweaburg Road to Oxford Road 6 (Foldens Road). Turn north on Oxford Road 6 to Highway 2 (Governors Road). Proceed west on Governor's Road, excluding Thamesford, to County Road 73 (Elgin Road); south on County Road 73 to Elgin County Road 52 (Ron McNeil Line); west on County Road 52 to County Road 35 (Springwater Road); south on County Road 35, across Highway 3, to County Road 45 (John Wise Line); then East on County Road 45 to County Road 73 (Imperial Road); south on County Road 73 to Lake Erie, including Port Bruce.

SPBA SUN PARLOUR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

Starting and including Essex County, the entire Townships of Romney and Tilbury East and that part of Raleigh Township, West of Kent County Road #6 and South of Kent County Road #14 of the County of Kent.

TABA TIMMINS AREA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

For the purpose of boundaries, the T.A.B.A. considers the Kirkland Lake area to be, the Town of Kirkland Lake and all communities and rural areas within 25 mile radius plus the city of Timmins and all communities and rural areas within 25 mile radius of that city.

TBA TORONTO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

Everything within the boundaries of the County of York which is South of Steeles Avenue and Markham Town Road or an Easterly extension thereof.

TBBA THUNDER BAY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

Starting at, and including White River on Highway #17, then North to, and including, Manitouwadge, Caramac, and Long Lac, then on a line due West on Highways 11 and #580, thence West from the terminus of Highway #580 to, and including English River, thence South on a straight line (91') to the International Boundary, then east along the Boundary and Lake Superior to, and including Heron Bay, then East on a straight line to White River.

WCBA WESTERN COUNTIES BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

Includes all territory East of the following boundaries, starting at Kent County Road #6 and Kent County Road #14 of the County of Kent to the following Eastern boundaries, starting at and excluding Port Talbot on Lake Erie, North on County Road, to Highway #2, East on Highway #2 to and excluding Christena, then North along County Road to Highway #81, then North along Highway #81 excluding Strathroy to and excluding Grand Bend on Lake Huron.

WOBA WESTERN ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

Starting at and including Grand Bend on Lake Huron, South on #81 to #7, then East along #7 (and the St. Mary's by-pass to include St. Mary's) and excluding Stratford, New Hamburg, Kitchener and Waterloo to #6, then North on #6 (excluding Guelph but including all other centres) to and including Fergus, then Northeast along county road to #9, then East to but excluding Orangeville, then North on #10 to Georgian Bay including all centres except Shelburne.

YSBA YORK SIMCOE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION:

Starting at Steeles Avenue and Regional Road 50, North on Regional Road 50 including Bolton to Highway #9, West on Highway #9 to and including Orangeville (which is bounded by the area of Regional Road 109 on the south, Regional Road 25 on the west, Highway 89 on the North and Regional Road #10 on the east), then North on Regional Road 10 to Georgian Bay including Shelburne, but excluding all other centres, then Easterly along the shoreline to and including Parry Sound, then East along Count Road 518 to Sand Lake, then due East to

Algonquin Provincial Park boundary, then South along boundary to Regional Road 60, then Southerly along Regional Road 60 to Regional Road 35, then South along Highway Regional Road 35 to Regional Road 48, then along Regional Road 48 to and excluding Bolsover, continuing to Lakeridge Road excluding Bolsover and Beaverton, then South on Lakeridge Road then west to Regional Road 30, then south to Steeles Avenue to starting point.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF SELECT DIVISION

S1.01 SELECT DIVISION

- a) The Select Division shall work:
 - i) to enhance the quality of select baseball for the youth of Ontario while stressing the values of sportsmanship, athleticism, teamwork and fair play; and
 - ii) To foster the “select” philosophy of play, where all eligible team players at a game must play in the game unless removed due to injury or ejection.
- b) The Select Division shall regulate competition throughout the province at the select level, including provincial championships.
- c) Select baseball is defined as the game of baseball played by the amended baseball rules as approved at the Select AGM for all sanctioned select tournaments and championships.
- d) A select player shall be defined as:
 - i) playing regularly on a dedicated select team playing in a loop; and/or
 - ii) playing regularly on a dedicated house league team playing in a local community house league;
 - iii) registered as a player by the local community baseball association;
 - iv) agreeing to abide by the Select Constitution and playing rules of sanctioned select events.
 - v) No player may be disqualified from playing on a Select Division team for reason of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.
- e) A rep player, playing regularly for his Rep team, is not eligible.

