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2026 ANNUAL RULES AND PROCEDURES MEETING OF THE OBA

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 - a) BOD Reports
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 - iii) Coach and High Performance Report
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 - vi) Rep Rules Committee Report
- 4) Motions to Amend the Procedures and Playing Rules
 - a) OBA Amendments
 - b) Select Division Amendments
 - c) Rep Division Amendments
- 5) Annual Convention for 2027
- 6) General Business
- 7) Adjournment

NOTES:

Only Select Members vote for Items 3)b) and 4)b). Only Rep Members vote for items 3)c) and 4)c). On all other Items, both Select Members and Rep Members vote. Local Voting Delegates vote for 3)a) and 4)a) only.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In April, Ed Quinlan stepped down as President for personal reasons, effective April 15, 2026, and I was appointed President. On behalf of the membership, I extend sincere appreciation to Ed for more than three decades of distinguished service to the Ontario Baseball Association, including his leadership as President since 2019. His commitment, integrity, and dedication have left a lasting impact on our organization and the baseball community across Ontario.

Throughout the year, Baseball Ontario continued to grow and evolve. Preliminary reporting indicated year-over-year membership growth of approximately 12 to 13 percent, returning total membership to more than 100,000 registered players, coaches, officials, and volunteers. This growth reflects the hard work and commitment of our local associations, affiliates, volunteers, and staff across the province.

A new High Performance framework was introduced to establish clearer development standards, coaching expectations, competitive opportunities, and athlete pathways. Coach education also continued to evolve through the development of a new provincial coaching program, updates to certification requirements, and a renewed focus on practical, baseball-first learning.

Safe Sport and governance remained central priorities. Baseball Ontario updated its policy framework, enhanced incident-reporting processes, and increased education and support for local associations. The Board also advanced important governance and playing-rule initiatives, including enhanced youth umpire protections, permanent team-classification procedures, and a more responsive approach to equipment standards.

Female baseball programming continued to expand through girls' clinics, coach-development opportunities, and planning for a dedicated female coaching stream at the Best Ever Coaches Clinic. Baseball Ontario also partnered in girls' baseball events in Toronto and London that attracted significant participation and helped introduce more young athletes to the game. These initiatives represent important steps toward increasing opportunities for girls and women in baseball across Ontario.

Financial stewardship and organizational sustainability remained priorities throughout the year. Continued membership growth, careful financial oversight, strategic budgeting, and the development of new and renewed partnerships have positioned Baseball Ontario for continued stability and future growth. The Board remains committed to responsibly managing resources while investing in programs, services, and initiatives that strengthen baseball at every level.

Insurance, risk management, and membership compliance also continued to advance. The first year of the Membership Agreement established clearer expectations and accountability across the organization, while ongoing Safe Sport initiatives, policy enhancements, and compliance measures helped strengthen the environment in which our athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers participate. These efforts support consistent standards, improved governance, and effective management of organizational risk.

Government funding, strategic initiatives, and community outreach supported continued organizational development. Baseball Ontario continued to align its planning and investment with provincial priorities while expanding outreach initiatives that support participation growth, coach development, and access to the sport for athletes across the province.

New and renewed partnerships also contributed to the success of the organization by supporting athlete development, enhancing member experiences, and strengthening the long-term sustainability of Baseball Ontario.

These accomplishments reflect the collective efforts of our Board of Directors, councils, committees, staff, local associations, coaches, officials, volunteers, and athletes. Thank you to everyone who contributes their time, expertise, and passion to our game. Together, we are building a stronger, safer, and more sustainable future for baseball in Ontario.

Ray Merkley

President

2026 Board of Directors Attendance
(Present or Absent)

NAME:	Dec 11	Jan 22	Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 16	May 21	June 18	Sep 17	Oct 15
Merkley, Ray	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Black, David	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Driberg, Dirk	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Dunlop, Aaron	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Fascia, Frank	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P
Huctwith, David	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Manson, Scott	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Orton, Mark	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ostrosser, Glenn	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Quinlan, Ed	P	P	P	A	A	A	A	A	A
Reid, Randy	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Snively, Justin	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	A
Wilhelm, Chris	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P

AWARDS REPORT

I am also pleased to share the 2025 Award Winners!

Dick Willis Junior Umpire		Brynlee Tufford	Coach 13U & Below		Steve O’Neil
Dick Willis Senior Umpire		Dave Freeman	Coach 14U & Above		Matthew Cade
Don Gilbert Umpire		Tosha Hains	Select Coach		Richard Alay-Perez
Rep Player 13U & Below		Marquise Gordon	Select Player 13U & Below		Wyatt Colton
Rep Player 14U & Above		Victoria Curro	Select Player 14U & Above		Reed Yarrow
Rep Pitcher 13U & Below		Clark Robinson	Select Pitcher 13U & Below		Brody Bale
Rep Pitcher 14U & Above		Jadyn Sagert	Select Pitcher 14U & Above		Colby MacDonald
Rep Team	Whitby Canadians 15U AAA Team		Select Team	Brampton Royals 13U Select	
16U Provincial Team Award of Excellence			Zoe McGregor		
17U Provincial Team Award of Excellence			Ramsey Chung		
21U Provincial Team Award of Excellence			Mackenzie Allen		
Women's Provincial Team Award of Excellence			Brittany Chan		
Women's Provincial Team Award of Excellence			Mena Florio		
Affiliated Association			ICBA		
Don McKnight Memorial Awards for Affiliate Volunteer					
COBA		David Margetts	LDBA		Diane Wakefield
EOBA		Adam Martin	NCOBA		John Pezacki
HDBA		Nico Pacifici	NDBA		Chris Green
ICBA		Shona Majuery	WOBA		Brad Walt
			YSBA		Viki Kring
R. Jack Middlemasss Memorial Award for Provincial Volunteer		Carene Davey	Director		Randy Reid
President's Award		Adam De Caire	Provincial Award		16U Girls Team Ontario
Commissioner’s Award		Diane Wakefield			
Hall of Fame		Reno Bertoia	William Humber		
		Tommy McKenzie	Alan Waffle		
Service Awards:					
20 Years		James Gibbons	25 Years		Chris Wilhelm
25 Years		Ric Duwyn	30 Years		Mark Orton
25 Years		Rob Companion	45 Years		Bernie Soulliere
25 Years		David Margetts			

Baseball Canada Awards:	Brittany Chan, Lionel Ruhr Elite Coach of the Year
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Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Ann Smith

COACH and HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

2026 Coach Clinic Participation																		
Year	PCCP		Competition Stream Clinics								Instructor Beginner Clinics				Evaluations			Total
	7U	9U	Online Module	Initiation Clinic	Teaching & Learning	Planning	Absolutes	Pitching & Catching	Strategies	Skills	Hitting	Baserunning	Infielding	Outfielding	Core Portfolio	Practice Evaluation	Game Evaluation	
2026	717	717	2,102	1,336	23*	283	386	630	178	190	1,832	379	1,620	334	57	51	36	10,871
2025	696	696	2,001	1,238	1,046	242	276	582	168	186	1,651	316	1,411	298	69	64	51	10,991
2024	775	775	1,985	1,245	986	295	324	562	238	294	1,673	386	1,269	314	75	69	89	11,354
2023	312	312	1,784	1,214	923	273	334	510	215	406	1,630	279	1,091	252	74	119	88	9,816
2022			1,775	944	906	579	681	604	352	265	943	423	903	263	457	209	135	9,439
2021			791	528	572	454	616	532	323	74	532	392	552	267	409	177	72	6,291
2020			1,115	926	902	491	718	749	316	--	933	531	914	412	215	67	31	8,320
2019			3,111	1,349	1,273	600	799	873	429	--	1,251	643	1,271	414	550	218	155	12,936
2018			2,211	1,495	1,403	601	838	903	501	--	1,401	575	1,399	503	456	198	162	12,646
2017			1,720	1,366	1,235	746	802	776	527	--	1,176	785	1,183	610	692	231	94	11,943
2016			1,516	1,234	1,218	826	1,161	1,210	201	--	1,146	982	1,150	234	331	41	27	11,277
2015			1,294	1,143	1,880	164	1,110	1,143	107	--	1,859	111	1,875	64	48	32	28	10,858
2014			1,377	1,166	1,418	121	208	283	137	--	1,564	33	1,648	34	51	42	50	8,132
2013			1,138	1,061	157	163	143	138	125	--	9	--	--	--	33	25	28	3,020
2012			1,037	1,005	159	152	156	115	107	--	--	--	--	--	36	26	36	2,829
2011			978	889	124	113	91	150	135	--	--	--	--	--	29	19	31	2,559
2010			1,123	1,041	105	92	100	58	59	--	--	--	--	--	17	6	14	2,615

Updates to NCCP Certification:

Baseball Ontario continues to develop coach certification that would see two pathways created for coaches; a National Pathway for AAA coaches who compete at the highest level in the province and may choose to attend National tournaments along their journey, and a Provincial Pathway for AA and below and Select who are dedicated to community baseball in their area.

As part of these changes, we will offer a blend of virtual, live clinics, online self-directed e-learning modules, and in-person clinics to achieve the certification requirements geared to the age group of the team the coach is coaching.

We continue to maintain the [Coach Certification Tracking Report](#) which will continue to be updated throughout the 2027 season!

Since 2013, “*Professional Development*” is required for coaches to maintain “*Certified*” status. Coaches will have to earn Professional Development credits over a 3-year period in order to maintain certification. Coaches will be able to track their status through their profile at nccp.baseball.ca. The Baseball Ontario Best Ever Clinic counts towards PD Points for Certified Coaches.

From Baseball Ontario's perspective, PD points are not required to maintain certification. However, coaches who may participate in Nationals will need to ensure that they do not let their Certified status expire, or they will have to take steps to recertify; IE: an on-field evaluation. If you have questions regarding your PD points please contact the Baseball Ontario office.

PCCP Certification:

In 2023 Baseball Ontario launched the Provincial Coach Certification Program! This program is designed for grassroots coaches beginning at the 7U age group, offering coaches the fundamentals and drills to help them develop players. The 7U and 9U modules were rolled out in 2023. We have made significant headway throughout 2026 and plan to rollout a fulsome program for the 2027 season.

Learning Facilitator and Evaluator Training:

Baseball Ontario is committed to running LF and Evaluator training as needed, however in 2026 there was not enough demand or interest to do either. We will re-evaluate for 2027. If you're interested in becoming an LF please let us know by email to coach@playoba.ca.

Arm Care:

The Arm Care rules are available in the ONDeck app. The Pitch Count app is being enhanced this off-season to better serve the Baseball Ontario community for the 2027 season.

Best Ever Clinic:

On behalf of Dirk Driberg, BEC Coordinator, I am pleased to share the following update on the 42nd edition of the BEC:

At the Best Ever Clinic In January of 2027 Baseball Ontario's lineup of speakers includes:

Butch	Chaffin	Kevin	Graber
Charles	Bolden	Elizabeth	Benn
Steve	Janssen	Tyler	Hancock
Dan	Skirka		

For the 10th year, we will run the 8U – 13U Coach Series, which was very well received by attendees. It included presentations by David Quattrociocchi, Scott Robinson, JG Larocque, Elliott Curtis and Sean Travers.

In addition, we're introducing a Women's Coaching Stream, featuring female presenters delivering targeted learning that complements Main Stage content, including leadership, communication, culture, and real-world coaching scenarios. Confirmed speakers include Ashley Stephenson, Elizabeth Benn, Mena Florio, Brittany Chan, Ashley Flemington

We will continue to offer outstanding presentations from professional and collegiate coaches, our Youth Team staff past and present, and a vendor trade show! Don't miss it!

Ontario Youth Team:

The 17U Provincial Team was led by:

General Manager: Aaron Dunlop
Field Manager and Head Coach: JG Larocque
Assistant Coach: Scott Robinson
Assistant Coach: Elliott Curtis
Assistant Coach: Neal Mattes

We went back to the Ontario Cup format with a showcase tournament in May and the final selection camp in June, both held in Vaughan. We had a record low registration for the program, at 112.

Ontario finished 7th at the Canada Cup in Summerside, PE. Congratulations to the 20 players who made the final roster:

Last	First	Hometown	Last	First	Hometown
Vrantsis	Petro	Whitby	Doan	Cooper	St Thomas
Riengnette	Brett	Val Caron	Stevens	Myles	Whitby
Hudson	Lucas	Whitby	Greaves	Korbin	Ajax
Matresky	Brayden	Uxbridge	McIntosh	Ryan	Etobicoke
Battah	Brody	Caledon	MacLellan	Aiden	Milton
Round	Cole	Whitchurch-Stouffville	Sproule	Lucas	Collingwood
Benevides	Matthew	Etobicoke	Carter	Nolan	Belle River
Noori	Kamron	Toronto	Harrison	Jehmar	Etobicoke
Lewis	Colton	Newmarket	Mendes	Mason	Mississauga
Teodorowych	Andrian	Toronto	Martynuik	Brady	Wasaga Beach

A call for applications for the Youth Team Head Coach 2027-2029 has gone out. Selection process is underway and we hope to make an announcement before year's end.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary-Ann Smith

CONVENTION REPORT

2025 Theme: The Lineup Card — Strategy. Community. Game On.

The 2025 Ontario Baseball Association Convention brought together leaders, volunteers, coaches, umpires, and partners from across the province for a weekend focused on strengthening governance, enhancing Safe Sport culture, and celebrating excellence across Ontario baseball. With a theme inspired by the strategy and teamwork of the lineup card, the Convention emphasized collaboration, education, and community connection.

Workshops & Education

Members participated in targeted sessions designed to support local associations and improve the participant experience across the province. Key workshops included:

- **Local Matters** – operational challenges, registration, and governance.
- **Umpire Kindness Initiative** – supporting officials and reducing abuse.
- **Safe Sport** – reinforcing expectations under the OBA Safe Sport Policy Suite and Codes of Conduct.
- **2026 Umpire Program** – new and exciting initiatives for umpire development.
- **Secretaries/Registrars** – an opportunity to review initiatives, events and deadlines for the 2026 season.

Social & Community Events

The Convention continued to build community through engaging social programming:

- **Hot Stove Session** – open dialogue on development, culture, and the future of the game.
- **Social Night** – World Series broadcast created a lively atmosphere.
- The **Evening of Excellence** honoured outstanding athletes, coaches, umpires, volunteers, and associations.

Operating Agreement

The Board introduced the new **Operating Agreement**, outlining membership expectations beginning in the 2026 season. The Agreement will be required at the time of 2026 insurance application.

Governance & Amendments

Members reviewed and approved a comprehensive slate of amendments across OBA Procedures, Rep Procedures, Select Procedures, and Playing Rules. All rules have been updated in OnDeck!

Members also approved the **2025 High Performance Proposal**, authorizing integration into Rep Procedures.

The 2026 Convention will take place October 23-25 at the Sheraton Toronto Airport Hotel. See you there!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Ann Smith

EDI COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Focus

In 2026, the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Committee maintained its commitment to helping make baseball in Ontario accessible, welcoming, and respectful for all participants. With no major new initiatives introduced this year, the committee focused on sustaining the progress already made and keeping EDI considerations present in ongoing organizational discussions and decision-making.

Ongoing Priorities

The committee continued to reinforce the importance of fair and inclusive practices across all levels of baseball. This included maintaining awareness of barriers that may affect participation, encouraging respectful behaviour, and supporting an environment in which players, families, coaches, officials, and volunteers feel welcome. The committee also continued exploring a Safe Space logo concept as a visible expression of this commitment.

Policy & Organizational Alignment

Throughout the year, the committee remained available to provide an EDI perspective when policies, procedures, communications, and organizational practices were reviewed. The emphasis remained on consistency, fairness, and alignment with safe and inclusive sport principles.

Support for Local Associations

Local Associations continued to be encouraged to review their own practices and communications through an equity, diversity, and inclusion lens. The committee remained available as a resource for questions involving welcoming environments, respectful language and behaviour, cultural awareness, positive team dynamics, and barriers to participation.

Looking Ahead

In 2027, the committee will continue building on this foundation by identifying practical opportunities to strengthen education, awareness, and support. The committee will also continue working toward removing harmful language from the game through the development of a harmful language protocol, with the goal of promoting clearer expectations and a more respectful baseball environment. The focus will remain on meaningful, sustainable actions that help Local Associations apply inclusive practices in their day-to-day operations.

Submitted on behalf of the EDI Committee

Aaron Dunlop, Corrina Serda, Justin Snively, Lisa Turbitt, Rayna Trepanier, and Scott Manson

Glenn Ostrosser

EDI Committee Chair

FEMALE BASEBALL COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2026 season reflected continued progress in creating meaningful opportunities for girls and women to participate, compete and lead in baseball across Ontario. Through athlete development, provincial competition, umpire mentorship, community outreach and new coaching initiatives, Baseball Ontario continued to strengthen the female baseball pathway at every level.

Player Development and Community Programming

Indoor development opportunities were planned across the province, including clinics in Brampton, Barrie and Burlington. The April clinic hosted by Barrie Minor Baseball welcomed 16 participants, the strongest attendance achieved in that area, and was followed by pitching clinics in Burlington. Baseball Ontario also supported Baseline Sports' extended "Prep for Rep" programming, providing another opportunity for athletes preparing to advance into competitive baseball.

Outreach extended beyond traditional baseball settings through participation in HER Sports Fest from May 22 to 24. Baseball Ontario and Baseball Canada operated an information booth, distributed female baseball promotional materials and partnered with Baseline Sports to deliver an interactive "try-it" area. Provincial team athletes and coaches led throwing and hitting stations, and five Baseball5 kits were distributed in response to interest generated at the event.

In September, Baseball Ontario also committed to supporting a London girls' baseball event that had attracted approximately 140 registrants. The planned collaboration brought together local organizers and provincial and national female coaches, demonstrating the value of working with member associations to expand regional participation.

Competition and Provincial Team Success

The Ontario Mega Girls Tournament continued to be a centrepiece of female baseball development. Approximately 500 athletes competed across four age divisions. Baseball Ontario's 16U provincial development team, composed primarily of underage athletes, won the 16U championship. The organization also maintained a strong presence through its information booth, promotional giveaways and integrated umpire development activities.

The Ontario Summer Games featured a six-team 16U girls' competition, including affiliate and provincial development teams. YSBA captured gold, the Ontario Lakers earned silver and the Ontario Foresters won bronze. The event created another important competitive opportunity for athletes while also supporting the development of female officials.

Ontario teams also represented the province at national events. Ontario 1 placed fourth and Ontario 2 placed seventh at the Women's National Championship in Winnipeg, while Ontario earned silver at the 19U Women's National Championship.

Ontario athletes and officials continued to contribute beyond provincial competition. Emily Baxter represented Ontario as part of the Women's National Team. Elise Lallement umpired and Lisa Turbitt served as umpire director for the Women's World Cup in Rockford, Illinois.

Female Umpire Development

Female umpire development remained closely integrated with athlete programming. At the Ontario Mega Girls Tournament, senior women umpires officiated the older divisions, supported three-umpire crews

and provided mentorship to youth officials working in younger divisions. Umpires received pre-event training and development materials, post-game feedback and evaluation summaries recorded in their Baseball Canada umpire profiles. Drone footage was also used to support evaluation discussions.

The broader female umpire pathway included dedicated camps, mentorship for Level 3 officials, opportunities at National Qualifiers, all-woman crews at selected events and continued access to a monthly online mentoring group delivered in partnership with Nova Scotia. Fifty participants attended female-focused Level 1 and Level 2 umpire camps during the year. Female officials were also supported through a designated Female Umpire Development Lead connected directly to the Female Baseball Committee.

Building the Female Coaching Pathway

An important new direction was established through the development of a dedicated Female Coaches Stream for the 2027 Best Ever Coaches Clinic. The proposed stream is designed to provide targeted education, practical resources, leadership development and community-building opportunities for new and developing female coaches, assistants seeking head-coaching roles and women returning to coaching.

The proposed program includes focused sessions on leadership, practice planning, communication, culture and safety, certification pathways and real-world coaching challenges. It also incorporates networking, digital resources and potential mentorship connections, supporting both coach recruitment and long-term retention.

Kate Psota Inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame

A standout multi-sport athlete, Kate Psota developed through Burlington Organized Minor Baseball Association, earning a spot on a boys' AAA team at age nine before being selected to Team Ontario at 13. In 2002, she became the first female recipient of the Baseball Ontario Junior Player of the Year Award.

Psota joined Canada's Women's National Team in 2004 and went on to enjoy a distinguished 15-year international career, winning six Women's Baseball World Cup medals, four World Cup All-Star selections, a Pan Am Games silver medal, Baseball Canada's Ashley Stephenson Award (2008), and back-to-back National Team MVP honours (2009, 2010).

Following her retirement in 2021, she transitioned to coaching with the Women's National Team and helped Canada earn a World Cup bronze medal in 2024. Today, Psota continues to make a significant impact on the game through her work with Baseball Ontario, serving on the Female Baseball Committee and leading player development clinics across the province.

Looking Ahead

The year demonstrated the strength of an integrated approach that connects athletes, coaches, umpires, local associations, provincial teams and national partners. Baseball Ontario will continue building accessible development opportunities, supporting competitive pathways, increasing the visibility of women in leadership roles and creating an environment in which girls and women can see a lasting future for themselves in baseball.

Thank you to participating associations, coaches, officials, volunteers, partners and families whose commitment made these initiatives possible. Their continued leadership is helping create a stronger and more inclusive future for baseball in Ontario.

Thank you to the members of the Female Baseball Committee, whose dedication and enthusiasm for girls baseball is inspiring and appreciated: Brittany Chan, Joe Florio, Sean O'Brien, Kate Psota, and Lisa Turbitt.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Ann Smith

GRASSROOTS REPORT

Baseball5

Interest in Baseball5 continued in 2026. Individuals, schools and Local Associations contacted Ontario Baseball Association to request Baseball5 kits, which were distributed from the existing inventory as requests were received.

This approach allowed available stock to be used efficiently while continuing to support communities interested in introducing Baseball5 programming.

Challenger Baseball

Challenger Baseball continued to provide meaningful and inclusive opportunities for athletes with cognitive and physical disabilities across the province in 2026. Local Challenger divisions remained active with the support of volunteers and their communities.

