



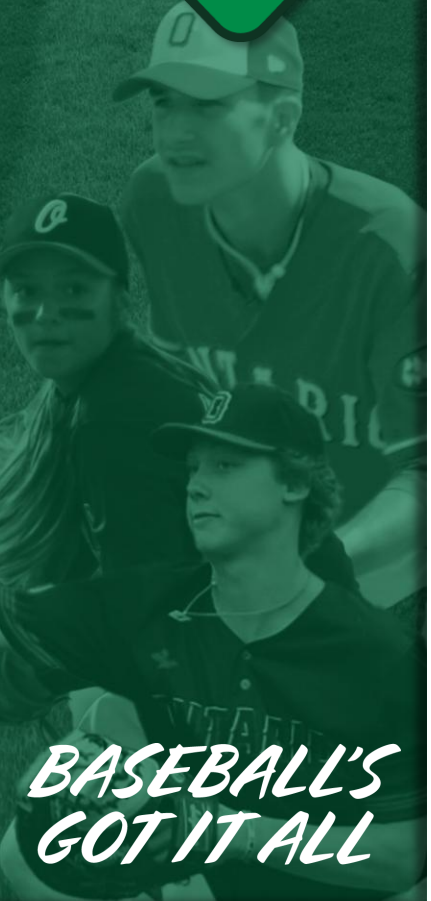
**SELECT DIVISION:
TOWN HALL MEETING**



Select Division 2026 Town Hall

Topics & Speakers

- Tournaments – Jim Koenigsberger, Deputy Commissioner
- Rule Changes – Patrick McConnell, Rules Chair
- Communications – Randy Reid, Communications Chair
- Season Plan – Scott Manson, Commissioner



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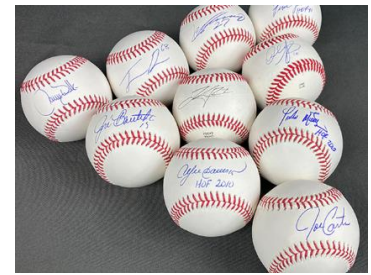
House League Tournaments

Jim Lutton Hall of Fame House League Tournaments

Series	Date	Location
9U	July 10 th to 12 th	St. Marys
11U	July 17 th to 19 th	St. Marys
13U	July 24 th to 26 th	Ajax
15U	July 3 rd to 5 th	Brampton
18U	July 24 th to 26 th	Ajax



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Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame Museum



St. Marys, Ontario

**CANADA'S PREMIERE
SHOWCASE OF
BASEBALL HISTORY.**

The Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum pays homage to 167 inductees who have left their mark on Canadian Baseball.



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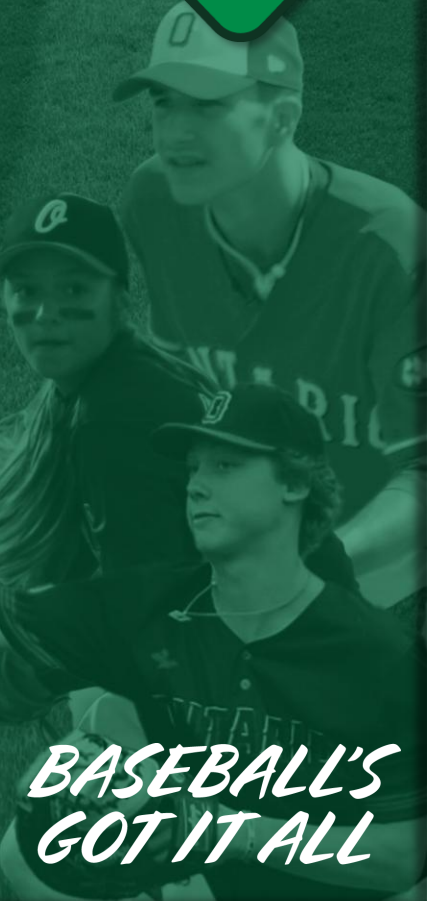
Mr. Jim Lutton