S1.02 SELECT MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership shall be open to all local community baseball associations within the province, which meet all of the criteria as specified in the Select Constitution and By-Laws.
- b) A club or organization shall be defined as a structured group which provides a recognized baseball program within the guidelines of this Select Constitution and By-Laws. Each request for membership shall be reviewed and approved by the Select Council on an individual basis to ensure that each club and/or association understands the requirements of the Select Division, its Select Playing Rules and the mandate of the Select Council.
- c) Members may also be members of other organizations or associations as long as they do not conflict with the mission and objectives of the Select Division.
- d) Members shall be in good standing with all fees, assessments and fines paid in full by July 1st of the current playing season.
- e) All team player rosters of member associations in good standing must be submitted by July 1st, failure to comply will result in a fine of \$50.00 per team.
- f) Member community baseball associations shall designate a delegate and an alternate who will represent them at meetings of members.
- g) Names of the delegate and alternate shall be submitted to the OBA Office. They must be received on the letterhead of the local community association, and shall be in effect until an alternate appointment or resignation is received, from the club or association, by the Select Division.
- h) Both the delegate and the alternate must be 18 years of age or older as of January 1 of the current year.

S1.03 SELECT DIVISION STRUCTURE

- a) The affairs of the Select Division shall be managed by the Select Council.
- b) Twelve (12) delegates and/or alternates shall be elected to serve on the Select Council.
- c) Each member of the Select Council shall be elected for a two (2) year term to take effect at the next duly called meeting of the Select Council following the election.
- d) The Select Council shall elect an executive committee to manage the day to day operations of the Select Division.
- e) The executive committee shall be elected from the Select Council.

- f) The executive committee shall consist of six (6) members and the positions shall be that of Chair, Vice Chair and Immediate Past Chair plus three (3) members of the Select Council. The three (3) elected Select Directors shall be included in the executive committee either as Chair, Vice-Chair, Immediate Past Chair or as part of the three (3) members of the Select Council.
- g) The Select Council shall structure, appoint and mandate committees and members of committees as required.
- h) Additional members may be appointed to the Select Council to serve on the Select Council as required.

S1.04 SELECT DUTIES

- a) The Select Council shall be responsible for the overall direction of the Select Division
- b) The Select Council shall approve all policies of the Selection Division.
- c) Officers of the Select Division shall have the duties and responsibilities assigned to them by the Select Council.

S1.05 SELECT VOTING

- a) Unless this Select Constitution requires otherwise, all matters calling for a vote shall be determined by a majority of the voting members present and voting on the question. Voting procedures may be outlined at the meeting prior to the vote unless otherwise specified in this Select Constitution and By-Laws.
- b) Each local community baseball association, which is a member in good standing, shall have one vote at (i) Select Annual General Meetings; (ii) Select Special General Meetings; and (iii) committee meetings to which they are duly appointed. Votes shall be cast by accredited delegates or alternates at appropriate meetings only.
- c) Each member of the Select Council or a committee has one vote with the exception of the chairperson of the Select Council or committee who may cast a second vote in the event of a tie.

S1.06 SELECT ELECTIONS

- a) Nominations and elections for Select Council shall be conducted at the Select Annual General Meeting.
- b) The Immediate Past Chair of the Select Council will be responsible for determining a list of individuals indicating a willingness to stand for office.
- c) The Immediate Past Chair will be responsible for conducting elections at the Select Annual General Meeting with the assistance of individuals that are not standing for office.
- d) All nominees must be an accredited delegate or alternate of a members association and must either be present in person or have provided a written consent to stand to be filed by the nominator.
- e) No member shall hold more than one elected position at any one time.
- f) Elections for Select Council will be conducted by ballot.