In July, the Challenger Baseball National All-Star Series took place, hosted by Jays Care. The event provided an opportunity to celebrate Challenger athletes and highlight inclusive baseball programming.

Rally Cap

Rally Cap continued to serve as an important entry point to baseball for young participants across Ontario in 2026. A total of 60 Local Associations offered the program, including eight new Local Associations.

Overall, 10,023 children participated in Rally Cap programming, including 1,646 female participants and 8,377 male participants. This continued reach demonstrates the program's strong role in introducing children to baseball in a welcoming and development-focused environment.

Physical Literacy

Physical literacy remained at the core of grassroots programming in 2026, guiding how Local Associations delivered training for young athletes. Ontario Baseball Association initiatives aligned with the first four stages of the Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model: Awareness and First Involvement, Active Start, FUNdamentals, and Learn to Train.

Throughout the year, Associations emphasized age-appropriate skill development, multi-skill movement patterns, and creating positive first experiences in sport. Parents, coaches, and volunteers continued to play key roles in ensuring programming remained athlete-centered and inclusive. Resources promoting LTAD and physical literacy were shared widely with Local Associations, encouraging unified development standards across Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaira Bates and Rita Dupon

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Investment Committee, through our Portfolio Manager (PM) at RBC Dominion Securities (RBC DS), has managed the OBA Investment Portfolio during the past year.

There have been no fundamental changes to the portfolio over the past year.

At the end of the fiscal year, our portfolio was up to approximately \$765K, which translates into just over a 9% return for the past year. Given the mandate of the Investment Policy Statement (IPS) was a return in the 5-7% range, the portfolio outperformed our target.

An *Endowment Fund Policy Statement* was approved in the spring. The fund will be used to invest in the future of the OBA through support of initiatives and strategic opportunities to benefit current and future members. The money available will be incremental and support operating expenses not funded through the annual operating budget.

An *Endowment Fund Oversight Committee* was formed to include the 4 members of the Investment Committee plus 2 others. The members added to this committee are *David Huctwith and Kevin Charbonneau*.

A *Weighted Evaluation Grid* that the committee will complete early in the next fiscal year will be used to evaluate initiatives that should be supported each year through the Endowment Fund.

I would like to thank the other 3 members of the Investment Committee for their commitment and outstanding contributions over the past year:

Kevin Duggan

Frank Fascia

Peter Haynes

Respectfully Submitted,
Dirk Drieberg

MARKETING REPORT

2026 Partners

B45 Baseball

B45 continued its gold sponsorship this year as the official wood bat for the Baseball Ontario Youth Team.

Baseline Sports

Back again in 2026, Baseline Sports continued its sponsorship as the official training partner of the OBA Female Program.

Bio Steel

The strong relationship continued in 2026 with Bio Steel sponsorship as the Official Beverage Partner of the OBA.

Gummy Gainz

We welcomed Gummy Gainz to the Baseball Ontario family this year as the Official Snack Partner, and we look forward to strengthening the relationship again in 2027.

Home Run Sports

Home Run Sports was again the Official Supplier for Umpires in Ontario and Official Retailer of Baseball Ontario in 2026. We look forward to their continuing sponsorship in 2027 and 2028.

Nothers

As Baseball Ontario's Official Recognition Awards Supplier. Nothers supplies awards for the OBA's Annual Awards dinner as well as for the Provincial Championships.

Rawlings

As a long-time gold sponsor, Rawlings is Baseball Ontario's Official Baseball and exclusive baseball sponsor for the OBA's National Qualifiers.

Toronto Blue Jays

The Toronto Blue Jays continue their dedicated support of Baseball Ontario programs. They are the title sponsor of the Baseball Canada Rally Cap Program, which provides funding to help deliver the program at the provincial level.

A&C

This group has been instrumental in the organization's marketing initiatives and in growing brand awareness through the "Baseball's Got It All" campaign.

Yours in baseball,

Mark Orton

Marketing Chair

OFFICE REPORT

Another busy year in the OBA office!

Since the 2025 Annual General Meeting, we have continued to strengthen our organizational capacity with the addition of Kyle Fillier as Sport Development Officer. Kyle joined the organization in February 2026 and brings extensive playing, coaching, and development experience to the role.

Throughout 2026, the Baseball Ontario office continued to deliver services in coaching, umpire development, player registration, grassroots programming, insurance administration, Safe Sport initiatives, member relations, competition management, governance support, Baseball Canada relations, ministry reporting, and communications.

The continued growth and success of baseball across Ontario is a testament to the dedication of our member associations, volunteers, athletes, coaches, officials, partners, and staff.

As Baseball Ontario continues to evolve, 2027 presents an exciting opportunity to build upon the significant progress achieved over the past several years. With a strengthened staff team, enhanced operational capacity, and continued investment in athletes, coaches, umpires, and organizational development, we are well positioned to support the growing needs of our membership.

Looking ahead, our focus remains on growing participation, elevating the quality of member services, expanding development opportunities, strengthening Safe Sport practices, and enhancing the tools and resources available to local associations. We will continue to invest in coach and official education, modernize our systems and processes, strengthen communication with stakeholders, and create new opportunities for athletes at every stage of the development pathway.

The momentum established in 2026 provides a strong foundation for continued growth. As participation increases and our sport continues to reach new communities, Baseball Ontario is committed to building a sustainable future that prioritizes excellence, accessibility, innovation, and member service.

On behalf of Enza, Erika, Kaira, Kyle, Michelle, Rita, and Ryan, it has been our privilege to serve the membership throughout 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Ann Smith
Executive Director

ONTARIO SUMMER GAMES REPORT

2026 was a Summer Games year, and we ran both a 12-team 16U Affiliate all-star tournament, and a 6-team 16U Girls Affiliate all-star tournament. As only 3 affiliates committed to the 16U girls division, OBA once again expanded its development program at that age group to identify and recruit athletes to participate on one of three development teams that rounded out the schedule.

Special thanks to Ray Merkley and Kaira Bates for being our Sport Reps at the event and ensuring everything ran smoothly.

Despite the rain-shortened schedule, the weekend was a success! Congratulations to everyone who participated in this unique, multi-sport event!

16U Girls Results:

Game	Home	Score	Visitor	Score
1	Lakers	10	Shamrocks	12
2	YSBA	13	TBA	1
3	ICBA	7	Foresters	28
4	TBA	5	Lakers	9
5	YSBA	19	ICBA	0
6	Foresters	17	Shamrocks	11
7	Lakers	16	ICBA	4
8	Foresters	4	TBA	20
9	Shamrocks	2	YSBA	19
10	Shamrocks		ICBA	
BRONZE	Foresters	19	TBA	18
GOLD	YSBA	9	Lakers	2

16U Division Results:

Game	Home	Score	Visitor	Score
1	NDBA	0	TBA	17
2	WOBA	9	WCBA	8
3	LDBA	5	COBA	2
4	NCOBA	3	ICBA	5
5	North	13	SCBA	11
6	YSBA	2	HDBA	0
7	COBA	13	NCOBA	4
8	TBA	12	WOBA	2
9	WCBA	5	NDBA	4
10	ICBA	7	LDBA	3
11	SCBA	4	YSBA	14
12	HDBA	15	North	5
13	LDBA	9	NCOBA	4
14	NDBA	6	WOBA	7
15	TBA	8	WCBA	5
16	SCBA	2	HDBA	14
17	North	5	YSBA	14
18	ICBA	8	COBA	17
19	TBA	14	WCBA	1
20	YSBA	6	WOBA	5
21	HDBA	9	ICBA	11
22	LDBA	8	COBA	1
23	North	10	NDBA	8
24	NCOBA	3	SCBA	9
25	YSBA	12	ICBA	2
26	TBA	7	LDBA	0
Bronze	ICBA	7	LDBA	6
Gold	YSBA	5	TBA	12

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Ann Smith

ONTARIO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Safe Sport & Integrity

Annual Board Report - Fiscal Year 2026

Reporting period: 1 October 2025 - 30 September 2026

Prepared by: Erika Marini, Safe Sport & Integrity Officer (SSIO)

Board Meeting Version | 13 October 2026

Executive Summary

FY26 was the first full October-to-September reporting cycle following the foundation-building work documented in FY25. The year shows a pronounced in-season surge in Safe Sport demand, a high concentration of coach-related matters, and a substantial Umpire Incident workload. Governance, process, conduct, and safety themes remain central to prevention and member education.

95 total FY26 SSIO cases	64% created Jun-Aug	53% coach-related respondents	472 FY26 Umpire Incident Reports
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Three Board-level observations

- Seasonality is operationally significant. The final case-level analysis records 61 of 95 SSIO cases (64%) from June through August, with August alone accounting for 30 cases (33%).
- Coach conduct and organizational process are the principal prevention opportunities. The final analysis records 50 coach-related respondents (53%); 64 cases (67%) included a Code/Policy or Governance/Process theme, and 50 (53%) included Harassment/Bullying or Violence/Safety.
- Case management infrastructure requires strengthening. FY26 highlighted the need for a dedicated case-management system across Safe Sport and Umpire Incident Reports to improve outcome visibility, case-status tracking, association and jurisdiction attribution, follow-up documentation, and reliable annual reporting.

Board considerations

- Support development and implementation of a standalone Umpire Incident Reporting Policy for the 2027 season, with a defined review and follow-up process.
- Support governance education for local associations, including procedural fairness, player/team removal, policy compliance, and ONCA/OBA governance considerations.
- Strengthen case-data standards so acknowledgement, triage, assignment, closure, jurisdiction and outcome can be measured consistently.

ALIAS/ITP: the September Board report recorded 98 FY26 ALIAS matters. A separate annual report has been requested. Detailed ALIAS annual analysis is therefore not included in this Board version and should be added to the Convention edition after receipt.

1. Scope, Sources & Methodology

This report uses the final FY26 SSIO case workbook, the final FY26 Umpire Incident dataset, FY26 monthly Safe Sport Board reports, and the FY25 Annual Report for contextual comparison. Individual complaint narratives and personally identifying information are excluded from this annual Board summary.

Important reconciliation: the September monthly Board report showed 92 SSIO complaints YTD, while the later updated final case-level FY26 analysis records 95 cases created during 1 October 2025 - 30 September 2026. This annual report uses 95 as the final annual SSIO case count and notes the difference rather than treating the figures as interchangeable.

2. FY26 Safe Sport & Integrity Case Activity

The final FY26 case-level analysis records 95 cases created between 1 October 2025 and 30 September 2026. The annual pattern is highly seasonal, with the greatest demand occurring during active summer play.

Measure	FY26 result	Board interpretation
Total cases created	95	Final case-level annual count.
June-August concentration	61 cases (64%)	Supports seasonal intake capacity, rapid triage and pre-season prevention messaging.
August alone	30 cases (33%)	Largest single-month concentration in the final analysis.
Coach-related respondents	50 cases (53%)	Coach conduct is a central prevention and education opportunity.
Code/Policy or Governance/Process theme	64 cases (67%)	Indicates recurring need for policy literacy and sound local processes.
Harassment/Bullying or Violence/Safety theme	50 cases (53%)	Supports continued conduct and safety education.

Recurring issues elevated during FY26

- Governance and procedural fairness, including discipline, registration/team removal and local association governance.
- Coach conduct, bullying, discrimination, retaliation, and safety concerns.
- The need for clearer policy and procedure education for local associations and affiliates on what to and what not govern.
- Umpire Incident review volume and follow-up requirements during the competitive season.

3. Umpire Incident Reporting

The September Board report records 472 FY26 Umpire Incident Reports through 30 September 2026. This is a separate incident-reporting dataset and should not be added to SSIO or ALIAS complaint totals.

472 FY26 UIR reports	352 Rep classification	99 18U reports	100 Direct OBA Follow up Reports
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Month	UIR reports
October	1
November	0
December	0
January	0
February	0
March	0
April	0
May	57
June	131
July	128
August	129
September	26

The final September Board report also records the classification mix as 352 Rep, 50 House League, 44 Select, 13 Sr. Men's, 4 EBLO, 1 OUA and 8 unidentified. The largest age-category counts reported were 18U (99), 15U (65), 22U (55), and 16U (52).

Operational observation

Board reports in June and July specifically highlighted the review of burden associated with abusive and physical misconduct classifications. The June report recorded 65 of 131 reports (49.6%) labelled Abusive or Physical Misconduct, while the July report recorded 77 of 128 reports (60.2%) in those classifications.

The Board was asked during FY26 to consider a separate Umpire Incident Reporting Policy before the 2027 season, including a defined review and follow-up procedure. The August report escalated this as a Board approval request.

4. FY25 to FY26 Perspective

Year-over-year comparison needs care because FY25 SSIO formal data covered only 1 March to 30 September 2025, whereas FY26 has a full October-to-September SSIO reporting cycle. For that reason, raw SSIO totals are shown with the coverage difference rather than presented as a direct growth rate.

Measure	FY25	FY26	Comparability note
SSIO complaints/cases	48	95	FY25 formal SSIO data: Mar-Sep 2025; FY26: full fiscal year.
ALIAS/ITP matters	82	98 headline YTD	Detailed FY26 ALIAS annual analysis pending independent annual report.
Umpire Incident Reports	336	472	Both annual reports identify fiscal-year totals; FY26 uses the final September Board reporting figure.

Continuity from FY25

FY25 documented the launch and development of the OBA Safe Sport Framework, Safe Sport Resource Hub, Responsible Coaching Movement pledge, and Pink Shirt Day partnership. It also identified governance, conflict-of-interest, procedural fairness, conduct management, and Umpire Incident processes as areas requiring continued attention.

5. Independent Third-Party (ALIAS/ITP)

ALIAS/ITP remained a distinct Safe Sport reporting stream during FY26. The September Board report recorded 98 ALIAS matters for FY26. This annual Board report intentionally does not attempt to reproduce or interpret the independent provider's annual findings from monthly figures.

Status for this Board version: detailed FY26 ALIAS analysis pending. Once the separate ALIAS annual report is received, the Convention edition should incorporate the provider's authoritative annual findings, while continuing to keep ALIAS and SSIO statistics separate to avoid the risk of double counting matters that move between processes.

What is included now

- Headline FY26 ALIAS volume as reported to the Board: 98 matters.
- Recognition of ALIAS/ITP as a separate complaint/intake stream.
- No detailed annual categorization, outcome analysis, transfer analysis, or year-over-year interpretation in this version.

6. Governance, Prevention & Organizational Learning

The annual data and monthly Board reports point to a prevention agenda centred on conduct, governance quality, procedural fairness and consistent policy application. The most useful FY27 response is therefore not simply higher case-processing capacity, but clearer expectations and stronger local implementation.

Priority	FY26 evidence	FY27 direction
Seasonal readiness	64% of final FY26 SSIO cases were created Jun-Aug.	Prepare education, resources, messaging, and intake capacity before peak play.
Coach conduct	53% of final FY26 respondents were coach related.	Focus on education on conduct, conflict management, and responsibilities in positions of authority.
Governance/process	67% of cases included Code/Policy or Governance/Process themes.	Expand local governance and procedural-fairness education.
UIR oversight	472 FY26 UIR reports; June/July Board reports identified significant	Create a defined UIR policy, review pathways, and follow-up standard.

Priority	FY26 evidence	FY27 direction
	abusive/physical review loads.	
Data quality	78% of final case records did not explicitly record affiliate associations.	Require consistent jurisdiction and association attribution.
Resolution metrics	40% awaiting response or processing at snapshot.	Capture acknowledgement, triage, assignment and closure dates plus final outcomes.

7. Recommendations for FY27

1. Establish a standalone Umpire Incident Reporting Policy

Define the review and follow-up pathway before the 2027 season, consistent with the issue escalated in the July and August Board reports.

2. Strengthen local governance education

Prioritize procedural fairness, team/player removal, conduct management, policy compliance, and ONCA/OBA governance considerations. In addition to the Umpire Incident Report education to Umpires but also to coaches and associations.

3. Improve case lifecycle measurement

Capture acknowledgement, triage, assignment and closure dates so response and time-to-resolution can be reported.

4. Strengthen local and affiliate reporting standards

Review both Safe Sport and Umpire Incident Report reporting formats to ensure local and affiliate association information can be captured consistently and accurately. This should include clearer reporting fields or guidance, as well as targeted education for those responsible for completing or reviewing reports, so local and affiliate information is understood and used effectively for tracking, follow-up and annual reporting.

5. Separate allegations, findings and interventions

For completed and rejected matters, record substantiation, outcome and intervention, so allegation volume is not confused with confirmed findings or final case resolution.

6. Add denominators for risk-informed reporting

Incorporate registered player, coach, team, game-count and sanction data, where available, to support more meaningful annual trend reporting beyond raw case volumes.

8. Board Discussion & Direction

For the 14 October 2026 Board meeting, the key decision is not approval of individual case outcomes. It is whether the organization will convert FY26 learning into clearer policy, education, data standards, proper case management tools, and seasonal readiness for FY27.

Board discussion item	Requested direction
Umpire Incident Reporting	Support development and implementation of a standalone 2027 UIR policy with defined review and follow-up.
Local governance education	Support a focused FY27 education plan for local associations, coaches and officials on procedural fairness, consistent policy application, conduct management, UIR reporting expectations and governance responsibilities.
Case-data standards	Support a case management system with standard case-tracking, jurisdiction, and outcome fields for annual reporting.
Convention edition	Note that the independent ALIAS annual analysis will be incorporated when available; no detailed ALIAS conclusions are presented in this Board version.

Appendix A - FY26 Reporting Notes

Definitions used in this report

Term	Reporting use
SSIO	Safe Sport & Integrity Officer intake/case stream.
ALIAS/ITP	Independent Third-Party reporting stream; reported separately from SSIO.
UIR	Umpire Incident Report; a separate incident-reporting dataset and not

Term	Reporting use
	added to complaint totals.
Case theme	Analytical classification used in the final FY26 case workbook. Themes may be multi-label, so theme totals should not be summed to produce a unique case count.
Status snapshot	Case status at the reporting snapshot; not a finding on the merits of an allegation.

Data limitations

- FY25 and FY26 SSIO totals are not directly comparable because FY25 formal SSIO data began in March 2025.
- Affiliate association information was not explicitly recorded in 74 of 95 FY26 Safe Sport cases, requiring manual interpretation. Similar data limitations were also identified in Umpire Incident Reporting.
- Detailed FY26 ALIAS annual analysis is intentionally excluded pending the provider's separate annual report.
- This annual Board summary reports allegations and administrative case themes in aggregate. It does not treat allegation volume as substantiated findings.

Source documents reviewed

- Cases Created October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026.xlsx
- FY26UIRDATA_Oct 1, 2025-Sep 30 2026.xlsx
- Safe Sport Board Report_September 2026.docx
- Safe Sport Board Report_August 2026 .docx
- Safe Sport Board Report_July 2026 .docx
- Safe Sport Board Report_June 2026 .docx
- Safe Sport Board Report_May 2026.docx
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- Safe_Sport Board_Report_February 2026.docx
- Safe_Sport Board Report_January.docx
- Safe_Sport Board Report_December.docx
- Safe_Sport Board Report_November.docx
- Safe_Sport Board Report_October.docx
- FY25_AGM_Report_v.1.docx

2026 TECHNOLOGY REPORT

OnDeck

OnDeck remains the OBA's primary digital platform for connecting with athletes, coaches, officials and parents. Available on iOS, Android and the web, it provides convenient access to playing rules, arm care resources, the Coaching Centre, Umpire Zone, certifications and educational materials, including practice plans from Baseball Canada and USA Baseball.

OnDeck continues to demonstrate strong engagement and growth, reaching **48,698 subscribers in 2026**, an increase of 2,515 or 5.4% over 2025. The platform recorded **274,894 unique visits**, demonstrating its continued importance as a central resource for Ontario's baseball community.

Our focus remains on improving the user experience, expanding educational resources and encouraging greater adoption of OnDeck as the primary source for OBA information and member development.

Pitch Count App

The Pitch Count App (PCA) continues to be an essential tool in promoting responsible pitcher development, protecting young arms and ensuring compliance with OBA arm care requirements.

In 2026, PCA recorded **28,496 games**, an increase of 1,215 (+4.5%) over 2025, and **6,012,871 pitches**, an increase of 278,322 (+4.8%). These figures represent another record year of activity and demonstrate the continued adoption of the platform across Ontario.

Of particular significance, 2026 marked the first year in several seasons that average pitches per appearance declined across every age division. This is an encouraging reversal of the upward trend observed in previous years and is consistent with coaches distributing pitching responsibilities across more athletes rather than relying as heavily on a smaller number of pitchers.

The largest reductions occurred at 15U and 22U, where averages declined by 1.1 pitches per appearance. Improvements were also recorded at 9U (0.6), 11U (0.3), 13U (0.7) and 18U (0.2).

Average Pitches per Appearance

Age	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
9U	33.6	34.2	32.7	31.9	31.1	30.5
11U	40.1	40.4	40.6	40.2	39.3	37.1
13U	42.6	43.3	44.0	43.6	42.1	40.7
15U	46.3	47.4	47.2	46.7	45.5	45.4
18U	51.9	52.1	51.4	51.6	50.8	48.4
22U	50.9	52.0	52.0	52.0	51.2	47.9

The positive trend is especially encouraging at 9U, where average pitches declined from 34.2 to 33.6 per appearance. While continued attention to workload management remains essential, these results suggest that our emphasis on pitching depth, arm care education and long-term athlete development is helping move teams in the right direction.

Pocket Team

Pocket Team continues to provide a centralized platform for administering OBA events, including the Best Ever Coaches Clinic, Summer Games, Annual General Meeting and Board and Council meetings.

The platform enables efficient event scheduling, resource sharing, real-time updates and push notifications, improving communication with participants while reducing administrative requirements. Pocket Team remains an important part of our efforts to deliver well-organized, accessible and engaging events.

The Inside Pitch

The Inside Pitch continues to be one of the OBA's most effective communication tools, delivering timely news, announcements, program updates and educational resources directly to our membership.

In 2026, our newsletter grew to **27,535 subscribers**, an increase of approximately 4,535 or 19.7% over 2025. Our weekly communications maintain an average open rate of approximately 50%, demonstrating continued engagement with our content despite the significant expansion of our subscriber base.