With St. Marys Mayor Alan Strathdee



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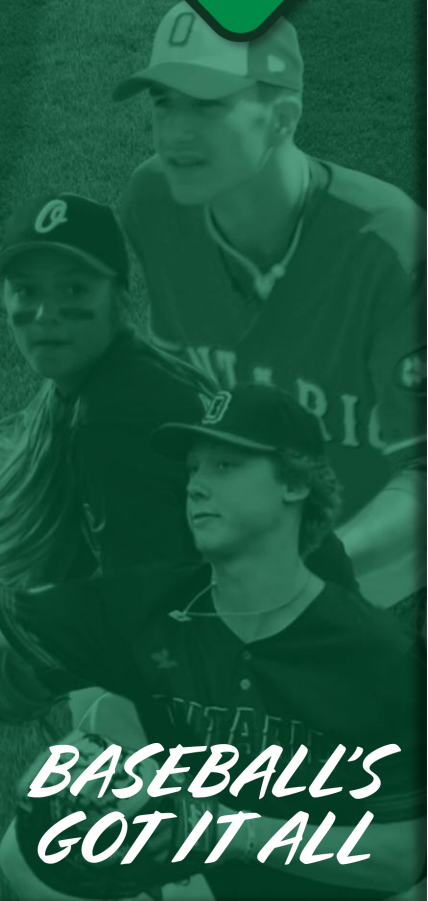
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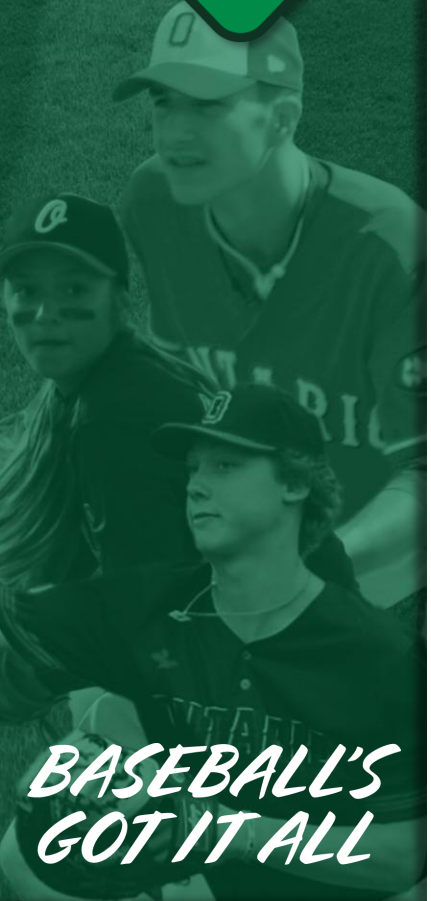
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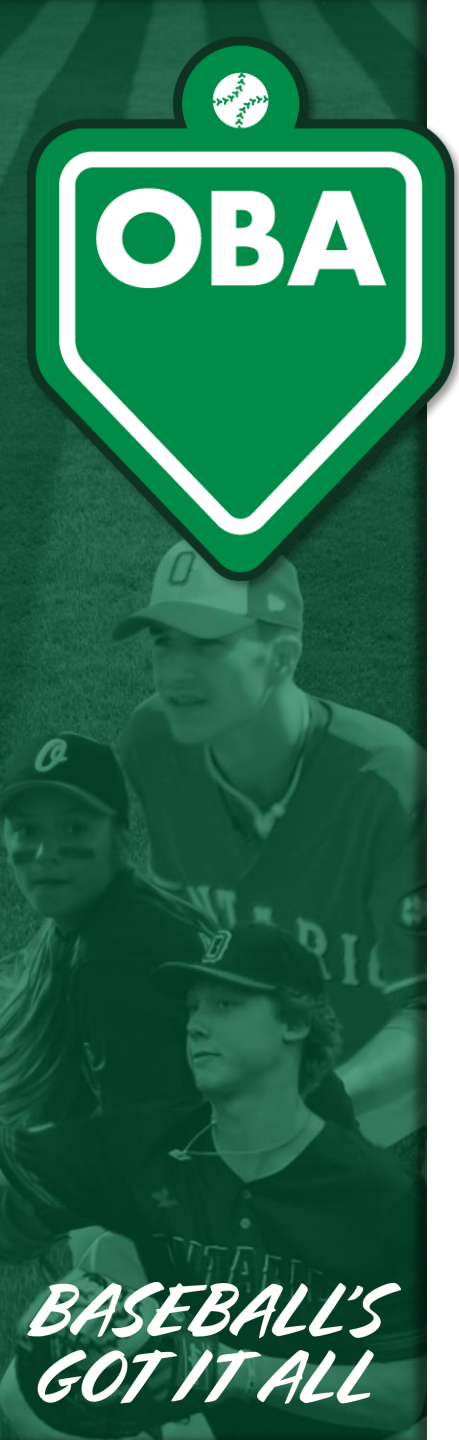
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From Quebec City



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Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame



Negro Leagues Baseball Museum



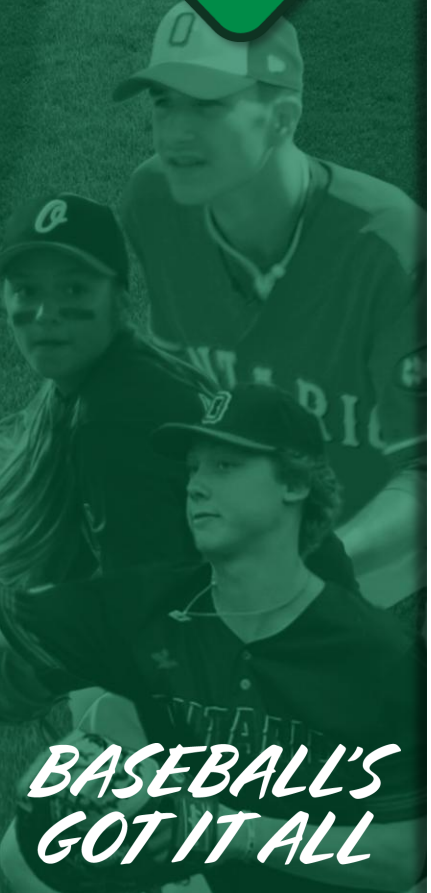
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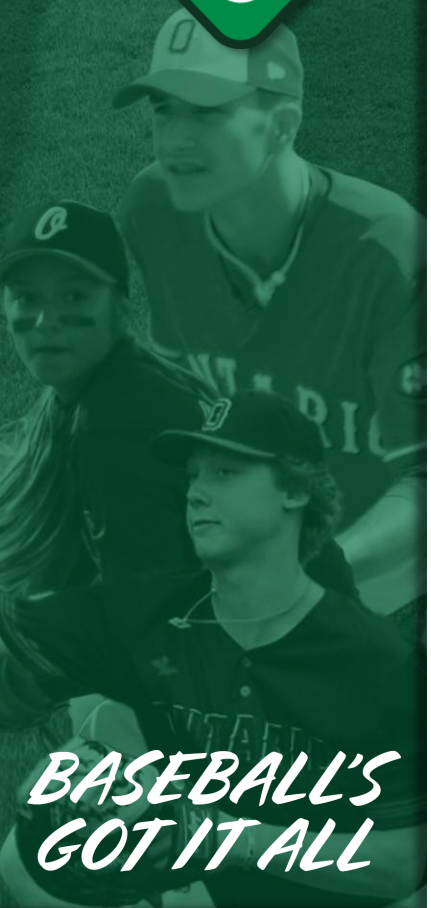
Mr. Bob Kendrick