S1.07 SELECT TERMS OF OFFICE

- a) All terms for elected positions on Select Council shall be for two (2) years.
- b) Elected positions and terms of office shall be staggered so that six (6) positions on the Select Council shall come open each year.
- c) Vacancies filled by appointment will serve out the elected incumbent's term of office or until the next election whichever comes first.
- d) Executive committee and other committee appointments shall be for a term not to exceed one year from date of appointment or as specified by the Select Council.

S1.08 SELECT ANNUAL MEETING

- a) The Annual Meeting for the Select Division will be held in conjunction with the OBA AGM.
- b) Adequate notice shall be given to all Select Members of the time and place of the Select Annual General Meeting (no less than 30 days prior to the meeting).
- c) A quorum shall be defined as fifteen (15) voting members present.
- d) The incumbent Select Chair or designate shall act as chairperson of the Select Annual Meeting, except with respect to elections which will be chaired by the Immediate Past Chair.
- e) Unless otherwise provided in this Select Constitution and By-Laws, all matters calling for a vote shall be determined by a majority show of hands of the voting members present except where a member requests voting to be held in another form. Approval of the alternate form of voting requires ratification by a majority of members and applies only to the specified motion.

- f) Proceedings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order unless otherwise stated.
- g) The order of business of the Select Annual Meeting shall be as follows:
 - i) Reports on the Select Division
 - ii) Amendments to the Select Constitution
 - iii) Announcements
 - iv) Election of Select Council

S1.09 SELECT COUNCIL MEETINGS

- a) Meetings of Select Council shall be held a minimum of three (3) times a year, separately or in conjunction with a Select Annual Meeting, Select Special Meeting or a Select Business Meeting, to deal with matters of the Select Division.
- b) Notice of place and time of the first Select Council meeting shall be set at the Select Annual Meeting.
- c) Place and time of subsequent meetings shall be announced at each Select Council meeting.
- d) All matters calling for a vote shall be determined by a majority show of hands of the voting members of the Select Council.
- e) A quorum shall consist of 50% of the members of the Select Council.

S1.10 SELECT SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- a) The Chair must call a Select Special General Meeting when:
 - i) requested to do so by a majority of the members of the Select Council;
 - ii) requested to do so in writing by 25% of the members of the Select Division;
 - iii) matters or events, in his discretion, warrant the meeting.
- b) Adequate notice shall be given to all Select Members of the time and place of the Select Special General Meeting (no less than 30 days prior to the meeting).

S1.11 AMENDMENTS TO THE SELECT CONSTITUTION

- a) Articles of the Select Constitution and By-Laws may only be amended at the Select Annual General Meeting or a Select Special General Meeting called for that purpose.
- b) Select Members desiring to amend the Select Constitution and By-Laws shall submit such amendment(s) in writing, signed by the proponents to the OBA Office by October 1.
- c) Amendments must be approved by a 2/3 majority of the votes cast by voting members present.

SELECT DIVISION PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

Double Knock out tournament

Please note there are specific rules applying to Rookie Ball play as well as these general tournament rules applying to all Select Division Provincial Tournament participants. Rules specifically applicable to Rookie Ball are an additional attachment.

Byes are to be awarded as follows:

- i. No team shall receive a back-to-back bye in successive rounds.
- ii. No team shall receive a second bye until all remaining teams have received their first bye.
- iii. If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye, the undefeated team shall automatically receive the bye.
- iv. If more than 1 team is eligible for a bye, the bye team will be determined by means of a draw with the first team drawn receiving the bye.

SP 1. OFFICIAL RULES

SP 1.1 The playing rules for all scheduled games within the Select Division Provincial Championship shall be the “Official Rules of Baseball” - Except as detailed below.

SP 1.2 Select Division Provincial Tournament Rules **cannot be changed or amended** without approval of the Select Division Tournament Rules Chair.

SP 2. ELIGIBILITY

SP 2.1 A Rep Division carded player, playing regularly for his/her Rep Division team as defined by the member association, is **not** eligible.

SP 2.2 All roster players must have OBA insurance; this applies to all team entries.

SP 2.3 Teams must be from member associations that have both paid their membership by the July 1st deadline & that the association has also submitted roster for all of their select teams by the same July 1st date. Only players listed on the July 1st roster are eligible for the Select Division Provincials championship.