Through our Wix platform, we continue to strengthen direct communication with members, ensuring important information reaches Ontario's baseball community in a timely and consistent manner.

Looking Ahead

Technology remains a critical component of the OBA's efforts to improve member engagement, enhance player safety and streamline administration. As our digital platforms continue to grow, our priorities will include improving accessibility, expanding educational opportunities, strengthening data reporting and using technology to support informed decision-making.

Our goal remains to deliver a more connected, efficient and accessible baseball experience for everyone involved in the game across Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Snively
Technology Chair

2026 UMPIRE COMMITTEE REPORT

This was another busy year for the Umpire program, as we continue to deliver quality umpire training and development to meet the umpiring needs of OBA Local and Affiliated associations.

Umpire Committee Composition

The Umpire Committee is responsible for managing umpire certification in OBA, and in 2026 continued to work in imaginative and innovative ways to deliver impactful umpire training and education at all levels. The Committee was comprised of five Program Leads with oversight responsibilities, and several Initiative Leads with specific areas of responsibility as shown below:

- Chris Wilhelm – Director of Umpires
- Stephen Gomes – Program Lead
- James Liles – Program Lead
- Adam De Caire – Program Lead
- Lisa Turbitt – Program Lead
- Blair Hains – Initiative Leader (Accelerated Program)
- Justin Snively – Initiative Leader (Ongoing Education)
- Justin Van Horn – Initiative Leader (Level ½ Camps)
- Adel Agar – Initiative Leader (Clinician Development)

Umpire Certification

Umpires progress through up to five levels of certification. From the earliest entry point to the most experienced national umpire, this progression emphasizes ongoing, level-appropriate development and growth for each individual umpire. As shown below, 2025 was another successful year for our Umpire Certification program, continuing the significant growth from 2024:

	+/-	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Level 1	837	4,353	3,516	3,597	3,180	2,879	1,834	1,546	3,558	3,507	3,016	2,585
Level 2	396	2,020	1,624	1,113	918	1,140	1,351	1,253	1,597	1,420	1,203	1,243
Level 3	74	904	830	884	798	837	838	733	871	783	890	780
Level 4/5	-6	65	71	73	71	71	67	68	66	68	66	56
Totals:	1,301	7,342	6,041	5,667	4,967	4,927	4,090	3,600	6,092	5,778	5,175	4,664

Level 1 and 2 Program

In 2026, we were pleased that continued growth in Level 2 numbers was accompanied by a significant increase in Level 1 numbers. Level 3 also showed incremental growth, resulting in a total of over 1300 more certified umpires in 2026 than 2025.

In 2025 we implemented our 4th year of the new hybrid learning model for Level 1 and 2 umpires, combining in-person and online training.

- The in-person component consisted of 156 Level 1 and 2 Camps held in gym or indoor field facilities, which is an increase of 15 camps over 2025. These 4-hour camps focused on maximizing activity and emphasized practical drills and situations for umpires. Core competencies were taught that apply to both Level 1 and 2 umpires.
- The online training component required umpires to complete 2 hours of independent learning modules, differentiated by umpire level as shown below. Module completion was tracked and shared with UIC's.

Level 1.1 – Getting Started (completed by all 1 st year Level 1 umpires)	Level 1.2 – Continued Development (completed by all 2 nd year Level 1 umpires)	2026 Level 2 – The Offense * (completed by all Level 2 umpires)
• Getting Started	• Review of First Year	• The Batter
• Umpiring Fundamentals	• Fair and Foul	• Batter's Interference
• Working the Plate	• Catch or No-Catch?	• The Batter-Runner
• Moving on the Field	• Overthrows	• Batter-Runner's Interference
• Effective Game Control	• Infield Fly	• The Runners
• Basic Rules	• Becoming a Good Umpire	• Runner's Interference

*Level 2 umpires work through a three-year curriculum of online modules, and can enter in any year of the cycle. Future years of the three-year cycle will be The Defense (2027) and The Umpire (2028). Upon completion of all three years of the Level 2 cycle, umpires are eligible to advance to Level 3.

Accelerated Adult Umpire Training Program

Our highly successful Accelerated Umpire Training Program continued for its sixth year in 2026. This is an opportunity for adults with a background in baseball or officiating other sports to achieve their Level 2.3 certification through a series of live, virtual sessions followed by a one-day, in-person clinic.

The program included over 12 hours of live, virtual sessions which are led by a team of OBA Master Course Conductors in February and March, incorporating all the key learning objectives of the regular 5-year Level 1 and 2 program. This was followed by an in-person, on-field day combining drills and live games with feedback for the umpires.

Key benefits of this program include providing a condensed, accelerated learning format specifically geared to adult learners, certifying new adult umpires to meet local demands, and keeping the focus of the regular Level 1/2 camps on targeted to younger umpires.

Over 50 new Level 2 adult umpires certified through this program in 2026, bringing our five-year total to over 300. This has been a great way to encourage adults to try umpiring and meet local needs.

Level 3 Program

In 2026, Level 904 Level 3 umpires attended one of 18 4 hour, in-person Level 3 SuperCamps held across the province. This was part of the three-year Level 3 cycle, after online training requirements in 2024 and 2025. This was a 10% increase over our 2025 Level 3 numbers, which is significant given that Level 3 umpire registrations have historically remained very similar over time.

In addition, the Level 3 Continued Development Program, which began as a pilot project in 2025, was expanded in 2026. This optional program allowed 30 Level 3 umpires to join a season-long development group, which included monthly webinars, live game mentorship, and opportunity for formal Baseball Canada evaluation. Feedback from participants was very positive, with many of the participants being selected to umpire at National Qualifiers and Ontario Summer Games. Ultimately, 5 participants were invited to advance to Level 4.

Level 4 "Program of Excellence" National Program

On September 26/27, 2026, 65 umpires attended our in-person Level 4/5 clinic in Mississauga. This event incorporated live games with umpires receiving detailed feedback on both plate and base work from a team of national supervisors. In addition, classroom, gym, and drill-field training sessions were held throughout the weekend.

Based on performance at provincial events, national assignments, and the Level 4/5 clinic weekend, national umpires were categorized into 5 "tiers" (Learning and Developing, Established, Accelerated, Mastery, or Alumni) within the Program of Excellence. Each tier is led by a Tier Liaison, who is the primary point of contact for umpires

in that tier to the Umpires Committee. Each Tier received additional learning opportunities throughout the season specific to their needs.

The success of our Program of Excellence is reflected in the significant number of national assignments allocated every year to Ontario umpires and supervisors. Congratulations to the following on their national performance in 2026:

13U	15U – Ray Carter Cup	18U	Canada Cup
Lisa Turbitt ** Francesco DiBiase Kyle Warrener Brian Mundt	Darren Schram	Rob Stevenson * Chris Graham * James Deacon Danyon Newell	John Thompson * Chris Walters
22U	Senior Women	Senior Men	19U Womens
Stephen Gomes ** Terry Doyle Eldon Dunseith	Scott Costello * Hudson Gagne Scott Cameron	Trevor Grieve ** Chris Wilhelm Adam De Caire	Tosha Hains * Katrina Cadotte Adam Fanjoy Jeff Stallard ** = Lead Supervisor * = Supervisor

In addition, Ben Mercier was selected by Baseball Canada to umpire at the inaugural Road to Okotoks High Performance national event in Alberta.

We are also very proud of the prestigious International assignments filled by Ontario umpires in 2027:

- Chris Graham – World Baseball Classic Finals (March 2026)
- Keith McConkey – Champions League Tournament, Mexico (March 2026)
- Adam De Caire – WBSC Americas Women’s Series, Puerto Rico (April 2026)
- Elise Lallement – WBSC Women’s Group Stage (July 2026)
- Lisa Turbitt – WBSC Women’s Group Stage (July 2026) *

Communication

The Umpires Committee continues to be committed to effectively communicating through a variety of methods, including:

Inside Pitch

Baseball Ontario’s weekly e-communication was distributed to more than 25,000 members each week. Special umpire news and information was shared broadly through this information vehicle.

PlayOBA Website

Our website continues to be our main source for updates and information for the Umpires Program. Visit us at <https://www.playoba.ca/umpires> often for the latest program information!

OnDeck Application

For 2026, we continued to expand the umpire resources available in the Baseball Ontario OnDeck mobile app. In the Umpire Zone you will now find our Umpire VLOGs, Positioning Manuals, over 40 detailed one-page Rule Summaries, an Incident Reporting Form, and more!

Female Umpire Development

Developing female umpires has been an important goal of the Umpire Program for many years. This continued in 2026 with an all female umpire crew being selected for the Ontario Summer Games Girls baseball event.

In addition, the 2026 OMG tournament featured an umpire crew of 9 women who were mentored and evaluated by a team of Senior and Master Course Conductors as we work to continue building capacity and skill with our female umpires.

In order to ensure this success and growth continues, our monthly Female Umpire Mentorship Program continued in 2026 led by Lisa Turbitt and Tosha Hains. These monthly online sessions feature rules and positioning discussions, and also focus on the unique challenges and opportunities available to female umpires. Ontario participants are joined by several participants from other provinces, and often feature guest speakers.

National Qualifier Umpire Coordination

Once again, the Baseball Ontario Umpires Committee supported 2026 National Qualifier Tournaments by providing Committee Liaison to each event. This Liaison assisted in coordinating umpire scheduling for each event, provided feedback to umpires, was a member of the protest committee, and communicated to the Umpire Committee regarding each event and umpire performance.

Additionally, Level 4/5 umpires were centrally scheduled by the Umpires Committee to ensure each National Qualifier had balanced representation of nationally certified umpires and strong Level 3 umpires from the local area. Program of Excellence Development Tier umpires are now annually required to umpire at a National Qualifier.

Where required, we also centrally coordinated umpire travel and accommodations to ensure that all National Qualifier tournaments had access to the highest level of umpiring possible to supplement their local umpiring crews. The officiating at these tournaments combines the strength and commitment of local umpires with the knowledge and experience of national level umpires.

Clinician Development Program

In 2025, 28 new umpire clinicians were certified. In 2026, each of those newly certified clinicians had the opportunity to teach a camp while being observed and mentored by a Senior or Master Course Conductor to receive observational feedback to support their growth and development as a clinician.

OUA Partnership

The OBA Umpire Committee was pleased to continue our relationship with the OUA, under the leadership of Justin Snively. OBA umpires were assigned to all pre-season, league, and playoff games of the OBA season during September and October. This provided an additional evaluation opportunity for interested umpires, as well as an opportunity for 3-umpire system experience during the playoff and Championship weekends.

We anticipate continuing this partnership with OUA in 2027.

Volunteer Screening

2026 saw the continued implementation of a volunteer screening program for the entire organization, including umpires. Once again, adult umpires (18 and older) completed additional screening requirements beyond

certification in order to have their umpire certification activated. These requirements are outlined on our website, and through an easy-to-follow graphic organizer on the ONDeck app in the Umpire Zone.

Adult umpires are categorized by their Local Association into 3 “Risk Levels” for the purposes of screening. In most cases, these umpires are considered Risk Level 1 and their only requirement is completion of two online declaration forms through ONDeck. In the case of umpires who are also local leaders, clinicians, members of the National Program, or who have formal roles with OBA, additional requirements include completion of a Criminal Reference and/or Vulnerable Sector check.

We understand the extra effort this requires on behalf of our umpires and Local Associations, and the Baseball Ontario office staff are happy to help umpires or Local Associations understand their individual responsibilities within the screening system. Please reach out if you need assistance.

We thank you for your efforts to help ensure a safe environment for all members.

Thanks

Thanks to OBA for its continued support of umpire development initiatives across the province. We are committed to providing well trained, skilled umpires at all levels. We are also committed to ensuring the Ontario remains at the forefront of umpire training and development across Canada.

We look forward to continue working in partnership next year with Local and Affiliate Associations to meet and support their umpiring needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Wilhelm, Director of Umpiring

Stephen Gomes, James Liles, Adam De Caire, Lisa Turbitt, Adel Agar, Blair Hains, Justin Snively, Justin Van Horn

SELECT COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Welcome to the Annual convention of the OBA Select Division. I thank Select Council and all members for their support during my second year as Select Commissioner.

Growth and Outlook

Select teams increased over last season, as part of a 12% rise in overall OBA player registrations that was significantly influenced by the Blue Jays' World Series run in late 2025. We are very positive about the outlook for growth in community sport in Ontario in 2027.

Jim Lutton House League Hall of Fame Tournament Series

The series grew again in 2026, and we plan to add **Provincial House League Championships** in 2027. Challenger participation on the second day of each tournament also grew, though weather reduced numbers in St. Marys, Ajax and Brampton, where the event was rained out.

The series is highly effective at introducing new players to travel baseball, and we hope to use it to grow both Rep and Select baseball. It exists largely through the commitment of Deputy Commissioner Jim Koenigsberger, who took over the event in 2023 with 8 teams and has grown it to over 100 teams. These tournaments introduce more than 1,000 players a year to travel baseball. The market for low-cost, accessible travel baseball continues to be very strong.

Select Sanctioned Tournaments

Sanctioned Select tournaments grew to 68 in 2026. Select Council introduced Series Advisors, volunteers for each age group who gave hosts direct access to support and helped provide rule consistency.

Rep has one tournament for every 4 OBA teams, while Select has one for every 6. Noting fewer tournaments for House League Select (HS) teams, Council hosted three HS tournaments in St. Marys for 9U, 11U and 13U. The response was strong, and we will keep adding opportunities. These events will be renamed the **"David Black House League Select Tournaments"** in honour of David's years of leadership as a former Select Commissioner and President of the Select Ontario Baseball Association (SOBA) starting in 2008. SOBA operated independently for decades before joining the OBA.

OBA Championship Format

The Select Championship Review Committee completed a second successful year of the proposed **"3 game minimum"** format pilot. With excellent coach poll results, we will ask the Select membership to approve it as the permanent format.

Communications

Select communications continue to improve, with an average of one Select-focused article per issue of *Inside Pitch*. At the suggestion of Communications Committee Chair Randy Reid, we contacted Select members exclusively about OBA team applications, which directly increased Direct Entry applications.

In 2026, we launched open web Town Hall Meetings for coaches, managers and administrators from Locals and Loops, averaging over 100 attendees per session. In 2027, we will expand the series and post materials and video at playoba.ca/select, the central landing page for all things Select.

Conclusion

Select Council continues to operate efficiently and effectively, and I expect that to continue in 2027 and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Manson
Select Commissioner

**2026 Select Council Attendance
(Present or Absent)**

Name	Position	1/25/26	2/26/26	4/23/26	7/12/26	8/27/26	9/13/26
Manson, Scott	Commissioner	P	P	P	P	P	P
Black, David	Select Life Member	P	P	P	P	P	P
Calcagni, Adeo	Appointed	-	-	P	A	A	A
Clement, John	Councilor	P	P	P	P	P	P
Gynn, Kimberlee	Councilor	P	P	P	P	P	-
Hoggarth, Annette	Councilor	P	P	P	P	P	P
Huctwith, David	Past Commissioner	A	P	P	A	A	A
Jasinski, Tony	Select Life Member	A	P	A	P	P	P
Koenigsberger, Jim	Deputy Comissioner	P	A	P	A	P	P
LePage, Richard	Councilor	P	A	P	P	P	P
McConnell, Patrick	Councilor	P	A	A	A	P	P
Merkley, Ray	OBA Vice President	P	P	P	A	A	A
Moy, Tom	Select Life Member	A	A	A	A	A	A
Murray, Alan	Appointed	-	-	P	P	A	A
Reid, Randy	Councilor	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ruta, John	Appointed	-	-	P	P	P	P
Snively, Justin	Councilor	P	P	A	P	A	A
Staszak, Jeremy	Appointed	-	-	P	P	P	A
Williams, Ted	Select Life Member	A	P	P	P	P	P
Parkenکو, Doug	Appointed	-	-	-	-	P	P

2026 SELECT TEAM REGISTRATION

Region	9U		11U		13U		15U		18U		22U		Total	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
ABA	1	0	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	3
COBA	6	10	12	13	13	13	7	9	4	4	0	0	42	49
EOBA	5	5	5	9	8	10	3	6	1	3	0	0	22	33
HDBA	2	1	2	3	3	4	3	3	1	1	0	0	11	12
ICBA	5	6	6	7	6	5	2	3	1	1	0	0	20	22
LDBA	2	6	7	9	8	9	7	8	3	7	0	0	27	39
NBBA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	4
NCBA	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	7	8
NCOBA	0	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	1	2	0	0	6	9
NDBA	3	4	3	4	2	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	11	12
SCBA	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	8
SPBA	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	4	0	0	12	15
TABA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TBA	20	19	21	19	16	17	12	11	8	10	0	0	77	76
TBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WCBA	2	3	3	6	5	5	3	1	0	2	0	0	13	17
WOBA	1	3	2	7	2	9	2	5	0	0	0	0	7	24
YSBA	15	15	16	12	18	17	7	7	0	0	0	0	56	51
DIRECT/SELECT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	68	80	84	101	91	100	56	64	25	36	0	1	324	382

2026 SELECT PLAYER REGISTRATION

Region	9U		11U		13U		15U		18U		22U		Total	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
ABA	12	0	24	12	25	12	18	14	0	0	0	0	79	38
COBA	93	124	166	168	168	164	95	122	41	56	0	0	563	634
EOBA	64	66	64	121	104	133	41	75	15	38	0	0	288	433
HDBA	28	17	32	45	44	58	44	43	16	17	0	0	164	180
ICBA	76	79	89	95	78	69	31	40	13	15	0	0	287	298
LDBA	26	74	90	121	103	115	95	101	39	97	0	0	353	508
NBBA	13	12	14	11	13	12	14	12	0	0	0	0	54	47
NCBA	25	25	13	24	13	17	23	13	16	36	0	0	90	115
NCOBA	0	15	13	37	40	12	28	24	16	26	0	0	97	114
NDBA	41	51	39	54	24	28	15	14	31	16	0	0	150	163
SCBA	12	13	0	27	27	23	0	36	0	0	0	0	39	99
SPBA	28	39	26	40	24	38	38	25	49	54	0	0	165	196
TBA	277	259	280	269	225	225	164	151	124	136	0	0	1,070	1,040
WCBA	25	36	36	80	67	63	40	12	0	26	0	0	168	217
WOBA	12	37	30	95	25	124	27	68	0	0	0	0	94	324
YSBA	200	211	195	162	239	231	91	83	0	0	0	0	725	687
DIRECT/SELECT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	932	1,058	1,111	1,361	1,219	1,324	764	833	360	517	0	0	4,386	5,093

SELECT COMPETITION REPORT

Sanctioned Tournaments:

In 2026 there were 87 Select tournaments approved for 39 different host centres. Of those, 9 tournaments were reportedly cancelled.

The distribution of tournaments compared to the previous 4 active years is as follows:

Series	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
9U	7	7	11	10	14
11U	15	16	17	17	21
13U	12	14	13	20	21
15U	8	10	11	10	15
18U	3	3	3	4	8
TOTAL	45	50	55	61	79

Jim Lutton Hall of Fame House League Tournaments

Baseball Ontario Select Division ran 5 House League tournaments and received 98 applications. With a large interest in the tournaments, Select Council will be running these House League tournaments again in 2027. Unfortunately in 2026, the 11U division was cancelled due to poor air quality that weekend.

Select Provincial Championship Tournaments:

SERIES	CHAMPION	FINALIST
9U Dedicated Select	Sudbury	Halton Hills
9U House League Select	York	Bloordale
11U Dedicated Select	Vaughan	Mississauga Majors
11U House League Select	East York	Bloordale
13U Dedicated Select	West Mountain	Southwest London
13U House League Select	Guelph	East York
15U Dedicated Select	Sault Ste. Marie	Guelph
15U House League Select	Saugeen Shores	Guelph
18U Dedicated Select	St. Catharines	Brampton
18U House League Select	Forest Glade	West Mountain

The 2026 Competition Committee:

Rich LePage, Competition Committee Chair

Dave Black

Jim Koenigsberger

Scott Manson

Randy Reid

A big thank you to the Select Competition Committee, Council members, and the office staff for their hard work in 2026!

Respectfully submitted,
Rich LePage

SELECT RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

On January 25, 2026 the Select Division for Ontario Baseball Association held its Annual Rules Approval Meeting. 11 Proposals were considered, and 3 rule changes were passed, coming into effect for the 2026 season.

APPROVED RULE CHANGES

Select 2026-01

SP3 Team Rosters (i)

DELETE the current SP3 i which reads:

There is a limit of 18 rostered players and up to 4 rostered coaches on the bench.

REPLACE with a new i. as follows:

i. There is a limit of 18 rostered players and up to 4 rostered coaches on the bench. There will be a limit of 18 awards per team.

Select 2026-02

SP6, SP9.1 d, SP9.2 c)SP12.2 m) Mercy Rules

DELETE current rules as reads below and re-number:

9U in SP12.2 m [paraphrased: 15 after 4]

11U in SP9.1 d [paraphrased: 18 after 3, 15 after 4, 10 after 5 & 9 after 6]

13U in SP9.2 c [paraphrased: 18 after 3, 15 after 4, 10 after 5 & 9 after 6]

KEEP SP6 as the only Mercy Rule for all divisions

Select 2026-03

SP10 (b) Sanctioned Tournaments

ADD NEW and re-letter

The OBA Convenor's Report and specified attachments must be submitted electronically on the OBA website within 10 days following the tournament. Minimum report to include:

- List all participating team roster numbers
- Champion & Finalist
- Summary of Ejections

Failure to report is an automatic \$100 fine for a first offense.

Subsequent offences are \$250 each.

2026 REP COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

On behalf of Deputy Commissioner Dirk Driberg and the members of Rep Council, I am pleased to present the 2026 Rep Commissioner's Report.

The 2026 season was another successful and important year for Rep Baseball in Ontario. Throughout the province, thousands of athletes, coaches, umpires, administrators, and volunteers contributed to a competitive baseball environment that continues to provide meaningful opportunities for player development, achievement, and community involvement.

I would like to begin by congratulating all Provincial Champions, National Qualifier Champions, and National Champions on their accomplishments this season. Winning a championship represents the culmination of months of preparation, dedication, perseverance, and teamwork. These achievements are a testament not only to the athletes competing on the field, but also to the coaches, families, associations, and volunteers who support them.