President Negro League Baseball Museum



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Satchel Paige & Josh Gibson

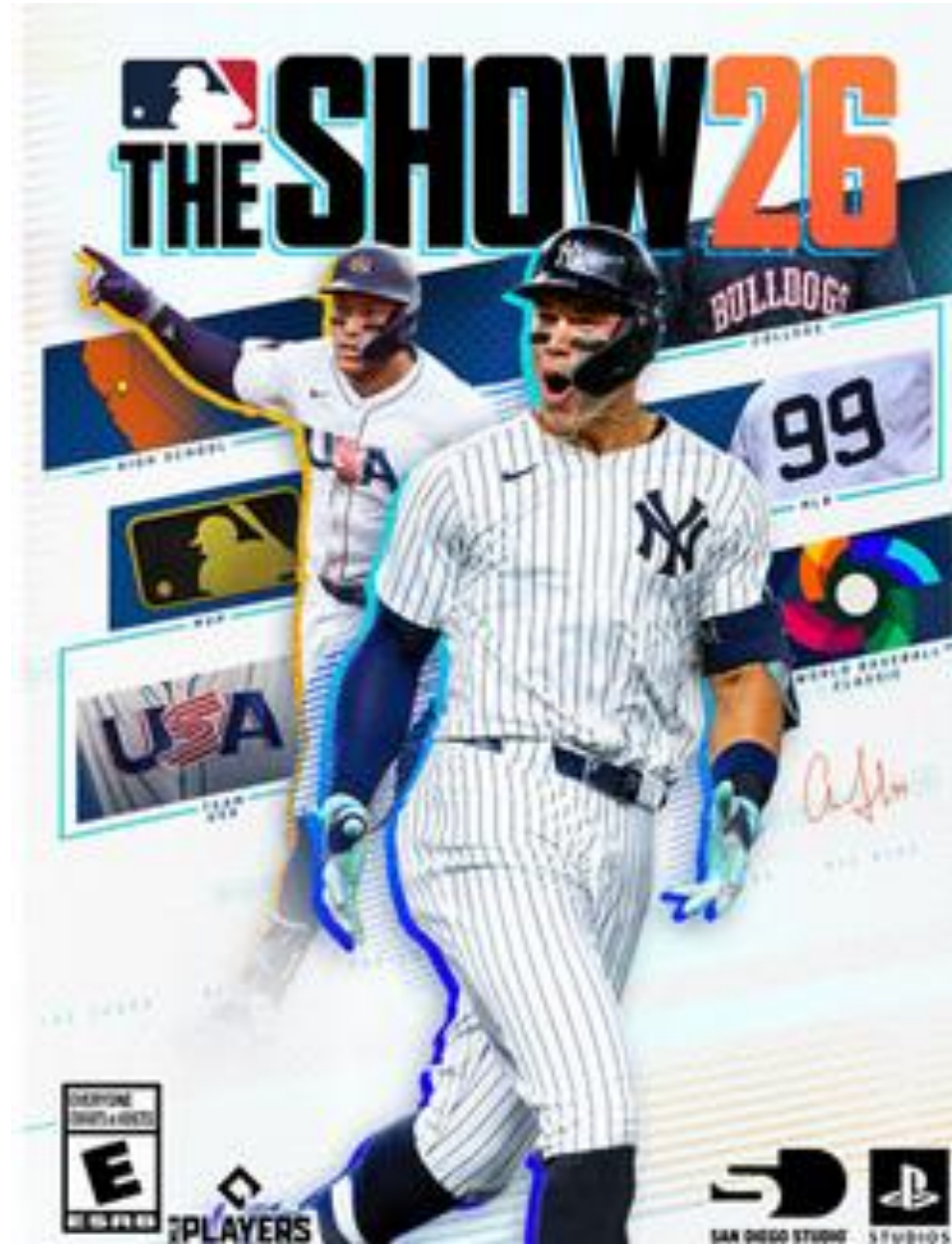


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