SP 2.4 50% of the players on the roster must live in the Association’s boundaries. If you wish to be eligible to participate in the Select Division Provincials and your team does not meet the fifty (50%) percent rule you can request an exception to this rule. The request for an exception will be considered by the Select Council when you fully complete the Request for Exception Form, which can be found in the forms section of the Select Division web site. Once completed, the form and team roster(s) are to be sent to the OBA Office.

SP 3. TEAM ROSTER

SP 3.1 All teams should register with the site Convenor at least **ONE HOUR** prior to their first game.

SP 3.2 A team roster listing all players, coaches and sweater numbers must be presented to the Select Division on site Director at the time of registration.

SP 3.3 A copy of each player’s **proof of birthdate** must accompany the roster (Refer to “Age Limitations”).

SP 3.4 There is a limit of 18 rostered players and up to 4 coaches. However there will be a limit of 18 awards per team.

SP 3.5 Junior players are required to provide proof of age using government issued photo identification i.e. drivers license, photo health card etc.

SP 3.6 Age Limitations

The 2016 levels are as follows:

2007 (or younger)	Rookie	2002-2001	Bantam
2005-2006	Mosquito/Tyke	1998-2000	Midget
2003-2004	Pee Wee	1995-1997	Junior

Where the association/club permits it, players will be allowed to play up at all levels.

SP 3.7 The home team will supply the official scorekeeper if one is not supplied by the tournament officials. Prior to the start of each game, a player line-up with sweater numbers and surnames listed **must** be provided to the scorekeeper and exchanged with the other team.

SP 3.8 The official scorekeeper supplied by the “home team”, must turn in the game score sheet (white copy) & the pitching count sheet to the convener at the end of the game.

SP 3.9 Any player arriving late maybe added to the bottom of the batting order, provided their team has not completed one rotation through the batting order or the game has completed two innings.

SP 3.10 All eligible players present at the game shall be listed on the team’s line-up sheet and must play a minimum of two innings in a defensive position within the first four innings, unless injured during that game. Any exception to this rule must be brought to the attention of the convenor, umpire & opposing team attention before the start of the game (PENALTY- The game is a forfeit & the COACH/MANAGER SUSPENDED FOR REMAINDER OF GAME PLUS NEXT GAME).

SP 3.11 No player will be listed on the game line-up if that player is unable to play a defensive position (PENALTY- COACH/MANAGER SUSPENDED FOR REMAINDER OF GAME PLUS NEXT GAME). All players listed on the line-up sheet will bat.

SP 3.12 All players will bat in the order as presented to the official scorekeeper prior to the start of each game.

SP 3.13 Clarification of “Injured during that game.” Any player leaving the field due to an injury must remain out of the game for at least a complete defensive inning, before re-entering the game in a defensive position. A player unable to take their turn at a bat, after having been removed from the field due to an injury, will be removed from the line-up and further play in the game (this is not an out nor is it considered batting out of a turn).

SP 3.14 A batter or runner may not have a pinch runner unless injured during their turn as a batter or runner. The designated pinch runner will be the last recorded out. If this occurs before any outs then it will be the last player in the line up.

SP 4. PITCHING RULES

SP 4.1 Any player advancing to play in a higher series shall be restricted to the pitching rule of the series in which he/she is registered.

SP 4.2 In Mosquito/Tyke games, the number of trips to the mound by manager/coach shall not be limited except where the umpire rules that the purpose of the trip is to delay the game.

SP 4.3 In Pee Wee games a third trip by a manager/coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher’s automatic removal from the pitching position.

SP 4.4 In Mosquito/Tyke & Pee Wee games, a pitcher once removed from pitching, regardless of the number of trips to the mound by the manager/coach, may continue in the game at another position, but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.

SP 4.5 For Bantam to Junior, a second trip by a manager/coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher's automatic removal from the pitching position. The pitcher, once removed may continue in the game at another position but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.

Pitch Count Limitations

SP 4.6 A pitcher may not pitch more than the following limits in a calendar day. If the limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher may pitch to the earlier of: (i) the completion of that batter or (ii) the end of the inning.