While championships provide an opportunity to celebrate excellence, the success of our Rep program must also be measured by the quality of the baseball experience we provide, the opportunities available to athletes, and our ability to develop and improve the game at every level.

This season demonstrated Ontario's continued competitiveness on the national stage, the dedication of our affiliated associations, and the importance of thoughtful leadership as we work to strengthen the future of Rep Baseball.

Ontario's Success at the 2026 Baseball Canada National Championships

Ontario enjoyed another outstanding year at Baseball Canada National Championships, capturing three national gold medals and one silver medal across the nine national championship categories.

Our representatives competed against the strongest programs from across the country, demonstrating the talent, commitment, and quality of baseball development taking place throughout Ontario.

13U National Championship | Woodstock, Ontario

Woodstock Minor Baseball once again welcomed the country to Southside Park for the 13U National Championship.

The host team advanced to the semifinal round and ultimately finished fourth after falling to eventual Champions, British Columbia in the semifinal and Québec in the bronze-medal game. While the host team narrowly missed the podium, its advancement to the final four was an accomplishment worthy of recognition, particularly while competing against some of the country's strongest programs.

Team Ontario 1, represented by Clarington finished the tournament with a 5th place finish, closing out with a commanding 15-5 win over BC. Team Ontario 2 from Oakville ended the tournament in 9th place following a 3-1 victory in 10 innings over PEI in the 9/10 placement game.

15U Ray Carter Cup | Summerside, Prince Edward Island

Ontario was represented by the Durham Stallions at the 15U Ray Carter Cup. They captured the national championship with a 9–4 victory over Québec in the gold-medal game.

After dropping its opening game to British Columbia, Ontario demonstrated tremendous resilience, winning five consecutive games to claim the national title. A decisive seven-run sixth inning in the championship game secured the victory and completed an impressive turnaround.

Congratulations to Ontario's athletes and coaching staff on their outstanding national championship performance.

18U National Championship | Fort McMurray, Alberta

The Mississauga Tigers HPP delivered one of Ontario's most impressive national championship performances of the season, completing an undefeated 6–0 tournament and capturing gold with an 11–1 victory over Alberta.

Ontario outscored its opponents 56–7 throughout the championship, demonstrating exceptional performance both offensively and defensively.

This accomplishment reflects the importance of high-quality player development, strong coaching, and preparation for national-level competition.

22U National Championship | Tecumseh, Ontario

The Windsor Selects successfully defended their national championship, capturing back-to-back 22U national titles with a 5–0 victory over Manitoba's Carillon Sultans in the gold-medal game.

Representing Ontario 2, Windsor navigated an exceptionally competitive tournament before delivering a commanding performance in the gold-medal game.

Ontario was also represented by the Sarnia Brigade, who finished fourth, and the host Tecumseh Thunder, who finished sixth. Having three Ontario teams competing in the national championship provided an excellent showcase for the strength and depth of 22U baseball in the province.

Congratulations to the Windsor Selects on their second consecutive national championship.

Senior National Championship | Miramichi, New Brunswick

At the Men's National Championship in Miramichi, the Windsor Stars advanced to the medal round, finishing fourth after an exceptionally close 11–10 loss to Alberta in the bronze-medal game.

Other Baseball Canada National Championships

Ontario's representation extended across all nine national championship categories, including girls' and women's baseball and the Baseball Canada Cup, where Provincial Teams were formed to represent us.

At the 16U Girls National Championship in Moncton, Ontario advanced to the medal round and finished fourth following a dramatic extra-inning bronze-medal game against Manitoba.

At the 19U Women's National Championship in Saskatoon, Ontario captured silver after advancing to the championship game against Québec. This marked Ontario's second consecutive silver medal at the event.

Ontario also finished fourth at the Women's National Championship in Winnipeg, while Ontario 2 finished seventh.

At the Baseball Canada Cup in Summerside, Ontario finished seventh, concluding its tournament with a 10–0 victory over host Prince Edward Island.

These results reinforce the breadth of competitive baseball opportunities within our province while also identifying areas where continued investment in athlete development and preparation can strengthen future performances.

I extend sincere congratulations to every athlete, coach, and support staff member who had the privilege of representing Ontario at a Baseball Canada National Championship in 2026.

Regardless of the final standings, representing our province is a significant accomplishment and a responsibility that these individuals carried with pride.

Hosting National Championships in Ontario

Ontario continued its strong tradition of hosting premier national baseball events in 2026.

Woodstock Minor Baseball once again hosted the 13U National Championship, welcoming teams, officials, families, and spectators from across Canada.

Hosting a national event is a tremendous undertaking that requires extensive planning, fundraising, volunteer coordination, facility preparation, and support from community partners.

The Woodstock organizing committee demonstrated exceptional commitment to providing a positive experience for everyone involved. Their continued willingness to host at the national level reflects the strength of their association and the pride they take in supporting amateur baseball.

I would also like to recognize the Tecumseh Thunder Baseball Club for hosting the 22U National Championship.

The event brought together some of Canada's top young adult baseball programs and provided Ontario's teams with the opportunity to compete for a national championship on home soil.

Both communities deserve recognition for their contributions to Ontario's reputation as a capable and welcoming host of national baseball events.

These championships have an impact far beyond the field of play. They strengthen community engagement, showcase local facilities, support local economies, and create lasting memories for athletes and their families.

National Qualifier Tournaments

Our National Qualifier Tournaments continue to serve as an essential bridge between provincial competition and the national championship stage.

The National Qualifier process provides a structured, competitive opportunity for Ontario's leading teams to earn the privilege of representing the province at Baseball Canada championships.

These events also allow us to evaluate the competitiveness of our programs and the effectiveness of our championship structure.

I wish to recognize every association that accepted the responsibility of hosting a National Qualifier in 2026.

These tournaments require considerable preparation, knowledgeable volunteers, experienced umpires, strong field operations, and the ability to respond to challenges throughout an intensive competition schedule.

As participation and interest in National Qualifiers continue to evolve, we must ensure our tournament formats remain sustainable, competitive, and appropriately structured.

This includes reviewing championship capacity, qualification pathways, hosting requirements, and the competitive standards expected of participating teams.

Our objective must remain clear: Ontario should send teams to national championships that are prepared to compete at the highest level while preserving a fair and transparent qualification process.

Rep Provincial Championships

Provincial Championship weekends remain one of the most significant and anticipated components of the Ontario Baseball Association's annual calendar.

Across our various age categories and classifications, these events provide athletes with the opportunity to compete for provincial recognition and experience the excitement and responsibility of championship baseball.

The scale of our Provincial Championship program is a reflection of both the strength of Rep Baseball and the exceptional volunteer commitment that exists throughout our affiliated associations.

Each championship requires months of preparation involving scheduling, field allocation, umpire assignments, accommodations, tournament administration, and coordination with participating teams.

I would like to recognize all Provincial Championship hosts for their dedication throughout the 2026 season.

Their willingness to welcome teams from across Ontario ensures our championship program remains accessible, competitive, and successful.

We must also continue to assess how our championship model can evolve to meet the changing needs of our membership.

That includes ensuring competitive balance, maintaining meaningful classification standards, supporting hosts, improving operational consistency, and creating the best possible experience for our athletes.

The continued success of our Provincial Championship program will depend on our willingness to preserve what works while addressing opportunities for improvement.

High-Performance Baseball and the Evolution of Rep Competition

One of our most important ongoing priorities is the continued development of a clear, accountable, and sustainable High-Performance Baseball framework in Ontario.

The growth of High-Performance programs has created additional opportunities for athletes to pursue baseball at an advanced competitive level.

However, growth alone should not be viewed as a measure of success.

It is important that programs recognized as High Performance deliver a level of coaching, training, competition, athlete support, and organizational commitment that meaningfully distinguishes them from traditional Rep AAA programming.

As we move toward 2027 and beyond, the OBA will continue its work to define and strengthen the benchmarks associated with High-Performance recognition. This includes consideration of coaching qualifications, player development programming, training environments, competitive schedules, organizational standards, and compliance expectations.

We must also recognize that athletes seeking opportunities at higher levels of competition need clear and reasonable development pathways. Our goal should be to provide an environment in which athletes can pursue opportunities appropriate to their abilities and ambitions, while protecting the integrity of local associations and the broader Rep structure.

The future of High-Performance Baseball must be built on quality, accountability, and measurable development rather than simply the number of programs carrying the High-Performance designation.

Governance, Rules, and Operational Improvement

Throughout 2026, Rep Council continued its responsibility for administering and strengthening the policies and procedures that govern Rep Baseball in Ontario. As our sport evolves, our rules must remain relevant, practical, consistently applied, and aligned with the best interests of our membership.

Areas of continued work and consideration include roster eligibility, player movement, releases, National Qualifier participation, High-Performance program recognition, and championship administration.

We must also strengthen how proposed rule changes are developed, communicated, reviewed, and considered. Our Affiliated Associations are the foundation of Rep Baseball, and their perspectives must be meaningfully represented when changes are proposed. A transparent and inclusive rule development process will help strengthen confidence in our governance structure and encourage constructive engagement from stakeholders across the province.

Consistency in interpreting and applying rules also remains essential. Teams, coaches, administrators, and athletes should have a clear understanding of the expectations governing their participation, regardless of where they compete.

As we look ahead, operational improvement will remain a continuing priority for Rep Council.

Elite Baseball League of Ontario

I would like to recognize the individuals who continue to provide leadership and support to the Elite Baseball League of Ontario.

Following the conclusion of the 2025 season, Frank Fascia stepped away from his responsibilities as League Manager and Chair after many years of dedicated service and Steve Watson assumed the role of EBLO Manager and Chair of the Steering Committee for 2026.

I extend my appreciation to Steve and the entire EBLO Steering Committee for their continued commitment to league operations, communication, and competitive development.

The work required to operate a successful league is substantial, and much of that effort takes place away from the field. Their service continues to play an important role in supporting competitive baseball throughout the province.

Rep Competition and National Qualifier Committees

The successful delivery of our championship program depends on the leadership and organization of individuals who dedicate countless hours to competition administration.

I would like to recognize our Rep Competition Department, led by Championship Supervisor Dirk Drieberg, alongside Annette Hoggarth, Steve Cochrane, and Cathy Lamarucciola.

Their work supporting championship planning, tournament hosts, competition administration, and event operations is essential to the success of our Provincial Championship program.

I would also like to recognize National Qualifier Supervisor David Huctwith, together with Glenn Ostrosser, Allyn Ward, Brent Peltola, Rob Companion, and Mary-Ann Smith, for their contributions to our National Qualifier program.

These individuals provide valuable knowledge, guidance, and support while helping navigate the operational challenges that naturally arise during championship competition. Their commitment to ensuring events are administered fairly, efficiently, and professionally deserves our sincere appreciation.

Special thank you to our Ontario Delegation Leaders for National Championships. The role of Chef de Mission at a National Championship is extremely important to ensuring our athletes and coaches are well supported while representing Ontario. Thank you to Glenn Ostrosser (13U), Rob Companion (15U), Mary-Ann Smith (18U & 22U), and Keith Sanford (Senior) for your leadership.

Recognition of OBA Staff

The work of Rep Council and our many volunteers would not be possible without the ongoing commitment and professionalism of the Ontario Baseball Association's office staff.

I would like to recognize Mary-Ann Smith, Kaira Bates, Enza Finnie, Rita Dupon, Michelle Brooks, Erika Marini, Ryan Harrison, and Kyle Fillier for their contributions and support.

The operational demands of a baseball season are considerable, particularly during registration, roster administration, championship planning, and the busiest periods of competition.

Our staff play an essential role in supporting associations, responding to membership inquiries, coordinating information, and ensuring that the many moving parts of our organization continue to function effectively.

Their contribution often takes place behind the scenes, but its impact is felt throughout the province.

On behalf of Rep Council, I extend our sincere appreciation for their continued efforts.

Rep Council and Operational Leadership

I am fortunate to work alongside individuals who bring exceptional experience, knowledge, and dedication to the administration of Rep Baseball.

I would like to extend my personal appreciation to Deputy Commissioner Dirk Driberg for his continued support, sound judgment, and commitment to our program.

I also wish to recognize the contributions of the Rep Operational Committee, including Dirk Driberg, Allyn Ward, Glenn Ostrosser, David Huctwith, Aaron Dunlop, and Blair Hains.

Their insight, leadership, and willingness to address complex issues have been invaluable throughout the year. Administering Rep Baseball requires balancing competitive interests, governance responsibilities, operational realities, and the differing needs of our membership. The thoughtful contributions of these individuals help ensure decisions are approached fairly and with the long-term interests of our sport in mind.

I also thank every member of Rep Council for their continued service and commitment to representing the interests of Rep Membership across Ontario.

Looking Ahead to 2027

The 2026 season provided many reasons to celebrate, but it also reinforced the importance of continuing to improve and modernize Rep Baseball.

As we prepare for 2027, several priorities will guide our work:

1. **Strengthening High-Performance standards:** Continue developing clear and measurable requirements that ensure recognized programs provide meaningful High-Performance development opportunities.
2. **Reviewing championship structures:** Evaluate National Qualifier formats, participation levels, qualification pathways, and Provincial Championship opportunities to support strong and sustainable competition.
3. **Improving governance and consultation:** Strengthen opportunities for affiliated associations and Rep Council members to participate in a transparent rule development process.
4. **Supporting athlete development and mobility:** Review policies that affect athletes seeking appropriate competitive opportunities, while respecting the role and integrity of local associations.
5. **Promoting respect and accountability:** Continue emphasizing appropriate conduct and providing support for umpires, coaches, athletes, and tournament organizers.
6. **Improving operational consistency:** Continue identifying opportunities to simplify administration, clarify policies, improve communication, and support championship hosts.

These priorities represent opportunities to build on our existing strengths while ensuring the OBA remains responsive to the changing needs of competitive baseball.

Our decisions must be guided by what best serves our athletes, strengthens our affiliated associations, and supports the long-term health of baseball throughout Ontario.

A Final Thank You to Our Volunteers

Finally, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to the countless volunteers who make Rep Baseball possible throughout Ontario.

From association executives and league administrators to coaches, tournament directors, scorekeepers, field maintenance crews, and the many families who give freely of their time, our organization depends on people who are willing to contribute far more than is ever expected of them.

Their work is often performed without recognition and frequently comes at the expense of personal and family time. Yet their dedication creates opportunities for thousands of young athletes to experience competition, teamwork, personal growth, and the lifelong friendships that baseball provides.

As we reflect on the 2026 season, we should remember that the strength of the Ontario Baseball Association is not measured solely by the number of championships we organize or the medals our teams win; it is measured by the opportunities we create, the people we develop, the communities we bring together, and the lasting impact our sport has on those who participate.

Closing Remarks

The 2026 season was another significant chapter in the continued development of Rep Baseball in Ontario.

Our success at the national level demonstrates the competitive strength of our programs, while the ongoing commitment of our associations, leagues, committees, officials, and volunteers provides a strong foundation for the future.

There will always be challenges to address and opportunities to improve. Our responsibility is to approach those opportunities with an open mind, a willingness to collaborate, and a shared commitment to making baseball better.

I am proud to serve as Commissioner of Rep Baseball, and I am grateful for the trust, support, and dedication of everyone who contributes to our program.

On behalf of Rep Council, thank you for another successful season.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable off-season and look forward to building on our accomplishments in 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Snively

Commissioner of Rep Baseball

2026 Rep Council Attendance
(Present or Absent)

Rep Council Elected and Appointed Members:	2/12/26	3/12/26	5/14/26	6/11/26	7/19/26	9/15/26
Snively, Justin	P	P	A	P	A	P
Birnie, Howie	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cochrane, Steve	A	A	P	A	A	A
Companion, Rob	A	P	P	A	P	P
Driberg, Dirk	P	P	P	A	P	A
Dunlop, Aaron	P	P	A	P	P	P
Hains, Blair	A	P	A	A	A	P
Hoggarth, Annette	P	P	P	A	P	P
Huctwith, David	P	P	A	A	P	A
Lamarucciola, Cathy	P	P	P	P	P	P
Merkley, Ray	P	P	P	P	A	A
Ostrosser, Glenn	A	P	P	P	P	P
Peltola, Brent	P	P	P	P	P	A
Ward, Allyn	A	P	A	P	A	P
Watson, Steve	P	P	P	P	P	P
Active Past Presidents						
Lutton, Jim	P	A	A	A	P	A
Pickle, Randy	A	A	P	A	A	A
Rep Council Affiliate Representatives:						
(ABA)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cardamone, Frank (COBA)	P	A	A	A	P	P
Denault, Todd (EOBA)	P	A	A	P	A	P
Brain, Howard (HDBA)	P	P	A	P	P	P
Vanpee, Brian (ICBA)	P	P	P	A	P	P
Brooks, Derek (LDBA)	P	A	A	A	A	A
Mady, Laura (ABBA)	A	A	A	A	A	A
Mark Caruso (ACBA)	-	-	-	-	-	P
Turcotte, Robert (ACOBBA)	P	P	A	P	P	P
Decicco, John (ADBA)	A	A	P	P	P	P
Moulton, Cory (SCBA)	P	P	A	A	P	P
Ames, Paul (SPBA)	P	P	P	A	P	P
(TABBA)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Green, Andrew (TBA)	A	P	P	P	P	P
(TBBA)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Darren Beuckelare (WCBA)	P	P	P	A	P	P
Aovak, Braden (WOBA)	P	P	P	P	P	P
Gibbons, Jamie (PSBA)	A	P	P	P	P	P

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Affiliated Association	8U		9U		10U		11U		12U		13U GIRLS		13U		14U	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
ABA	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
COBA	10	11	12	15	21	19	17	20	22	21	0	0	18	18	20	18
EOBA	12	14	16	14	19	19	18	18	19	18	0	0	16	19	10	16
HDBA	1	1	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	2	0	0	3	4	3	3
ICBA	10	10	13	12	14	14	16	14	11	15	0	0	11	14	13	10
LDBA	6	5	6	8	8	6	7	8	8	7	0	0	8	8	7	8
NBBA	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
NCBA	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
NCOBA	0	0	3	3	4	2	5	3	2	3	0	0	3	4	3	3
NDBA	4	4	7	7	7	8	7	7	5	5	0	0	9	7	4	6
SCBA	0	0	6	4	4	1	8	8	2	2	0	0	7	7	3	1
SPBA	8	8	13	10	13	13	10	13	9	11	0	0	9	8	8	7
TABA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TBA	9	10	9	12	19	20	16	21	21	24	0	0	20	22	20	21
TBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WCBA	2	2	8	7	2	3	8	8	2	2	0	0	8	8	2	2
WOBA	0	0	10	8	0	0	12	10	1	2	0	0	11	10	2	2
YSBA	12	15	14	16	23	26	29	27	23	33	0	0	21	22	27	26
DIRECT/OBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	74	81	121	120	139	137	157	162	130	148	0	0	145	152	122	124

Affiliated Association	15U		16U GIRLS		16U		18U		22U		Women's		Senior		Total	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
ABA	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
COBA	16	20	0	0	15	16	15	26	8	7	0	0	6	6	180	197
EOBA	16	12	0	0	12	12	12	18	6	9	0	0	5	6	161	175
HDBA	4	3	0	0	2	3	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	30	31
ICBA	12	12	0	0	6	7	6	11	7	7	0	0	2	2	121	128
LDBA	6	5	0	0	6	4	6	8	4	5	0	0	3	4	75	76
NBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
NCBA	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
NCOBA	3	3	0	0	3	3	3	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	31	29
NDBA	6	5	0	0	2	4	2	3	1	1	0	0	7	7	61	64
SCBA	5	4	0	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	3	3	41	35
SPBA	7	7	0	0	4	4	4	6	5	5	0	0	9	10	99	102
TABA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TBA	19	19	0	0	20	17	20	26	7	8	0	0	5	4	185	204
TBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WCBA	6	7	0	0	2	3	2	6	4	4	0	0	6	7	52	59
WOBA	7	8	0	0	3	2	3	8	5	6	0	0	4	4	58	60
YSBA	22	22	0	0	25	21	25	26	13	12	0	0	13	12	247	258
DIRECT/OBA	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	4
TOTAL	130	128	2	2	101	98	101	150	65	68	2	2	63	65	1,352	1,437

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Affiliated Association	8U		9U		10U		11U		12U		13U GIRLS		13U		14U	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
ABA	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0
COBA	134	138	150	181	238	230	205	235	253	259	0	0	218	220	257	226
EOBA	151	178	203	168	227	229	222	218	228	221	0	0	192	228	126	204
HDBA	13	12	38	38	34	48	35	36	36	25	0	0	36	50	37	37
ICBA	137	132	162	150	168	175	196	172	139	185	0	0	135	173	160	125
LDBA	76	61	74	102	99	73	84	97	96	86	0	0	96	99	87	100
NBBA	0	12	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
NCBA	0	0	0	0	25	11	12	12	26	25	0	0	10	0	0	11
NCOBA	0	0	40	38	59	24	60	40	29	38	0	0	38	54	37	37
NDBA	50	50	91	89	84	95	87	83	60	62	0	0	108	85	51	72
SCBA	0	0	76	53	49	12	101	98	25	28	0	0	85	89	39	13
SPBA	107	101	160	129	145	164	127	162	109	136	0	0	106	99	102	91
TBA	119	129	117	148	247	251	204	257	264	296	0	0	260	271	271	273
TBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WCBA	27	24	97	85	25	38	96	106	26	25	0	0	102	99	23	26
WOBA	0	0	147	98	0	0	165	129	12	26	0	0	166	116	27	26
YSBA	156	190	173	196	292	320	350	330	274	409	0	0	254	268	327	342
DIRECT/OBA	0		0		0		0		0		0	0	0		0	
TOTAL	970	1,027	1,528	1,487	1,692	1,684	1,944	1,987	1,577	1,834	0	0	1,806	1,863	1,544	1,583

Affiliated Association	15U		16U GIRLS		16U		18U		22U		Women's		Senior		Total	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
ABA	13	12	0	0	0	0	16	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	62
COBA	216	262	0	0	302	212	341	397	179	168	0	0	139	155	2,632	2,683
EOBA	216	164	0	0	223	157	222	269	156	209	0	0	125	148	2,291	2,393
HDBA	49	39	0	0	48	39	52	45	49	52	0	0	0	0	427	421
ICBA	153	153	0	0	180	92	185	155	172	170	0	0	39	54	1,826	1,736
LDBA	75	65	0	0	104	54	118	120	75	80	0	0	69	90	1,053	1,027
NBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	55
NCBA	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	70
NCOBA	40	38	0	0	51	41	55	63	38	24	0	0	0	0	447	397
NDBA	78	63	0	0	78	52	29	44	20	20	0	0	170	199	906	914
SCBA	62	52	0	0	55	14	40	38	13	15	0	0	65	68	610	480
SPBA	92	89	0	0	121	56	127	102	103	113	0	0	208	244	1,507	1,486
TBA	270	248	0	0	311	246	357	421	199	224	0	0	119	99	2,738	2,863
TBBA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WCBA	80	86	0	0	97	46	106	88	78	89	0	0	130	166	887	878
WOBA	111	114	0	0	134	27	153	127	81	118	0	0	87	82	1,083	863
YSBA	279	289	0	0	316	319	304	377	243	242	0	0	305	318	3,273	3,600
DIRECT/OBA	0		51	29	0		0		0		26	29	0		77	58
TOTAL	1,734	1,674	51	29	2,020	1,366	2,117	2,276	1,406	1,524	26	29	1,456	1,623	19,871	19,986

REP COMPETITION REPORT

Sanctioned Tournaments:

In 2026 there were 471 Rep tournaments approved for 90 different host centres. Of those, 43 tournaments were reportedly cancelled.