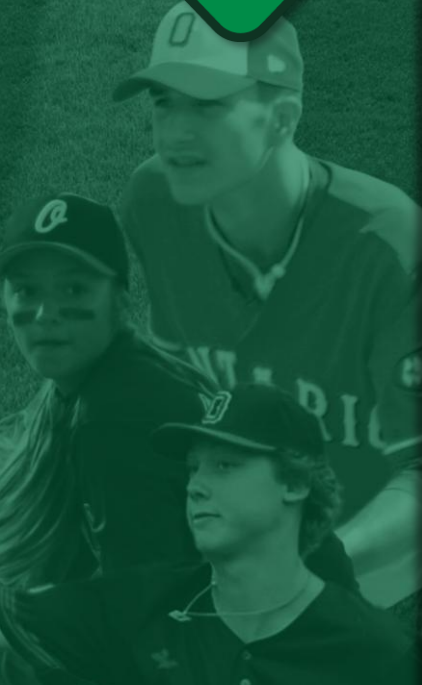
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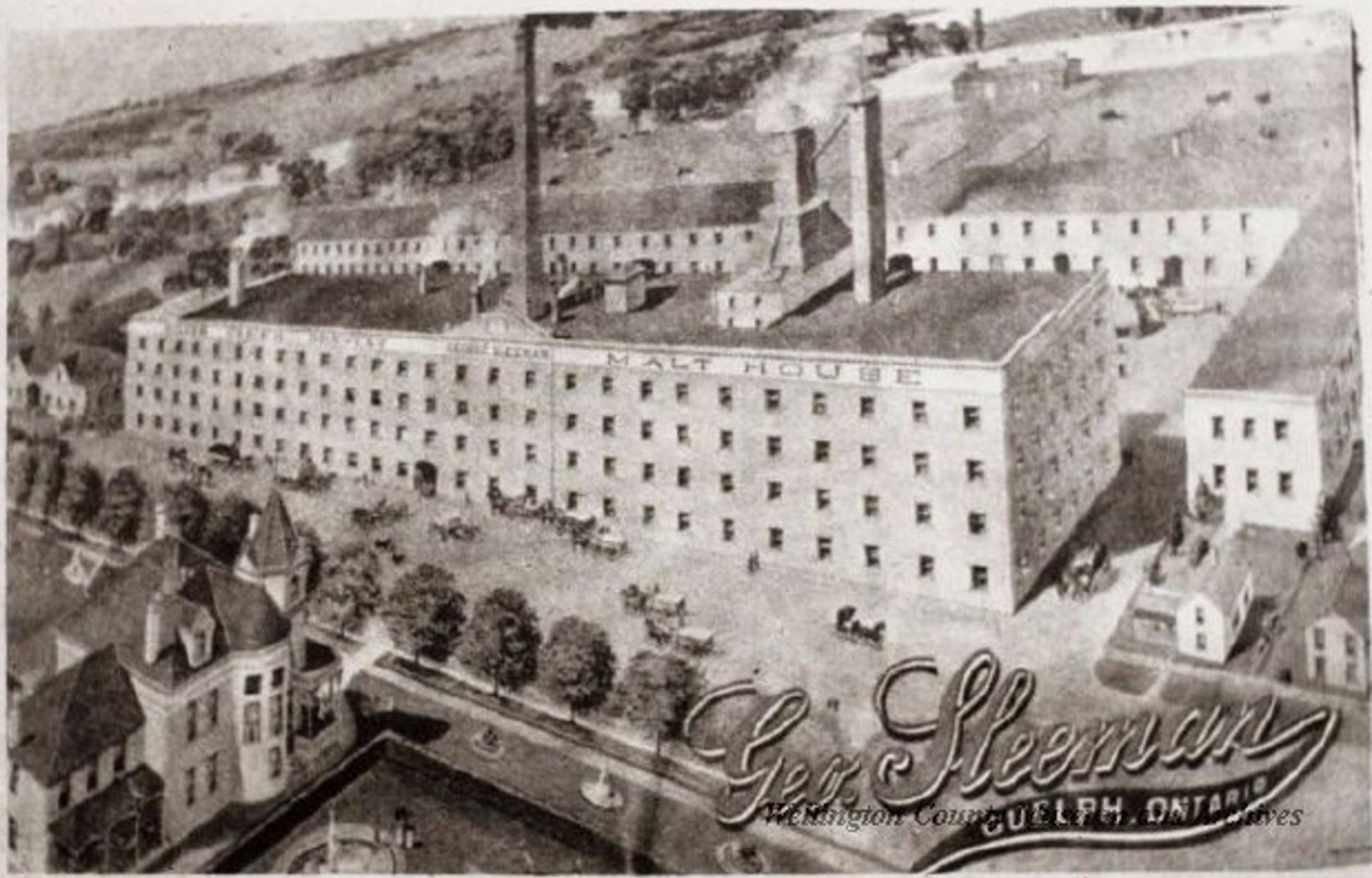
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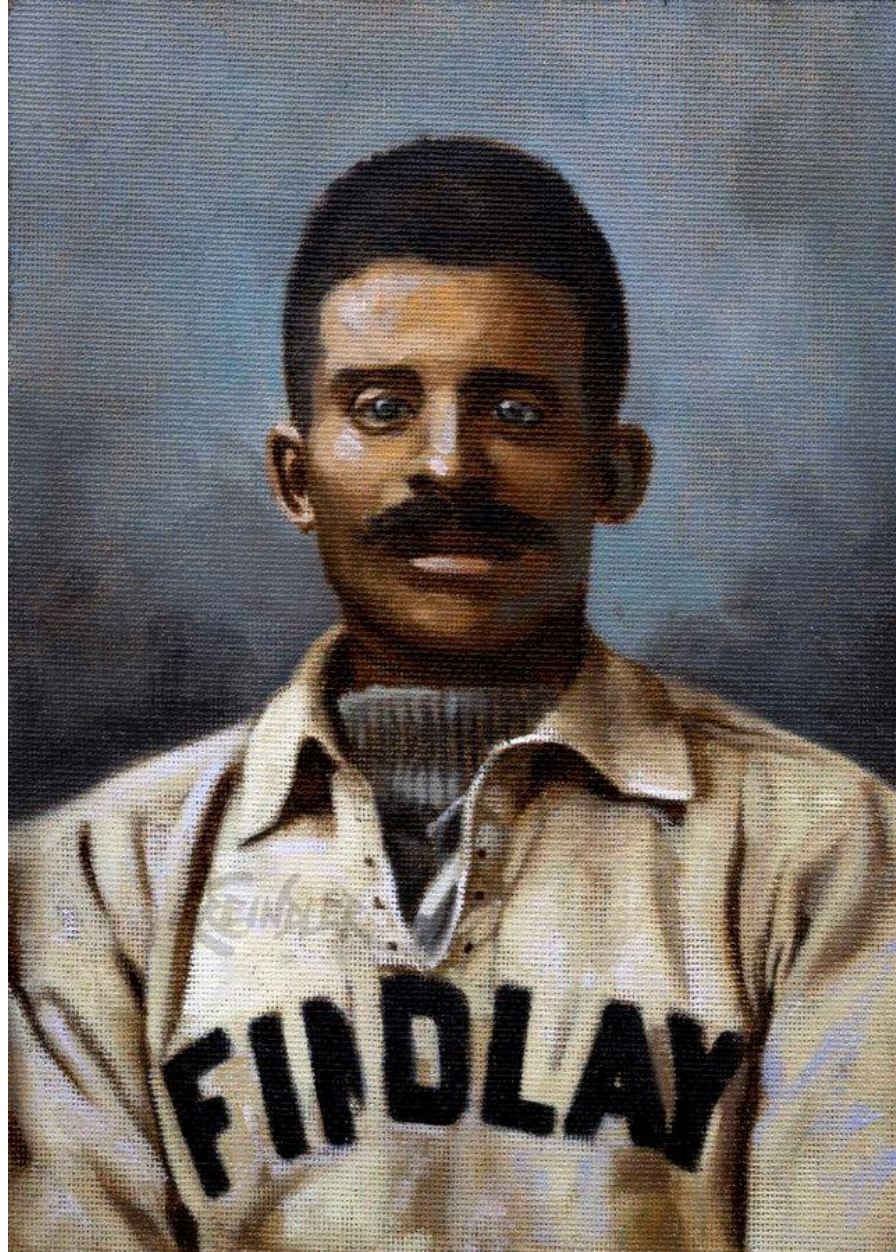