Mosquito/Tyke	70 pitches
Pee Wee	80 pitches
Bantam	90 pitches
Midget & Junior	100 pitches

SP 4.7 If a pitcher throws more than the following limits in a calendar day he/she cannot pitch the next day - the player must have 2 nights rest.

Mosquito/Tyke	45 pitches
Pee Wee	55 pitches
Bantam	65 pitches
Midget & Junior	75 pitches

SP 4.8 Where the team has multiple games on the same day, if a pitcher throws more than the following limits during a game, or combination of games the pitcher may not pitch again in a subsequent game that day. Pitchers can still throw the designated maximum pitch count in a day so long as the aforementioned multi games in a day limits have not been exceeded:

Mosquito/Tyke	45 pitches
Pee Wee	55 pitches
Bantam	65 pitches
Midget & Junior	75 pitches

SP 4.9 At the Mosquito/Tyke division level Balks are not to be called. Should pitchers balk (e.g. double set or not pause) umpires will indicate such infractions to the coach between innings. In the Pee Wee division, umpires will be advised by the tournament director to call balks on a pitcher only after that pitcher has been warned of an infraction and an explanation has been given to that pitcher by the umpire.

SP 4.10 No balk warnings will be issued at Bantam, Midget and Junior divisions.

SP 4.11 If a balk is called but the pitcher throws the ball it will count as a pitch thrown, even if it is not counted as a pitch for ball/strike purposes.

SP 4.12 The official score keeper shall designate the official pitch count recorder.

SP 4.13 The official pitch count recorder shall inform the home plate umpire when a pitcher has delivered his/her limit of pitches for the game. The home plate umpire will then notify the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed.

Note: It is the responsibility of the manager to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible, even if the pitch count recorder and/or the umpire fail to notify the manager.

SP 4.14 If a team has no remaining players eligible to pitch in a game, the opposing coach may designate a player who has

not yet pitched in the game. This pitcher may not throw more than 30 pitches.

SP 4.15 Illegal pitching penalty: Where a player throws more pitches than is permitted *or pitches without the required rest or pitches three consecutive days*, the player's team shall forfeit the game, A second violation by a team will result in the manager/head coach's indefinite suspension.

SP 4.16 (i) At Mosquito/Tyke, Pee Wee and Bantam a pitcher may not pitch on 3 consecutive days.

(ii) At Midget, pitchers may not pitch on 3 consecutive calendar days unless:

1. The pitcher threw 30 pitches or less on each of the first two days.

2. The maximum number of pitches which may be thrown on the third day is 50.

(iii) At Junior, there is no restriction on pitchers pitching on 3 consecutive calendar days.

SP 4.17 At Mosquito/Tyke and Pee Wee, a player may not be a pitcher and a catcher in the same game.

SP 4.18 Mosquito/Tyke teams are not allowed leadoffs. A base runner will not leave a base until the pitched ball leaves the pitcher's hand. (PENALTY: THE RUNNER IS OUT AND THE BALL IS DEAD IMMEDIATELY WHEN THE RUNNER LEAVES THE BASE.)

SP 4.19 In the case where a game is suspended for whatever reason, on one day & resumed on a second day, pitches shall count on the calendar day on which the pitch is thrown (i.e. both parts of the game shall be considered on separate days). Where weather or other reasons cause the delay or postponement of a game or games, the time of the delay can count towards the nights rest required under 4.7 & can constitute a break in the 3 consecutive day rule under 4.16.

SP 5. CURFEW

SP 5.1 The number of innings in a complete game will be seven for Mosquito/Tyke - Junior. An inning shall be deemed to have started immediately after the last out in the bottom of the previous inning has occurred

SP 5.2 No new inning will start after one and three quarters (1¾) hours from the first pitch. However, if a new inning starts prior to the time curfew, the inning must be completed. At the Midget and Junior levels, the curfew is set at 2 hours. Except if the visiting team is unable to tie or go ahead of the home team after having played the top half of an inning that extended beyond the curfew then the game is considered complete and the home team does not go to bat as they have already won the game.

SP 5.3 The official start time is to be determined by the umpire and reported to the official game scorekeeper.

SP 5.4 The Championship game(s) are not subject to the time curfew limits and will be full games to determine a winner except in instances where the mercy rule is applicable.

