

## SELECT DIVISION MEMBERSHIP POLICY

Select baseball is defined as the game of baseball played in accordance with the amended baseball rules as approved by the Select Council of Baseball Ontario for all Sanctioned Select Tournaments and Provincial Championships.

### Definitions

#### Community Baseball League

A community group that promotes a baseball league. Including at a minimum:

1. Formal bylaws & playing rules;
2. Elected board of directors;
3. Minutes from board meetings and annual general meetings;
4. Financial statements.

#### Member Local or “Local”

A Community Baseball League that:

1. meets the criteria in the Baseball Ontario Select Division By-Laws.
2. operates within a specified territory;
3. has been approved by the Select Council of Baseball Ontario; and
4. has paid all fees for both member & team(s).

A Local is eligible to:

1. Register a delegate for the Annual General Meeting or any Special Meeting of the Select Division of Baseball Ontario; and
2. Roster Select teams (all rostered persons must be covered by Baseball Ontario insurance).

Once a team roster is approved from a Member Local, the team is eligible to play:

1. In any Sanctioned Tournament of the Select Division of Baseball Ontario;
2. In any approved Open Tournament of the Rep Division of Baseball Ontario, subject to host approval;
3. In a Recognized Loop of which they are a member, for regular season or play down for the Select Division Provincial Championship, subject to Loop approval; and
4. In the Select Division Provincial Championship, or related qualifier.  
See Select Provincial Championship Policy for details.

Notes about rosters for both Approved Member Locals & Probationary Members:

1. Select rosters must be approved at least 2 business days before any games can be played.  
Time is needed to load players into pitch count software used for arm care tracking.
2. Rosters can be changed:
  - a. For Players up to June 30th
  - b. For coaches up to 10 business days before applicable Provincial Championship
3. Teams must play with the most recent approved roster.  
The only exception is as approved by Select Council for the Provincial Championship  
See Select Division Provincial Championship policy for complete details.

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### **Recognized Member Loop or “Loop”**

A group of Locals that:

1. provides a regular Select season for a number of Locals;
2. delivers a representative to participate in the Select Division Provincial Championship;
3. has been approved by the Select Council of Baseball Ontario;
4. meets the criteria in the Baseball Ontario Select Division By-Laws;
5. operates within a specified territory;
6. has paid all fees due to Baseball Ontario.

### **Probationary Member**

A Community Baseball League that:

1. does not have two previous years of consecutive baseball operations;
2. meets the criteria in the Baseball Ontario Select Division By-Laws;
3. operates within a specified territory;
4. has been approved by the Select Council of Baseball Ontario as a Probationary Member; and
5. has paid all fees for both member & team(s) to Baseball Ontario.

A Probationary Member is eligible to:

1. Roster Select teams.
2. All rostered persons must be covered by Baseball Ontario insurance at member rates.

Once a team roster is approved from a Probationary Member, the team is eligible to play:

1. In any Sanctioned Tournament of the Select Division of Baseball Ontario, subject to host approval; and
2. In any Open Tournament of the Rep Division of Baseball Ontario, subject to host approval; and
3. In any Recognized Loop regular season, subject to Loop approval

### **Specified Territory**

For purposes of identifying if +50% of the players on a team reside within the boundaries of a Member Local or Probationary Member, the following shall apply:

1. where the Member Local or Probationary Member is also a Local Association of the Baseball Ontario Rep Division, the boundaries recognized within the Rep Division shall apply; or
2. where the Member Local or Probationary Member is not also a Local Association of the Baseball Ontario Rep Division, the boundaries for the Member Local or Probationary Member shall be included in its application for Select membership and shall be considered and, if determined to be acceptable, approved by the Select Operating Committee.

Where an existing Member Local or Probationary Member wishes to change its boundaries, it shall notify the Select Operating Committee in writing of the desired change. The Select Operating Committee shall review and determine whether or not the change is acceptable. The decision of the Select Operating Committee can be appealed to Select Council, but the decision of Select Council is final.

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### Select Player

A Select player shall be defined as:

1. Playing regularly on a Dedicated Select team playing in a Loop; and/or
2. Playing regularly on a house league team in a Community Baseball League- Local and on a House League Select team created from players in that same house league Local; and
3. Registered as a player by the Community Baseball League Local; and
4. Agreeing to abide by the Select By-Laws and Playing Rules of Sanctioned Select events.

The following players are ineligible to play Select:

1. Players playing regularly and rostered in the Rep Division of Baseball Ontario;
2. Elite Baseball League of Ontario (EBLO);
3. Premier Baseball League of Ontario (PBLO);
4. Canadian Premier Baseball League (CPBL); or
5. from programs not recognized by Rep Division of Baseball Ontario

No player may be disqualified from playing on a Select Division team for reason of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

### Applications for Membership

Any Local Community Baseball League can apply to become a Select Division Member Local.

The application form for Select membership is on the Baseball Ontario website.

Locals that have not participated as Members of the Select Division of Baseball Ontario for three (3) consecutive seasons and have permitted their membership to lapse will also be subject to review to assure the Member still meets the criteria outlined for membership.

### Necessary Attachments

1. A copy of the current by-laws for the applicant to ensure it does not include fundamental conflicts with the Baseball Ontario or Select Division By-Laws;
2. The organization's boundaries;

#### **For each of the past two years:**

3. List of the applicants Board of Directors & Select head coaches with contact info (full names, home address, phone #s, & email addresses);
4. Financial Statements;
5. A summary by year of the number of players and teams by age group;
6. A summary of certified coaches & umpires with a summary of their certification(s);
7. Other factors as appropriate in the circumstances.

These other factors will be advised as soon as possible.

Other factors may include but are not limited to: Other memberships, or rosters where there are allegations of non-recognized program coaches or players or previously suspended OBA executive members, coaches, players etc. Details of coaches. Overlapping boundaries with existing members. History in the area & working relationship with the existing Locals.

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### **Membership Application Review Process**

1. Each membership application shall be reviewed for approval by the Select Council on an individual basis.
2. The Select Division Operational Committee may act as the representative for the Select Council as directed by the Council.
3. The submitted application is reviewed for complete information by the Select Division Operational Committee. Other factors required for the review are determined at that time but Select Council may require further information upon their review.
4. The Select Division Operational Committee will review complete applications to decide if the membership application is to be forwarded for consideration by Select Council.
5. When an application is considered complete by the Select Division Operational Committee, the Select Commissioner or their representative will respond to applicant within 15 business days with the status of the review findings (review may result in further questions before a decision can be made).

Select 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 of Baseball Ontario

i.e. A Little League franchise may meet these criteria but a Baseball Ontario Rep division, non-recognized related program may not.