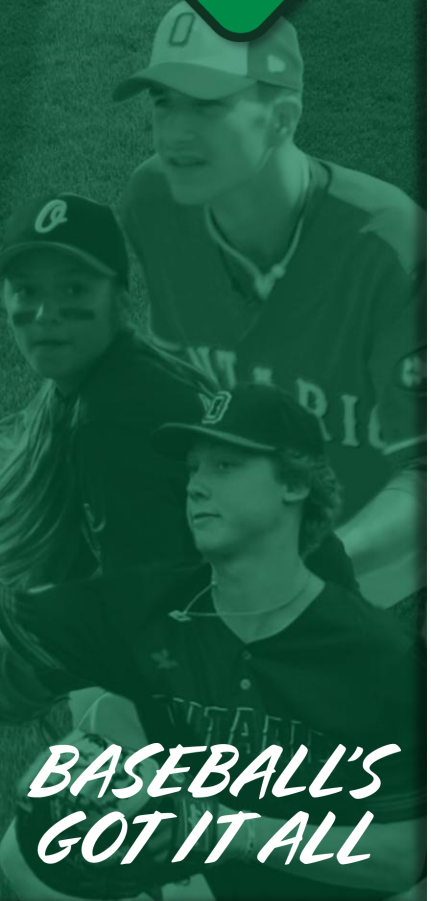
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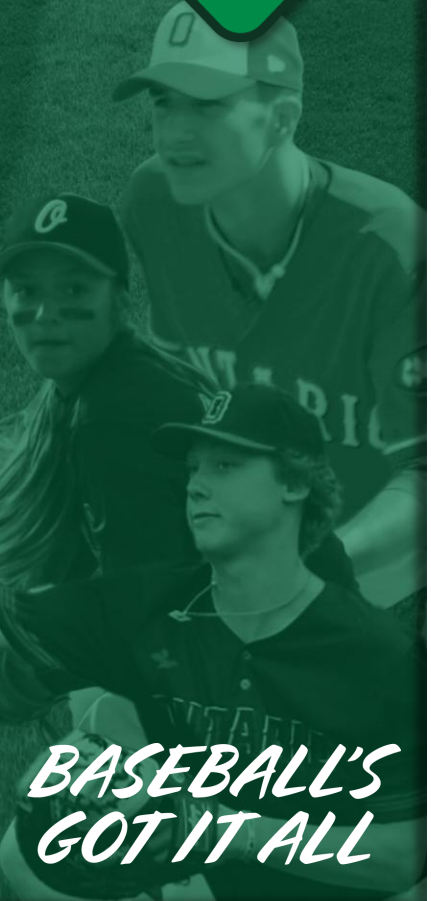
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Bud Fowler