SP 5.5 In the event of a delay during tournament play due to rain or darkness and prior to that game becoming official (3½ or 4 innings. See Mercy Rule below), the game will be suspended unless Time Restraints are imposed (See 5.2 above).

SP 5.6 The game will be resumed from the point of suspension. The defensive team must resume their exact positions on the field.

SP 5.7 The scheduled starting time may be at the discretion of the Select Division on site convenor.

SP 6. MERCY RULE

SP 6.1 If the home team is ahead by 10 or more runs after three and a half innings, or at any time beyond this point, the home team will be declared the winner.

SP 6.2 If the visiting team is ahead by ten or more runs after four or more complete innings, the visiting team will be declared the winner.

SP 6.3 A game forfeit will be declared and a score of 7 - 0 will be recorded if a team is unable to field a team of nine players at the scheduled starting time, or at any point during the game.

SP 7. GENERAL

SP 7.1 At the beginning of each game, the home and visiting team designation will be decided by a coin toss. The team coming the greater distance will make the call.

SP 7.2 All players and coaches will be dressed in a baseball team uniform as issued by their home association; minimum coach's uniform being long pants, and association issued golf shirt or a T-shirt with a number and a cap. (Association logo or name must be identifiable). No sandals permitted on the diamond.

SP 7.3 Metal cleats will be allowed at the Bantam, Midget and Junior levels.

SP 7.4 Midget & Junior levels will use Wood or Wood composite bats with a maximum minus 3. The minus 5 bat restriction applies for Bantam level only.

SP 7.5 No smoking or use of tobacco products is permitted on the playing field, in the dug outs or in the immediate vicinity of the dugouts, (this applies to coaches, players & umpires). City smoking bylaws must be obeyed.

SP 7.6 Absolutely no alcoholic beverages allowed in public parks where SOBA games are played.

SP 7.7 **Protests:** Any protest once a game has started, that requires the Convenor's intervention, will be settled on the field at the time the problem occurs. *There will be a protest fee of \$75.00*, paid in cash, to be lodged with the SOBA on site convenor before the protest may be heard. This fee will be returned if the protest is upheld. *Judgement calls by the Umpires cannot be protested.* Game delays due to protests do not invalidate the curfew rule (the clock keeps ticking).

SP 7.8 The SOBA site convenor has the ultimate authority relating to any matter that requires a ruling or clarification.

SP 7.9 **Ejections:** Each manager and head coach is responsible for the behaviour of all players, coaches and spectators with their team. *Should* all present, roster listed, coaches be ejected the game will be forfeited; *if this occurs refer to Rule 6.3.*

SP 7.10 In the event a player or coach is ejected from a game, the individual must leave the diamond and no longer be involved in that game. The player, coach or manager ejected from the game is suspended for the next scheduled game.

SP 7.11 SOBA site convenor will review all ejections for possible additional suspensions. These additional ejections will be advised within 30 minutes of the completion of the game of the ejection. However, it is the responsibility of the head coach to find out about the possible increased suspensions of any suspended coaches or players.

SP 7.12 The umpires, who umpire a game where an ejection occurs, shall file an ejection report with the convenor of the tournament within 2 days.

SP 7.13 The Select Division on site convenor reserves the right to alter and/or revise any game start times necessary to ensure completion of the games.

SP 7.14 No infield warm-up will be allowed. All pre-game warm-ups may take place on the outfield grass (if available) or at other safe and appropriate locations.

SP 7.15 Substitutions are only allowed at the end of an inning except for an injured player or pitching change

SP 7.16 All catchers are required to wear full catcher's equipment and catcher's mitt during the game and warm-ups in all divisions, except Rookie Ball where the use of a catcher's mitt is optional.

SP 7.17 Coaches or players warming up pitchers either on the field between innings or in the 'bull pen' must wear a

protective mask.

SP 7.18 It is mandatory that all players wear a protective athletic support.

SP 7.19 The batter shall wear a protective helmet while on deck, at bat or running the bases. The helmet may not be removed until the batter is retired, has crossed home plate and left the field of play or the half inning has been completed. Should the batter/runner remove the helmet before leaving the field while the ball is in play, they will be declared out.