The distribution of tournaments compared to the previous 11 active years is as follows:

Series	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
8U	10	10	11	12	14	16	6	14	15	21	22	25
9U	24	24	27	31	29	33	14	31	35	38	41	41
10U	24	27	26	29	33	32	15	29	29	38	48	42
11U	34	36	43	44	50	50	20	44	44	51	63	59
12U	20	23	25	29	26	30	16	30	31	40	38	54
13U	28	31	40	42	46	44	24	47	42	51	59	52
14U	18	22	22	24	24	27	11	26	25	26	34	35
15U	21	23	27	27	31	33	14	31	31	35	38	36
16U	13	9	11	15	15	15	5	19	18	22	28	31
18U	20	23	27	24	29	26	12	29	28	33	36	39
22U	7	7	8	7	7	6	3	6	6	7	9	10
Senior	6	5	4	4	5	6		4	3	2	3	3
Women's/Girls	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	225	240	271	288	309	318	140	310	307	364	420	428

National Qualifier Tournaments:

Baseball Ontario received 115 applications for the 5 Elimination Tournaments. The results are as follows:

Tournament	Champion	Score	Finalist	Score
13U	Clarington	10	Oakville	4
15U	Durham	18	North York	2
18U	Mississauga North	11	London	2
22U	Sarnia	11	Windsor	1
Senior	Windsor Stars	10	Sarnia	6

Ontario sent 2 teams to the 13U in Woodstock, and to the 22U Nationals in Tecumseh. National Tournament results are listed in the Rep Commissioner Report.

Rep Provincial Championship Tournaments:

Division	Champion	Finalist	Division	Champion	Finalist
8U AAA	Whitby	East York	13U D	Brockton	Saugeen Shores
8U AA	LaSalle	London West	14U AAA	North York	Whitby
8U A	London	Northumberland	14U AA	Ancaster	East York
8U B	Leamington	St Thomas	14U A	Halton Hills	Woodstock
9U AAA	Hamilton	Mississauga North	14U B	Welland	Waterdown
9U AA	Royal York	Ajax	15U AAA	Niagara Falls	North York
9U A	North London	Tecumseh	15U AA	Creemore	Barrie
9U B	St Thomas	Leamington	15U A	Chatham	Sault Ste. Marie
9U C	Mitchell	Lakeshore	15U B	St. Thomas	Simcoe
9U D	Thorold	Delaware Komoka Mount Brydges	15U C	Clinton	Thorold
10U AAA	Whitby	Clarington	15U D	Mitchell	Woodslee
10U AA	Barrie	Greater Niagara	16U AAA	Markham	Sarnia
10U A	Leamington	St Catharines	16U AA	St. Thomas	Milton
10U B	Orillia	Midland Penetang	16U A	Mississauga SW	LaSalle
11U AAA	Burlington	Caledon	16U B	Port Lambton	Simcoe
11U AA	LaSalle	Greater Niagara	18U AAA	Waterloo	Markham
11U A	Royal York	Sault Ste Marie	18U AA	Mississauga Majors	Cambridge
11U B	Beamsville	Leamington	18U A	Tecumseh	Wyoming
11U C	Grimsby	Mitchell	18U B	Lakeshore	Port Lambton
11U D	Dresden	Kincardine	18U C	Mitchell	Listowel
12U AAA	Waterloo	Hamilton	22U AAA	Sarnia	Windsor
12U AA	Guelph	London West	22U AA	Erindale	Whitby
12U A	LaSalle	Simcoe	22U A	Simcoe	Mitchell
12U B	Woodstock	Chatham	22U B	Port Lambton	Innisfil
13U AAA	West Toronto	Oakville	SENIOR AAA	Windsor	Sarnia
13U AA	Waterdown	Waterloo	SENIOR AA	Tecumseh	Wyoming
13U A	Mitchell	Kanata	SENIOR A	Woodstock	Chatham
13U B	Simcoe	Orillia	SENIOR B	Mitchell	Windsor Brewers
13U C	Listowel	Lasalle	SENIOR C	Port Hope	Clarington

The 2026 Competition Committee:

Dirk Drieberg, Championship Supervisor

David Huctwith, Senior Series Chair

Allyn Ward, 15U Series Chair

Annette Hoggarth, 9U Series Chair

Mary-Ann Smith, 22U Series Chair

Glenn Ostrosser, 13U Series Chairs

Brent Peltola, 18U Series Chair

Cathy Lamarucciola, 11U Series Chair

Thank you to Steve Cochrane and Rob Companion for their assistance as well! A special thank you to the Competition Committee, Series Chairs and the office staff for their hard work in 2026!

Respectfully submitted,
Dirk Drieberg

2025 APPROVED REP RULE CHANGES

2025 HPP Proposal

- Approve the HPP Proposal presented to the Rep Members and authorize the Board of Directors to implement amendments incorporating the approved proposal into the Rep Procedures & Playing Rules as applicable.

Rep Division Procedures

- Change all references to “Rep Play-Offs” to “Rep Provincial Championships” throughout the Rep Procedures & Playing Rules.

R6.01 HOUSEHOLD COUNTS

- In R6.01 a., add a new 16U B under 30,000 and Fewer Households.

R6.02 CLASSIFICATION (Pilot)

- In R6.02 d., delete “Teams must declare their intention” and replace with “Affiliated Associations must declare their teams’ intention”.
- In R.6.02 e., delete “Teams may not be reclassified by the Competition Committee.” and replace with the following: “Teams may be reclassified to a higher classification by the Competition Committee at the request of the local and/or affiliated association if deemed appropriate”.
- In R6.02 q., delete “or on the TCR as required.”

SENIOR AAA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- In RP1.9 f. and g., add Senior as an age category for which rosters may be edited until June 30th.
- Delete “At 22U only” and replace with “At 22U and Senior”.
- Add a new RP1.9 l. as follows:
 - l. Subject to Baseball Canada eligibility rules, Senior teams attending Baseball Canada Mens’ Nationals may add Intercounty Baseball League players as call-ups to their roster for Nationals.
- Add a new RP2.3 m. as follows:
 - m. At Senior AAA, all teams are required to use Game Changer to score all regular season, tournament and National Qualifier Tournament games.

RP1.10 TEAM NUMBER

- In RP1.10 c., delete “Manager” and replace with “Head Coach”.

RP5.2 TOURNAMENT STYLE REP PLAY-OFFS

- In RP5.2 b., delete references to “Rep Series Chair” and replace with “Host”
- delete “by Tuesday midnight in advance of the start of the first game” and replace with “except in extenuating circumstances, by Tuesday at 9:00 am in advance of the first game”.
- Delete RP5.2 i. and replace with the following:
 - For 10U to 18U, if the Rep Play-off Tournament has 13 or more teams, the teams must be prepared to play on the Thursday no earlier than 9:00 a.m., if necessary. In all series up to and including 15U, 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 15U, where the published schedule has a team starting a game at 8:30 p.m. or later, then the team cannot be scheduled to play earlier than 9:00 a.m. on the following day.

- In RP5.2 n., delete iv. and replace with the following:
 - iv. if more than 1 team is eligible for the bye, the bye team will be determined by means of the tie breaking rules set forth in RP7.3 a., with RP7.3 a. vii. being a draw if more than 2 teams are eligible.

RP6 NATIONAL QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

- In RP6 g., delete “written permission from the team’s Affiliated Association”.
- In RP6, delete all references to “June 15th” and replace with “June 1st”.
- In RP6 g., delete “Applications to enter a Rep National Qualifier Tournaments received after June 1st but prior to the draw being held for the tournament” and replace with “Applications to enter a Rep National Qualifier Tournament received after June 1st but prior to 9:00 am on the day of the draw being held for the tournament”.
- In RP6 k., delete iv. and replace with the following:
 - iv. if more than 1 team is eligible for the bye, the bye team will be determined by means of the tie breaking rules set forth in RP7.3 a., with RP7.3 a. vii. being a draw if more than 2 teams are eligible.
- In RP6 s., delete “At the 22U Rep National Qualifier Tournament” and replace with “At the 22U and Senior Rep National Qualifier Tournaments”.
- Add the following:
 - In the event the tournament concludes with an undefeated team and there are two available spots for Ontario teams at Nationals, the losers of Round 6 and Round 7 should play a one-game elimination game during the timeslot in the schedule allocated to the 'if necessary' game, to determine which team will represent Ontario at Nationals.

16-TEAM DOUBLE KNOCK-OUT FORMAT

- Delete the current wording for Round 5 and replace with the following:
 - ROUND 5 – Losers of games 23, 24 and 25 have been eliminated. W26 receives the bye. Match remaining 4 teams, avoiding previous match-ups where possible. Where avoiding previous match-ups is not possible, a draw shall be held to determine pairings.



AMENDMENTS



OBA PROCEDURE AMENDMENTS



OBA PROCEDURES

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A5.01 – Discipline

Add NEW A5.01 g) and renumber remaining

g. In the case of a National Anthem standoff or any other situation where players do not immediately enter the dugout after any pre-game preliminaries, umpires must inform the head coach of the offending team(s) to have all team personnel other than those authorized to be on the field return to the dugout area immediately. After this warning, the head coach and any offending person(s) remaining on-field will be ejected immediately.

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A5.01 – DISCIPLINE

DELETE A5.01 entirely and replace with

a. **Application and jurisdiction**

This section applies to all teams, officers, managers, coaches, players, umpires, and other Registered Participants participating in or attending any game, tournament, play-off or other activity sanctioned by OBA, the Rep Division or the Select Division or any Local Association.

Nothing in this section limits the application of the OBA Code of Conduct and Ethics, Integrity and Conduct Policy, Competition Discipline Procedure or any other applicable OBA policy.



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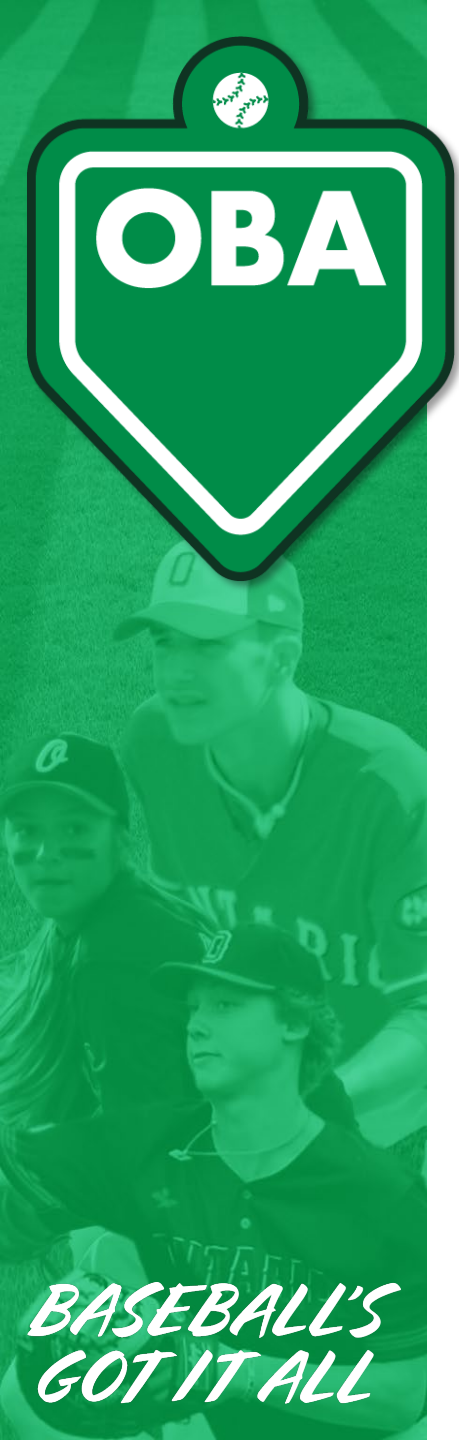
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b. Grounds for discipline

A person or team may be suspended or otherwise disciplined for knowingly:

- i. permitting betting or improper conduct by players or team officials at games;
- ii. offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose a game, or participating in any pool or wager relating to a game;
- iii. participating with a team, Direct Entry, Local Association, Loop Association or Affiliated Association that has been suspended or expelled;
- iv. including a suspended, disqualified, over-age or otherwise ineligible player on a roster or permitting that player to participate;
- v. playing or permitting a player to play under an assumed or false name;
- vi. conducting the business of a team or association contrary to the best interests of baseball;
- vii. violating an OBA rule, policy or Code of Conduct; or
- viii. engaging in misconduct described in subsection (e).





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c. Ineligible players

- i. A player found to have played under an assumed name, over the permitted age limit or while otherwise ineligible shall be automatically suspended.
- ii. A coach or manager who knowingly permits such participation shall be suspended indefinitely pending review by the appropriate Rep or Select Division Discipline Committee.
- iii. The affected team may be subject to forfeiture, suspension or other penalty authorized by the applicable playing rules.

d. Effect of an ejection

A player, coach, or manager ejected from an OBA-sanctioned game shall leave the playing field, dugout and spectator area promptly and shall take no further part in, communicate with participants during, or interfere with the game.

Every ejection carries an automatic one-game suspension to be served during the next scheduled game of consequence. Exhibition games do not count toward service of a suspension.

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e. Mandatory minimum penalties

The following penalties are mandatory minimums. They may be increased where aggravating circumstances exist but may not be reduced, waived or replaced:

Misconduct	Mandatory Minimum
Ejection from a game	1 game
Re-entering field of play	2 games
Refusing to leave field of play	3 games
Refusing to leave immediate area	3 games
Abusive, threatening or intimidating language directed toward an umpire	3 games
Deliberately throwing equipment or another object at or toward another person	3 games
Fighting or attempting to fight	3 games
Leaving a bench, dugout or defensive position to join an altercation	3 games

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Misconduct	Mandatory Minimum
Discriminatory slur or discriminatory conduct based on a protected characteristic	5 games
Spitting at or on another person	5 games
Threatening physical harm to another person	Indefinite suspension pending formal review
Deliberate, aggressive or avoidable physical contact with an umpire	Indefinite suspension pending formal review
Directing, encouraging or instructing another person to engage in prohibited conduct	The applicable minimum for the underlying misconduct, plus 2 games
Second serious misconduct offence within 16 months	Twice the otherwise applicable minimum
Third serious misconduct offence within 28 months	Indefinite suspension pending formal review

Where more than one offence arises from the same incident, the penalties shall be served consecutively. The Discipline Committee may not alter consecutive penalties i.e. making certain penalties run concurrently. No direction may reduce any applicable mandatory minimum.

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f. Administration of suspensions

- i. An automatic suspension takes effect immediately upon the ejection or other determination giving rise to the suspension.
- ii. A suspension applies to every role held by the suspended person unless the decision expressly provides otherwise.
- iii. A suspended person shall not participate in the game as a player, coach, manager, umpire or team official and shall not direct or communicate with the team during the game.
- iv. A suspended person shall not participate in any practice until the suspension has been served.
- v. Suspensions shall be served in consecutive OBA-sanctioned games of consequence actually played by the person's team. Postponed, cancelled, forfeited or exhibition games shall not count unless expressly authorized by the applicable Division Discipline Committee.
- vi. Suspensions imposed by the Rep Division shall be recognized and enforced by the Select Division, and vice versa.
- vii. Umpire ejection reports are confidential disciplinary records and shall be disclosed only to persons reasonably requiring access to administer, decide or appeal the matter. Personal and irrelevant information shall be redacted where practicable. The ejected person shall receive sufficient particulars and evidence to permit a fair response.

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g. Initial determination and additional discipline

- i. An umpire's ejection decision and the automatic one-game consequence are final for competition purposes.
- ii. Where misconduct may result in a penalty exceeding the automatic one-game suspension:
- iii. the incident shall be reported promptly to OBA, and the appropriate Division;
- iv. the affected person shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to submit a written response; and
- v. the appropriate discipline committee shall determine whether the misconduct occurred and impose the applicable penalty.
- vi. The discipline committee may impose a penalty greater than the mandatory minimum after considering the seriousness of the conduct, the age and position of the participant, prior discipline, remorse, impact on others and any other relevant aggravating or mitigating circumstances.
- vii. In a tournament, the convenor will make decisions regarding suspensions. Coaches may appeal this decision using normal tournament protest procedures. All tournament ejections and suspensions are to be reported to the OBA with the standard reporting timelines. In a tournament the head coach is responsible to seek convenors for suspension details.

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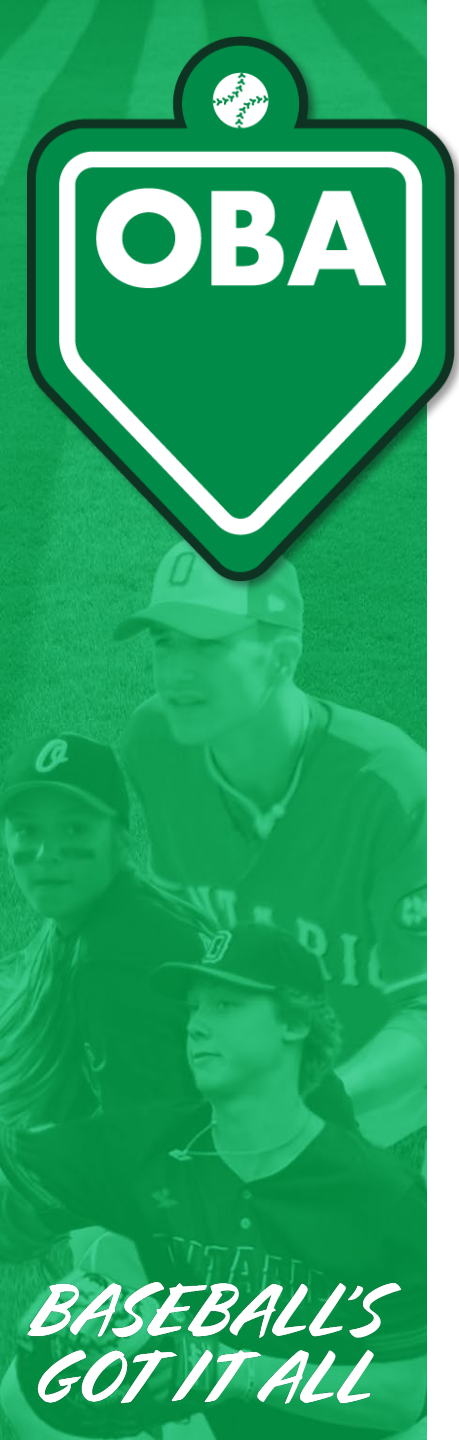


h. Mandatory minimums and appeal limitations

- i. Once the misconduct and its classification have been confirmed, the applicable mandatory minimum penalty under subsection (e) is final and may not be reduced, waived or appealed.
- ii. An appeal may not challenge an umpire's judgment decision or seek a reduction of a mandatory minimum penalty.

i. Appeals

- i. A disciplinary decision arising from Rep Division participation shall be appealed through the Rep Division. A decision arising from Select Division participation shall be appealed through the Select Division. Select Division participation includes OBA-sanctioned House League tournaments, including the Jim Lutton House League Hall of Fame Tournaments.
- ii. A disciplinary decision arising exclusively from Local Association participation shall be appealed to the Rep Affiliate Association, Select Loop Association, Rep Council or Select Council, as designated by the Local Association.
- iii. A written appeal and the required \$100 appeal fee must be received by the body hearing the appeal within seven (7) calendar days after the appellant receives notice of the decision.
- iv. An appeal is limited to one or more of the following grounds:
 - a. mistaken identity;
 - b. a material factual error;



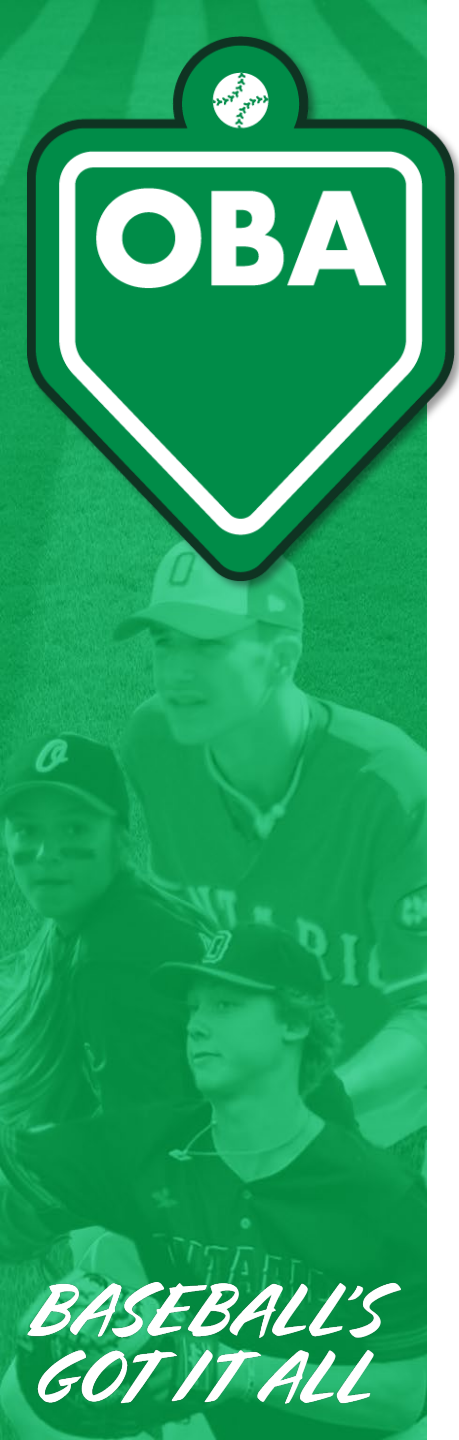
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- c. an incorrect finding that the misconduct occurred;
- d. an incorrect classification of the misconduct;
- e. a material failure to follow the required procedure; or
- f. the portion of a penalty imposed above the mandatory minimum.