Jimmy Claxton



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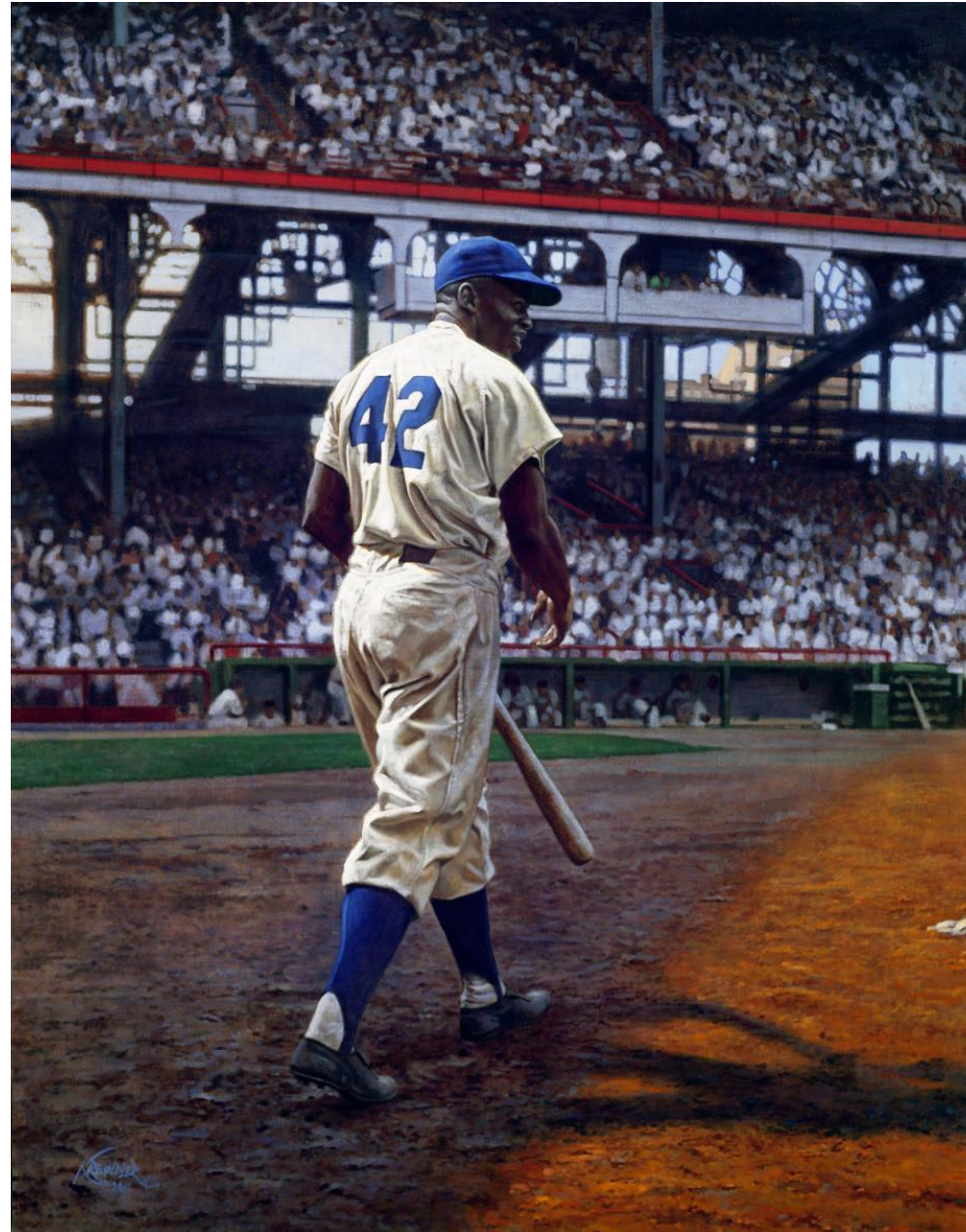
Geddy Lee Donation



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Jackie Robinson 1949



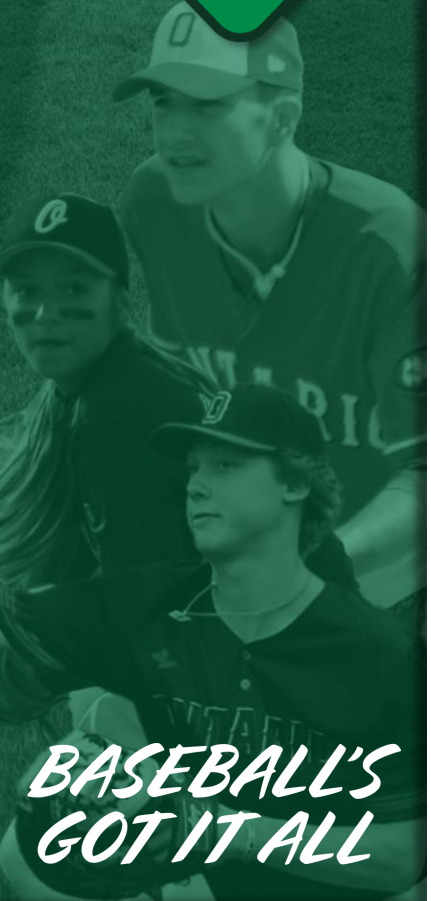
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Hank Aaron



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Roberto Clemente



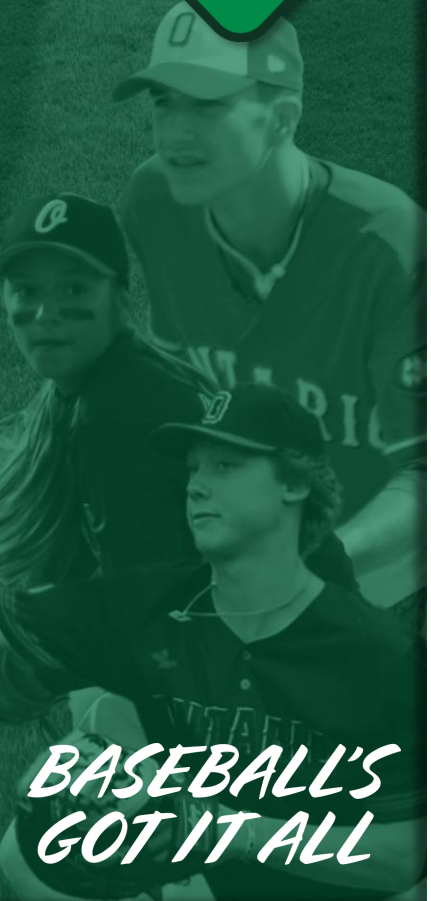
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House League Select Tournament