SP 7.20 At the Bantam, Midget and Junior levels batting helmet chin straps are optional.

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SELECT DIVISION SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT RULES

Please note there are specific rules applying to Rookie Ball play as well as these general tournament rules applying to all Select Division Sanctioned Tournament participants. Rules specifically applicable to Rookie Ball are an additional attachment.

ST 1. OFFICIAL RULES

- ST 1.1 The playing rules for all scheduled games shall be the “Official Rules of Baseball” - Except as detailed below.
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ST 2. ELIGIBILITY

- ST 2.1 A Rep Division carded player, playing regularly for his/her Rep Division team team as defined by the member association, is **not** eligible.
- ST 2.2 Rep Division teams may be accepted in accordance with the principles as outlined on the SOBA website.
- ST 2.3 All roster players must have OBA insurance; this applies to all team entries.

ST 3. TEAM ROSTER

- ST 3.1 All teams should register with the site Convenor at least **ONE HOUR** prior to their first game.
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- ST 3.3 A copy of each player’s **proof of birthdate** must accompany the roster (Refer to “Age Limitations”).
- ST 3.4 There is a limit of 18 rostered players and up to 4 coaches. However there will be a limit of 18 awards per team.
- ST 3.5 Junior players are required to provide proof of age using government issued photo identification i.e. drivers license, photo health card etc.
- ST 3.6 **Age Limitations - The 2016 levels are as follows:**

2007 (or younger)	Rookie	2002-2001	Bantam
2005-2006	Mosquito/Tyke	1998-2000	Midget
2003-2004	Pee Wee	1995-1997	Junior

Where the association/club permits it, players will be allowed to play up at all levels.

- ST 3.7 The home team will supply the official scorekeeper if one is not supplied by the tournament officials. Prior to the start of each game, a player line-up with sweater numbers and surnames listed **must** be provided to the scorekeeper and exchanged with the other team.
- ST 3.8 The official scorekeeper supplied by the “home team”, must turn in the game score sheet (white copy) & the pitching count sheet to the convener at the end of the game, both must be signed by both teams.
- ST 3.9 Any player arriving late maybe added to the bottom of the batting order, provided their team has not completed one rotation through the batting order or the game has completed two innings.
- ST 3.10 All eligible players present at the game shall be listed on the team’s line-up sheet and must play a minimum of two innings in a defensive position within the first four innings, unless injured during that game. Any exception to this

rule must be brought to the attention of the convenor, umpire & opposing team attention before the start of the game (PENALTY-The game is a forfeit & the COACH/MANAGER SUSPENDED FOR REMAINDER OF GAME PLUS NEXT GAME).

ST 3.11 No player will be listed on the game line-up if that player is unable to play a defensive position (PENALTY-COACH/MANAGER SUSPENDED FOR REMAINDER OF GAME PLUS NEXT GAME). All players listed on the line-up sheet will bat.

ST 3.12 All players will bat in the order as presented to the official scorekeeper prior to the start of each game.

ST 3.13 Clarification of “Injured during that game.” Any player leaving the field due to an injury **must** remain out of the game for at least a complete defensive inning, before re-entering the game in a defensive position. A player unable to take their turn at a bat, after having been removed from the field due to an injury, will be removed from the line-up and further play in the game (this is not an out nor is it considered batting out of a turn).

ST 3.14 A batter or runner may not have a pinch runner unless injured during their turn as a batter or runner. The designated pinch runner will be the last recorded out. If this occurs before any outs then it will be the last player in the line up.

ST 4. PITCHING RULES

ST 4.1 Any player advancing to play in a higher series shall be restricted to the pitching rule of the series in which he/she is registered.

ST 4.2 In Mosquito/Tyke games, the number of trips to the mound by manager/coach shall not be limited except where the umpire rules that the purpose of the trip is to delay the game.

ST 4.3 In Pee Wee games a third trip by a manager/coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher’s automatic removal from the pitching position

ST 4.4 In Mosquito/Tyke & Pee Wee games, a pitcher once removed from pitching, regardless of the number of trips to the mound by the manager/coach, may continue in the game at another position, but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.