- i. The appeal must identify the decision being appealed, the permitted ground or grounds, the supporting facts and the remedy requested.
- ii. An appeal does not stay the suspension. The appellant remains suspended until the appeal is decided or the suspension has been fully served.
- iii. The appeal shall be heard by a panel of at least three members of the appropriate discipline committee or appellate body. No panel member may have participated in the original decision or have an actual or reasonably perceived conflict of interest.
- iv. The panel may determine the appeal through written submissions, videoconference or an oral hearing but shall provide the appellant with a reasonable opportunity to be heard.
- v. The panel may:
 - a. dismiss the appeal;
 - b. confirm the decision;
 - c. correct a factual or classification error;
 - d. reduce only the portion of a penalty exceeding the mandatory minimum;
 - e. increase the penalty where justified by the evidence; or
 - f. return the matter for reconsideration by a differently constituted panel.
- vi. The panel shall provide its decision in writing. The decision is final and binding, subject only to any further appeal or review expressly provided or required by OBA policies and procedures, the OBA Sport Integrity Policy Suite or applicable law.



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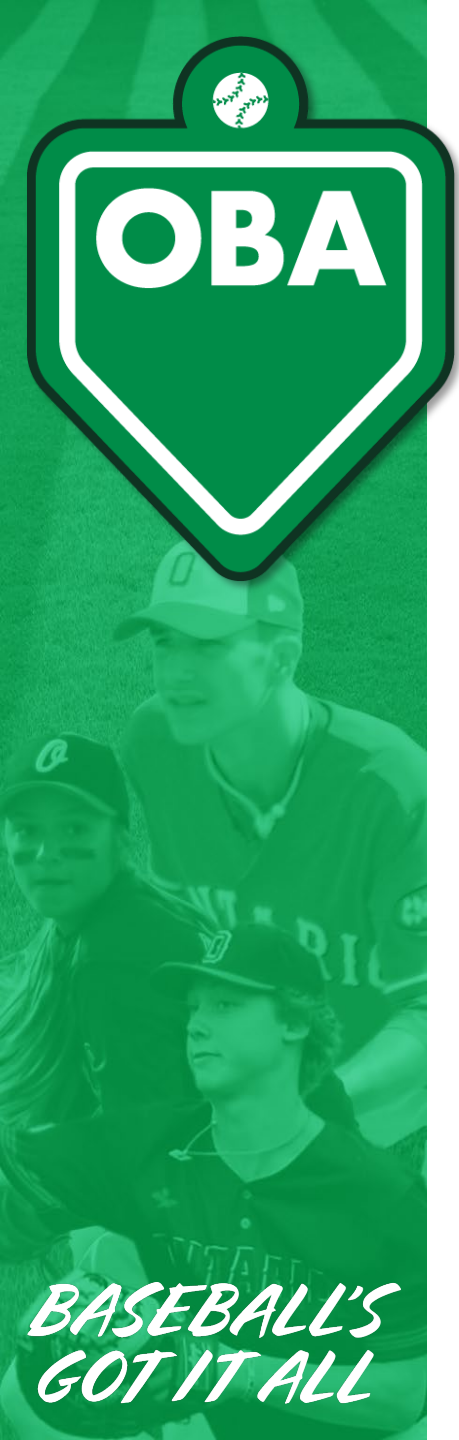
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j. Integrity and maltreatment matters

Where alleged conduct may constitute maltreatment, discrimination, harassment, abuse or another prohibited behaviour under the OBA Sport Integrity Policy Suite, the matter shall also be reported and addressed under that policy.

A competition or Division penalty may be imposed and served notwithstanding that a separate integrity complaint, investigation or proceeding is pending. Any longer or additional sanction imposed under the Sport Integrity Policy Suite shall also be recognized and enforced.





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A5.02 – Penalties

Add NEW A5.02 c) and renumber remaining

c. Notwithstanding the automatic one-game suspension provided above, any player, coach or manager ejected from an OBA-sanctioned game by an umpire who is under 18 years of age shall receive an automatic two-game enhanced suspension, to be served during the next two scheduled games of consequence. The enhanced suspension shall apply regardless of whether the youth umpire was wearing the required identifying object (see 9.01(g)) at the time of the ejection. The player, coach or manager may be subject to further discipline depending on the severity of the circumstances giving rise to the ejection.

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A5.02 – Penalties

Add NEW A5.02 d) and renumber remaining

d) Any player, coach or manager ejected from a game may appeal the ejection only if the resulting suspension is five (5) or more games. Suspensions of four (4) games or less are not appealable.

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A10.01 – Double First Base (Safety Base)

Delete A10.01 and replace with

- a. The double first base shall measure 15" x 30". One half (white) shall be placed in fair territory adjoining first base, and the other half (orange or contrasting colour) shall be placed in foul territory.
- b. Use on Batted Balls (forced play at first base).
- c. On a Force Play at first base: The batter-runner must run to and touch the colored (foul) portion of the base.
- d. The first baseman must use the white (fair) portion to receive the throw.
- e. Touching only the white portion on a force play and causing a collision is considered runner interference.

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A10.01 – Double First Base (Safety Base) Continued...

Delete A10.01 and replace with

f. Once the batter-runner has safely reached first base (e.g., after a base hit or a walk), they must return to and stay on the white (fair) portion.

g. Runners must stay in contact with the white portion of the base:

For 8u/9u: on the pitch until the bat makes contact with the ball, no lead offs permitted.

For 11u: on the pitch until the ball leaves the pitchers hand, no lead offs permitted.

h. Runners rounding first base and attempting to run to second base may use either the white or the orange portion of the safety base.

i. If a throw pulls the first baseman into foul territory, both the runner and the fielder may use either portion of the base, and normal running lane rules are temporarily suspended to avoid a collision.

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A17.01 – AMENDMENTS

Add NEW A17.01 a) viii)

viii) Select Commissioner in consultation with Deputy Select Commissioner or vice versa

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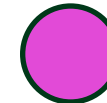


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A8.01 – COACHES AND MANAGERS

AMEND A8.01 a)

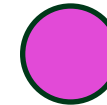
- a) ~~To be on a roster after June 30th of the playing year,~~
Coaches and field managers must meet the certification requirements as set out by OBA prior to their first game. OBA shall publish a list of the certification requirements by the AGM annually.

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A9.01 – UMPIRES

ADD NEW A9.01 d) and re-letter

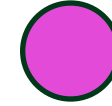
d) **ALL** Umpires for any Provincial tournament must meet a minimum of level 2 active certification.

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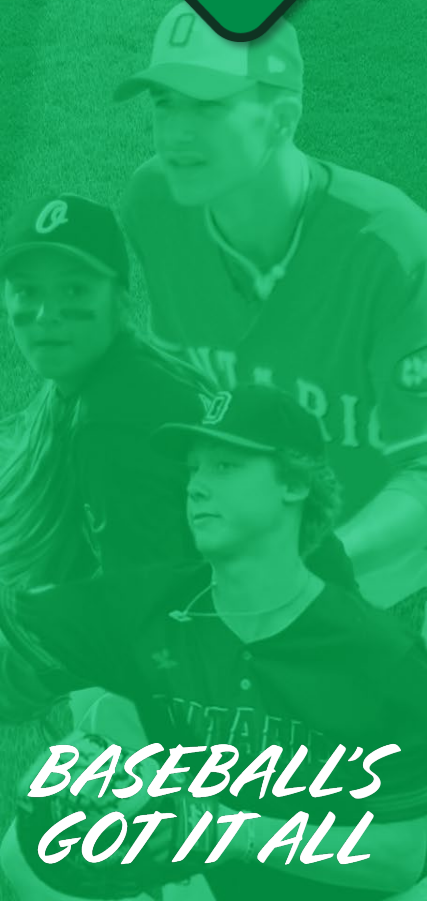
SELECT COUNCIL 3



A9.01 – UMPIRES

AMEND A9.01 f) to read as follows:

f) All umpires shall be properly dressed **in uniform and protective equipment** as specified by the OBA Umpires Committee when officiating at any baseball games involving OBA teams. Failure to comply could mean loss of accreditation.

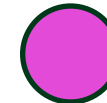


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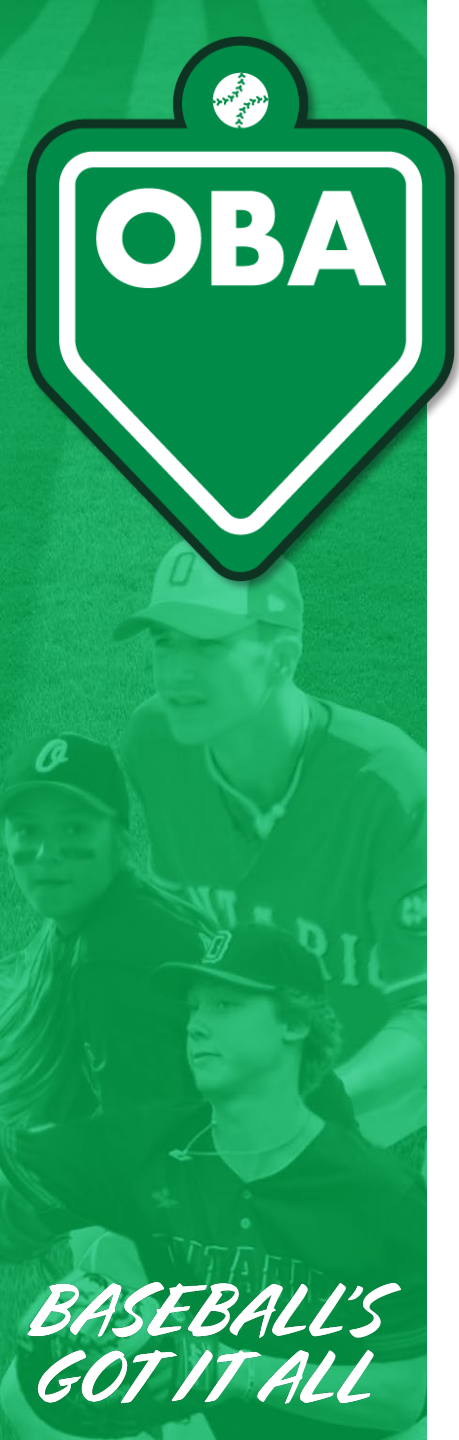


A9.01 – Umpires

ADD NEW A9.01 g) and renumber remaining

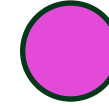
g) All certified umpires under 18 years of age (on the date of the game being officiated) shall wear an approved identifying object (green band or other object as determined by the OBA) as a required uniform component while officiating any OBA-sanctioned game. Failure by a youth umpire to wear the required object shall not affect the validity of the game, the authority of the umpire, or the application of any disciplinary provision relating to youth officials. Failure to comply could mean loss of accreditation for the umpire.

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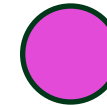


A10.01 – DOUBLE FIRST BASE

DELETE A10.01 entirely and renumber

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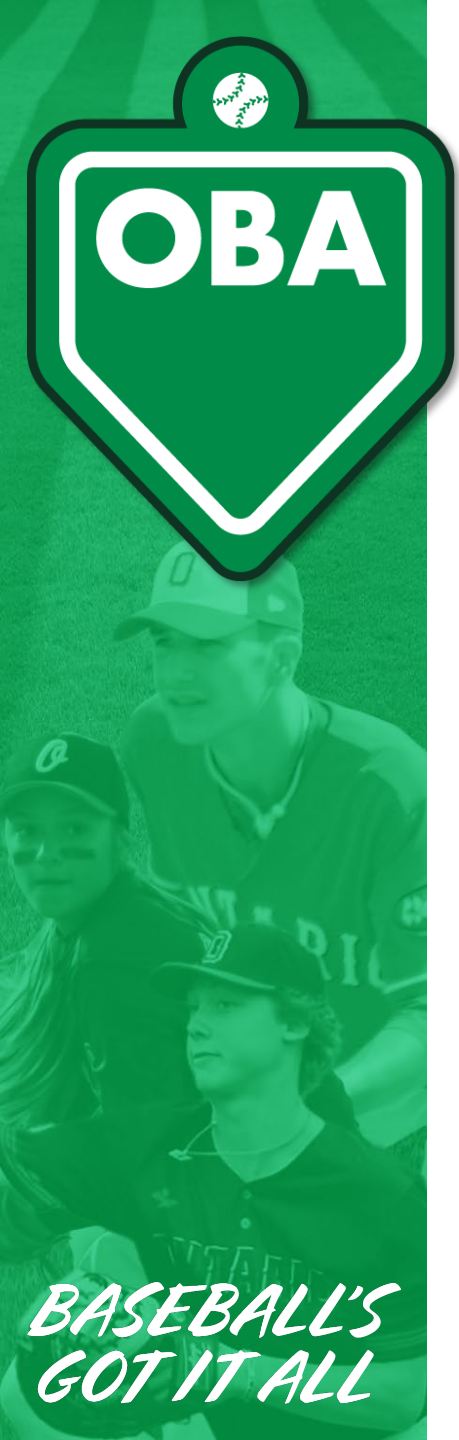
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A10.01 – DOUBLE FIRST BASE

ADD to A10.01 b)

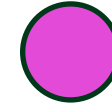
b) A batted ball striking the white portion is a fair ball. The orange portion is not considered for fair/foul purposes.





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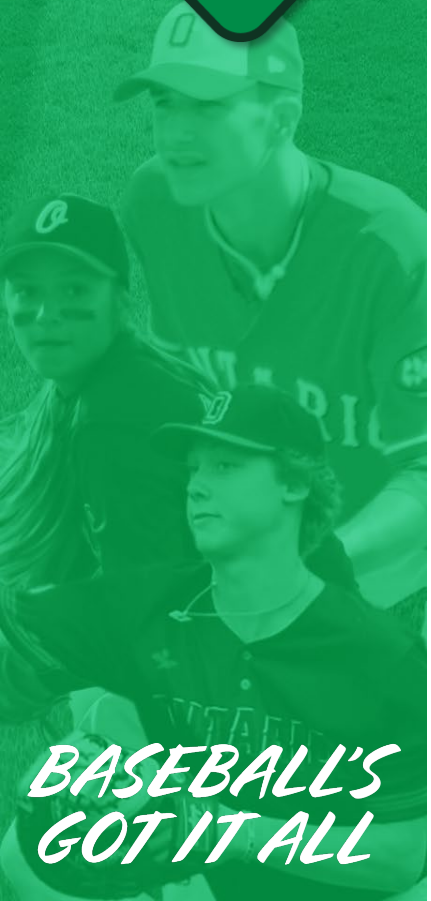
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A10.01 – DOUBLE FIRST BASE

DELETE A10.01 c) and replace with

c) On Subsequent Plays - On a base hit or any award beyond first base, the batter-runner uses the white portion as normal and the orange portion is ignored for all purposes (touching, retouching, returning). A batter-runner who touches the orange portion and then elects to advance may continue to second base without returning to touch the white portion.

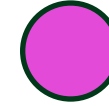


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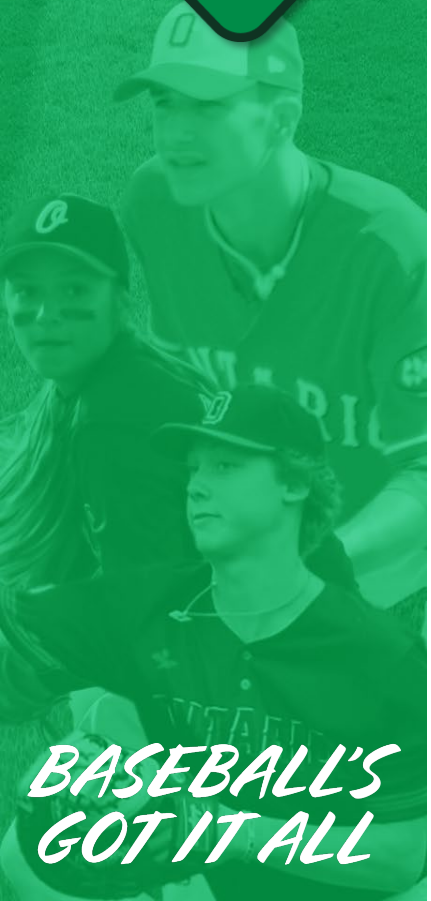
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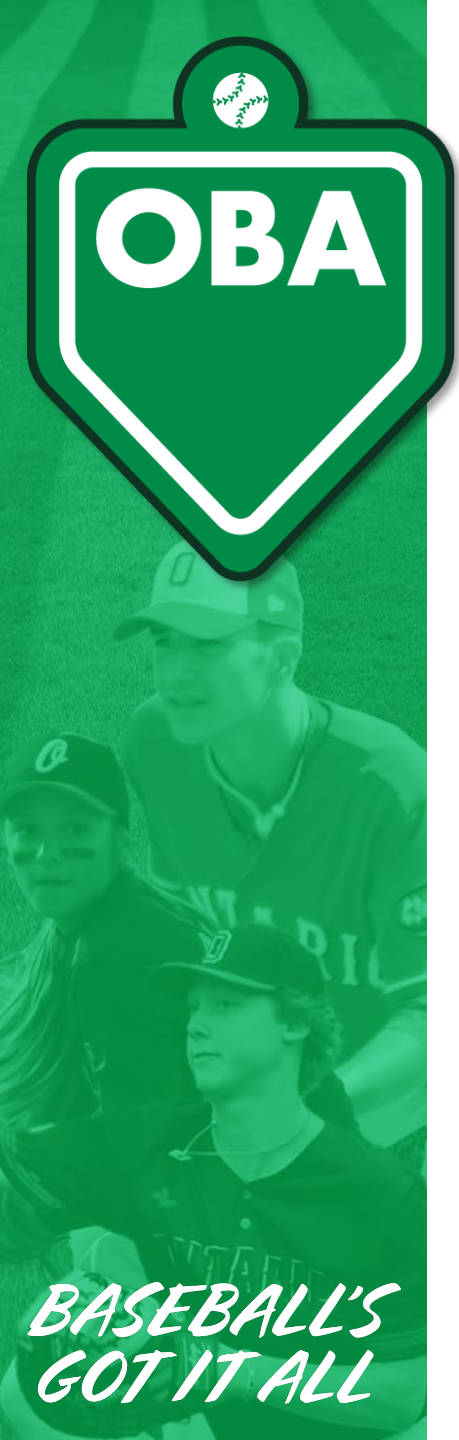
A10.01 – DOUBLE FIRST BASE

ADD NEW A10.01 d) and renumber

d) Dropped Third Strike / Plays from Foul Territory: either portion may be used by the batter-runner and by the fielder to avoid collision.

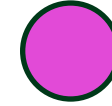


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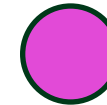
A10.01 – DOUBLE FIRST BASE

ADD to A10.01 d)

d) A batter-runner touching only the white portion on a batted ball has not legally touched first base and may be declared out on appeal, in addition to any interference penalty.

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A10.01 – DOUBLE FIRST BASE

ADD NEW A10.01 e)

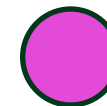
e) If a play originates from foul territory (such as a bunt, a dropped third strike, or an overthrow pulling the fielder into foul ground), either player may use either portion of the base to avoid a collision

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A11.01 – BAT RULES

DELETE A11.01 entirely

AND allow it to be managed under Policies approved by the Board of Directors annually

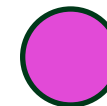
AND renumber

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A11.01 – BAT RULES

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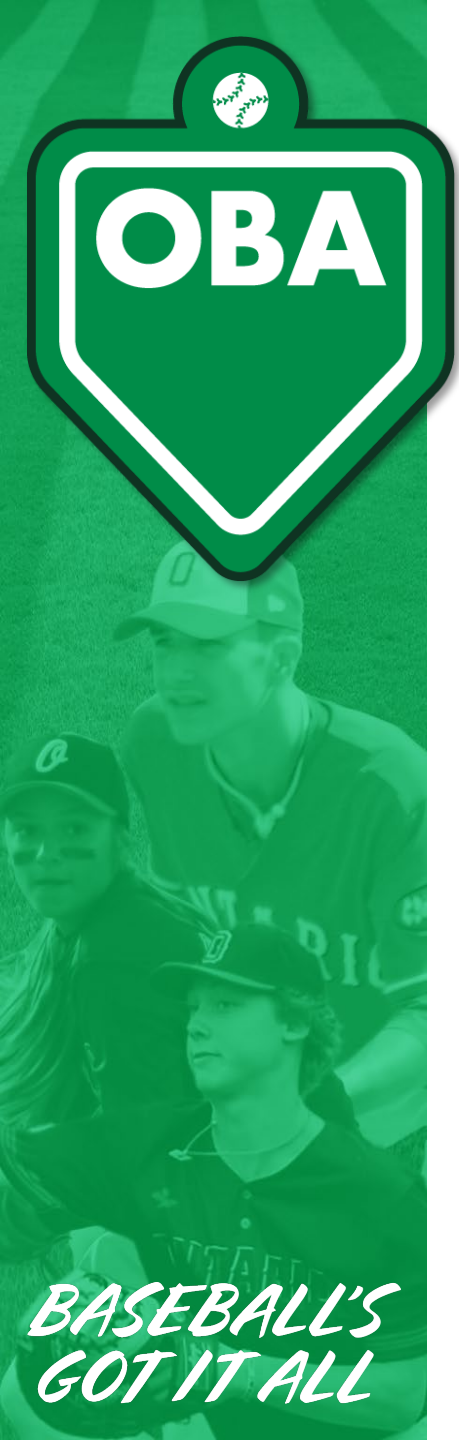
iii) For AAA/HPP, 14U/15U ONLY, -3 BBCOR Bats are permitted.