2026 in St. Marys at HOF Diamonds

- The tournaments will be offered in the following divisions:
- **9U HS and 11U HS**
June 5 – 7
- **13U HS**
June 26–28



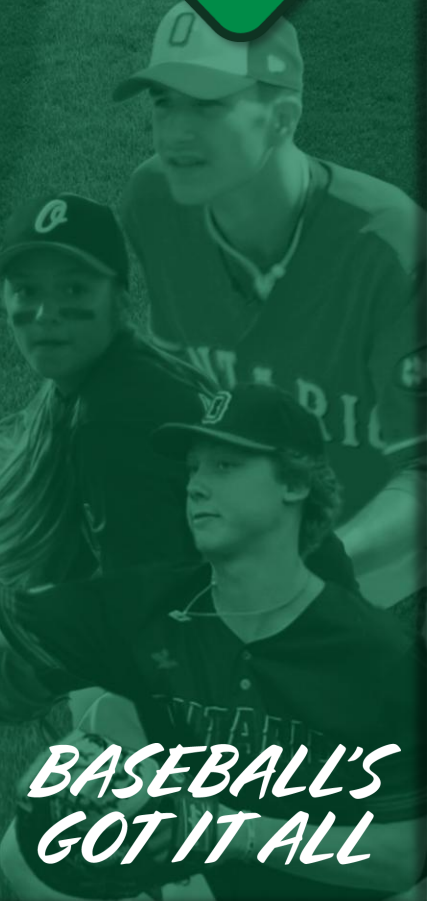
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Book Hotels Early

World Cup Soccer will bring 500,000 people to our area

- Hotel Costs are already skyrocketing for this event
- This event is June 12th to July 2nd but effects will be broader
- Example given: \$91 room per night now in Milton ON during World Cup same room cost is \$1,400 per night with a 4 night minimum stay required (\$5,600 minimum)
- Please book your regular season tournament hotels now
- We have contracted rooms for Select OBAs & a planned booking strategy for Loops & Direct Entries



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2027 House League Provincials

Building on the "Jim Lutton Tournaments"



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Rule Changes new for 2026

Noted Changes

Item / Reference	Comments
Mercy SP6	We have one Mercy rule now: 18 after 3, 15 after 4 & 10 after 5 previously we had different rules for almost every series
Mandatory Tournament Reporting SP10 b.	Tournament Hosts / Convenors have Mandatory reporting of All Roster #s for Sanctioned Tournaments to ensure all teams are using the Pitch Count App
Awards SP3 i. Admin change only	Awards were always capped at 18 per team in another document (our Select Policies). Now they are clearly shown in our rules

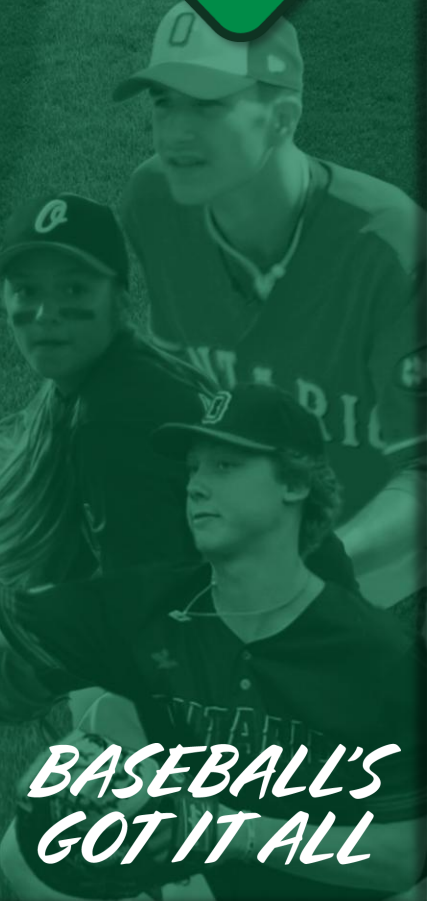
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Noted Changes

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Select / Rep Rules Collaboration	Rules committees from both divisions will be reviewing rules since ONCA for overlapping areas & consistencies Including: Safety Equipment, Bats, Coach certification time lines



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Communications

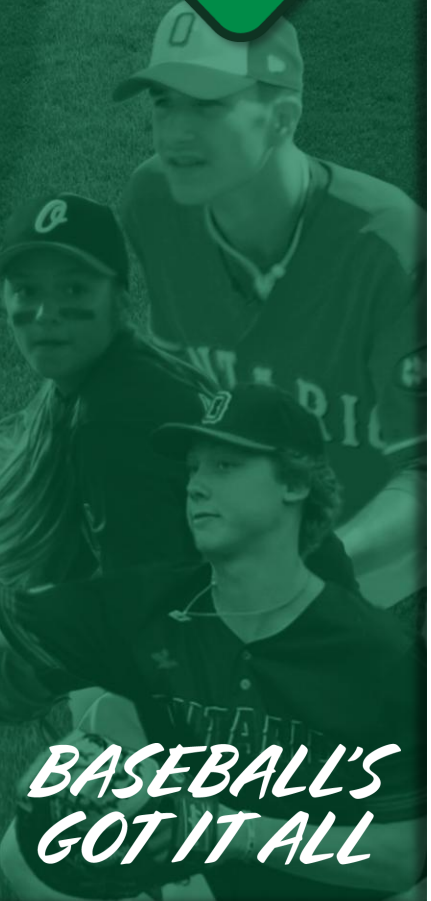
We will be communicating more

Inside Pitch

- Historically we had few “Select” focused items
- 2025 Inside Pitch averaged 1 Select item each week
- Inside Pitch will continue with regular Select Division info

