# Membership Policy

### **Baseball Ontario Membership:**

Reference: Constitution and Bylaws of the Rep Division Section 1.03

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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").
4. Memberships in the OBA are the property of the OBA and cannot be bartered.
5. Honourary members and Past Presidents are members of Baseball Ontario.

### **Rep Division Membership**

Reference: Rep Division Constitution and Bylaws Section R1.02 and R2x

1. 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.
2. 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”.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. A Provincial Registration Fee as determined by the OBA Board of Management and Rep Council will be paid by each Affiliated Association or Direct Entry, as the case may be, to the OBA for each of its rep teams.
6. The registration fee 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.

### **Select Division Membership:**

Reference: Select Division Constitution and Bylaws Section S1.02

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Members shall be in good standing with all fees, assessments and fines paid in full by July 1st of the current playing season.
5. 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.
6. Member community baseball associations shall designate a delegate and an alternate who will represent them at meetings of members.
7. 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.
8. Both the delegate and the alternate must be 18 years of age or older as of January 1 of the current year.

The membership fee for an association to be part of the Select Division is set by the Select Council and the OBA Management Board per the Consitution and Bylaws of the Select Division Section S1.08.

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