**This would make it consistent with Baseball Canada bat rules for 15U*

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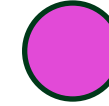
This change to take effect immediately as suppliers have verified product is available to meet demand.

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A12.01 – APPROVED BASEBALLS

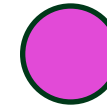
DELETE A12.01 entirely

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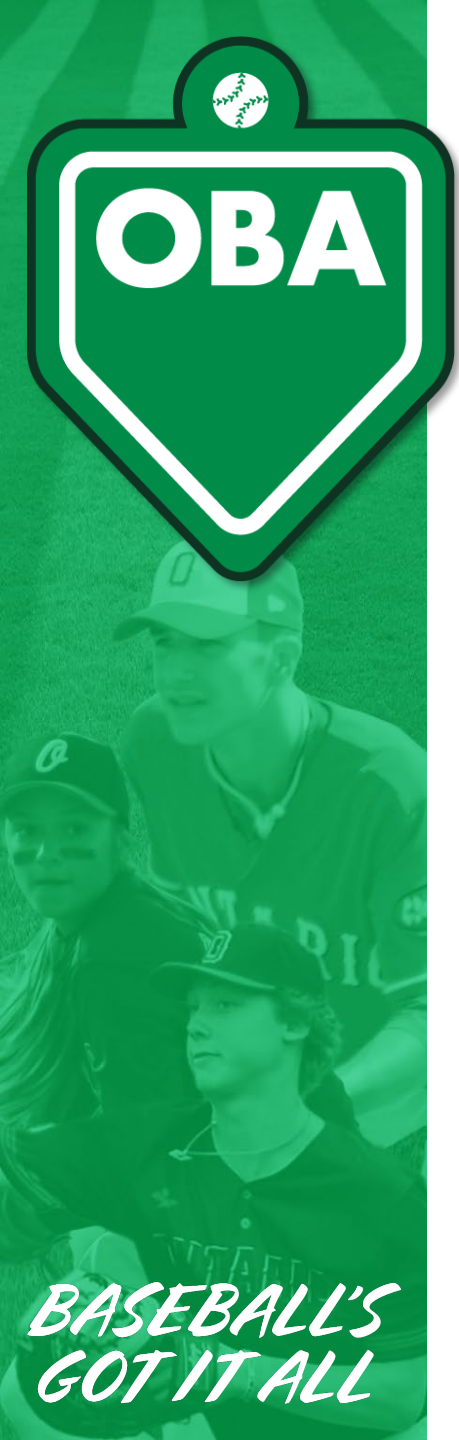
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A13.01 – Arm Care

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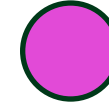
Or in the case of a female player playing one year over age.





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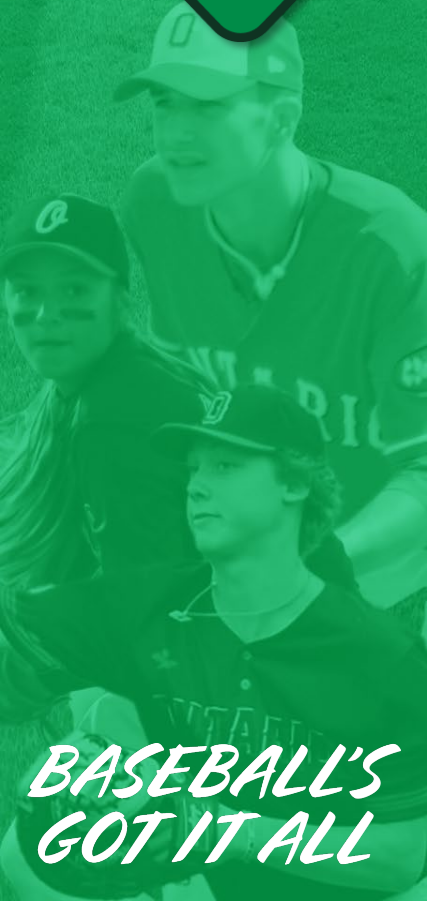
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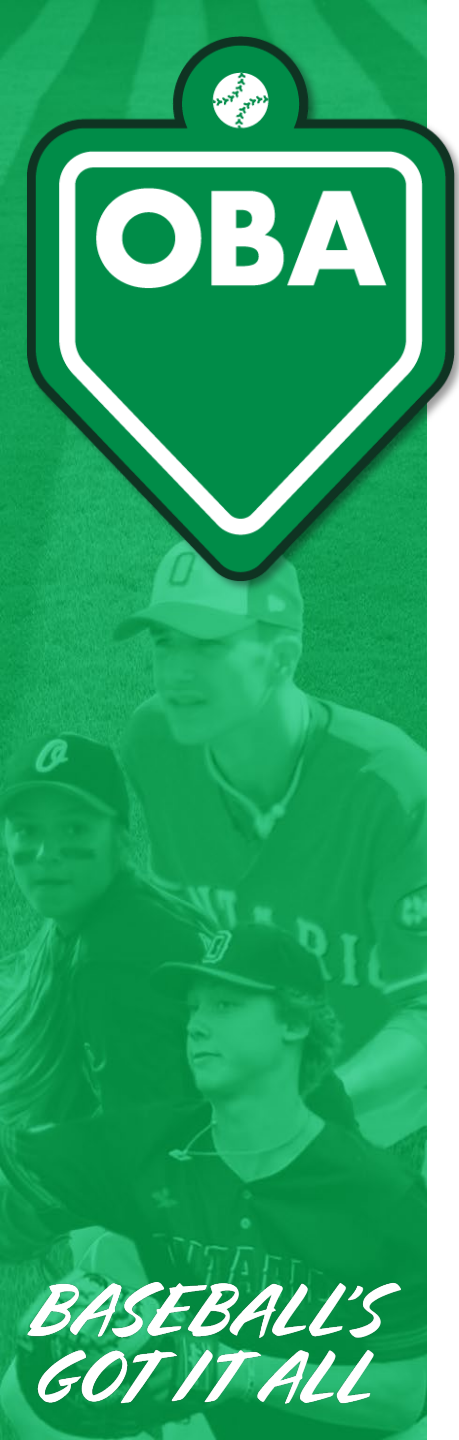
A14.01 – FEMALE BASEBALL

ADD to A14.01 f)

f) Female athletes have the option of playing one-year overage in all divisions. Allowing her to pitch on her team at her ages pitch count limits. Ex) a 13 year old girl playing on an 11U team will pitch the 13U Arm Care limits.

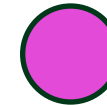


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A14.01 – Female Baseball

ADD a clarifying note to A14.01 f)

NOTE: A female player playing at her own age group can be "called down" to play one year over-age on the younger team within her own association.

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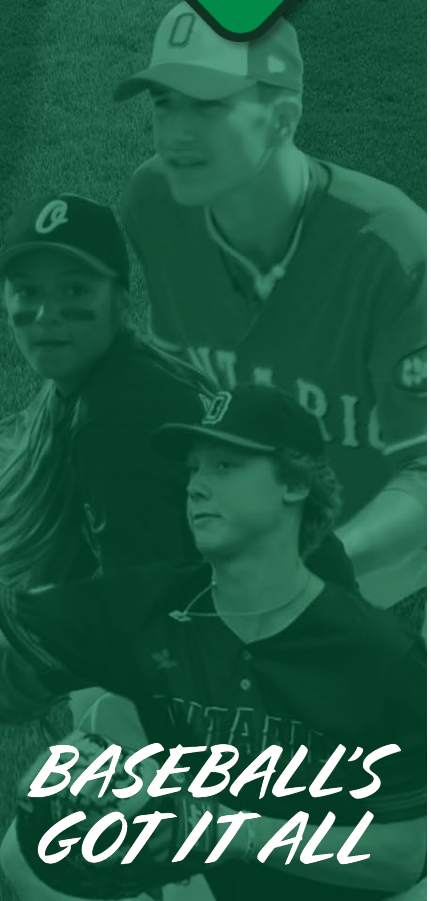
R5.02 Classification

DELETE R5.02 and replace with:

[2025 Classification Pilot \(linked\)](#)

Editorial Note:

This is replacing Classification with the same information but no longer making it a pilot.



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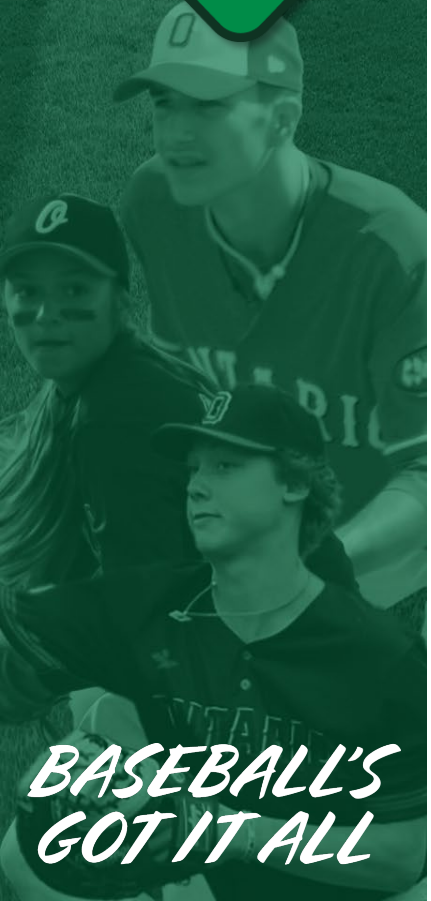
R2.04 AMENDMENTS

AMEND R2.04 a) i)

DELETE: September 25th

And **REPLACE** with:

A date set by the Board of Directors.



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R2.04 AMENDMENTS

AMEND R2.04 a) ii)

Add “Rep Councillor” before Rep Council or...

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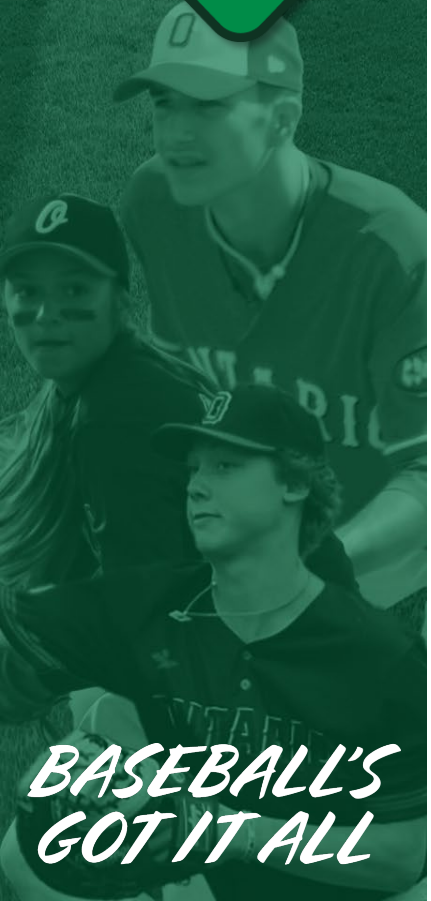
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R5.01 HOUSEHOLD COUNTS

ADD to R5.01 a)

10U C **AND** 12U C



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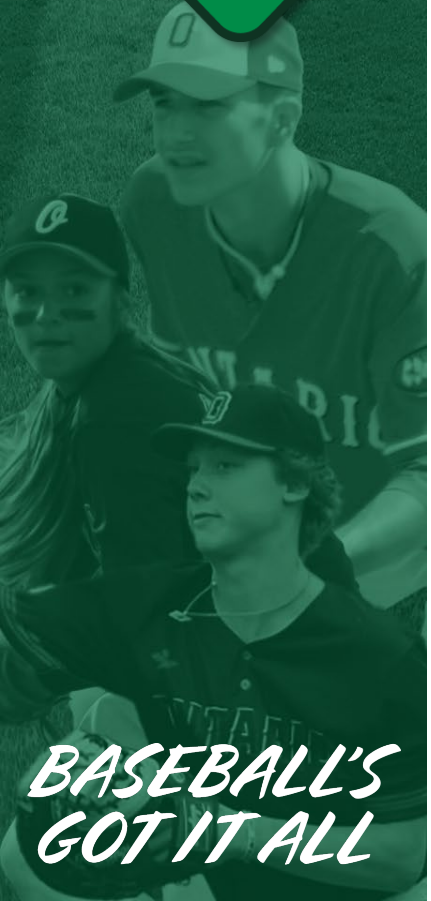
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R5.01 HOUSEHOLD COUNTS

ADD to R5.01 a)

10U C, D **AND** 12U C, D

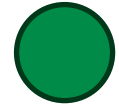


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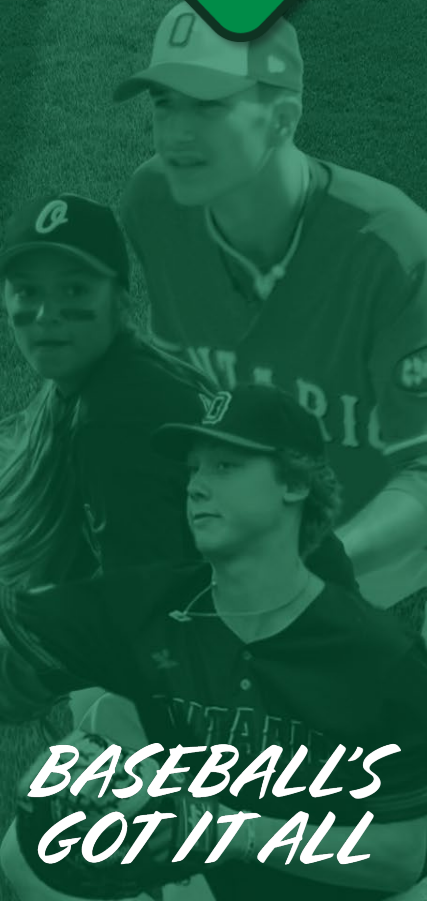
REP COUNCIL 7



RP1.5 RELEASES

AMEND RP1.5 a) AND ADD NEW RP1.5 b) and renumber

- 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) Releases are not required for any player wishing to try-out or play for a AAA program outside their local playing area. If the player is unsuccessful in making a AAA program, they are required to return to their home center.

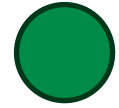


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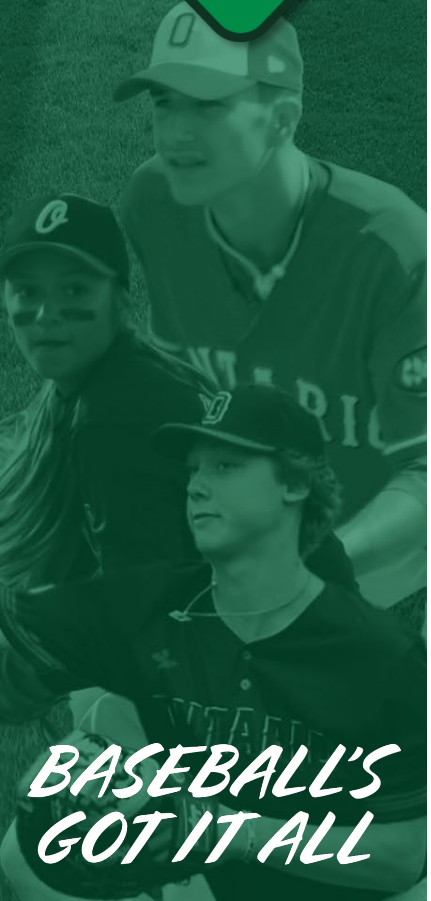
REP COUNCIL 8



RP1.5 RELEASES

ADD NEW RP1.5 c) and renumber

c) With the exception of AAA only, AA and below release requests for players to play a higher level of baseball will not be honoured. Ex) A to AA team.

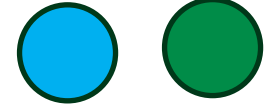


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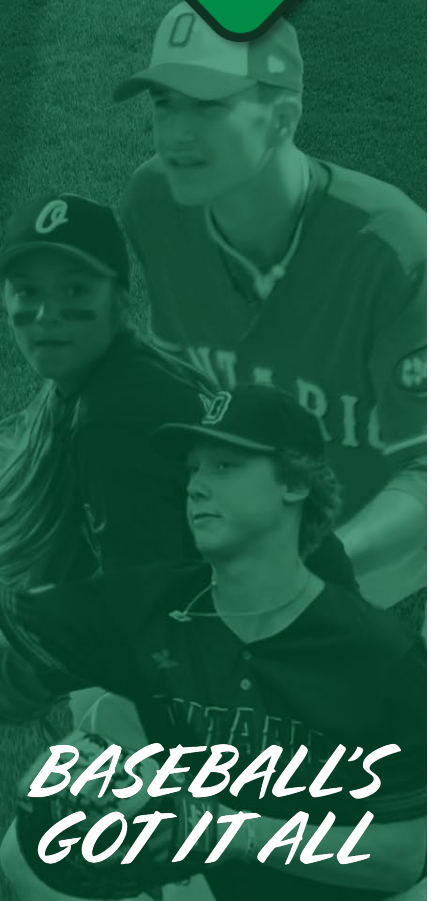
COBA 2



RP1.5 RELEASES

AMEND RP1.5 e) ii)

NOTE: 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 **14U and above** ~~22U, or Senior~~ where no release is required, and a player may sign with a team that does not hold their playing rights without a release as long as there is no equipment, uniform or financial obligation owing to their previous team.

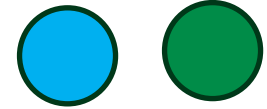


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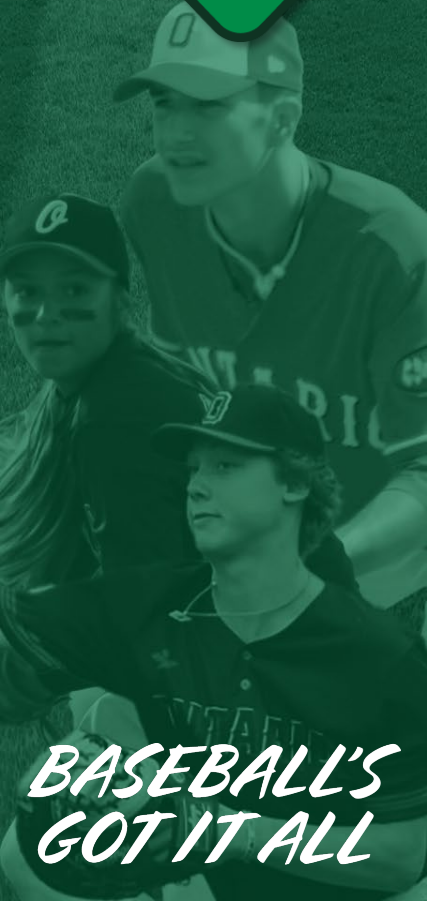
REP COUNCIL 9



RP1.5 RELEASES

ADD NEW RP1.5 I) and renumber

I) If a player is coached by one of their parents, and that parent who was selected to coach the team for the current season and is released, or is otherwise removed from their coaching position, the child of that parent shall be granted an automatic release upon request.

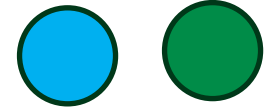


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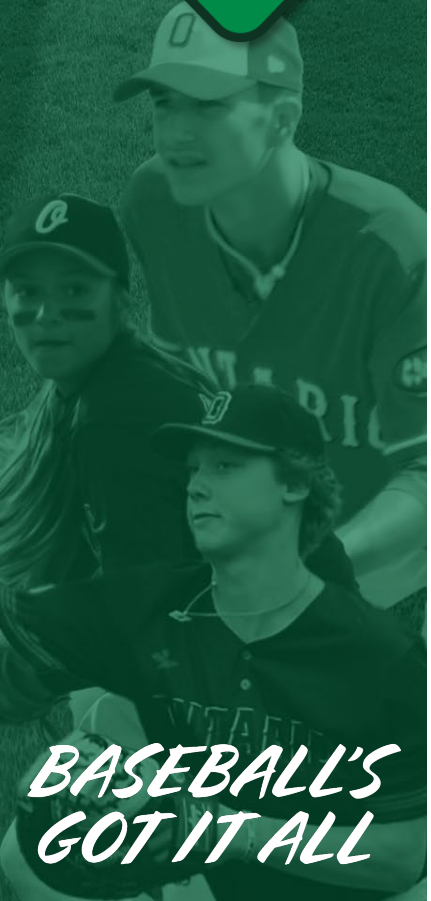
REP COUNCIL 10



RP 1.9 PLAYER REGISTRATION

AMEND RP 1.9 k)

g) No player may participate ~~in a Rep tournament or Rep Provincial Championship~~ without their name on an OBA team roster and in the pitch count app as per the Player Registration Rules. If a player, who is not officially on the team roster or on the roster of a team from which the team may call up players, participates in a game, once it is discovered, the Head Coach will receive a 10-game suspension. The suspension is not appealable.