Other OBA Social Media

- Expanding to include posts about high profile events
- Planning ways to have teams provide photos & videos from team events that OBA Social Media can use



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Select Focused Info

We will be communicating directly

Select Webpage: playoba.ca/select

- One page dedicated to Select Information & Applications
- Expanding content with links for faster access

Direct Select Email Content

- Last year, Direct Entries for OBAs increased by 25% after targeted email sent to Select Members only
- More Select only emails are planned for 2026

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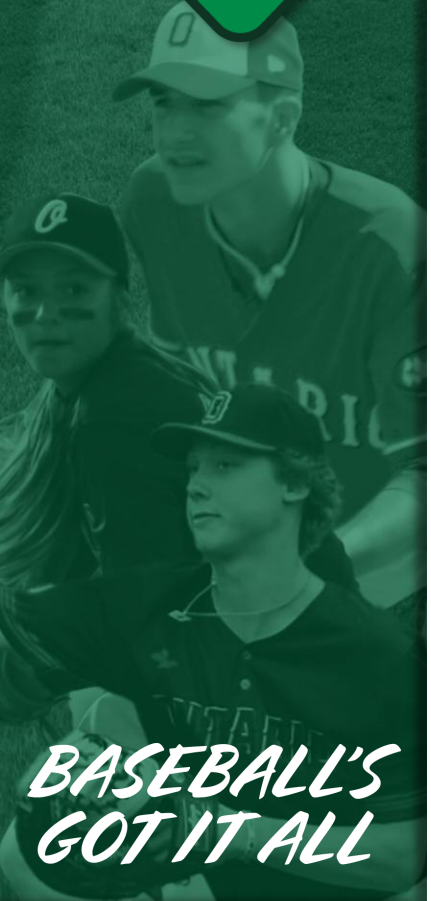


2026 Important Dates

Complete List on Website playoba.ca/select

Date / Time	Item
April 26th (Sunday @ 7 PM)	Open Web Meeting: Playing Rules
April 28th *	DS Rosters & Select Fees Due / 2 Days Prior to First Game (to upload rosters into Pitch Count App)
June 7th (Sunday @ 7PM)	Open Web Meeting: Select Road to OBAs
June 30th *	HS Roster + Fee & All Coach Certifications Last Day for Direct Entry Teams to Apply for Select Provincial Championships (aka OBAs)
July 15th (Wednesday's Inside Pitch)	Select Provincial Teams Announced
	<i>* After these dates, approvals required (that take time) courses increase in costs from \$50 to \$100 each & roster changes cost \$100 per change</i>

Rosters need time to be uploaded into Pitch Count App – 5 days is suggested



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2026 Important Dates

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Date	Item
Aug 21 st to 23 rd	18U OBAs
August 21 st +/-	Nominations Open for OBA Team, Player, Coaches & Umpire Awards
Sept 4 th to 7 th	9U to 15U OBAs
Sept 21 st	Nominations Close OBA Team, Player, Coaches & Umpire Awards
Sept 25 th	OBA Rule Change Proposals Due



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Select Open Web Meetings

Important Dates on Website playoba.ca/select

Date / Time	Item
March 29th (Sunday @ 7 PM)	Select Division: What's on Tap for 2026
	Tournaments, Rule Changes & Communications Plan
April 26th (Sunday @ 7PM)	Select Playing Rules with Q&A
	Hosted by Patrick McConnell our Select Rules Committee Chair & Umpire Clinician
June 6th (Sunday @ 7PM)	Pathways to House League Select & Dedicated Select OBA Provincials
	How Do Teams Qualify / Apply for Select Provincial Championships. When & How those decisions are made

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Historical Select Advantages

Great Help To Locals Running OBAs

Item	Comment
Convenor On Site	Select Parachutes in a Select Council Member to oversee the tournament
Simplified Admin for Hosting Select OBA's	Full admin package to help local run OBAs aka "Tom's Tournament Binder" now a virtual binder
Inclusive & Participative	Before those were buzz words Select has been broadly open & accessible locally with everyone plays rules



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2026 Plans In Process

More Help for Select Local Tournament Hosts

Item	Comment
New Format for OBA Select Championships	New 16 Team 3 Game Minimum Format 2 nd year of Pilot with more Hosts Review for broader use in 2027
Series Advisors	Outreach to Sanctioned Tournament Hosts Help with Rules & Planning
House League Tournaments	* Coaching Help for HOF Participants
Communication	More focused on Select 3 Open Meetings with Q&A

* Help Needed

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2027 Plans On The Drawing Board

Polls Coming: We Need Your Feedback

Item	Comment
New Format for OBA Select Championships	Roll out to All Series New 16 Team 3 Game Minimum Format
House League Tournaments	Adding New Level Provincials Adding Coaching Help
Tournament Planning Help for Select	We need to find ways to encourage Locals to host HS & DS Tournaments



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How Can We Help You?

Your Ideas About How OBA Can Help Your Association

We want to grow the Select Division & OBA overall

We believe that growth needs to start at the local association level

To accomplish that growth will require more & better ideas, feedback & help implementing

Questions & Answers

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