ST 4.5 For Bantam to Junior, a second trip by a manager/coach to the same pitcher in the same inning shall result in the pitcher’s automatic removal from the pitching position. The pitcher, once removed may continue in the game at another position but shall not be permitted to return to pitch in that game.

Pitch Count Limitations

ST 4.6 A pitcher may not pitch more than the following limits in a calendar day. If the limit is reached while facing a batter, the pitcher may pitch to the earlier of: (i) the completion of that batter or (ii) the end of the inning.

Mosquito/Tyke	70 pitches
Pee Wee	80 pitches
Bantam	90 pitches
Midget & Juior	100 pitches

ST 4.7 If a pitcher throws more than the following limits in a calendar day he/she cannot pitch the next day, - the player must have 2 nights rest.

Mosquito/Tyke	45 pitches
Pee Wee	55 pitches
Bantam	65 pitches
Midget & Junior	75 pitches

ST 4.8 Where the team has multiple games on the same day, if a pitcher throws more than the following limits during a game, or combination of games the pitcher may not pitch again in a subsequent game that day. Pitchers can still throw the designated maximum pitch count in a day so long as the aforementioned multi games in a day limits have not been exceeded.

Mosquito/Tyke	45 pitches
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ST 4.9 At the Mosquito/Tyke division level Balks are not to be called. Should pitchers balk (e.g. double set or not pause) umpires will indicate such infractions to the coach between innings. In the Pee Wee division, umpires will be advised by the tournament director to call balks on a pitcher only after that pitcher has been warned of an infraction and an explanation has been given to that pitcher by the umpire.

ST 4.10 No balk warnings will be issued at Bantam, Midget and Junior divisions.

ST 4.11 If a balk is called but the pitcher throws the ball it will count as a pitch thrown, even if it is not counted as a pitch for ball/strike purposes.

ST 4.12 The official pitch count recorder shall inform the home plate umpire when a pitcher has delivered his/her limit of pitches for the game. The home plate umpire will then notify the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed.

Note: It is the responsibility of the manager to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible, even if the pitch count recorder and/or the umpire fail to notify the manager.

ST 4.13 If a team has no remaining players eligible to pitch in a game, the opposing coach may designate a player who has not yet pitched in the game. This pitcher may not throw more than 30 pitches.

ST 4.14 Illegal pitching penalty: Where a player throws more pitches than is permitted or pitches without the required rest or pitches three consecutive days, the player's team shall forfeit the game. A second violation by a team will result in the manager/head coach's indefinite suspension.

ST.4.15 (i) At Mosquito/Tyke, Pee Wee and Bantam a pitcher may not pitch on 3 consecutive days.

(ii) At Midget, pitchers may not pitch on 3 consecutive calendar days unless:

1. The pitcher threw 30 pitches or less on each of the first two days.
2. The maximum number of pitches which may be thrown on the third day is 50.

(iii) At Junior, there is no restriction on pitchers pitching on 3 consecutive calendar days.

ST 4.16 At Mosquito/Tyke and Pee Wee, a player may not be a pitcher and a catcher in the same game.

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ST 4.18 In the case where a game is suspended for whatever reason, on one day & resumed on a second day, pitches shall count on the calendar day on which the pitch is thrown (i.e. both parts of the game shall be considered on separate days). Where weather or other reasons cause the delay or postponement of a game or games, the time of the delay can count towards the nights rest required under 4.7 & can constitute a break in the 3 consecutive day rule under 4.16.

ST 5. CURFEW

ST 5.1 The number of innings in a complete game will be seven for Mosquito/Tyke - Junior. An inning shall be deemed to have started immediately after the last out in the bottom of the previous inning has occurred

ST 5.2 No new inning will start after one and three quarters (1¾) hours from the first pitch. However, if a new inning starts prior to the time curfew, the inning must be completed. At the Midget and Junior levels, the curfew is set at 2 hours. Except if the visiting team is unable to tie or go ahead of the home team after having played the top half of an inning that extended beyond the curfew then the game is considered complete and the home team does not go to bat as they have already won the game and have secured the two points for the win.

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ST 5.4 Tied games will be permitted during preliminary games.

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Time Restraints are imposed (See 5.2 above).

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