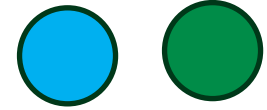


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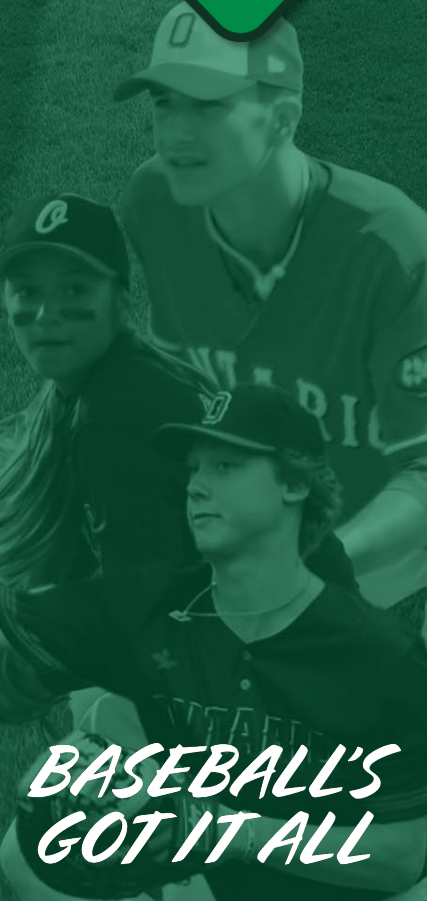
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RP 1.13 HIGH PERFORMANCE

ADD NEW RP 1.13 a) v)

v) must meet the standard benchmarks for a High-Performance Program as determined by the OBA.

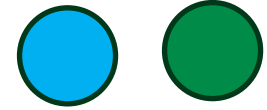


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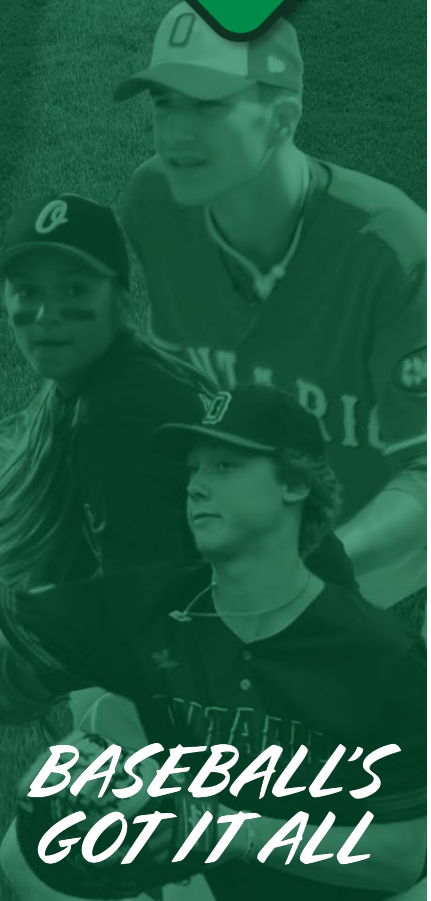
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REP COUNCIL 12



RP 1.13 and RP 1.14 HIGH PERFORMANCE

MOVE these entire two sections regarding High Performance to the OBA Procedures and playing rules.



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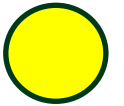
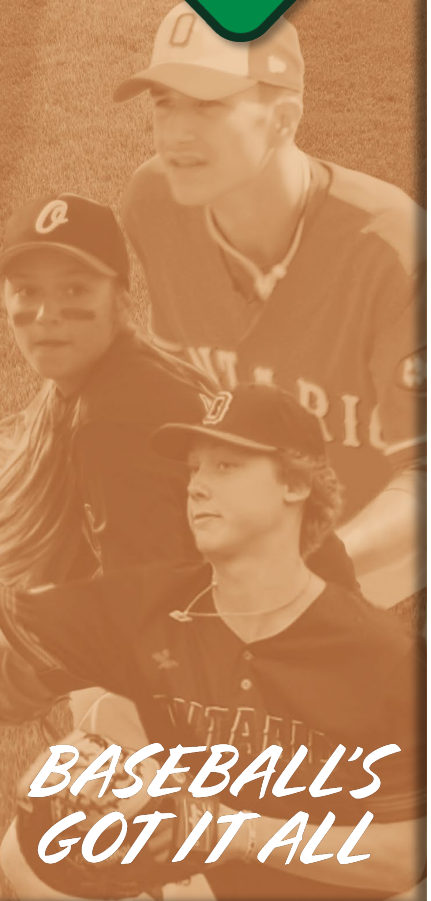
SELECT DIVISION PROCEDURES

SELECT COUNCIL 4

S1.08 RULE CHANGES

AMEND S1.08 c)

c) All proposed rule changes must be submitted to the OBA Office no later than **October 31st annually** ~~thirty-five (35) days in advance of the OBA Convention as announced by the OBA Board of Directors.~~ The Baseball Ontario Office will distribute proposed rules changes to all Member Local Associations and Member Loop Associations within 7 days.



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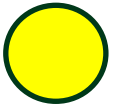
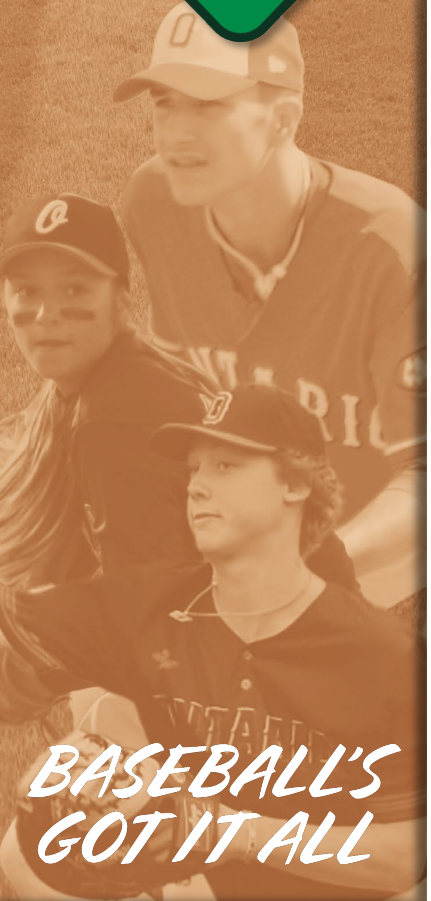
S1.07 AMENDMENTS

ADD NEW S1.07 c) and reletter

c) For a period of fourteen (14) days following the thirty-five (35) day submission deadline, the Select Council may review any amendment submitted for consideration by the Rep Division and determine whether the same or a similar amendment should also be considered at the Select Annual Division Meeting or the Select Council Rule Meeting.

Where a committee Chair of the Select Council, Select Commissioner or Select Deputy Commissioner provides written notice to the OBA Office within that fourteen (14) day period, the amendment shall be deemed to have been submitted within the required time and may be placed before the Select Annual Division Meeting or the Select Council Rule Meeting notwithstanding the expiry of the ordinary thirty-five (35) day submission deadline.

Any amendment considered by the Select Division under this provision shall be voted upon independently by the Select Division. Approval or rejection by one Division shall not determine the decision of the other Division.



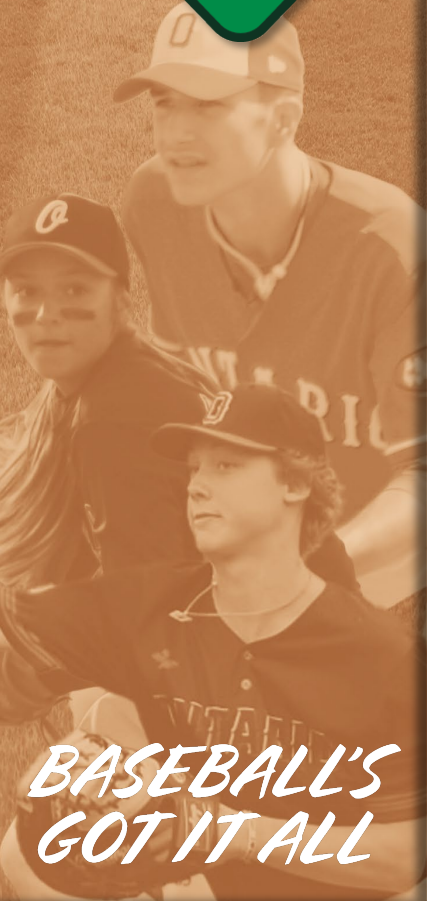
SELECT DIVISION PROCEDURES

EOSBA 3

S1.09 SELECT PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

AMEND S1.09 c) and reletter

- c) At the discretion of Select Council, and depending on the number of entrants, each recognized Select Loop with a minimum of 3 teams at a particular series & classification i.e. 9U HS ~~age category~~ shall be awarded a minimum of one entry into the Select Provincial Championship at such series & classification ~~age category~~. In the discretion of the Select Council, Select Loops may be awarded multiple spots in the Select Provincial Championships.





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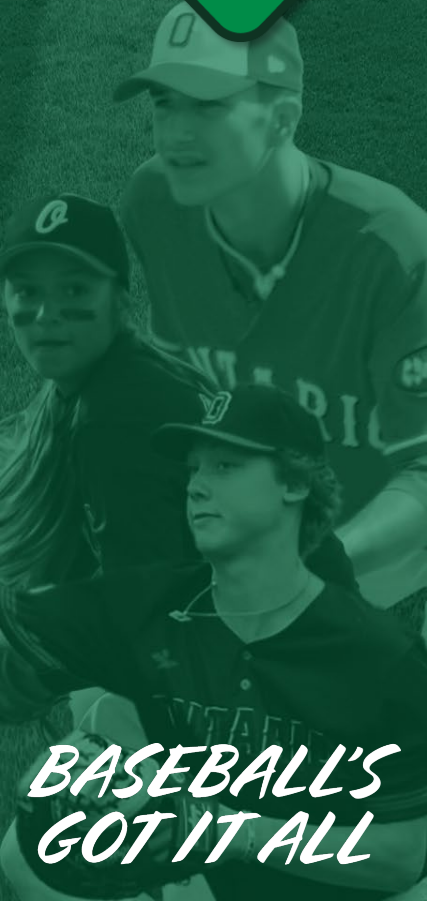


RP2.1 UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

DELETE RP2.1 entirely

AND allow it to be managed under Policies approved by the Board of Directors annually

And renumber



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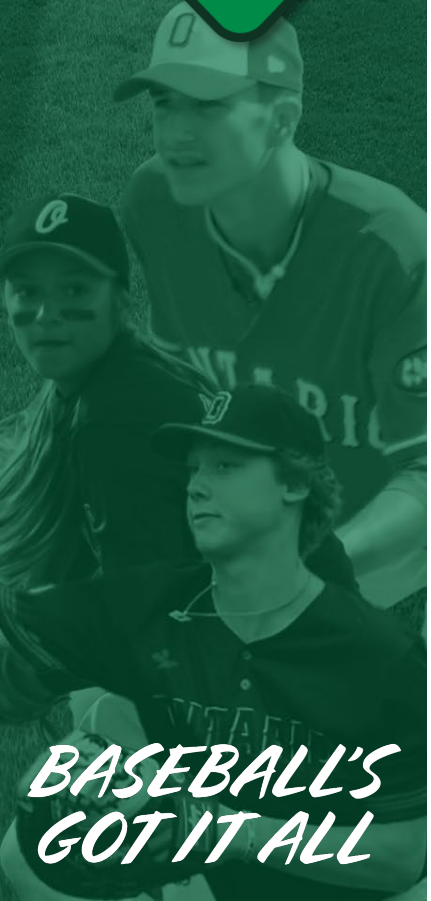


RP2.2 GAME LENGTH

AMEND RP2.2 h) and **ADD**

h) In all **12U and above** OBA Rep games, the following mercy rule will apply:

ADD: * Please see 8U/9U and 10U/11U Rules for their specific game lengths.



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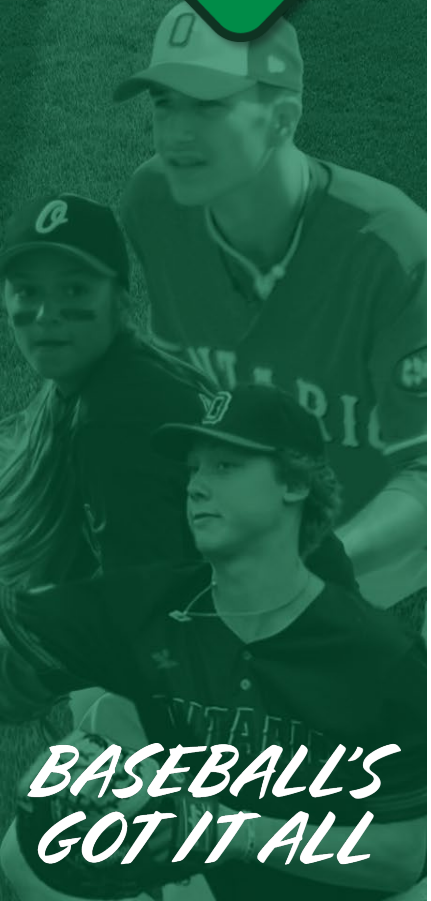
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RP5.1 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ADD NEW RP 5.1 f) and renumber

f) Where a team (a) has a season record below .500 and (b) does not have to play in a play-off or qualifying tournament at the Affiliated Association level in order to represent the Affiliated Association in a Rep Provincial Championship tournament, then OBA shall review the competitiveness of said team for competing in the Rep Provincial Championship and may determine that the team is not qualified. A team determined not to be qualified shall not be included in the Rep Provincial Championship tournament.

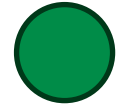


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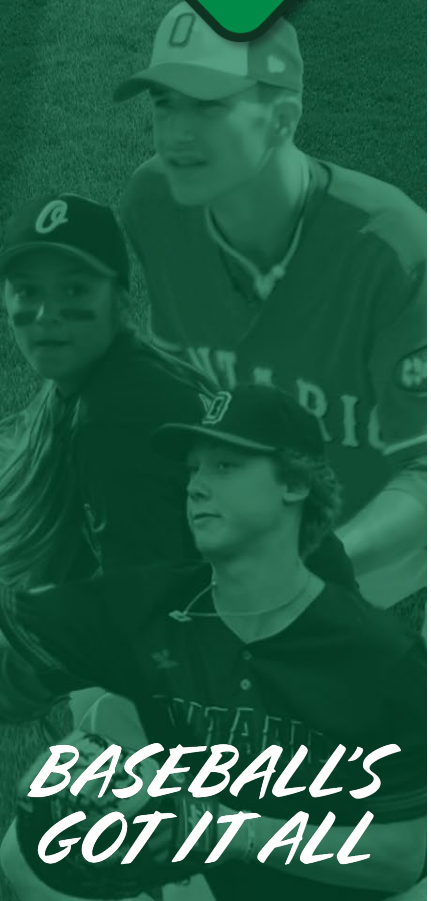
COBA 4



RP6.1 NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

ADD NEW RP 6.1e) and renumber

e) PILOT: have the OBA form a committee to review and implement a pilot for National Qualifiers (at one or more of 13U, 15U or 18U) requiring qualifiers (a) at the Affiliated Association level for Affiliated Associations having 4 or more teams desirous of playing in the National Qualifier and (b) among various Affiliated Associations having less than 4 teams desirous of playing in the National Qualifier. (For example, if a particular Affiliated Association had 4 teams desiring to play in the 15U National Qualifier, that Affiliated Association would run a qualifying tournament from which 2 of the Affiliated Association's teams would be qualified to enter the National Qualifier. Teams from Affiliated Associations that do not have 4 teams desiring to participate in the 15U National Qualifier would be amalgamated into a group of at least 4 teams from which 2 teams would be qualified to enter the National Qualifier.)

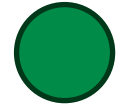


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RP 6.1 NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

AMEND RP 6.1 g)

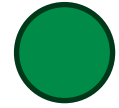
g) Applications to enter a Rep National Qualifier Tournament must be received by the OBA Office by ~~June 1st~~ January 15th. The entry fee (payable to OBA) must be received by March 1st. Proof of each coach's & manager's NCCP number must accompany the application. Applications to enter a Rep National Qualifier Tournament received after ~~June 1st~~ January 15th but prior to 9:00 am on March 1st ~~the day of the draw being held for the tournament~~ shall be accepted only if accompanied by a total fee of 2 times the registration fee. ~~late fee of the for each day after June 1st that the application is late.~~ The draw will be completed on the Thursday following March 1st.

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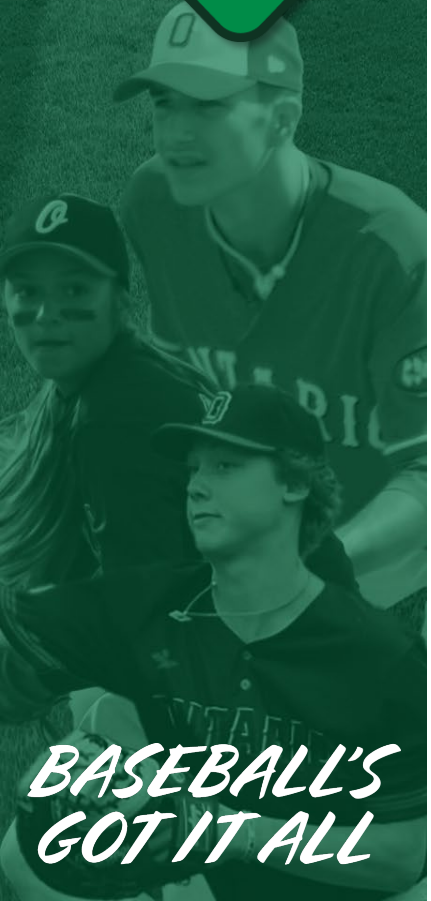
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RQ1.3 9U PLAYING RULES

AMEND RQ1.3 a) and ADD

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 speed or the flight of the ball becomes erratic, it shall be corrected at the direction of the umpire. (This may be done at any time.) If the correction is done between innings, both teams will be notified by the umpire. Height can be adjusted at any time. **Machine speed is 40 mph**

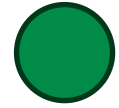


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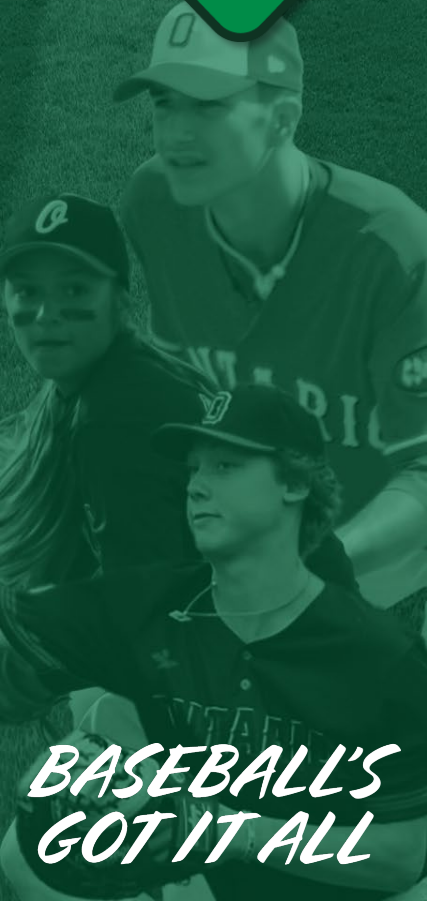
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RQ 1.3 – 9U Playing Rules

AMEND RQ1.3 d) as follows:

- 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 infield may ask for time. Continuous action ends when the defense stops trying to field the baseball, and the offense stops trying to advance solely in the Umpire's discretion.



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SELECT RULE CHANGES



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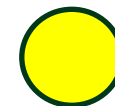
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SP 8 EQUIPMENT

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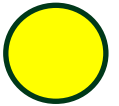
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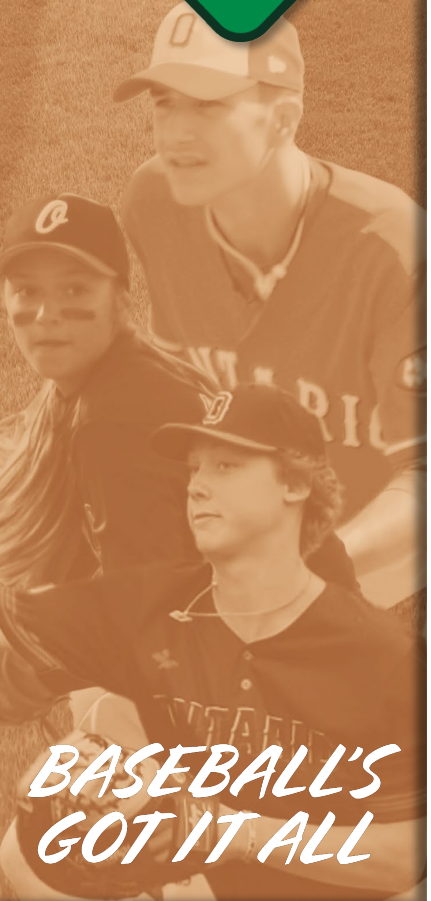


SP 11 TOURNAMENT RULES

ADD SP11.1 and renumber

SP11.1 Championship Format

- a) The Select Provincial Championship Tournament is either a three (3) game minimum format or a double knockout format at the discretion of the Select Council.
- b) The schedule of any Select Provincial Championship must be posted 14 days prior to the start of the tournament. If teams have not yet been confirmed, placeholder names will be provided.



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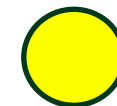
SELECT RULES

EOSBA 2

SP 3 TEAM ROSTER

AMEND SP3 b)

b) Coaches that do not meet the coaching certification by the June 30th roster cut-off will be removed from the roster and ineligible to coach. Coaches have until ~~the start of their Provincial Championship~~ June 30th to certify and be re-added to the roster should the course be available. Otherwise, they are ineligible to coach during a sanctioned provincial tournament, provincial championship qualifying game or tournament, and the Provincial Championships. An appropriately certified coach whose name appears on another OBA approved roster will be allowed to coach during sanctioned provincial tournaments, provincial qualifying game or tournament, and the Provincial Championship. Notification of the coaching change must be provided to the on-site convenor or their designate prior to each-and-every game and proof of certification must be available if requested.



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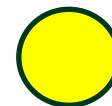
SELECT RULES

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SP 2 ELIGIBILITY

ADD NEW SP2 9)

9) Players on HS teams must play a minimum 50% of Local Association House League Games.





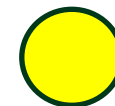
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SP 2 ELIGIBILITY

ADD NEW SP2 10)

10) Team eligibility for Select OBAs (HS & DS) is based on where you play during the season. Team Eligibility is determined by the Select Operational Committee.





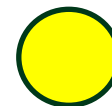
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